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Community News for the Wakefield Area

## CONGRATULATIONS WAKEFIELD BUSH RESTORATION SOC (2000) INC 23 YEARS OLD THIS MONTH

Well not a LOT left to say....Our Society's Incorporation was officially "stamped" 21<sup>st</sup> September 2000. I do not feel there is much left to add, because all of those 23 years of very hard work, is self-evident. Just take a walk around in any of the 3 Scenic Reserves, for whom we have been the "active" guardians; The Edward Baigent Memorial Scenic Reserve, The Robson's Scenic Reserve & The Faulkner Bush Scenic Reserve.

*I am so proud of all our members past and present - what a legacy and tribute is owed to each and every one of those volunteers – WHAT A TRULY AWESOME & INSPIRING TEAM!!!*



**LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US** - Our maintenance days are always on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. Do contact me for further information - Kind regards *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](mailto:tuiville@xtra.co.nz)

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# Top of the South Dark Sky Committee

by Ralph Bradley, Committee Chair

Residents of Wakefield and the rural area will be interested in the following presentation to the TDC full Council Meeting on July 20th at 09:30am. I was speaking on behalf of the Top of the south Dark Sky Committee:

*"When the International Dark sky Park was established at the Wai-iti in July 2020 it was on the basis of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Tasman District Council (TDC) and the Top of the South Dark Sky Committee, and shown community support. The MOU was signed by Council in June 2019 and would fully come into force on ratification of the Park. That Ratification happened 3rd of July 2020. The council agreed to recognise the designation over the reserve and include in the management plan, policies that would protect the dark sky status.*

*The Dark sky committee agreed to maintain a measurement programme to follow the evolution of light pollution in the area and assert that the night sky quality is not degrading. In the 2022 report submitted to the International Dark Sky Association in January 2023, the Committee recorded a rise in light pollution for the first time in the six year measuring programme. Light pollution had risen from a steady 21.52 to 21.47 for the 2022 year. While a small drop it is a significant percentage of growing light pollution at the park.*

*The area of greatest concern is this years readings to date are indicating a much larger drop to around 21.00- 21.10 and sometimes lower. The drop in reading by .5 that we are now looking at this year is 1.5 time lighter than in 2020, an increase of 150% in just three years. If this trend continues the park will lose its Dark Sky status in the next few years. That would be a catastrophic failure.*

*We are yet to establish the source of the growing light pollution but we assume it is the community growth in Berryfields, the industrial area and Richmond south, Brightwater and Wakefield. And the use of 4000k LED's in growing street lighting.*

*We are calling on the Council to urgently remedy this situation by the following:*

- 1. To help us identify and remedy any and all sources of this growing light pollution in the area.*
- 2. To introduce urgently the management plan to protect the park as agreed.*
- 3. Retro fitting fully shielded 2200k Amber Phosphors LEDs that are night friendly lighting in areas mentioned.*
- 4. If you can give us any guidance, help or support it would be appreciated.*
- 5. We are aware of the lighting report done for Council by Rueben Peterson, on Light. It would be very helpful if those recommendation could now be implemented urgently to protect our night skies. This is happening so quickly that if it is not mitigated now the Dark Sky Park will be lost. Please help us with this urgent and quickly growing problem in any other way you are able. Thank you.",*

While this report was made to council, it is of interest to all the community in and around Wakefield and further north. Lights 25km away affect the quality on the natural night sky above you.

To help us preserve the Park, and its international reputation:

- Think carefully if your outside lights, spotlights, yard lights are necessary.
- If so, then please use as little light as possible to do the job.
- Choose any soft or amber coloured light.
- Fully shield the light so all light is directed down.
- Switch the light off or use a timer so they are only on when needed.
- To use light for art or for aesthetic reasons is only adding to light pollution.
- If you go outside on a clear night and can't see the milky way from your place you have a light pollution problem.

Join the dark sky movement, switch off the lights and look up and enjoy the amazing view.

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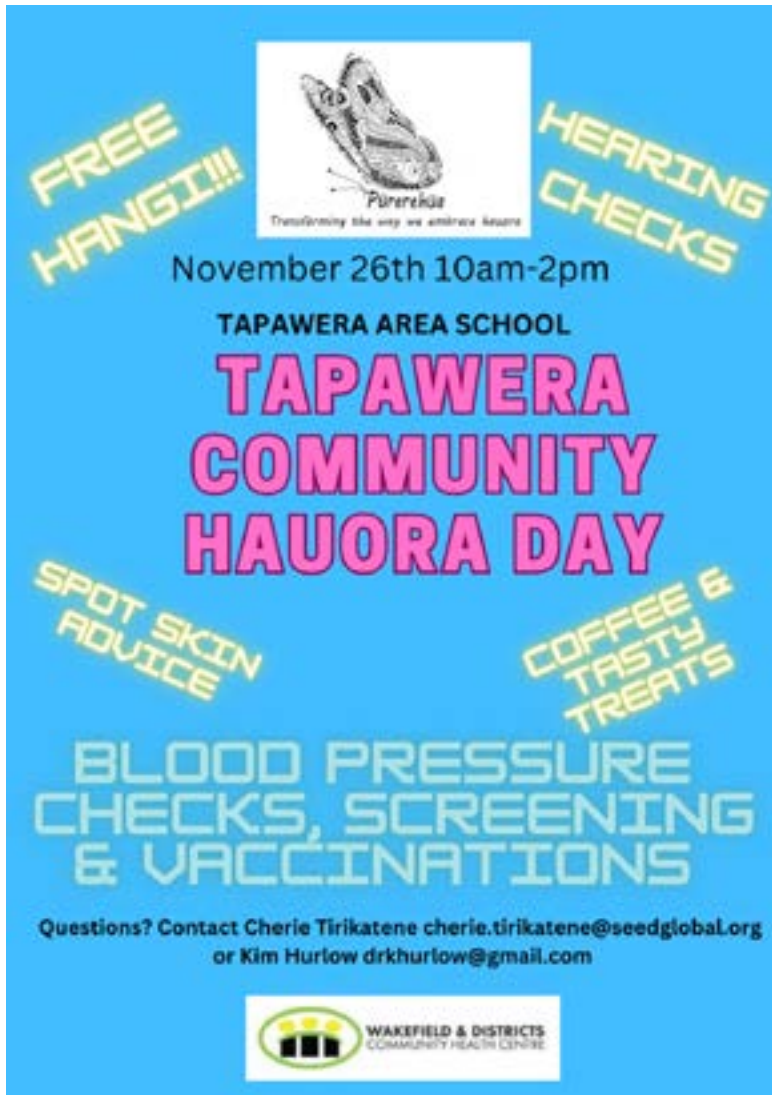
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# Health Centre

Next on the Wakefield Health Centre calendar is our next Tapawera Community Haurora Day! November 26th 10-2pm!

Contact Cherie Tirikatene or Kim Hurlow for more information - [cherie.tirikatene@seedglobal.org](mailto:cherie.tirikatene@seedglobal.org) or [drkhurlow@gmail.com](mailto:drkhurlow@gmail.com)

Also, if anyone has any equipment belonging to the Wakefield Health Centre that is not longer required, please return asap as we may have other patients waiting.



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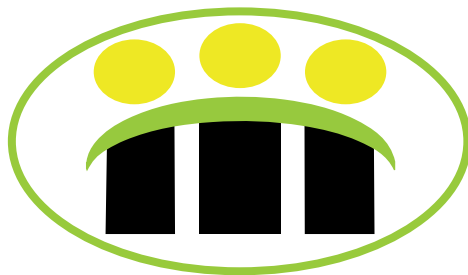
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# Escape Room Fun

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Xscape Space is owned and run by our local printers Genie & Lindsay who happen to print the Window on Wakefield each month. Their new business Xscape Space has been running in Lower Queen Street Richmond for 18 months, providing families, businesses, clubs and groups with an exciting new experience.

What is an escape room you may ask, well in short you are put into a themed room and have to solve puzzles and clues to get to the end goal, maybe you have to steal a diamond, break out of prison, stop Wellington from being blown up or simply figure out who murdered Toby.

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Xscape Space caters for large groups too, if your wanting to try something different for your next work function get in touch with Genie or Lindsay and see how they can help make your next function a fantastic experience.

With the school holidays fast approaching this is a cool idea to get your children off their devices and trying something different, challenging their minds and having fun with friends or family.

For more information check out their website [www.xscapespace.co.nz](http://www.xscapespace.co.nz) or give Genie or Lindsay a call on 021 972 221



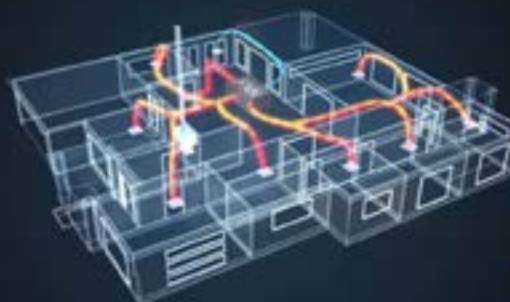
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# Waimea South Historical Society

by Yo Tye

On 25th July a group of Historical Society members were welcomed onto the premises of Stonehurst Farm in Haycock Road, Hope, by Xavier Birch, a son-in-law of the Max Family who have owned Stonehurst Farm since about the time of the marriage of Albert Edward Max and Clara Stanfield Haycock in 1905.

Xavier is a Leather Craftsman and his workshop is situated in the loft above the original stables that were built in the 1860's. Xavier is passionate about history and traditional methods and was proud to inform us that his children are the seventh generation of the Max family to have lived on Stonehurst Farm, as his wife Chloe is the daughter of the current owners Laurence and Suzanne Max.

Xavier explained that his interest in leathercraft began when, as a young man, he took up Falconry as a sport in both Australia and England and upon his return to New Zealand, as the Manager of the Falcon Breeding and Falconry Centre in Marlborough, where New Zealand's native falcon, known as Karearea, are used to control pests in Marlborough's vineyards.

Whether it be for work or sport, each falcon is required to be fitted with a specially crafted leather hood which is made from very soft leather and are designed to be removed with one hand and one's teeth whilst the falcon is perched on the other gloved hand. The craftsmanship required to make these hoods is an artwork and from these humble beginnings, Xavier has developed a leather workshop that produces a wide range of leather goods, such as belts and bags and much more, to a very high standard. He makes goods to order as well as selling them at the Nelson Markets.

The workshop itself is a neat display of rolls of leather, mostly sourced within New Zealand, and rows of old specialist tools as well as heavy duty sewing machines, one treadle machine being 122 years old. The machines are Singers and an Adler, which is a German brand.

The tools and machines have been purchased or donated over a period of time and Xavier uses them all just as the Master Craftsmen from times gone by have done and he is one of only a few leather craftsman still operating in New Zealand.

A trip to these unique premises is like taking a trip back in time and leaves one with a deep sense of nostalgia for the past as well as admiration that these skills from a bygone era have not been forgotten.

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# Live Well Stay Well

by Yo Tye

## Amy Paterson - Career Firefighter in Nelson and Volunteer Firefighter in Wakefield: Talk about her experiences

On Tuesday 22nd of August a group of twelve members of the 'Live Well Stay Well' group were mesmerised with a presentation from Amy Paterson, a career firefighter from the Nelson Fire Station as well as a volunteer with the Wakefield Brigade. Amy was accompanied by her four month old son Angus and while his mum talked he was attended to by several volunteer Nanas. Amy grew up in Greymouth on the West Coast and then began her working life as an Outdoor Instructor at the Boyle River Outdoor Education Centre in the Lewis Pass region. Following this she travelled to the USA for kayaking and rafting experience.

Upon returning to New Zealand she trained to be a Primary School Teacher and taught at Amuri Area School then Brunner Papanui School in Dobson near Greymouth. While there she was asked if she would consider joining the Dobson Volunteer Fire Brigade. They not only dealt with fire brigade duties but also competed in 'inter-fire brigade' competitions, the physical nature of which appealed to Amy. She enjoyed it so much that in 2018 she decided to apply to become a career firefighter. After moving to Wakefield she also became a Wakefield Volunteer Fire Fighter.

After filing an application the applicant is asked to provide examples of life experiences where they have had to deal with stressful situations. They are then given an 'on-line' Logic Test followed by a physical test, including dealing with a 'black-out' situation, in either Wellington or Christchurch. This is followed by a thirty minute exam and a 'PAC' day concentrating on team building and communication.

Successful applicants attend a twelve week course in Rotorua as part of a 24 person group from throughout New Zealand. As well as hands-on training, they must take weekly exams. Firefighting skills are taught as well as learning about fire behaviour. It takes two more years of study and experience before an officer can be called a Senior Fire Fighter.

Nelson is the only fire station in the Top of the South that employs career firefighters. All other stations are manned by volunteers only. Volunteers are also required to attend a seven day training course and must attend weekly practices and pass regular exams. Some stations are also trained as First Responders and although Wakefield fits into this category, Nelson does not as their premises are next door to the St John's Ambulance Nelson base.

The Nelson Station operates four watches with 10 people in each watch with a combination of night and day shifts. When on night shifts they can sleep between calls and each has their own room. During day shifts they continue with study, training, maintenance and gear checking, home and fire safety visits and school visits. Fire fighters operate in teams of two and there are 10 women based in Nelson who are on an equal footing with the men. The first professional woman in New Zealand was in 1981.

A volunteer brigade cannot leave the station to attend a call unless there is an Officer as well as a trained Driver for the Fire Engine. Retired volunteers often provide a crucial support role and will make sure the station is secured after it has left to attend a call and will often deliver refreshments if the crew are away for a period of time. Amy was thanked on behalf of the Live Well Stay Well Group for her very interesting, professional and informative presentation.



by Sonja Lamers

## Upcoming meetings:

**Tues 12 Sept 2023:** coffee meeting at The Villa in Wakefield, 9.45am onwards with optional ride into Nelson on e-bus at 10.57am

**Tues 26 Sept 9.45am: Megan Riddell, Homeshare Coordinator: speaking on Homeshare For Her- helping local women in the current housing shortage. Venue: Wakefield Fire Brigde, Pigeon Valley Road, Wakefield**

**Tues 10 Oct 2023:** coffee meeting at the Villa in Wakefield, 9.45am onwards

Live Well Stay Well is a local health and social group that meets twice a month in Wakefield. 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 in Wakefield, mostly 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 focussing 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. 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.



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# Totaradale Golf Club

by Julian Eggers, Chairperson, Wakefield Community Council

Its been great winter golfing conditions at Totaradale Golf Club this past month with lovely fine days to get out onto our beautiful course. Green fees players have picked up on this and are making the most of the daylight hours to make some time to get outdoors and play nine holes. Sometimes we don't play as well as we imagine we will however a walk in the fresh air is great for the soul. If you are venturing out for a round it may pay to check the website to check that the course is open for casual play.

The members are currently playing the club championships which commenced in August for both 18 and 9 hole players. This is one of the main individual events of the year where players are graded to compete in match play games against their peers for bragging rights and an entry to regional champion of champions events later in the year. We expect the course to be full on club day Saturdays from 12 noon to 4pm and Friday mornings 10-12 am.

With plenty of activities happening at the club there is a Part time Job opportunity available for a Clubhouse Front of House person. It's a great role for an outgoing all rounder to run the day to day duties at the clubhouse on rostered days of the week. Contact the clubhouse or Gordy Thomas ph 0274 348 362 for more details, we'd love to hear from you.

## Upcoming Events

### Twilight Golf

Gather your mates for some fun mid-week team competition golf that runs through Summer. Registrations are open now for 5 member teams (best 3 scores count) to play 9 holes each Wednesday evening commencing 4th October. The bar will be open and meals available. Individual prizes are also awarded each night. Register quickly to be in!

She Loves Golf sessions are on alternate Sundays 1-3pm for women who would like to give golf a go or improve their skills in a relaxed team environment with others also starting out. The next Sunday session at Totaradale is on Sunday 3rd September. Eve Clarke from NZ golf leads the sessions with handy hints and tips to improve your play. Turn up and play for \$5 a session.

Futures Sessions for Kids 5-15 years old are on Fridays after School 3.45 to 5pm for our future golfers to play in a relaxed no rules team environment. All gear provided for turn up and play \$5 a session with Eve Clarke from NZ golf. Weekly sessions run through Friday afternoons September 1st, 8th and 15th.

Contact details for the club are;  
Ph: 03 541 8030  
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Photo: Winning Totaradale team from the ladies 18 hole district open day. From left Pip Edwards, Carmen Cartwright, Simon Winter (Tasman Golf Development Manager), Raelene Bowler and Sali Mann



**50** WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

We invite you to

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At the next  
Wakefield Community Council  
Meeting

Monday 18th September 2023  
7:00pm  
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# Faulkner Bush Play Area

by Julian Eggers

During the July meeting with TDC, the Wakefield Community Council Management Committee was given an overview of possible play equipment and changes to parking in Faulkners Bush Reserve. Council members were asked to consider to take a long-term holistic approach to planning, keeping in mind the future Community Hub project planned for across the road. There was a general consensus that there should still be some play equipment in Faulkners Bush even if a large play structure will be built near the Hub in the future.

## Wakefield as a Destination

The Wakey-Bakey is a Top of the South Tikitour essential. Every summer Faulkners Bush sees people from all over the world stop for a rest and a pie. With gorgeous and accessible bush walks, a flying fox, and room for larger vehicles, our little slice of paradise offers so much already.. but what if instead of being just the best rest stop, we also become a destination?

We have the potential to create a play area that compliments our bush, our village, and our local history. It doesn't need to be flash, it just needs to have heart and I feel like the community here has so much of that to offer. Our goal is to involve the community and local businesses in the process and really come together as a community to make this project happen. Think timber, boulders, grassy mounds with slides, and tunnels. A woods-y park fitting for our beautiful bush.

We are discussing moving the current playground closer to the pavilion. We would like to hear how changes will affect how you use this space and ways we can make this work for all of us. We're still setting up a way to best engage the community but you'll be hearing more from us shortly.



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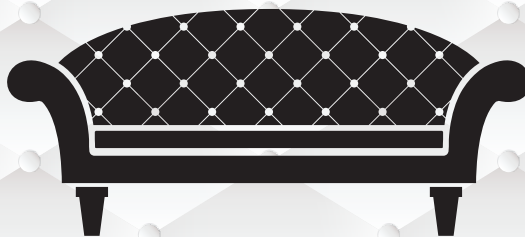
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by Julian Eggers

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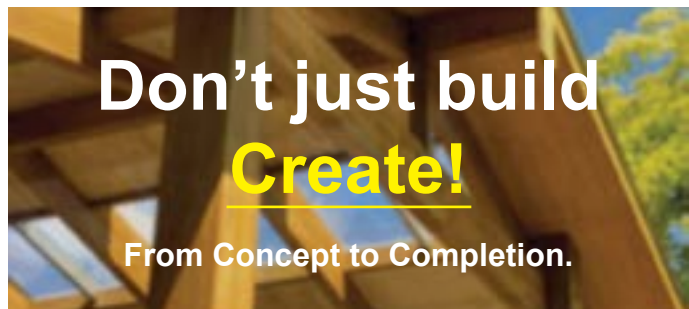
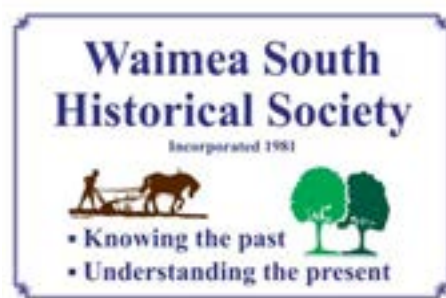
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# Town and Country Vet

by Brenda Halliwell, Vet

Wow we're back into lambing and calving already – where has the year gone?!

So here are some tips on calf and lamb rearing...

## Calves

The majority of death and disease occurs in the first few weeks of life. The key to successful calf rearing is good hygiene.

- Make sure the calf pen/shed is freshly cleaned and sanitized before putting any calves in it. Many microbes that cause disease can stay in the environment for a long time so make sure they are cleaned away before calves are exposed. Get rid of old hay, bedding and spray with an effective sanitizer that is safe for calves and people. Continue to spray weekly.

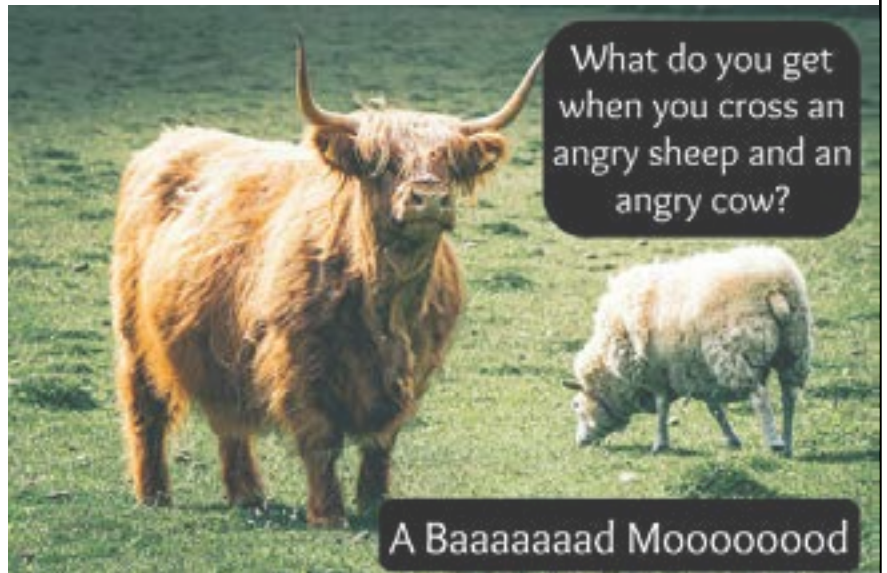
- If you breed your own calves, make sure you spray the navel with 10% iodine as soon as possible after birth. And colostrum is extremely important – if a calf has not had a good feed from mum, then it should be given two litres of colostrum in the first 12-24 hours - the earlier the better. Freeze-dried colostrum is available if you can't get it from a cow. If you have bought calves, it will be too late for colostrum but still check the navel to make sure it is clean and dry.

- Provide clean, fresh water at all times. And keep any calf feeding equipment clean and hygienic with regular hot washes.

- Make sure there's enough space for calves to spread out – at least 1.5m square each. This helps to reduce chance of sickness and spread of disease.

- Make sure the shed/pen is ventilated but not draughty. Lots of hay makes great warm bedding and jackets are great for keeping calves warm.

- Wearing gloves and disinfecting boots before entering and after leaving the calf pen can help to keep calves disease-free.



- Scours – most often milk/feeding related eg overfeeding, feeding too fast (check teat speed – milk should drip when a bottle is held upside down), new type of milk, different concentration, temperature. Scours can also be caused by infection – often viral. Scouring calves die of dehydration and lack of energy. Electrolytes alone will cure 95% of scouring. We usually alternate electrolyte drinks with milk feeds so calories are still going in.

- If you have really sick calves, high temperatures, blood in faeces or other symptoms such as head tilts, swollen joints, breathing problems, conjunctivitis, call us for advice or a visit.

## Lambs

The same general rules apply for lambs:

- Colostrum is very important, ideally within 12 hours of birth. Freeze-dried colostrum powder can be used. Lamb revivers or stomach tubes can save the life of lambs that are too weak to drink.

- Spray the navel with 10% iodine as soon as possible after birth.

- Make sure lambs are warmed up and kept warm. They will use up all their energy trying to warm up. Bring them inside near a fire or heater but don't overheat them. Lamb jackets are available. It is important that lambs are fed before warming them up.

- Common problems are navel and joint infections and pneumonia. Check navel, joints and breathing and rectal temperature regularly.

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# Wakefield Fire Brigade

by Darren Crawford

## Of the fires we attend 80% do not have working smoke alarms or escape plans

Living rurally, we must be more resilient and better prepared as help is usually further away. Occupants have only three minutes to escape a house fire. Homes in the 1950's took 10-15 minutes to reach fatal temperatures, today it's 3-5 minutes.

Creating a 3-step plan to save your life and that of your family is quick and simple to do. A 3-step plan consists of.

1. Have an initial plan for escaping your house.
2. Have a second plan in case the first is not possible due to blocked exits or fire preventing your escape (if you have deadlocks, keep the key in them at night)
3. Have a dedicated meeting place (often this can be the letterbox or a neighbour's house)

You can create an escape plan by visiting [www.escapemyhouse.co.nz](http://www.escapemyhouse.co.nz). The plan takes only a few minutes to create and is sent to your email for printing and displaying in a prominent place. It's a great idea to have a practice run blindfolded, this helps to understand how disorientating black smoke is.

Early warning of a fire is directly related to surviving a fire, working smoke alarms are key. It's important to consider your hearing, can you hear the alarm with your hearing aids removed at night? This is an important question, it's easy to run your own experiment by removing the hearing aids and standing behind a closed door, get someone to activate a smoke alarm in another room and if you can't hear it, you are likely to qualify for a Hearing Assistive Technology alarm system (HAT). HAT systems have pillow shakers and strobe lights to alert you to fire and funding is available to supply and install HAT systems, call 0800693473 for an assessment.

As we are still in the clutches of Winter there are some simple steps we can take to prepare ourselves and others to prevent or survive a fire.

- Keep a minimum distance of one metre from a heater. This includes drying clothes, warming, or having a heater too close to curtains or furnishings.
- Keep looking while you're cooking. 1 in 4 house fires start in the kitchen, typically from unattended cooking.
- Don't be an over-plugger. Overloaded power multiplugs and power points can overheat and easily cause a fire.
- Be careful where you stash your ash. Disposal of fireplace or brazier ash is a common cause of fire, store ash out of the wind, away from your house and in a metal container, preferably with a sealed lid.
- Get your chimney cleaned. Chimney fires are avoidable, cleaning your chimney each season not only prevents fires, but your fire will burn more efficiently and use less wood. Book your sweep before the Winter rush, it's a good idea for locals to combine and get their chimneys swept at the same time to share travel cost especially in remote locations.
- Turn your electric blanket off before bed.
- Clean the lint from your dryer every cycle.

I hope you all stay warm and safe this as we push through the last of Winter and please don't think you are an inconvenience by asking us to come do a FREE Home Fire Safety Visit, we love visiting and supporting our community, call 0800693473 to book.

*The Wakefield Fire Brigade Team*

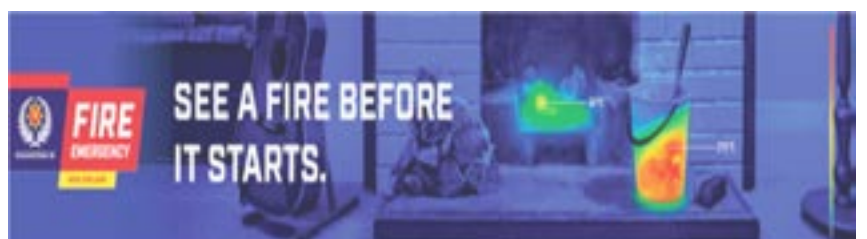
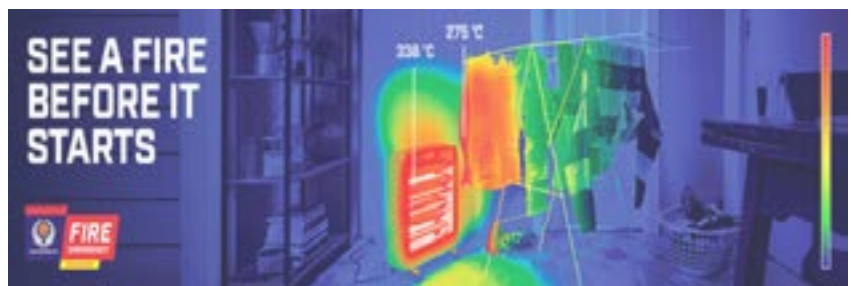
### Calls for July

Vege Fire – 2  
Structure Fire – 2  
Medical – 4  
Vehicle Fire – 1  
Alarm Activation – 1

### Calls for August

Motor Vehicle Crash - 2  
Medical - 11  
Alarm Activation - 2  
Vege Fire - 1  
Flooding – 1

Total Calls for the year = 140



# Wakefield School

## Book Week

Book week was on Friday the 18th. At home we were doing my hair into Princess Leia buns. It took a long time to get them right. When they were good we went to school. I was excited to see other kid's outfits and even meet a girl wearing the same character costume as me and I thought that was cool. As I looked around the classroom I saw lots of cool characters. My friend Holly was dressed up as Wednesday and Zoey was Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz and they looked so cool. As morning play came it was my time to see other people's outfits before the parade. I saw Elsa, a Stormtrooper and even Little Red Riding Hood and way more. It was going to be the parade soon so we all got our things and off we went. We went over to Faulkner Bush and past the 4 Square and I saw my dad. After that we went back to school and they announced the winners of book week and I was happy for them. I thought the day was great!

by Isha

Book week was a fun activity that we got to do over one whole week. You could buy books and some other stuff in the library. There were a lot of books you could choose from. There were other activities in the library too. You got to guess, 'Who is behind the book?' Whoever guessed the most correct got a prize. There was also an activity where you had to find all the stars, cameras, popcorn and sunglasses hidden around the library. The kid who got the closest or the right amount to win a prize. There was a 'Guess the book from the picture' competition, one for the older kids and one for the younger kids. On Friday everyone dressed up to the theme, 'Book to movie'. People dressed up as all sorts of things. Then at 12:00 we went on a parade through Faulkner bush. We all sat on the court when we got back. They called out all the winners from all the competitions and they chose one person from each class for best dressed. At the end of the day everyone came into the hall for a whole school lit quiz. They had spot prizes and some more prizes. It was a very amazing book week.

by Alex

Week Five was Book Week at Wakefield School and there were lots of activities. Friday was the school's dress up day and the theme was a book that has been made into a movie. We had a parade around our community with our costumes on. There was a book fair in our school library and you could buy items and books from it. Also on Friday we had the whole school lit quiz. This is where the whole school gathers in the hall and we do a quiz on books.

On Thursday the Year 5 and 6's had Bruce's Big Breakfast. We got sausages and one little sweet thing and Bruce read to us. This book week we had pancakes for our little sweet thing. It was delicious! Thanks to Kathy for organizing this week!

by Billie-May

A few weeks ago we had the Scholastic Book Fair at school. Kathy ran a series of competitions including, Who's Behind the Book and Match the Book Characters. All week, before and after school, there was the opportunity to go and buy books in the library. On Thursday the Year 5 & 6 students got Bruce's Big Breakfast. Bruce's Big Breakfast is when Bruce makes all the Year 5 & 6 students sausages and gives a speech. On Friday the whole school got the opportunity to dress up as a favourite book character and after lunch there was a whole school book/lit quiz. Also happening during book week, the student librarians reading a book to a younger class. Book week was awesome as always and I can't wait for it to happen again!

by Rylee

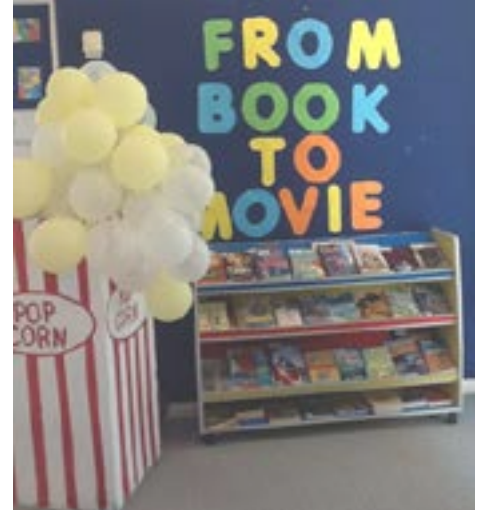
## Tasman District Library Lit Quiz

On Tuesday the 1st of August we arrived at the Tasman district library in Richmond, dressed up in our costumes from Charlie And The Chocolate Factory. I was dressed up as Charlie Bucket, Kadie was dressed up as Violet Beauregarde, Rātā was dressed up as Veruca Salt and Evie was Willy Wonka. As we stepped through the doors we could see all our opponents. The team next to our table were dressed up as police and the ones in front of us were from Henley School. The first round was on the book Pipi And Pou, our least favorite book of the bunch but we still got a great score of 9/10. Now we were worrying because it was going to be a tough round because it was on a non-fiction book called Wild Coasts: Aotearoa's marine reserves and that was filled with facts. As we started the round it was going pretty easy because we had studied all the right areas of the book and we got the maximum score of 10/10. They announced morning tea and said who was currently in third, second and first. In third place was Hope we were second and first was Henley. After we had our morning tea they started the third round, the round that we doubled on The Last Fallen Star. The questions were a bit tricky but I thought we got most of them right and when they collected our answers. Then it was time for the final round, General Knowledge so it could be about any book in the world. Luckily the questions were around our area of expertise so when we held up our answer sheet we were pretty confident. As they added up the results we were nervously waiting, then they announced third place which was Hope, then second place was Henley and first place was us - Wakefield. We went up to go and get our award plus a Paper Plus 20 dollar gift voucher and a free book.

by Max

Every morning Mila, Rātā, Kadie, Max and I went over to the library to get ready for the Tasman Library quiz. The librarians from the Tasman Library sent us three books to read: Pipi and Pou and the River Monster, The Last Fallen Star and Wild Coast. We all read the books and made up questions about them. On the day we went to the Richmond Library. Our team was dressing up as Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. There were four rounds, one for each book and one general. We were allowed to double one round so we did The Last Fallen Star because it was our favourite and it was the most interesting. We got ten out of ten in Wild Coast so we really should have chosen that one. Halfway the librarians said the results so far - Hope was in 3rd, we were in 2nd and Henley were in 1st. In the last two rounds we got nine out of ten and eight out of ten. Hope came 3rd and when they said Henley got 2nd and finally in first place Wakefield. Wow! That moment was the highlight of my week!

by Evie





# Wakefield School

At Wakefield School we are halfway through on making a propagation shed, growing native plants, creating a bird cafe with weta hotels and lizard lounges and trapping pests to keep the birds and other creatures safe. I'm in the pest trapping group. Here is my draft plan for my pest trap, it is 30 centimetres tall and 30 centimeters wide. The traps we are building are mostly for trapping Norway rats (which are 25 centimetres tall, based on research). We would also like to trap little brushtail possums. We know we have these kinds of pests in our school because Kereru juniors have given us data off their ink traps. These are basically an ink pad inside a tunnel and when animals walk on the pad it shows their footprints. Then we can see what kind of animal they are.

by Macie

## The Netball Tournament

On Tuesday the 15th of August some year 5 and 6 students headed to the Saxton Netball Courts to play 3 games of netball. When we arrived we put all our bags on the big seats and all of the netball teams had to line up in a big line. Then we warmed up for our games. After we warmed up all the teams went to the court they were playing on. In my team was: Me, Millie, Izzy, Kailey, Kade, William, Leah and Lily. First we versed a Richmond team and I don't think they were scoring but if they were I think we would have tied. For our second game we versed a team wearing the same uniform but they were a different team and we won. For our last game we played Brightwater and I think we won. Then after we had a snack we headed back to school. It was home time and that's what happened at the netball tournament.

by Indie



On the 15th of August the people who signed up to go to the netball tournament went to the library after we did the roll in class. Then Kathy (the librarian) told us the expectations then she read out the transport. I was with one of my friends then when we were there we had to find the rest of the Wakefield people. We were in front of court 6. When we had all got settled we waited for the rest of Wakefield people to notice where we were and come over. When we were all there one of the coaches called out the roll of people. Everybody was here. After that a lady with a microphone told us to gather with the other schools on courts 5,6 and 7 and as we did that she told us in our schools to line up on the edge lines. When we were all sorted, which took a while, she told us to do some warm-ups in pairs. After we finished she told us to go back to our bags and wait for our coaches to tell us what we would do next. My coach told us to follow her to our first court.

The first team we were versing against was Hampden Street School. They beat us by a bit but we didn't give up, we kept going. Then after the whole four quarters of the game had finished we went back to our bags and had something to eat and a play before our next game. When the next game warning came we rushed over to the next court and what a coincidence, we were versing Hampden Street again but it was a different Hampden Street team. We won against them. We went back to our bags again and had our morning tea eat. Then when we had eaten our fill we were able to play until the fifteen minute warning to get to our next court and start our next game. That last game was a tough one because the other team's coach started being a ref which was quite annoying. The last team we versed was Henley Street School. When we had finished all the games, we ate and played a bit then, again, one of the coaches did a roll to see that everyone was there. She read out the list of transport. I went with a different one of my friends on the way back. And that is what I have to tell you about the netball tournament.

by Mila

The year five & six netball teams, plus some of the year five and six boys that don't play netball but wanted to participate in this event, went along to Saxtons Field netball courts for a netball tournament which was lots of fun. Altogether there were three teams from Wakefield and our three teams played three games each. My team was called Mangu. The team we versed for the first game of the day was Hampden Street School but unfortunately I had to stay on the sidelines for the whole game. The next team we played against was Nelson Christian Academy. That game I had to play defence twice and centre once. The last game we played was against Nayland Primary. They were really really good. That game I had to play centre, defence and attack which are all of the netball positions for primary school. The day was really fun and all us kids loved it. Thanks to Kathy for getting us to this fun day of sport in the sun and to the coaches who supported us.

by Madison

We had to be at school by at 8 0'clock and we had to leave by 10 past 9. I went to the library and I took off my fresh kicks. I took a couple of steps...OMG COOOOLD! I sprinted onto the red mat that had been just laid out. I walked on to the warm carpet. There was still some time to look around. The school has a Book Week on so I looked around at all the books then I sat on the soft couch. When everyone arrived, Kathy read out the names of who was in which car. I was so happy; most of my friends were in my car. Then we left. Yes! I said in my head. I got to go in the front. I put on some mean-as music and Mum drove my friends and I to Saxtons Netball area. Everybody was pumped! When we got there the sun blinded me but it was a beautiful day. All right, I said in my head, we have 3 games to do now. Do the best you can do. In the first game we won just like that. Then the second game was a close one but we got there just in the nick of time. TOOT TOOT goes the ringer a second later. My team Mangu goes back to eat lunch for about an hour with all the other teams then we do some shots, my favourite part. Just before I knew it, we were on again. Our last game was SO hard. We lost by far. We gave a quick handshake and then we went back to the brown oldish bleachers. All the teams pack their bags and then Amy, Kailey's mum, read out the people in the cars. All the people in my car were still in my car except William, who had gone home with his mum. This was my favourite day ever. If I could do it again, I definitely would.

by Zoe



# Wakefield School

## School Football Games

Wakefield School had been doing some class games in honour of the FIFA World Cup. We had two winners. The winners of the Matai cup and the Totara cup will not get any prizes except for title soccer champs. Our classes each have a different class to support.

Rm 1 USA  
Rm 2 Sweden  
Rm 3 England  
Rm 4 Netherlands  
Rm 7 Spain  
Rm 8 France (my class)  
Rm 11 Norway  
Rm 13 Australia  
Rm 14 Brazil  
Rm 15 Germany

The games were taking place on the backfield and the first game was French Toast vs Spain Pains. The game was 2-2 and was really challenging. The soccer games were really fun and everyone was cooperating.

*by Oscar*

The school World Cup Football was a game for everyone that was interested. Each class had a team that was in the FIFA World Cup. Our team name was French Toast. Each lunch play there would be two games that would be running. Room 8, my class, played two games. We tied 2-2 in our first match and I scored both goals. I got one goal from the corner but the other team got it in our goal but it counted as my goal. Then it was a penalty from a hand and I took it. Boom! I shot and it went right through the goalkeeper's legs. The other team scored some pretty basic goals.

*by Braxton*

Wakefield School was running a football tournament for the women's FIFA World Cup because the world cup was hosted in New Zealand. My classroom was supporting France. We made posters saying Go France! and Allez le Blues! At lunch time Wakefield was hosting games. My class versed Spain and USA. The score for my class versus Spain was 1:1 and the score for my class versus USA was 1:0 to my class. The mini FIFA World Cup was a success because everyone was happy at the end. So next time Wakefield School might do it again.

*by Liam*

The big game is the French Toast vs Spain. We all run onto the field. Our ref is Ollie. We all position up. The whistle blows. We run up. We are 10 minutes in and Spain scores. We were all so nervous. We were so close to scoring but Spain stole the ball and passed it to Mila and Mila accidentally kicked into our goal. We all ran back to halfway and Cole got the ball. He ran from halfway and kicked and he scored. We went back to halfway and it was 15 minutes of battling. Braxton shoots and a defender hands it and it is a penalty kick. An open goal. We are all counting on Braxton. With 30 seconds left Ollie blows the whistle. Braxton shoots and he gets it straight through the legs! We were all so happy! 5 4 3 2 1 and the whistle. We tied. We were so lucky.

*by Cooper*

The big game - French Toast vs Sweden. Our ref was Kurt. We all went into positions and then the ref blew the whistle. We started. We passed around the ball then I kicked it up the field and someone scored then subs came on. French Toast got in but it went out. It was Sweden's ball. They threw it but French Toast got it. They tried to shoot but they missed. Then subs came on.

It was a goal kick for Sweden. The goalkeeper passed to his teammate and he ran down the field. Then I got the ball. I got up close to the goal and shot it. I scored. It was Sweden's ball. They passed to their teammate and they ran down the field super fast. They shot and missed. It was French Toast's ball. The goalkeeper passed to his teammate and they ran and passed then they passed to me. I got the ball and I went to the side of the field and passed to my teammate and he scored. Then subs came on.

It was Sweden's ball. They passed. They went to the side of the field and it went out. It was French Toast's ball. They threw but Sweden got the ball. They shot so far away but the goalkeeper saved it. The goalkeeper rolled the ball to his teammate. They ran up the field passing. Someone shot the ball and missed. It was Sweden's ball. The goalkeeper kicked it down the field and Sweden got the ball and they were so close by scoring but they missed. Then the whistle blew. French Toast won by four and Sweden lost.

*by Harley*

We were celebrating the Football Ferns at Wakefield School and all of us were so excited about it. Room 8 were going for France but we lost to Australia but they tried their best. At school we were playing soccer on the back field and I did not want to play at first but I had tried it at sport time and I kind of liked it. Then I was in the tournament and I liked it! All of my friends were in it and I was excited.

*by Scarlett*

At Wakefield School this year to celebrate the FIFA women's World Cup Kathy, our amazing librarian, assigned every class with a team. For example my class, Room 8, was assigned France and so that very day Ms G told us we could miss our Practice Time to make posters, so we did. We were allowed to work by ourselves or in twos, threes or fours. I worked in a three with my best friends Adelaide and Meghan. We wrote Allez the Bleus!!! which is French for Go the Blues!!! We put the French flag behind our posters. Every week we also had a soccer game. This was held by Kathy and the sports committee between different classes. Kathy would put in the notice which classes were playing at what times and dates and then at lunch we played the football games and we had refs we had red card all the usual stuff. We had girl and boy teams and mixed teams

*by Indi*





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# Homes for Wakefield

by Sonja Lamers

## (Subcommittee of Wakefield Community Council)

Homes for Wakefield (H4W) committee members were surprised to find out on 23rd August that there was a proposal before the Tasman District Council's Strategy and Policy Committee meeting to be held on 24th August which could directly impact Wakefield's future housing development, in terms of housing density, infrastructure and timeframes for development, through the Future Development Strategy.

Our committee is disappointed at the TDC's lack of communication with either Homes for Wakefield or the Wakefield Community Council. We made a submission to the TDC on the proposal in October last year and have been actively keeping in touch with Council to find out when we can have a date to speak to our submission, but were given no opportunity.

Following our discovery, Sonja Lamers (on behalf of H4W) was able to make a presentation to the 24th August meeting asking the Strategy and Policy Committee to defer approval of the proposal until their following meeting on 5 October. Committee members acknowledged the Council's failure to communicate fairly and they approved our request. Several councillors spoke supportively of the need for genuine community engagement prior to making decisions such as these which impact strongly on communities.

H4W's questions and concerns around the proposed change to the Future development Plan are:

- Lack of communication from Council staff
- Lost opportunities for requiring developers to create medium density housing on future housing development in Wakefield, such as the Pitfure Road development
- The TDC deferring improvement in infrastructure necessary to support medium density housing in future housing developments
- Does the TDC want to create a wider zone change in Wakefield (not just for the Pitfure development) and what would that mean for our village?

We would like the TDC planners to explain in layman's terms what the proposal to withdraw the plan means for current and future housing development plans in our village.

Our 2020 H4W survey showed that there is a growing desire amongst Wakefield residents, especially older people, for smaller homes, and that medium density housing would enable this. We are concerned that the proposal currently before the TDC's Strategy and Policy committee will remove that opportunity and seriously disadvantage our community's future housing options.

**TDC staff have scheduled a public consultation session on this matter, which will take place during a meeting of Wakefield Community Council on a date yet to be determined in September 2023.**

**Homes for Wakefield members urge you to attend the meeting and have a voice in this important matter for our community.**

If you would like more information:

1. Agenda of 24 August 2023  
(go to [https://www.tasman.govt.nz/my\\_council/meetings/meetings-calendar/](https://www.tasman.govt.nz/my_council/meetings/meetings-calendar/) and click through to 6. Withdrawal proposed plan change 76 –Wakefield).

2. You can check Sonja's presentation at the TDC Meeting online via YouTube: Tasman District Council - Strategy and Policy Committee August 24.

This was followed by a presentation from Anna McKenzie, Principal Planner.

Sonja's short presentation starts at 21.09 minutes into the video with the discussion starting at 31.43 minutes.

For any queries please contact Richard Martin, Tony Aldridge, Sylvia Huxtable or Sonja Lamers by email on: [homesforwakefield@gmail.com](mailto:homesforwakefield@gmail.com)



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# Wakefield Playcentre

by Charlotte Thynne

Thank you 4 Square! We are so lucky to live in this community! For many years Wakefield Playcentre has had a mini fridge that could only fit a bottle of milk, and an old oven that didn't behave as an oven should. Wakefield 4 Square has very generously donated us a brand new fridge and brand new oven and we couldn't be more appreciative.

Playcentre's are registered charities run by volunteers so support like this means so much. This is also wonderful timing as we have started doing a lot more cooking on session.

Every day on session process scone making is available so the new oven has already been put through it's paces and is churning out beautifully cooked scones. Shared pizza lunch's at the end of session are also very popular.

Being able to store food safely through the week is also a game changer in terms of the ways we can support our whanau . Thank you in particular to Ruth at the 4 Square and Jill for being the driving forces behind this.



You really are amazing people.



# THE WAKEFIELD HOTEL

## Farewell from Rob & Donna Finlayson

Proprietors 01.10.2017 - 18.09.2023

To our customers and loyal supporters of the Hotel, the time has finally come to say farewell. We have had lots of mixed emotions about leaving but we both know we put our hearts and souls into it and that we leave the new owners Michelle & John a great little pub with solid business foundations to continue to build upon.

When we look back at what we achieved with the Hotel over our 6 years we are amazed. Every year there was a significant event that threatened our ability to trade yet every year the business grew in revenue despite all the adversity happening around us. Adverse events such as fires, floods, pandemics and economic recessions have seen the end of many small village and country pubs throughout New Zealand, but not the Wakefield.

We are very proud of not only our own tenacity and resilience to dig in and find another gear to keep it going, but also hugely proud of all of the people who supported us and our business while going through the same events too. It's through all of your loyalty and support that we kept the pub's lights on and the home fires burning.

In our early months of ownership we were very fortunate to have had the help and support of our family and friends. Without them we wouldn't have been able to achieve what seemed impossible in such a short period of time. Our heart felt thanks and appreciation go to them for everything they did and sacrificed to help us.

To all of the customers who supported the Hotel during our time here. Thank you for your custom and support. We are very grateful to have been chosen by you as the place you wanted to come to and to keep returning to.

Our biggest thanks goes to our staff many of whom have been with us from our first day. They are what made the hotel worthy of its new branding given it in 2019 "THE WAKEFIELD" like the hotel itself they are a bit rough around the edges, they have been around a while but they are just as proud of it as we are and were fiercely loyal to us. We will miss them being a part of our daily lives.

We will leave The Wakefield Hotel having met some amazing people from all over the world and having made some new life long friendships from within the community and wider area. Thanks for all the fun times we've had in your company and to many, the genuine appreciation and acknowledgment you gave us for providing you a Hotel you have been proud to patronise regularly and call your local. We look forward to catching up with you all sometime in the future on "your side of the bar"

As we unwind and relax from what has been a full on six years of constant work we will finally have the time to catch up with family and friends that we've put on hold since taking on the Hotel. First we plan to take a break for a few weeks while settling back into our house in Stoke. Finally we will be able to take a holiday and then it will be back to reality for me and time to look for work. I wonder what I'll do next?

In the meantime we are here until Sept 18th so pop in and say hi and bye if you're passing.

Thank you everyone

Kindest Regards  
Rob & Donna Finlayson

"Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened."  
Dr. Seuss



# Wakefield Village Kindergarten

by Maretta Burbidge

We have had another wonderful month at Wakefield Village Kindergarten. We celebrated Book Week in lots of creative ways, we made our own Hungry Caterpillars and Gruffalos, we read so many books and retold stories. We enjoyed our story time at Wakefield School Library with Kathy. Sophus from the Tasman District Library visited us and read some fun stories. We also dressed up as our favourite book character and joined Wakefield School in their book parade.

We are currently taking enrolments for 2024 so pop in for a visit if you are looking for a space for your special little person – we offer 18 hours free\* for 2 year olds and 30 hours free\* for 3-5 year olds (T&C apply). You can find us at 20 Whitby Way, next to the Villa Café.



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# Wakefield Bowling Club

by Terry Ryan

A trawl through the WAKEFIELD BOWLING CLUB'S Centennial Magazine, 1911-2011, highlights how times have changed over the years. From wooden bowls, semi-formal attire (jackets and ties!), uneven playing surface (by today's standards); bowls in Wakefield have gone from strength to strength.

The Club currently has one of the best natural turf greens in the Tasman District, as well as having one of the better artificial greens, which allows for year-round play. Club roll ups take place on Mondays and Fridays during the winter months while most Wednesdays the Club hosts visitors from surrounding clubs to play for trophies and prizes, donated by a willing bunch of sponsors.

On Saturday 12th the George Lines Open triples was played and the winners; Stu Peterson, Linda Sisterton and Bruce Smith are pictured with the trophy which was presented by Heather Lines. The three winners were all former members of the Wakefield Bowling Club.

The trophy was named after a former member, George Lines who put considerable time and effort into making the Club what it is today.

The Club now boasts a bar, dining room and modern kitchen which can be hired out for private, public, and corporate events.

If you're interested in obtaining more information.



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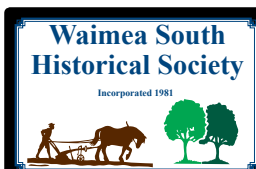
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# Higgins Heritage Park Happenings

by David Win

Where has the year gone? Our Higgins Heritage Park Community Craft Fair on the 2nd of January 2024 is just around the corner. Have you booked your site yet?

Our next open days are: 17 Sept, 1 Oct, 15 Oct, 5 Nov, 19 Nov, 3 Dec

Our heritage machinery story this month is about our 14 HP Marshall Dredger Boiler. This unfortunately did not pass certification this month and therefore is in need of a refurbishment – translated, “an expensive overhaul (any donations greatly appreciated)”.

Our team are preparing a smaller unit as an interim measure to keep the steam machinery going for this season.

The operational steam driven machines on display at the park include:

1. Large Tangy horizontal steam engine, built in the UK. Ran the Karamea Dairy factory.
2. Small Tangy horizontal steam engine, built in the UK. Runs the A&T Burt pump via a flat belt. Pump was built in New Zealand in 1880.
3. Tangy horizontal steam engine pump, built in the UK.
4. Bryan Donkin horizontal engine, built in the UK.
5. Bryan Donkin horizontal engine. This engine drives the old workshop machine tools.
6. Joseph Evens horizontal steam driven pump. Built in the UK
7. Lee Howl horizontal steam driven pump. Built in the UK.
8. Anderson vertical steam engine. Operated milking plant on a farm in Maruia area.
9. S Kirkpatrick and Co Ltd. Horizontal steam engine. Ran the Nelson jam factory plant.
10. Anchor Foundry horizontal steam engine. Built in Nelson.
11. Weir Steam Pump. Built in the UK. Used for boiler feed water make up.

The Marshall Dredger Boiler, number 33195 was made at the Marshall, Sons & Co factory in Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, UK. In 1900 it was registered with the official New Zealand boiler number SD10018 by the Southland District Marine Department.

The first NZ owner was the Waikara Forks Gold Company. Gold had been discovered in the north-east Gore area. Over 1 million pounds of gold was reportedly recovered between 1897 and 1926 from the area.

The second owner was a Gore identity, Adam Speden. The Otago Daily Times, issue 20014, 3 February 1927, page 10 wrote “Fingers Severely Injured” “Man and Boy Suffer”, that “A man named Adam Speden, a well-known Gore building contractor, was holding on to one of the (Earnslaw’s) iron stanchions on the aft of the ship with his left hand, and as the steamer listed against one of the piles of the wharf, Speden’s four fingers were caught”.

Other owners of the Dredger Boiler were: • Patrick’s Soap Works in Christchurch with the boiler being operated at 120psi until 1977 when the plant was then shut down. • Steam Scene at McLeans Island Christchurch • Harry Holmwood Museum at Patons Rock, Golden Bay • Pigeon Valley Steam Museum since 2013.

Photo - middle right - Len, Hartley & Gary preparing the 1947 AG Price portable boiler as an interim replacement to keep the steam going!

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# Wakefield Toy Library

by CharlotteThynne

At this month's meeting the Wakefield Community Toy Library committee made the draw for the four Wakefield Pub vouchers. All paid up members for the coming year were in to win!

Congratulations Briana Gate, Jess McKay, Leanne Hough and Dave Mackenzie, we'll be getting your vouchers to you.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for another year of fun and community at the Wakefield Toy Library. The Toy Library really is an asset to our community and an incredible support for our tamariki in their all important world of play.

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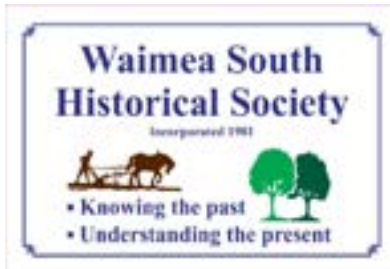
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Our speaker will be Dr Mike Johnston, historian, researcher and author with his latest book

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1x Tropical Fish Aquarium Aqua one 980 complete with accessories \$ 450 ono

Wakefield area  
Phone 021 450 591

**FOR SALE** *March*  
Firewood old mans pine 120 a cubic meter  
Wakefield area

Phone Karen 541 8979 or 022 065 6075

**FOR SALE** *June*  
4-and-a-half-year-old Romney Ram, good worker, friendly-ish.  
\$120.  
Phone 027 2777450.  
Can deliver locally.

**FOR SALE** *May*  
Various items of furniture;  
king-size single bed, near new  
bookcase 185cm x 90 cm  
stereo, radio/tape/disc  
fridge/freezer 143 cm tall  
small desk with drawers.  
For inspection any time, ring 541 9635

**FOR SALE** *May*  
1959 Morris Minor, 64 years old, rego on hold. Been under cover for the last 10 years.  
Ph 541 8612

Quantity of native timbers, suitable for craft work, all well seasoned, Ph 541 8612

## TUTORING - Years 0 - 8

25 years of teaching experience  
Based in Wakefield  
Please call 021 124 3254

### Can you help us?

*At Wakefield School the Year 5 and 6 students in the Kārearea team are underway with the development and construction of a bird cafe. We have designated an area in our school grounds where we will plant native trees that will encourage the native birds to our school space. In addition to the cafe we are also going to create a lizard lounge in the hope to attract some lizards and build some wētā hotels to provide a comfy place for them to sleep. We are also building a propagation shed to grow our plant seedlings.*

*We are looking for donations of native plants, trees or seedlings that would be appealing to the birds and insects we are trying to attract. If you have some that you think would be suitable could you please drop these to the Wakefield School office.*

*Another job is building up a good supply of rat trap boxes to target predators. In order to do this, we need some help. We are wondering if there is anyone in the community who would have some time to work with small groups of our children to build wooden rat trap boxes. We have already made a start and have a simple design and materials that we are using to construct them but because we are aiming to make a large quantity we need some extra hands to help out.*

*If you are able to spare us some time and enjoy using power tools please get in touch with the office at Wakefield School. We are flexible and can work around times/days that suit you.*

## Spring Grove Church of Christ

Main Road, Spring Grove  
**Worship and Communion Sundays 10am**  
You are welcome to attend

### Who is Jesus?

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say that I am?"  
Peter answered, "God's Messiah"

**Luke Ch 9 vs 20 (NIV)**



## WAKEFIELD ANGLICAN COMMUNITY LUNCHES

The monthly Community Lunches held in the Worship Centre, will be on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 12 noon, from February until November.

Welcome to any who would like to attend and enjoy a meal and fellowship.

It is helpful if those wishing to attend phone Liz Massey 021 1850 168 the previous Monday. Otherwise just turn up.

Lunch dates are:

WSeptember 21  
October 19  
November 16

# Community Directory

**Rutherford Memorial Hall**  
658 Wakefield-Kohatu Highway, Foxhill  
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**  
Sue James 541 8030 totaradalegc@gmail.com

**Wakefield Anglican Church**  
**St Johns on the hill**  
Traditional Service: 9.00am  
1st & 3rd Sunday of each month  
**The Worship Centre**  
Informal Service: 10.30am every Sunday  
Ph 541 8883 wakefieldanglican@xtra.co.nz

**St Johns Worship Centre**  
Bookings Nigel Massey 027 243 1207

**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**  
CFO Blair Hall 027 405 4280  
DCFO Dot Ashton 027 543 0529

**Willowbank Heritage Village**  
willowbank2002@gmail.com

**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**  
Mass - 2nd Saturday each month  
Parish Priest Seth Pijfers 544 8987

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

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

**Waimea Area Quilters**  
Kay Norgate 021 0811 4860  
Marilyn Gibbs 03 541 8435  
marilyn.gibbs72@gmail.com

**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  
Holly Gibbons 022 406 1674

**Wanderers Sports Club**  
027 714 6160  
jimmy@wandererssports.co.nz

**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  
info.springgrovechurch@gmail.com

**Waimea South Historical Society**  
Yvonne Tye 021 542 338

**Wakefield Bowling Club**  
Phone club rooms on 541 8556  
(Please leave message if  
answerphone comes on).  
www.wakefieldbowls.co.nz

**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 Preschool**  
Contact: 541 8086

**Wakefield School PTA**  
ptawakefield@gmail.com

**Wakefield Tennis Club**  
Ngairie 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  
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, Corner of Martin Ave and Lord Auckland Road, Southfuels Spring Grove, Belgrove Cafe and Bar [what was], Lake Rotoiti Fire Station, Golden Downs Golf Club, Totaradale Golf Club.

## CIVIL DEFENCE - WAKEFIELD AREA COMMUNITY RESPONSE

In the event of an emergency, your first task is to ensure the safety of your own home, family and neighbours. Once you have attended to this, if you have **specialised skills/ equipment**, and/or feel you can assist others; or require assistance yourself, please make your way to the Welfare Centre which will be at the St Johns Worship Centre in Edward Street [unless notified otherwise].

Please note that the existence of a Welfare Centre does not absolve each individual from their **responsibility to be personally prepared**. You should ensure that you have your own **survival kit** in place, and that you are able to be **fully self sufficient for at least three days**.

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