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Your Local News

Community News for the Wakefield Area

Halloween at Willow Bank

by Julian Eggers

Halloween at Willow Bank 2023 has officially called it a wrap for our sixth year. Another year done and dusted!... Thank you to you all who came and supported the event over Friday and Saturday nights.

We were blown away by the amount of scares, screams, smiles, laughter and love carried throughout the event. Makes it well worth it when you all have a good time and celebrate the spooky season with us. The costumes were incredible by all of the public.

Thank you to the incredible organizing team and acting crew. Without these incredible people, the event wouldn't be possible. These beautiful people are the heart and soul of the event. They were incredible. So much respect goes out to them.

Massive thank you to our sponsors for this year:

- Sal's Pizza Richmond and Nelson
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Go support these wonderful and incredible local businesses. You all rock!!!

Thank you for supporting the local food vendors who catered for all your hunger needs.

We would love to see photos of your time at the event so post these to the Facebook page, share the love. Until next time, THANK YOU! Stay kind, wacky and keep celebrating the spooky season! Halloween at Willow Bank 2023 signing out.



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Waimea South Historical Society

by Yo Tye

Presentation by Author and Geologist Dr Mike Johnston

Although much of Mike's presentation was based on his latest book titled 'Aorere Gold, The History of the Golden Bay Goldfields 1856-1863', he began by informing us that since childhood he had had a desire to become a Geologist which had been triggered by discovering a huge variety of rocks in a wide range of colours whilst exploring the region during family outings. His family had arrived in Nelson in 1910 where they set up a coach building business in Hardy Street. Mike's father became a Dentist but Mike fulfilled his childhood dream and completed a Doctorate in Geology from Victoria University in Wellington in 1972. In 1967 he was employed to help carry out a geological survey on the East Coast of the North Island then got a transfer to Nelson for two years though he found enough work to stay for 25 years and he is still a resident.

Mike explained that Geology actually determines where human populations become established. A local example is the Boulder Bank in Nelson that provided safe anchorage for sailing ships, and the fault lines that created valleys along which roads could be constructed so that the delivery of goods to settlers in the outlying regions of the Nelson district could take place. These same fault lines exposed coal, limestone, gold and other minerals some of which were used by the Whalers and Sealer and later by the settlers. They were a source of wealth with which to purchase provisions.

Copper and Copper Chromite were also discovered and the Nelson/Tasman Region became known as the Mineral Capital of New Zealand with the export of Copper to Wales being an early example of an export industry.

In 1843 James Spittle discovered a small piece of gold in the Aorere River in Golden Bay when he was engaged as a field hand to survey the rural allotments for the New Zealand Company. This discovery eventually led to the 1856-57 gold rush in Golden Bay.

Mike took us on a journey that explained the location of different minerals according to the types of rocks, the different grades of gold, the wet diggings, the dry diggings, the timber milling required to construct water races for gold sluicing, the politics that governed the gold fields pre Government legislation, the store keepers who often relied on credit, the hotels who catered for the dis-spirited gold miners who worked in a harsh environment with little to no contact with women or their families.

It is difficult to summarise this fascinating presentation. I strongly recommend reading the Aorere Gold book. As the first publication has sold out it will be necessary to borrow one from the library or a friend. Our thanks go to Mike Johnston for engaging us in a story about our own back yard and for filling us with information that we never knew was there but which helps explain how our beautiful region came to be what we know it to be today.

Wakefield Art Group by Robyn Pask

Wakefield Community Art EXPO....The visuals from the entrance, Alyson's painting, set the trend: Fiona's soaps enticingly arranged, Maureen's craft pottery tables contrasting with the bright coloured pottery created by Avis. The delectable selection of biscuits and cakes from the incredible Big Bake Up Team attracted all comers. Jan's cards and sewing plus Rachel's olive oil & grape wreaths added to the inviting mix. We thank Serena, who made a statement for Wakefield Art Group with her arrangement of the wide range of paintings.



Comment received from a member of the Wakefield Community

"Lots of neat things were on display, loved a bunch of the artwork"

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Live Well Stay Well

by Christine Godfrey

Rob McConnachie - Driving Miss Daisy

On 24th October 14 people came to listen to our speaker Rob McConnachie, owner driver (along with wife Tracey) of Nelson West Driving Miss Daisy. Rob explained that Driving Miss Daisy is different from a taxi, it is more of a companion driving service.

They will pick you up and take you to medical or any appointment, shopping or even a coffee afterwards. They will not only wait for you at appointments they may get staff to ring him when you are ready to be picked up. Also if families request he will go in with you to the doctors to relay information if the client is forgetful.

They like to keep in touch with their clients, greet them at their door promptly, not toot and wait. Some clients suffer from anxiety or are in rest homes, so Rob works in with activities co ordinators who slot him in. If you want to share an outing with some of your friends, the cost is the same for one or four people. Charging is based on time or kilometres.

They also assist people who use mobility equipment, such as walkers and wheelchairs (not mobility scooters) nor do they lift people. Rob does alot of work for Idea Services and ACC, taking clients to appointments, dropping kids off at school, with some travel between St Arnaud, Blenheim and Golden Bay.

Through Age Concern you could qualify for a discount card to reduce costs. Prebooking is essential on 541 0200. The service is about building relationships, keeping people connected and clients retaining their independence.

Rob went on to tell about his intrepid travel to Greenland which entertained and informed us about a country we knew little about, and was very interesting. Sandra thanked Rob for coming to talk to our group.

by Sonja Lamers

Upcoming meetings:

Tuesday 14 November: coffee meeting at The Villa in Wakefield, 9.45am onwards

Tuesday 28 November: End of year visit to Forge Farm, 41 Mt Heslington Road, Brightwater 11am. Explore the gardens, garden art, preserves for sale. Lunch available \$10; otherwise \$5 entry and bring own lunch; please rsvp to Sandra.

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 noticeboard 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

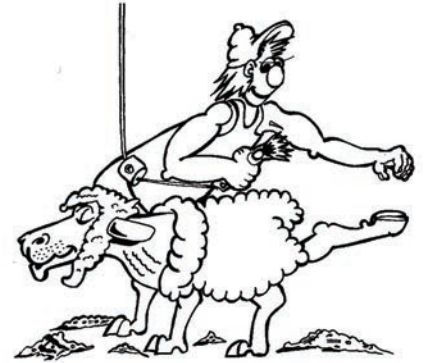
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Totaradale Golf Club

by Gordy Thomas

... And the Totaradale Club Champions for 2023 are;
Senior 18hole Men: Mark Berthelson. Runner Up: Mark Topia
Senior 18hole Ladies: Adrienne Wislang. Runner Up: Fran Sutherland
Intermediate 18hole Men will be contested between Robbie Stuart and John Mertens
Intermediate 18hole Ladies: Jean Nichol. Runner Up: Pat Hyrnkiw
Junior A 18hole Men: Eric Bradley. Runner Up: Elton Netto
Junior B 18hole Men: Allan James. Runner Up: Craig White
Junior 18hole Ladies: Willie Simpson. Runner Up: Heather Wells
A Grade 9hole Ladies: Anne Hildyard. Runner Up: Brenda Gibbons
B Grade 9hole Ladies: Rae Hanford. Runner Up: Ali Crossman
Congratulations to all our winners!



What's On Now

Wednesday Twilight competition is under way thanks to our generous local sponsor Wendy Pearson from Welcome Real Estate for supporting the club.

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With a full field and the blessings of the weather gods at this early stage, it is fantastic to see the fun being had by all the teams out socializing and enjoying the clubhouse hospitality afterwards.

What's Coming Up

AGM for all our membership is on Monday November 27th @ 7pm in the Clubhouse. We hope to see a good turnout to this important meeting and would love to see some new members consider an input into the running of the club by putting their names forward for the club management vacant positions.



Sunday Front of House Staff Member Required

If you are an enthusiastic people person and would like the opportunity to contribute to the household income the club would love to hear from you.

A regular Sunday person is required to welcome and provide information to visitors. Hospitality experience would be even more preferable. Phone the clubhouse for more info.

Contact details for the club are:
Phone 03 541 8030
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Happy golfing



Come and enjoy a – “Night Under The Stars

We, the Dark Sky Committee and members of the Nelson Astronomical



Society, invite you to spend a night under the stars at the Wai-iti Dark Sky Park on December the 1st or 2nd ie whichever is the first fine, clear night. Bring your camper van, caravan, tent, bivy, ground sheet and sleeping bag and spend the night or just part of the night with us under the stars. You will need to cater for yourselves with food and drink, sleeping options, deck chairs, binoculars and the like. Astronomers will be present to explain the night sky and let you look at objects through their telescopes. The main observing period will be from 10:00pm to Midnight. But by all means come earlier to set up. After 11:00pm we expect to observe normal curfews to allow others, especially children to sleep. The location is 437/439 Wakefield- Kohatu highway. Wai Iti, south of Wakefield.

If this weekend has poor weather, we will postpone the event until December the 9th and 10th. Postponements will be on darkskies.nz web site. While this event is free, Koha is appreciated. Register at darkskies.nz. Join us in a Night Under the Stars. For more info call 03 541 8859.

In the Bush

THE EDWARD BAIGENT MEMORIAL SCENIC RESERVE

Early October our volunteers spent a vigorous morning weeding, mulching and doing some late planting. Sincere thanks to Ian and Kerstin who are our supreme "mulchers", Gowan and Sally are definitely our Old Man's Beard weed busting duo. A great effort by all who attended and such a really neat Reserve to maintain. The peace and quiet is such a refresher, especially after a busy week.

One of our volunteers has offered another "family" sized picnic table to go by the barbecue area. Our Society will check with the Reserves Department for approval, and if given, then for agreement on the selected location. Also another seat has been offered to the Society by Doug South's family members and again if approved would hopefully be located in a peaceful alcove near Doug's Memorial Planting.

Dogs at this Reserve

Our volunteers would so appreciate that any dog walkers, keep their dogs on a lead when walking into the internal bush and where possible keep to the internal track walk, as best you can.

It has been noted that larger dogs are let loose to run through this area and we have sadly noted some destruction of our all-important regenerating native seedlings in many areas.

At present our Society, at our own cost, has been doing some regenerative plantings in this area. These have been planted with protectors, but sadly you just cannot protect every seedling.

We appreciate your consideration to this request, for the future of this incredibly special bush walk.

THE ROBSON'S SCENIC RESERVE

To date this year's plantings and previous years are doing well. Our ongoing maintenance has been around keeping the protectors on, due in part to the winds and heavy rain and of course the all-important weed control, especially around the plantings. However the Societies early planting regime in June has again paid off as lots of rain over July and the following months has certainly settled them in. The added plus has been once again the ongoing donation from Doug and Evie for the purchase of the protectors. Also many thanks to Gowan and Jeff who donated the slow release fertiliser cones for each plant.

DOGGY DO RECEPTACLE – Sorry to date no resolve yet to have one installed.

Our Society and the Wakefield Community Council have both made recent representations to the Reserves Department for an installation. However the "thinking" seems to be to relocate one from another area of our Reserves, also to first evaluate the necessity for the actual "need".

From me personally I would not wish to have one relocated, just bite the bullet and put a new one in. So folks will have to leave this issue to someone better than me.

Our previous committee team have been asking for this for over five years, even to offer to pay for the installation/cost of a receptacle and even to remove the waste to another Doggy Do, which was being serviced by the contractors. The offers were never taken up. Good Luck.

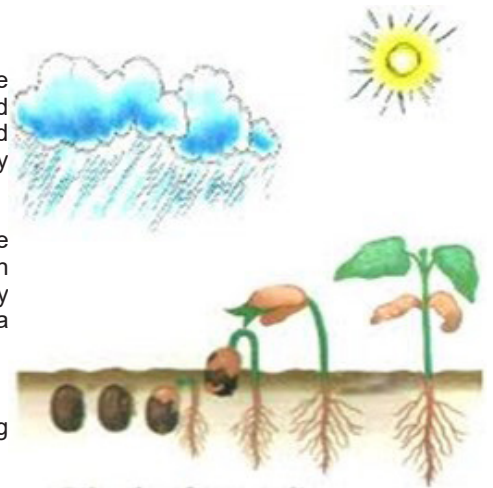
THE FAULKNER BUSH SCENIC RESERVE

Again our volunteers are monitoring the new plantings, especially on the Faulkner Bush hill site area. We need to keep the plant protectors in place here as it can be an area that gets so very dry particularly over the summer months. Thanks also to Uta who informed me that some nails had started sticking out in one of the picnic tables in the open paddock adjacent the Scout Den. All fixed.

HOT SUMMER MONTHS – Please be very mindful of the fragility of our Scenic Reserves, particularly around fire. Would be great for those who smoke, to PLEASE leave the cigarettes in the car. It is so easy for them to fall from one's mouth or get blown out and the undergrowth can be tinder dry. THANK YOU also to the Nelmac contractors who keep our Reserves so tidy – great mowing team indeed.

LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US - Our maintenance days are always on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Do contact me for further information -
Kind regards Evie-joy South, Proudly President,
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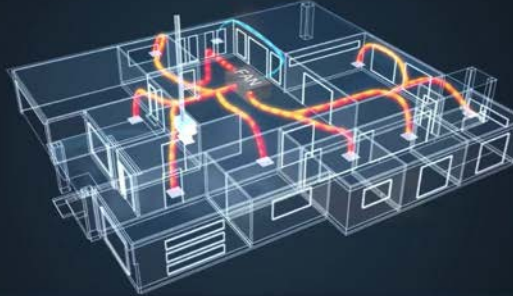
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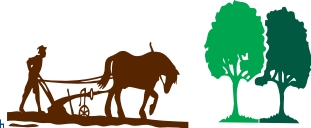


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by Brenda Halliwell, Vet

Emergency Planning for Your Animals

The recent earthquakes in Morocco, extreme flooding in Libya, eruptions, earthquakes and weather events in New Zealand are a reminder that now is a good time to make sure you have a disaster plan in place for your family and your animals.

We all know disasters can strike at any time so it's important to plan ahead. This means being able to evacuate quickly if necessary and having enough supplies for you and your animals.

In NZ, animal owners and guardians must adhere to Animal Welfare Act legislation which means:

- Providing appropriate and sufficient food and water
- Adequate shelter
- Handling that minimises unreasonable or unnecessary pain or distress
- Protection from and diagnosis and treatment of significant injury or illness
- Opportunity to display normal patterns of behaviour

According to the law, as far as possible these requirements must still be met in a disaster.

If this sounds daunting, don't worry! There are plenty of resources available online.

One of the best places to start is on the New Zealand Veterinary Association's website, specifically <https://nzva.org.nz/public/disaster-planning/> Here you can find all sorts of information about what to do in floods, fires, earthquakes and droughts - for pets, horses and livestock as well as people. There are links to many resources from local bodies such as MPI and Civil Defence as well as information learned from international events. You can find useful tips for Lost and Found animals, how to find emergency animal accommodation and animal first aid.

A good starting point for animals is the same as for humans - try to keep aside a supply of emergency food and clean water to drink. And if your animals require medication, ideally have a minimum of a week's supply on hand, more if possible.

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Waimea South Community Facility

by Peter Verstappen

The project to replace our aging village hall and other facilities with a new community centre has gathered pace recently, with TDC-appointed consultants talking to community groups and engaging an architect to draw concept plans.

Earlier this year TDC and local steering groups agreed that the broader goal of improving community facilities in Waimea South should be split into separate projects for Wakefield and Brightwater. The intention is to build a new community facility in Wakefield on reserve land next to the sports grounds, and to upgrade existing facilities at Centennial Park in Brightwater. The current consultation is exploring the best options for both projects.

At the same time, we've begun talking with the TDC and other experts on how to manage the future facilities. Around New Zealand community centres are increasingly managed as hubs, drawing together a range of clubs, societies and activities under a single governing body. This model is more efficient and makes better use of funds through larger scale, while allowing individual member groups to remain independent. We're considering how the future facilities in Wakefield and Brightwater may be governed as a single hub, recognising that both communities already share participation in sports and other activities. A single governing body will help draw the two communities closer together, avoid doubling up facilities and have greater fundraising power.

The architect's concepts and consultants' reports, including estimated costs for the work, will be completed early in the New Year, and will come back to the community for consultation as part of the TDC's revised Long Term Plan. Our steering group will organise opportunities for you to get involved in the discussion and to make submissions to the Plan.

Meanwhile, we're also working to improve the ways we communicate with you about the project. Watch out for us on social media and out in the community. There's still a long road ahead and we hope you'll join us on the journey.

Want to help? Contact the Steering Group via
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Or other Steering Group members:
Julian Eggers
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Charlotte Thynne
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Don McLean
Ryan Edwards

Or you can discuss the project with our TDC Councillors, Christeen Mackenzie and Dan Shallcrass

Wakefield Playcentre

by Charlotte Thynne

New Pump Track for Wakefield Playcentre

Our Tamariki are beside themselves with excitement about the new pump track that has been installed at our Centre this term. This has been discussed on and off for a number of years and has finally been completed thanks to leadership from Michelle du Plessis'. Michelle and Jarrod did the planning and preparation work for the pump track, and Asphalt and Construction laid the Asphalt.

Alongside this, our outdoor planter beds were extended with timber donated by Halswell and our concrete area extended with discounted concrete from Firth. Thank you to all our families who helped with this project, particularly Michelle and Jarrod, Jamie, Jana, Sharee and Jenna. We have such an amazing community of parents and caregivers who all step in and help when and where they can.

Finally thank you to Pub Charity's for providing \$4,145 towards these outdoor projects.



Wakefield Fire Brigade

by Dot Ashton

Auahatanga, we strive to improve.

Last month I had the absolute pleasure of spending a Saturday morning with the operations team at Higgins Heritage Park doing a walk-about fire safety check for the park. This little gold mine in the heart of Wakefield is a hive of activity, incorporating so much history and offering a range of member groups a home to display vintage machinery and equipment and of course the cherry on top, being the annual craft fair in January offering the perfect location.

The amount of love and care these groups put into this park as caretakers to our history is totally humbling, which made me more determined than ever to assist them around fire safety as this asset is something we do not want to lose or have damaged in any way as it is irreplaceable.

The team has done a fantastic job already of identifying potential risks and doing their utmost to eliminate these all together. The members have made fire safety a top priority, ensuring extinguishers are handy and fit for purpose, exits clearly marked, evacuation routes kept clear. I was super impressed and yet still they wanted to know what else they could improve!! Discussions were had around bordering forestry, debris, river access etc. Fantastic to see boarders being planted up with flaxes – low flammability planting.

Magnificent work is also being done in the “hot work” space with welding, grinding as these guys are always tinkering and building and restoring projects for us to go “WOW” once they are on display. Sorting a hose reel to have close by, moving operations outside, extinguisher on hand just brilliant.

We decided on a few more smoke alarms in the buildings, a few more extinguishers, a bit more signage and removal of some excess debris to lessen the fire fuel loading around the perimeter. Lots of little jobs and nothing major. A positive outcome as much of the work has been thought up and implemented. I explained to the team that my crew and myself DO NOT want to see “Higgins Park” come up on our pagers. The devastation would be gut wrenching and the effects far reaching. So, to work with a group that is pro-active in the fire safety space was extremely rewarding.

If you think your business, organization or home would benefit from a fire safety visit let us know, we are more than happy to come for a walk around and ensure everything that is precious is protected. Contact us: phone 0800 693 473, email wakefieldbrigade@fireandemergency.nz AND BY checking the local fire danger and educational material on www.checkitsalright.nz

Call outs for October

Medical – 10

Structure – 2

Alarm activation – 1

Car fire - 1

Total calls so far = 184

Take care, Wakefield Fire Brigade Team



Country Players New Show

Our Man in Havana

Country Players rounds off a successful year with another great show – ‘Our Man in Havana’ from the classic novel written by the British author Graham Greene. The play is set in Cuba during the Cold War Era of the 1950’s. Greene, in a delightful and satirical way, uses the novel to mock intelligence services, especially the British MI6 and their willingness to believe reports from their local informants.

Greene was himself a member of M16 and his background allowed him to portray both accurately and comically the behind-the-scenes espionage antics that make up much of the novel’s plot.

‘This is a comedy-thriller that will have you laughing out loud often, and shaking your head, because Mr. Wormold’s predicaments become completely absurd.’ review from Literary Hoarders.

Our Man in Havana centres on the character of Wormald, played in our production by Peter Verstappen. An average, sympathetic man, Wormald is decent, hardworking, and frequently bewildered by the modern world. He has lost his wife and would do anything to please his daughter, Millie, who is growing up faster than her father knows.

As a salesperson for Phastcleaners vacuum cleaner company, business is not going well for Wormald, so after he is approached to accept a position within MI5, a role he has no aptitude or training for, he steps blindly into a world of spies and espionage. This creates satirical, hilarious scenes with him making the most of the absurdity of having him work for the world of espionage.

Director, Hugh Neill is excited about the show and seeing the Graham Greene novel come to life on the Wakefield Hall stage. Along with Peter Verstappen, Country Players has assembled a fantastic cast, new to the Wakefield stage of Mickey Sheehan, Jeremy D’Herville, Patrick Conyers and Max Choma.

Come along to the picnic show with your friends for a great evening of laughter and entertainment with ‘Our Man in Havana’.

Our Man in Havana is on stage from 1st to 9th December. Bookings can be made: Phone 541 9046 or Email bookcountryplayers@gmail.com

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Wakefield 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.

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

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.

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.

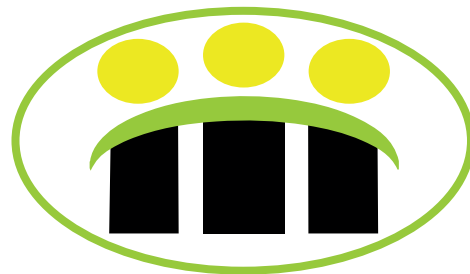
Treatment of skin cancer:

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.

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



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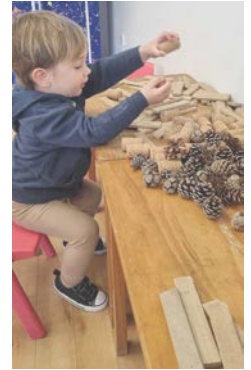
by Maretta Burbidge

We wish to farewell the children who have moved on to school and welcome the new families who have started attending Wakefield Kindy recently. Spring has certainly sprung at Wakefield Kindy and we have been making the most of the warmer weather. We have been out and about in the community and really enjoying our visits to Faulkner Bush, we feel so lucky to have such a magnificent resource only a few minutes away.

The tamariki have had several opportunities over the past month to prepare and enjoy their own baking and cooking. Making their own pizzas including the bases were a highlight. There were ample opportunities for problem solving, developing hand eye coordination, finger dexterity and plenty of decision making as they created their own delicious lunch.

With the arrival of spring the tamariki have been busy planting seeds and caring for them as they germinate. The children have been fascinated as they watch their plants grow.

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

Wakefield Health Centre sponsored an Open Triples tournament on 11th October. It was a well attended event which was won on this occasion by Ken Chung, Chrissy Henry, and Helen Guiney representing the Richmond Bowling Club.

Small clubs such as Wakefield are grateful for the sponsorship that we receive and the participation of clubs such as Richmond highlight our popularity. Many thanks to the Wakefield Health Centre for their support.

And, here's a thought! If you're looking for somewhere to have your 'end of year' function, why not contact us?

We have the facilities to make your function a stand out attraction. Contact wakefieldbowlssecretary@gmail.com for further information.



Waimea Sheep Dog Trial Club

by Sally Powell

The Waimea Sheep Dog Trial Club recently held a training day with renowned dog triallist Bernard Arends. Mr Arends, who flew down from his home near Dannevirke, is a multiple Island and National title holder, has competed in the dog trialling World Champs and is eminently qualified to advise on both Heading Dogs and Huntaways.

Not surprisingly, there was an excellent turnout with people travelling from as far away as Collingwood and Blenheim with their dogs to seek his advice.

The weather was less than perfect but the dogs didn't care and it was nothing that a few umbrellas and some good wet weather clothing couldn't handle. Mr Arends started with a lecture in the woolshed and then worked dogs one at a time, demonstrating his training techniques and ironing out some problems almost instantly it seemed. There was plenty of food for thought for those who had left their dogs at home and ideas of what to work on.

A barbeque lunch was provided by Farmlands and a spot prize of dog food was provided by Blackhawk. The club would like to thank landowner Eleanor Greenhough for the generous use of her woolshed, sheep and yards.

The next dog trial will be on Saturday 25th November at the Nelson A & P Show. Come down and watch some very clever dogs go through their paces.

The club will also be fundraising with sales of preserves and woollen dishcloths and would love hear from you if you are interested in becoming involved in our club in any way.

Contact club secretary Sally Powell sally@tcvet.co.nz for information.



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Higgins Heritage Park Happenings

by David Win

With a warm, dry summer fast approaching our operations team very much appreciated the opportunity and guidance from Wakefield Fire Services of a "a fire safety check" for readiness for our next open days – 5 Nov, 19 Nov, 3 Dec & 17 Dec. Steam-Up each first Sunday of the month and our 2nd January Community Craft Fair.

Our heritage machinery story is from Peter Knowles about the early 1940's Austin Weston Badger Face Shovel (AKA The Dinosaur) powered by a 4-cylinder McCormick Deering Engine.

This Face Shovel was shipped from America to Fiji after World War 2 to help repair Nadi and Suva airport runways. When repair works were completed, Lawry Construction purchased it for use in the lime works, being shipped to NZ arriving in Brightwater by railway wagon in 1946. It was then driven under its own power to the Lee Valley Rock Quarry and used there for the next five or six years until it was then replaced by a larger machine.

Its next location for 8-10 years was the Kairuru Marble Quarry on the Takaka Hill, with Jim Balck being one of the operators. I was visiting Bill Cresswell about 1979 and saw this monster in the driveway. He told me about its history and showed me how to start it and operate it. He told me to drive it home and have a play. So play with it I did.

He lived on Main Road Hope and I lived just around the corner at Whites Road, Hope. On the journey to get it home, about halfway along the main road to Whites Road, the right-hand track came off - now what to do?? No rego or license to drive it. Joan (my wife) had driven home so I turned it off and ran home (I was able to run then) found a crowbar, blocks of wood and a jack. We drove back to it and about 30 minutes later I had the track back on and managed to drive it all the way home with Joan close behind.

I used it for two years on and off pulling old strainer posts and tree stumps out. One Guy Fawkes night we had a large fire of old macrocarpa trees which I had heaped up using the face-shovel. All was going well, then the Fire Brigade turned up. They could see all was safe, we thanked them for their concern and carried on with the party.

One day in 1981, Bill Cresswell arrived at our place and said he would like to donate it to the Higgins Heritage Park. About a month later Ross Higgins and Shale Solly turned up with Baigent's low bed truck unit to load it and then delivered it to its "resting place" at Higgins Heritage Park. In recent years, along with Rex Kelly, I have been trying to repair and to get it operational again, after it sitting so long.

Face shovels (front shovels) were used for digging, loading earth or fragmented rock and mineral extraction mainly in quarries. The Face-Shovel scoops material away from the cab whereas most machines today scoop towards the cab!



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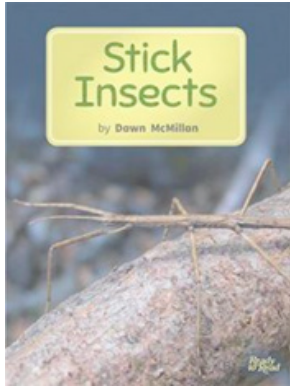
Wakefield School

by Piwakawaka 11

Stick Insects

To start off the term Piwakawaka 11 read a book about stick insects. From the book we learnt that the Māori word for a stick insect is rō and that they have 2 antennae, 6 legs and three body parts named the head, thorax and abdomen.

They protect themselves from predators by camouflaging themselves with their environment. Some can look brown and rough like a branch, green and smooth like a leaf or even spiky like a prickly bush.



We then came up with some of our own questions to answer:

**How many types of stick insects are there?* There are over 3000 species of stick insects in the world and 23 recognised species in New Zealand.

**How do you tell the difference between a boy or a girl?* The girl stick insects are longer than the boys.

**How long can they get?* Depending on species they can be anywhere between 2.5 to 30 cm long.

We wanted to make our own stick insects to take home so we went down the bank and collected sticks to create the different body parts and then we glued them together.



Some of us created backgrounds full of leaves, sticks and brown paint to try and camouflage them, and some of us took them home to have as an ornament or to try and trick people.

Wakefield Toy Library

by Charlotte Thynne

Working out of a Historic Building

You may not know, but the Wakefield Toy Library works out of a registered Historic building.

At the moment the Tasman District Council is working on the building to address some maintenance issues and ensure that this beautiful building will be standing strong well into the future.

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We will be changing our opening hours however and until the end of the year we will not be opening Mondays but will still be open Saturdays. We will be closing for the summer break on Saturday 16 December.

As with past years, if you would like to get toys out over the summer break come along on the 16th and make a gold coin donation per toy to take toys home for a summer of fun. Bikes, waterplay, ride on's, imaginary play, science play, infant play, we have it all!



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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:
November 16

Spring Grove Church of Christ

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

Jesus Takes Away Our Sin



"Look, the Lamb of God who
takes away the sin of the world"

John Ch 1 v 29 (NIV)

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**.

In the event of an emergency, for urgent public messages, tune in to:
More FM 94.1, Classic Hits 89.8, Fresh FM 95.4





We have had a busy October with several Wakefield properties sold, and noticeable increased buyer activity. Whilst it is too soon to be a trend yet, we continue to get buyer enquiry for properties currently under offer, so if you are considering selling, please call us for a current market assessment.

Proudly
Supporting
the
Wakefield
Community
since
2007



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021 567 722



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