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Community News for the Wakefield Area

Wakefield School Twilight Gala - Another Fabulous Day

by Sonia Emerson



Wow, what a stunning day it was on Saturday 4th November 2023. We have been so lucky with the weather the last couple of years for our school gala, and this year was a stunner from start to finish. We had an amazing team of volunteers who whipped the gazebos up first thing in the morning, and our gala crew was on form with all of the setup going wonderfully.

We had amazing support from our community, both with help on the day, and coming out in large numbers to support us. Despite there being a number of other events on the same day, there were plenty of enthusiastic punters getting out and making the most of this fabulous community event. Once again there was a fantastic atmosphere full of goodwill and community spirit, and everyone was keen to spend their money, and enjoy time in the sun, sampling the food, browsing the stalls and there was plenty on offer for the kids too.

Last year we had an absolutely phenomenal result and we thought there was no way we could top that... but we did!!! This year, we were able to **raise an incredible \$37,064 profit** for Wakefield School, for which we are so grateful. We know that lots of businesses and families are doing it tough at the moment, and so we really want to thank our community from the bottom of our hearts, for supporting our school and getting right in behind us.

With the money raised, we will be able to install safety matting and surfacing on our soon to be upgraded playground space. The safety matting and surfacing will make our playground safe, accessible and inclusive for all our Tamariki on an area that has often been "out of bounds" in the winter months. We are super excited about transforming this space into a fun area for all.

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



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Wakefield School Gala - continued...

Once again there was a huge selection of food on offer which seemed to go down a treat. The variety of hot food included Brucie's pork and lamb sammies, Crest Cleaning burgers, sausage sizzle, The Wakefield Hotel hot chips and hot dogs. Other food options included the café and bake sale who were run off their feet [kindly sponsored by Sue Ketel – Travel Broker], kids sweet treats, Mad Melon freshly pressed juice, Lions Club candy floss, and the very popular gluten free curries sponsored by Wakefield Health Centre. The Wakefield 4 Square coke caravan were go, go, go all day and the Talleys ice creams were popular in the heat.

There were plenty of activities to keep the kids busy including the inflatable area with the Programmed Property Maintenance obstacle course, Harper Builders Tropical Slide bouncy castle, Wakefield Storage Hire Fire Engine bouncy castle and the always incredibly popular motorbikes run by Councillor Dan Shallcrass and his awesome team. As always the Wild Oats pony rides [sponsored by Wakefield Bakery] were flat out, as were the tractor/train rides and the Wakefield Toy Library Toddler Zone was great for the littlies. Also doing a roaring trade were Anna's gingerbread, La Niche Hair Salon's wacky hair, Heavy Diesel Solutions fishing game, Xscape Space face painting and the Pirtek Nerf Gun shooting gallery. The Tasman Bay Chiropractice mystery bags sold out as they always do, meaning lots of little treasures for the kids, and there was a constant line for the balloon creations courtesy of James Cambridge Law. A new edition this year, the Tasman Pine Forests Petting Zoo was a real favourite with the kids and a special thanks must go to Fleur Creedmore and her family for sharing their "zoo" with us. A huge range of activities, something for everyone...

As always, people were trying to sneak in early to get to the bargains in the second hand stalls of books, toys, garage sale and Lines Pattern Making clothing stall which collectively contributed \$5,256 to the overall total. Many of the items were sold on the day but there were a lot of leftovers and these were donated to various charities, who were of course very appreciative. The Wendy Pearson Real Estate "chocolate wheel" went well and there was even more on offer in the Plants and Produce area this year which saw that one stall contribute over \$5,000 to the total. In the silent auction, despite there being less actual items this year, we had some incredible donations from very generous businesses, and some equally generous bidders, and as a result we made almost \$9,000 from the silent auction alone.

Please get along and support the following organisations and individuals who all contributed in some way to making our gala the success it was; 3 Bee, Abel Tasman Centre, Advance Cleaning, Ake Creative, All About You, All Accounts Matter, Appleby Fresh, Appletons Chook Farm, Appletons Tree Nursery, Armageddon Paintball, Armstrongs Tasman Bay, Baby on the Move, Backyard Bees, Bay Landscapes, Bay Vista Pakawau, Bidfood, Big Barrel, BBQ Chill, Blast Entertainment, Bluebridge Cook Straight Ferry, Bob Hendy, Body Shop, Bridge Valley Adventure Centre, Brownies Mattress Direct, Calder Tennis Training, Cancer Society Nelson Tasman, Carter Holt Harvey, CLM Richmond, Connings, Country Players, Deans Nursery, Doug's Motorcycle Workshop, Dutch Rusk, Elgas, Experience Kaiteriteri, Fairfield Berries, Farmlands, Fenceworx, Flower Farm, Fossil Creek Farm, Fraemohs Homes Tasman, Franks Trees, Freeman Roofing, Freshbake, Goldpine Industries, Guytons, Hair Raisers, Hampden Street School, Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa, HCB Technologies, Hill Top Native Nursery, Hoddys Orchard, ITM Motueka, JAE Tasman, Jellicoe Design, Joes Garage, John & Catherine Granger, Justine & Phil Judge, Kayak HQ, Kiwi Journeys, Kiwi Mountain Bike Collective, La Niche Hair, Lion NZ, Loggers Shop, Lola & Lane, Mainly Natives, Make a Knife, More FM, MotoX Events, Mountain Valley Honey, My Place Melanie Douglas-Solly, My Ride Richmond, Nelmac, Nelson College for Girls, Nelson Fun Park, Noel Leeming, NPD, NZ King Salmon, NZ Police, Office Max, Pak n Save Richmond, PGG Wrightson, Richard de Hamel, Plant & Share, Pomeroy's, Pro Karts, Promote You, PYO @ 185 Hope, Quinney's Bush, Raeward Wholesale, Ravensdown Fertiliser, Rebecca Dephoff, Rebels & Dreamers Pilates Studio, Redstone Golf Park, Renaissance Organic Hair Salon, Resene Colour Shop Nelson, Sal's Pizza, Sandy Graham, Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon, Sealord Group, Seifried Estate, Sexy Beasts, Shanty Town, Sport Tasman, Stihl Shop Richmond, Stirling Sports Richmond, Stoke New World, Tasman Bay Food Group, TDC, Tasman Makos, Taylors Timbers, The Apple Shed Café & Bar, The Butcherette, The Copier Company, The Frontrunner Richmond Mall, The Local, The Vet Centre, The Warehouse Richmond, Thirkettle Nurseries, Titoki Nursery, Town & Country Vet, UDC Finance, Wai-iti Estate Apiary, Waimea Nurseries, Wakefield Auto Services, Wakefield Community Swimming Pool, Wakefield Pharmacy, Wakefield Quarry, Wakefield Villa, Wakefield Storage & Hire, Wakefield Volunteer Fire Brigade, Wanderers Sports Club, Wendy Pearson – Welcome Real Estate, William Waldron, Willow Bank Heritage Village, Wilsons Abel Tasman, Woodlot Harvesting and Zealandia Nurseries.

Thank you to Alice Robinson for these awesome photos of the gala, and a special final thank you to everyone who assisted on a stall – staff, parents and community members.

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Nelson Tasman Community Transport Trust

by Anita Parkes, Marketing Coordinator and Transport Coordinator

Since the introduction of the new E Bus services (which the trust fully supports), the trust have been looking at other ways we can support the TDC service and have taken steps to become more of a "Community Connection" service for those who still do not have access to public transport or who are still not able to catch the bus for varying reasons. We would love to work with TDC to see what other gaps we could help to fill. I am very passionate and dedicated to continuing the trusts VISION: To provide efficient, accessible and sustainable passenger services in the Nelson/Tasman regions particularly benefiting people in outlying settlements.

MISSION STATEMENT

- Provide an affordable, accessible and sustainable transport service for people in the Nelson/Tasman region.
- Reduce the communities dependence on private car travel and on fossil fuels. Raise public awareness of environmental damage caused by carbon emissions.
- Enhance social connections by enabling people to take part in community and social activities.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

- Affordable transport options for people not served by public transport.
- Reliable, safe and convenient transport services for residents who have mobility issues. Increased social connectedness for the elderly.
- Ability for people to remain inter own communities.
- More transport options for youth.
- Less congestion on arterial roads.
- A low emission passenger transport model.

I have been very proud to be involved in recent bus trips for community groups who would have had no other way to make it to community events including taking St Peter Chanel School to sell daffodils on Daffodil Day in Motueka, taking a group from "The Shed" in Motueka for a trip to Pics Peanut Butter on world car free day, taking Tapawera elderly residents to two age concern events - one in Motueka and one in Annesbrook. E

Being able to reduce isolation and offer social outings for some of these people is life changing... and that is PRICELESS!!!



EXECUTIVE OFFICER - MATERNITY LEAVE COVER

As the Executive Officer to the school, you will be a key player in ensuring the smooth functioning of our administrative and financial operations. This role requires a high level of professionalism, exceptional organisational skills, and the ability to handle sensitive information with discretion.

Skills required:

- Qualifications and/or proven experience in a similar role.
- Strong organisational skills and time management skills.
- Superior skills in planning, implementation, analysis and reporting.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Proficiency in Google docs, Microsoft Office Suite, MYOB.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and demonstrate a high level of professionalism.
- Detail-oriented with the ability to work autonomously and collaboratively and be able to juggle multiple tasks.

Your key duties and responsibilities include but are not limited to;

- Being the first point of contact for people in our school and establish positive relationships.
- Interacting with staff, children and parents with a warm and caring manner
- Maintain the day to day finances of the school and manage the school accounting system [MYOB]
- Manage the Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable functions
- Manage all administrative aspects of the Payroll function
- Preparing monthly financial and other administrative reports to various parts of the school
- Preparing annual accounts for presentation to the accountant and auditor and work constructively with these agents to maintain financial practices to the highest degree
- Managing compliance and legal requirements (e.g. school audits, GST returns, etc)
- Reconciliation of bank accounts
- Act as Minute Secretary to the Board and prepare and coordinate Board reports and papers
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Wakefield Fire Brigade

by Dot Ashton

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Gas BBQ, Cooker and Heater Safety Tips

Planning to use your Gas BBQs, cookers or heaters?

- Check the weather: Light your gas burner on a day when the fire danger is low, and the weather forecast is for little to no wind.
- Check your local council rules and bylaws: there may be additional rules about gas BBQs, cookers, and heaters on public conservation land.

Setting up and lighting your BBQ, cooker or heater

- Check for damage or debris: Before using your gas BBQ, cooker or heater, check for any signs of damage or wear, and for gas leaks. Make sure it is clean.
- Set up on a stable surface: Put your BBQ, cooker or heater in a sheltered spot on a flat, stable surface outside, well away from anything that could catch fire.
- Keep a method to extinguish nearby: Have a suitable way to extinguish the fire within easy reach, such as a fire extinguisher.
- Use in an open, well-ventilated area: Using a BBQ, cooker or heater in an enclosed or confined space can cause carbon monoxide to build up, which is extremely dangerous.
- Keep unused gas bottles or canisters five metres away: Any gas storage that isn't being used should be at least five metres away from the source of heat.
- Keep kids and pets away: Have a no-go zone for kids and pets.
- Refuel gas cookers in a safe area: When refueling your gas cooker, let it cool down, move it to a safe, well-ventilated spot (away from anything flammable) and refuel it on the ground.
- Never leave it unattended: Stay with your BBQ, cooker, or heater until you turn it off.

Putting out your BBQ, cooker or heater

- Cool down completely: Give your BBQ, cooker or heater time to cool down completely before moving it or putting the cover on.
- Turn off the gas bottle first: This allows gas to clear from the hose.
- Store the gas bottle upright: Keep it connected to the BBQ, cooker or heater.

November Calls:

Medical - 8
MVC - 1
Alarm Activation - 2
Rescue - 1
Car Fire - 1



Happy Holidays & Stay Safe – Wakefield Fire Brigade Team

Wakefield Community Council

by Julian Eggers, Chairperson

The Wakefield Community Council has been busy these last few months, engaging and liaising with the Tasman District Council as well as the Wakefield community. Projects include the Faulkner Bush playground, and working in partnership to get a rubbish bin installed at Robson Reserve. Tasman District Council is currently undertaking early engagement on three bylaws; Public Places, Dog Control and a proposed Cat Management bylaw. These will be active until 14th December. TDC are hoping to have a wide range of feedback to help inform the draft bylaws, which will then be made available for consultation in mid 2024.

Also, the Brightwater-Wakefield Catchment Management Plan is open for feedback and discussion. The study is to look at stormwater issues in both of these communities, as well as potential solutions that can be put in place to address them. We'll look at stormwater flooding, water quality issues, development pressures, environmental protection, and other similar issues as they relate to stormwater. Any questions, feedback or additional comments email David Arseneau TDC, david.arseneau@tasman.govt.nz

Patronage on the eBus network has continued to grow, with October patronage increasing 6,721 from September. The Wakefield route increased by 56%. All routes 1 - 6 have increased month on month - eBus patronage has increased 71% in the first three months. It's good to see bus patronage continuing to rise month by month since the launch on 1st August. This reflects the fact that people are liking the new eBuses and increasingly using the service.

We would like to thank the Wakefield Community for your ongoing support in seeing Wakefield blossom in our proactive, driven and open Community Council. With the strength of love we stand together. With greater numbers of people, we can achieve more.

Our next Wakefield Community Council Meeting is Monday 18th December 7pm at the Wakefield Village hall. It's our last meeting of 2023, so we would love to see you. We are always open for new members, annual fee is only \$5 per person which includes correspondence that we get from the TDC, monthly report from the TDC, the agenda, the Wakefield Community Council meeting minutes and any correspondence from the Wakefield Community Council. We don't have a January 2024 meeting so we will kick the new year off for 2024 in February.

**Have a Merry Christmas from all of us at the Wakefield Community Council.
Have a safe and wonderful festive season with family and friends.**

In the Bush

Reporting In...

Firstly our society members wish all in our community, a fantastic festive season, with family and friends.

Do enjoy all that is on offer within our Scenic Reserves to enjoy these special moments in time.

A huge thank you too, for many of you, who support all that we try to do, for the benefit of NOW, and in the FUTURE, for the wellbeing of our so precious Reserves.



THE EDWARD BAIGENT MEMORIAL SCENIC RESERVE

A bit of wind damage, especially with a willow falling over the Northern end of the entry bridge.

Sadly also a Native Wood Pigeon obviously having its life ended prematurely, lots of feathers on the ground, just before the entrance way to the internal bush. SO hoping this is a one off incident.

Also one relatively happy native plant, removed, just grateful that the person(s) also took the new protector and cane, so obviously going to a caring home!!!

Not a lot left to say... except for a reminder that it is illegal to remove any flora or fauna from a Scenic Reserve.

PLUS side the picnic table donated by our member Murray D, is now located adjacent to the barbecue area. We will do some remedial work to anchor it in place and do appropriate signage for this "Best Mates Seat". Murray served with Doug South as his protégé Mortar Fire Controller, with The NZ Territorials - Marlborough Mortars.

THE ROBSON'S SCENIC RESERVE

Looking SO good and compliments have come in to the Society, on the variety of different natives that have been planted over time. For many enthusiasts this makes for a very interesting walk and talk. Thanks also to the Reserves Department of the Tasman District Council for having the foresight to keep the open paddock areas mowed to form a loop walking track.

DOGGY DO RECEPTACLE – Evidently it is happening as reported by Deputy Mayor Stuart Bryant at the Wakefield Community Council meeting in November. Full credit to those who contacted the folks that could move and shake this – Congratulations, most appreciated. Also thanks to the Reserves Department for listening to the community request, hopefully it will be up very shortly.

THE FAULKNER BUSH SCENIC RESERVE

Again our volunteers did an extra day monitoring the new plantings, especially on the Faulkner Bush hill site area. We remember planting this hillside, and you can laugh as for many of us our bodies were letting us know, that we now need to take rest stops as we head onwards and upwards. Puffing more has also been happening, mind the view has been worth it too.

NEW SCENIC RESERVE

Just over the Pigeon Valley Bridge on the right hand side. I hear the official opening is on the 7th December at 3pm. The carpark is small so if intending to go, perhaps park up in Wakefield and walk up. Our society has not been in the need to know mix, in regards the inception of this new reserve.

So will be great when it goes up on the TDC website, so we can have knowledge of who/how/when/why and appreciate such a "gift"? to our community and region.

Our society and our volunteers will NOT be adding this Reserve to our maintenance/working schedules, as you can imagine, three keep us very busy, with many volunteer hours given outside our usual set days.

HOT SUMMER MONTHS

Would be great for those who smoke, to PLEASE leave the cigarettes in the car, the remnants on the forest floor are tinder dry and will be for some time.

LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US

Perhaps a New Year's Resolution?

We will be up and running again in February, as our volunteers take a well-deserved January off.

Kind regards Evie-joy South, Proudly President,
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Meeting

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NOTE: January 2024, no monthly meeting. Back February 2024

The Big Bake Up

by Melissa Woodhouse

What an exciting month November has been for The Big Bake Up.

Our cook-ups over the past month have included, delicious Lemon Cheesecake, Pumpkin Frittata, and most recently, Butter Chicken. All of these meals are made, packaged in our containers, labeled, and placed in our freezer at the Wakefield Village Hall. We were grateful our application was successful for the Tasman District Council Community Grants scheme which allows us to purchase our bamboo containers and food labels for the year ahead.

You may have noticed our vehicle driving around the village lately. Our new signage vehicle wrap is thanks to Signbiz Tasman, this really helps to promote our work and we are very grateful for this sponsorship.



We would also like to acknowledge Fence Worx Foxhill who came on board as a long-term sponsor in July this year. Long-term sponsorship like this allows us to plan ahead and is vital to our continued work. We have just completed some flash new flyers for distribution around local businesses and centres. These flyers are fantastic as they showcase our work but also tell our story of how we began.

We now have a new opportunity available 'Business Sponsor of the Month' or it could be 'Family Sponsor'. Currently, BuildRight Tasman is our business sponsor for November. This is a \$350 donation that covers a cook-up of roughly 80-100 meals. Our meals are in many freezers around the district now including Wakefield School, Wakefield Playcentre, Brightwater School, Brightwater Playcentre, Brightwater Anglican Church, Pinegrove Kindergarten, Hope School, Age Concern - Richmond, Plunket Nelson Tasman and Fossil Creek Farm. We still work on a nomination basis though, so please remember to reach out if you know of someone deserving. Christmas time can be very stressful for many... we are here to provide support if we can.

Just when we thought our month couldn't get any more exciting, we finally received confirmation that our application to become a registered charity was successful! We finished the month off with an end-of-year gathering of our team, a nice way to say thank you for their commitment to attending our cook-ups and fundraising drives over the year. We have a great team of volunteers who love helping others and enjoy our cook-up time together. Darren Crawford & Michelle Adams attended from FENZ to share a few words with our team. We would like to extend our thanks to Willow Bank Heritage Village for the use of their venue.

Photo credit: Kim Moore - left to right: Laura Ealam (Trustee) Dan Shallcrass (TDC Councillor) Michelle Adams (FENZ National Principal Advisor - Readiness and Recovery), Brent Eggers & Melissa Woodhouse (Co-Founders/Trustees)
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by Brenda Halliwell, Vet

Getting Pet-Prepared for Summer!

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

- If you are going away, are your pets' vaccinations up to date? Vaccinations for respiratory viruses in cats, and Parvovirus plus Canine Cough in dogs must be up to date in order to stay in boarding facilities. Call us for advice if you're not sure and don't leave it until the last minute!
- If you are going away leave contact numbers for your vet as well as your mobile phone number with your pet carer. Have a chat so it's clear what your expectations are for your pet if something goes wrong, especially if you are not able to be contacted. Phone us if you would like to add any details to your client record. If you are taking your pet with you, remember all their bits and pieces including any medication.
- Most of us know that chocolate is poisonous for dogs. If your dog eats chocolate, phone us promptly for advice. Remember dogs are very good at finding the wrapped chocolate under the tree!
- Beware of novel objects which could be swallowed by your pets such as Christmas tinsel, strings from the roast, kebab sticks from the barbecue, fish hooks/fishing line (often attached to a fish!) and potentially obstructive food such as chop bones, corn cobs and peach stones.
- Take care giving your dog leftovers from the BBQ or roast – bones, large amounts of fat and onions can all cause serious internal problems for dogs. Grapes, raisins and sultanas can be poisonous for dogs so no Christmas cake either!
- Another food-related hazard is old food that your pet might find in compost heaps, rubbish bins and out on walks. There are millions of weird microbes growing in these places that if eaten by your pet (especially dogs) can cause all sorts of symptoms from tummy upsets through to poisoning and seizures.
- Toxic algae are a warm weather hazard in our rivers. It's safest to avoid the rivers in summer and head to the beach instead.
- Heatstroke is common over summer especially in short-nosed dogs. NEVER leave dogs in the car on a hot day, even in the shade with windows down. Offer frequent drinks/stops on journeys. Restrict exercise to cooler parts of the day. Limit the length of walks especially for young energetic dogs, old dogs and dogs with medical problems. Provide shade for dog kennels and rabbit/guinea pig cages.
- Clipping long haired pets can prevent problems such as overheating, soiling, skin infections and grass seed problems. We often clip the underside/belly of long haired cats, and advise clipping under ears and around the feet of long haired dogs. Some long haired dogs which aren't traditionally clipped (eg Border Collies) are much more comfortable and active, even if they do look a bit odd!



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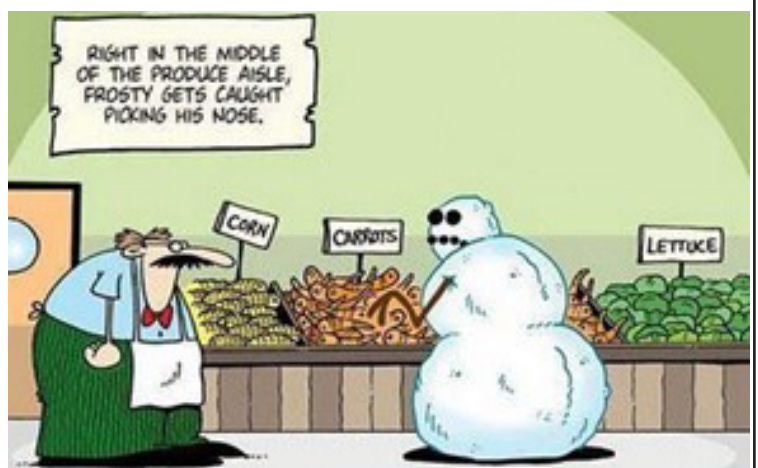
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Waimea South Historical Society

by Yo Tye

Step Out - A Guided Historic Walk

On Tuesday 24th October 2023 an enthusiastic group of between 65-75 people gathered on the Village Green to hear stories about some of Wakefield's interesting and colourful history.

The Wakefield Historic Walk was part of a vibrant festival titled 'Step Out' which was jointly conceived by Tasman District Council, Nelson City Council, Te Whātu Ora, Neighbourhood Support, and Health Action Trust, with the aim of getting people out and about within their communities to enjoy a series of guided walks and other activities.



Peter Verstappen acted as the Master of Ceremonies and did an excellent job of keeping things running to schedule. Four members of the Waimea South Historical committee, namely Roger Batt, Margaret Clark, Kathleen Dearnley and Yo Tye, had researched and prepared presentations in advance for the selected places of interest.

First on the list was the Rose Shepard Sculpture on the village green. In 2004 Rose, an artist and a resident of Wakefield from 1987 until about 2013, was asked by the Wakefield Ratepayers Association (a pre-cursor to the Wakefield Community Council) to create a sculpture that represented the character of the village. The stunning artwork fittingly displays named depictions of the native podocarp forest that once covered the entire region, examples of which are still evident in our many parks and reserves. Rose was assisted by local potter Meg Latham who made and fired the tiles for the structure.

Next were the old Railway yards and Railway Station, once located in the Whitby Way Car Park and in the area of the Police Weighbridge across the main road. The construction of the railway line began in Nelson in 1873 and in 1876, the line, running through Wakefield to Foxhill, was opened, after which the line was continued on to the Gowan River, beyond Glenhope. The extension required to join this line to the rest of New Zealand was never completed for a number of reasons and the 68 kilometre gap is still a sore spot for many. The line ceased operation in 1955.

Next was the story of the sombre and dignified marble statue which is Wakefield's Soldiers Memorial. After WWI a committee was formed to fund raise for its construction. It was originally placed in the Wakefield Domain and was unveiled on 5 Aug 1922. However in 1993 it was relocated to its present position to be alongside the War Memorial Plunket Rooms, and was rededicated on ANZAC Day in 1994.

The history of the Plunket Rooms was next. In 1907 Dr Truby King founded the Plunket Society in New Zealand and a branch was established in Wakefield in 1913 with a group of local women forming a committee which organised fundraising and speakers to address the local meetings. The meetings were held in various premises including the old St John's School Building, the old Library and the Temperance Hall until after WWI when it was decided to demolish the original old Painton's Store that had since become Hodgson's Store, and to build the War Memorial Plunket and Rest Rooms on the site. They were opened on ANZAC Day 1955. In 1990 the Plunket Rooms moved to the new Wakefield Health Centre and the old building became the Wakefield Community Library.

The Wakefield Community Hall then took centre stage. It too has an interesting history that involved two fires. An Oddfellows Hall, opposite the Hotel and Sweetbites, was built pre 1871 but burnt down in 1898. A new one was built but the old Temperance Hall beside the Hotel, part of which remains as the Sweetbites building, was also used as a community hall. In 1936 George Robertson ran the re-built hall as a recreational building until post WWII when the Manchester United Oddfellows bought it. In 1965 the Wakefield Public Hall Association purchased the Hall and added a supper room. In 1968 the Hall burnt down again, but the second Painton Store, which still stands today, was saved from the same fate by a firewall having been built to fulfil Council regulations when the hall was being altered.

The present site was then purchased and the new hall was opened in 1971 after a tremendous fundraising effort within the community. In 1988 the ownership of the hall was transferred to Waimea County Council which later evolved into Tasman District Council. Unfortunately this hall does not meet the current earthquake building standards and plans are underway to build another community hall facility.



The Villa, at 14 Whitby Way, was built as a house in the 'Villa' style in 1910 by the McPherson family who were a large and successful building company in Wakefield at the time, and McPherson family names remained on the Title until 1985. Since then several other people have owned the building. It served as a home then became an Antique Shop. The building in front was then built and served as an Art Gallery which sold artworks, giftware etc. In 2016 Michael Meissner, a talented German born chef, took up the leasehold and now runs a very successful Café business that serves as a popular community meeting spot as well as a place for cyclists on the Great Taste Bike Trail for replenishment.

The YMCA building was opened in 1922 and activities such as boxing, wrestling, billiards and ping-pong were practiced there until about 1932 when it was used as a hall which held Flower Shows, Ballroom Dancing, and such things as Ballet and Tap Dancing lessons. It then became a clothing and dressmaking business run by Bill Hedley and Mrs Brooks. It later became a Picture Theatre in which Maurie Lark showed movies until the late 1960's though the last movie was shown in 1972. The small building attached to the western side, now La Niche Hairdressing Salon, acted as the theatre tea rooms and a servery was used to hand out the pop-corn and other confectionary. The Blue Bird Tea Rooms were once also located in this building. McPherson's Building Company eventually purchased the YMCA building so it could be used as a timber storage facility.

Next the McPherson Building Company buildings were discussed. John Gordon McPherson was born in Scotland in 1837 and completed a Builder's Apprenticeship there. He had visited New Zealand first before deciding to return. In 1868 he married Lydia Squire, daughter of Wakefield's first government appointed school teacher, and set up a Wheelwright and Carpentry business just south of Wakefield in 1869. The business moved to Whitby Road (now Whitby Way) in 1884.

Many of Wakefield's older homes were built by the company and remain to this day. In 1913 John was called into action to cut through a building (now part of Sweetbites) to sort out a boundary dispute between the Hunt and Hodgson families, an incident that has become one of Wakefield's better known historical stories.

In 1923 John Gordon McPherson died and his son John Squire McPherson continued on with the business.

When the section for the new Wakefield Community Hall was purchased, it necessitated the removal of two buildings, one of which had been the Bell Bird Tea Rooms. This building was re-located and became the new Office for McPherson's and still remains there to this day.



46 Whitby Way is a two storied cottage built around 1915 next to McPherson's Builder's Workshop and alongside the Railway Yards. Its first owner is thought to be Sydney Lewis Higgins followed by Reginald George Sutton then Stephen and Alice Mockett. As well as taking in lodgers, Alice acted as a Midwife and expectant mothers from outlying districts stayed with her so she could care for them before and after the births. They also raised six children of their own in the cottage.

Emily (nee Street) and her husband Alfred Chipperfield purchased the house in 1924. Emily was born in Nelson in 1871 and she trained to be school teacher. She taught at many schools within the district and throughout the South Island. In 1909 she visited her brother in Canada and married Alfred Chipperfield in Seattle the same year. They returned to New Zealand in 1912 where Emily continued her teaching career, ending up at Wai-iti School in 1924. Alfred was a seaman and a builder but his health deteriorated and he became bedridden. On 16 Feb 1932 Alfred used a Smith and Wesson Revolver, which had been displayed on the wall, to commit suicide in the early hours of the morning in the back yard. Local farmer and milkman, Clement Martin Burnett, helped Emily locate Alfred, who was found dead beside the fowl-house. Wakefield's Police Officer, Constable Harrayly Carlyon Fitzsimmons and Dr James Robert Closs, were also called to attend this tragic event. The coroner's Inquest concluded that Alfred had died from a self-inflicted revolver shot to the neck while suffering from temporary insanity.



Peter Verstappen then guided the group through McPherson's Way and onto Arrow Street where the first stop was at number 27 Arrow Street. This was another of the McPherson Houses that was built between 1910 and 1920. In 1944 William (Bill) Douglas purchased it from the McPhersons. Bill and his father William were painters and painter-hangers. Bill used his skills as a painter to highlight the ornate features of this house and old photos pay testament to this. Bill also drove buses for Black and White Buses who later sold to NZR Buses, which in turn was sold to Richmond Suburban Buses. Bill drove for all three companies clocking up 38 years of service. The buses were parked alongside McPherson's Way and many older Wakefield residents remember catching a school bus from there and much later Residential Flats were built on the site. In 1968 Keith and Val Inwood purchased the property and Keith, being a descendant of Appo Hocton, New Zealand's first naturalized Chinese person, means there is even more to the story of this house. In 1992 the house was sold again and since then it has changed hands several more times.

24 Arrow Street actually began its life as part of a Public Hall that had been built in 1877 in Wai-iti. The 18 X 9m building was used for concerts, musical performances and for the popular sport of Indoor Roller Skating. However in 1883 William Painton purchased it after it was decided it was not paying its way. William on-sold it and the new owner cut the building in half and transported each half to Arrow Street by traction engine. One half became known as 'Canny Cot Cottage' and was first owned by Mr Humphreys and later purchased by Marion Hastilow, who died there in 1912. Marion has an interesting story of elopement and consequent removal from her father's Will. This cottage was later demolished to make way for the construction of Bastin Terrace. The other half was owned by Francis and Julia Gapper. Julia died there in 1906 and Francis in 1911. Francis had been a survivor of the Wairau Affray in 1843, an event that holds a significant place in the history of New Zealand. Their daughter Julia married Wakefield Bootmaker James Thomas and their grand- daughter Teresa (Tina) married Ralph Hodgson who together became proprietors of Hodgson's Store (now Four Square).

17 Arrow Street was built between 1940 and 1950 in the Art Deco style. This style had been popularised in France in the 1930's to represent a new fashion statement. However post-depression materials were difficult to come by and concessions were made to the original style. For example this one is constructed out of timber rather than stucco. Flat rooves tended to cause leakage problems and the positioning of the hot water cylinder header tanks on the roof, because of lack of ceiling space, caused pipes to freeze and crack during winter. The first known owners were Phil and Dawn (nee Lammas) Walker. Phil and Dawn had no family of their own but transported Wakefield Primary School pupils in two mini-buses from the eight-eight and Pigeon Valley areas. Phil also drove for 'Black and White Buses' and later drove the 'Workers Bus' to Nelson and back, which was popular during the days of petrol rationing. He was also a car painter and his work area was to the side and at the back of the section. Dawn worked at Hodgson's Store in the Drapery section and together with Phil, was instrumental in reviving the Wakefield Ladies Hockey Team in the 1940's. Dawn died in 2001 and Phil in 2003. They are both buried in Richmond.

13 Arrow St was built in 1940 in the Californian Bungalow style. It had been owned by Leslie Wallace Hodgson and Sydney George Higgins and in 1952 it was purchased by Dr Curt Sally Meyer, a German Jew born in Berlin in 1892. He qualified as a Paediatrician and practiced in Dresden where his assistant/receptionist was Johanna Marie Boettcher, who was later to become his wife. In 1937 he was imprisoned in a Nazi Concentration Camp. Johanna was able to move to Glasgow where she continued to work as a Doctor's receptionist, and his parents George and Elsbeth were able to move to Sweden. In 1939 Curt was lucky to be sponsored by a doctor in Auckland. This was most likely Dr James Robert Closs, who had likely met Curt whilst furthering his studies in the UK and was later responsible for finding a Doctor's position for Curt in Wakefield. Curt initially practiced from Dr Closs' surgery at Fellbridge House on Pitfure Road but later moved to his own premises at 13 Arrow Street where a room out the back served as his surgery. It is thought he rented this house before purchasing it. Unfortunately, because of the world wars, Curt suffered some discrimination because of his German nationality which caused some distress amongst the local medical fraternity. Curt's father George died in Sweden in 1940 and his mother Elsbeth (Else) moved to live with him in Wakefield. Else died in 1948 and is buried in St John's Churchyard. In October 1947 Johanna migrated to New Zealand and was met in Wellington by Curt. They married in the Wellington Registry Office on 17 June 1947 before returning to 13 Arrow St. Curt died in 1956 and Johanna in 1978. They are buried together in St John's Churchyard.

12 Arrow St was another of the McPherson homes built in the early 1900's and may have served as a 'Show Home' to advertise some of their ornate features such as decorative corners on the roofing iron. Another interesting feature of this home is that it was built across two Blocks, namely Block 5 and 6, the central hallway acting as the dividing line. This home is the perfect property to finish with as it encompasses much of the early history of Wakefield.

Waimea was divided into Sections and Section 85 at Wakefield extended from the Wai-iti River to Pitfure Road and was 210m wide. Many of the early settlers initially 'occupied' areas within this section as the land surveys had not been completed. In 1855 R L Wynyard, a Government Officer, awarded John Norris the title of the land he occupied which included the site of this house. It was then about 2.5 hectares. His daughter Lucy, who arrived as a 10 year old in 1842 on board the 'Bolton' with her family, married Henry John Tunnicliffe in 1852 and was widowed in 1877. The Title for this property, now down to 1.6 ha, was transferred to her name in 1885.

Arrow Street was initially a legal right of way and did not become a legal through road until 1932. Lucy sold off pieces of her property and some of the purchasers have surnames that we have already come across during today's walk such as William Painton, James Thomas, Ernest McPherson, Francis John Currin.

One does not have to dig deep to discover how the Wakefield Community has been established and built upon. It is a fascinating story that cannot easily be summarised so these stories will appear on our website in greater detail. We hope you have enjoyed hearing some of our colourful history.



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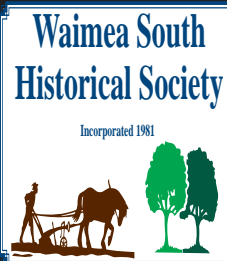
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Wakefield Health Centre

by Dr Mark Fry

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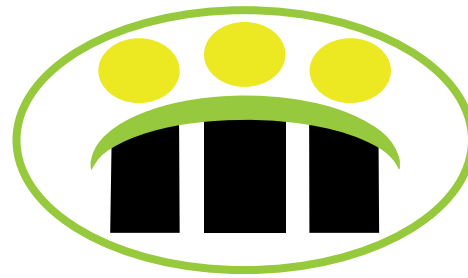
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Faukner Bush Playground Update

by Julian Eggers

The Wakefield Community Council Faukner Bush play area sub-committee has been busy the last few months engaging the Wakefield Community, hearing and receiving feedback on the first draft plan regarding the Faukner Bush playground. The feedback gathered from the community has been sent to the architectural designers through the TDC to be developed into the second draft plan. The feel of natural play was important by TDC and the WCC, so it could enhance how special Faukner Bush is to our community.

The second draft plan for the Faukner Bush Playground has been released to the sub-committee and will start the second round of engagement. Keep an eye out on how the Wakefield Community Council will engage with our community. It's important we hear your thoughts and take you along on the journey with us.

As some may have noticed, the Faukner Bush play structure has been removed. The play equipment inspectors have identified the climbing frame to be removed after it failed its safety inspection. The timbers were well rotted and there is a high likelihood of rust on the insides of the steel components.

We have instigated its removal, albeit ahead of the new equipment being installed.

Thank you for your patience in this journey with us. We aim to make this a space that us as a Wakefield community can be proud of, a destination and a place to come together.



Wakefield Village Kindergarten

by Maretta Burbidge

At Wakefield Village Kindergarten we have had a heart-warming month seeing the new children and families being included in our kindergarten whānau as they are developing a sense of belonging.

We are delighted to be able to participate in the Active Little Learners program. Coach Anita comes and delivers the fun active play program to small groups of children with a goal of helping our young tamariki with important fundamental movement patterns, coordination, resilience, self-confidence and listening skills.

The gardening has continued to capture the interest of the tamariki, especially when it comes to watering and harvesting the delicious, sweet strawberries.

We wish you all a safe and happy festive season and look forward to 2024.

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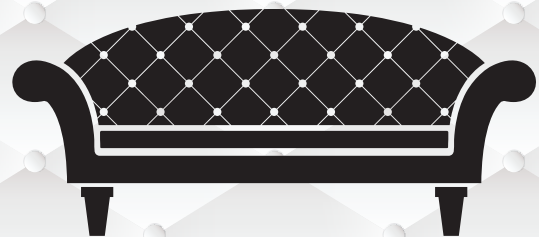
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Waimea Sheep Dog Trial Club

by Sally Powell

It was a bluebird day for the Wendy Pearson Welcome Real Estate Dog Trial at the Nelson A & P Show on Saturday 25th November.

Hosted by both Waimea and Tapawera clubs, a large field of 41 entries made the competition interesting and it was wonderful to see all the maiden (novice) dogs and handlers giving it a crack. The sheep had been well worked by Emma and Ali Eggers of Rowandale Farm and for the most part, behaved themselves. The clubs would like to thank sponsors Wendy Pearson, O2B Healthy, Royal Canin, FERN, Pestells, Quail Valley and Two Hands Health.

Thanks also to Colin Gibbs who stepped in to judge at the last minute. Ken White, who had been scheduled to judge the event is recovering from hip surgery and both clubs wish him a speedy recovery.

Full results are available on the Facebook page but run of day was undoubtedly Donny Stuart with his maiden dog Charm. They scored an almost perfect 99 points (out of a hundred). This dog is clearly one to watch. The top five scores after the initial round then competed for the Governor General's Crook where Charm was pipped at the post, and the crook was carried off by Tapawera local Dennis Mead and his dog Q.

From the crack of dawn until late afternoon, the refreshment tent provided a steady flow of bacon and egg rolls, pulled beef buns with coleslaw and home baking. Dog trialling can be bad for your waistline!!!

Wakefield Bowling Club

by Terry Ryan

Club Championships are in various stages of completion, and in the new year results will be published.

Its timely to remind Wakefield residents that the club is available for private hire. We have a well-appointed kitchen, dining area, BBQ, and bar. In addition, the playing green (and club bowls) is available should groups wish to make bowling part of their celebration. On top of that club members are on hand to make your function go smoothly.

If your group wish to take advantage of this contact wakefieldbowlssecretary@gmail.com and someone will get back to you.

Did you know that you can have a casual game of bowls for \$5 Green Fees? There is an honesty box for you to leave your fees. If you require bowls, contact the secretary (email address above) and someone will assist you. This is a great way of exercising after a hearty Christmas dinner and a good way of adding more fun to your day.

Wakefield Playcentre

by Charlotte Thynne

Earlier this term Wakefield Playcentre had a magical trip to Willowbank. The Tamariki adored the magic of the fairy garden and exploring the different old fashioned displays. We spent the whole morning there and by the end the Tamariki had started to feel right at home; it was lovely to just give them the time to settle in and find their confidence in the new environment. Thank you to everyone at Willowbank who made our trip so joyous, it was a wonderful experience for all of us and we so appreciate what you bring to our village.

Being the final WOW of the year, we need to thank all the people that make our Playcentre what it is. Firstly thank you to Liz Chandler who is our session facilitator. Liz is the the most beautiful combination of intelligence and kindness and is such a support for parents and Tamariki alike. Our Playcentre is thriving and a big part of that is thanks to her ongoing passion and support for parents as first educators for young children. Thank you Liz, we all adore you.

Also thank you to all the parents who bring their Tamariki along to Playcentre. All our parents contribute where they can and support each other in life, and Tamariki in play, and it's this that makes our sessions vibrant and enriching. Happy summer to all.



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Higgins Heritage Park Happenings

by David Win

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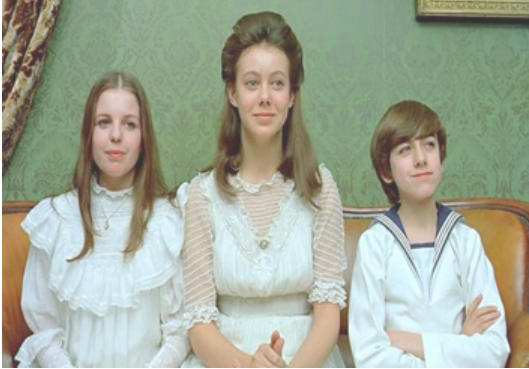
Children. 6.30 pm steam-up rides & activities, 9pm Movie start

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Wakefield School

Fire Starter Fundraiser for Sandpit Toys

We were feeling bored and struggling for ideas at playtime. Walking around the school we noticed these prickly balls on the ground so we decided to collect them until we had a box full.

Joel's mum gave us an idea about what to do with our collection. She thought they could be sold as fire starters. It sounded like a good idea but there were some rules about selling them at school. The rule was all money raised was donated to the school for something we thought the children would enjoy.



The best way to sell them was to bag them up in different sized bags.

A notice went out to all of the school to let them know what we planned and how long we were selling them for.

We sold most of our fire starters and raised \$35 for a sandpit toy that looks cool! This dump truck has hand held tools that can roll scoop and rake. It will be amazing making roads, houses and gardens in the sandpit.



Wakefield Toy Library

by Charlotte Thynne

Wakefield Toy Library has temporarily moved, but not far!

For health and safety reasons we have moved all our toys to the Sunday School rooms on upper Edward Street by the church. It's looking really good in there and all our toys are still available and easily accessible.

Our last day for the year will be Saturday the 16th of December and we will be closed for the school holiday period.

This means, that for a gold coin donation you can check out any of our toys for the entire summer holiday period so make sure you pop in on the 16th and get those toys into homes for the summer!

Thank you to all our volunteers who have contributed to the Toy Library this year, you are amazing people.

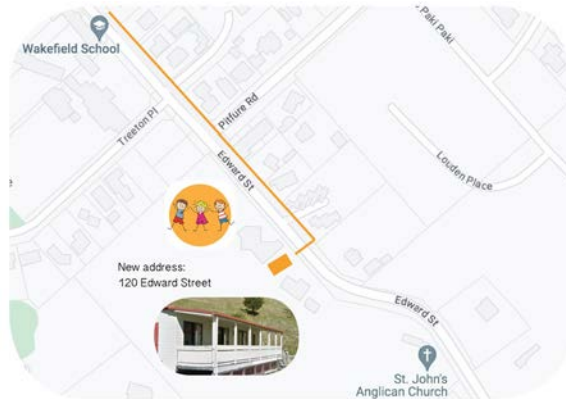
Thank you also to Wendy Person of Welcome Real Estate.

Your ongoing support has meant so much to the Wakefield Toy Library, we really appreciate you!

We're on the move

As of 25th November, the Wakefield Community Toy Library will be based out of the Sunday School rooms at the Wakefield Worship Centre, 120 Edward Street, Wakefield.

Look out for our footpath sign...



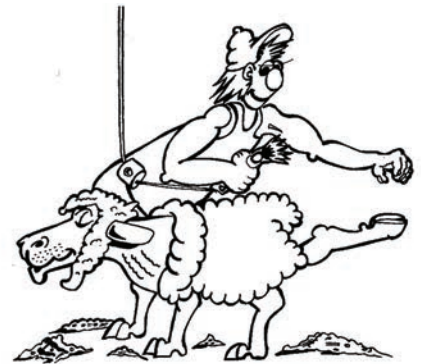
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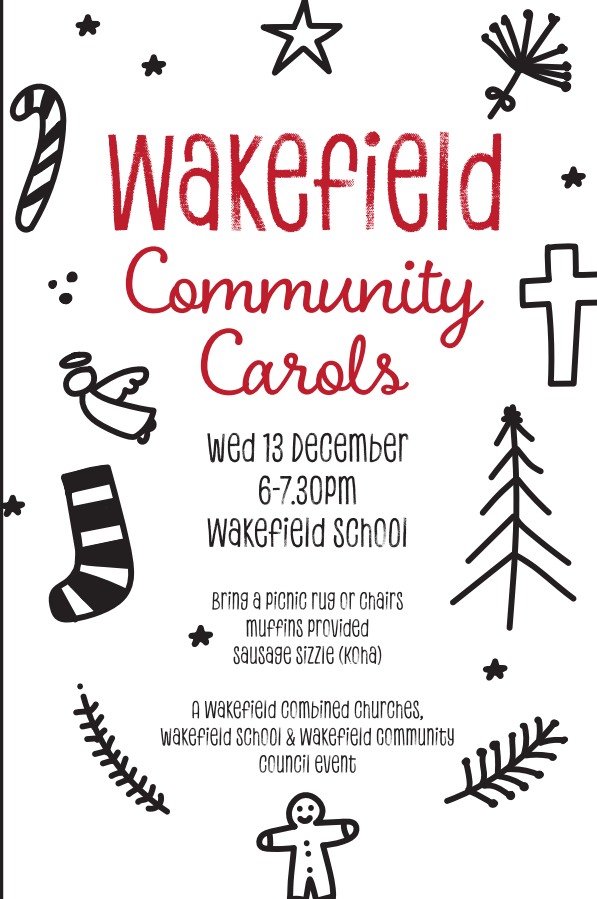
Email: ed@edthynnehearing.co.nz

Web: edthynnehearing.co.nz



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Community Notices



Wakefield Community Carols

Wed 13 December
6-7.30PM
Wakefield School

Bring a picnic rug or chairs
MUFFINS PROVIDED
SAUSAGE SIZZLE (Koha)

A Wakefield Combined Churches,
Wakefield School & Wakefield Community
Council event



An enthusiastic & supportive group exchanging ideas

Wakefield Village Hall



THURSDAY 9.30 am-noon
Bring your

Pencils, Paint & Pastels

\$4 donation per session

Everyone Welcome. All levels of interest

For more information contact Joyce 03-5418832

2023 Sessions cease 14th Dec 2023

2024 Sessions start 18th Jan 2024



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Both services leave Motueka i site at 9.30am picking up
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Fare \$6 each way

Pick ups from home address can be arranged.

Bookings essential Ph Motueka i Site - 03 528 6543

For group and charter bookings please
email marketing.ntctt@gmail.com



Wakefield Community Bus

**Tuesdays :Wakefield-Richmond \$5 return
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Volunteer driver service in their own vehicle. Fare is based on
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Community Classifieds

BERRY PICKERS WANTED

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Txt Elise 027 736 7214



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October

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0277401462 (poor reception so don't call
mobile number)

WANTED

October

Old hot water zip in working condition
contact Christine 027 856 6681

MEALS ON WHEELS - DRIVERS WANTED

We are needing a driver to deliver meals on alternate Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

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

This usually takes approximately 1 ½ to 2 hours.
This service enables elderly and unwell people to remain in their homes longer.

We could also do with some relief drivers to fill in on a casual basis.
If you would like to help, please phone Heather on 5418151.

Wakefield Bush Restoration Society Inc



Are you passionate about native flora and fauna?
Do you value your local scenic reserves?

Join the Wakefield Bush Restoration Society
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Help maintain our beautiful scenic reserves.
Tasks include everything from planting and
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We meet every 2nd Saturday of the month, or as
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You would be most welcome to join us.
There is always a fantastic morning tea provided too.
Please contact Kerstin 0224576879.

Wakefield Craft Group

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

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

For more information phone Judy on 5418342

LIVE WELL STAY WELL GROUP

Thank you to everyone who joined our
Live Well Stay Well group during 2023.

We had a great variety of
interesting meetings.

Sandra, Christine and Sonja
wish you all a Happy Christmas and
look forward to seeing you in 2024.

Sandra 027 6099202,
Christine 027 677 0080
and Sonja 027 3740500

Spring Grove Church of Christ

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

"O Holy Night"



"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace"

Isiah Ch 9 v 6 (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

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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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