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Your Local News

Community News for the Wakefield Area

Now is Our Time - Community Hub Project ready for blast off

by Laura Richardson

Last month we told you things were hotting up.

This month we are sizzling with excitement, enthusiasm and energy!

Our Community Hub project website is up and running: www.waimeasouth.org.nz, and find us on Facebook: Wakefield Community Hub - Our Place.

Please visit to learn more about the Community Hub project, upcoming events and how you can support it.

An important action you can take this month is to have a look at the TDC's draft 10-Year Plan and make a short submission supporting the Waimea South Community Facility project – our Wakefield Community Hub is a key part of that.

“At this critical stage it is so important our Wakefield Community tells the TDC we need a new Community Hub”, says steering group member Charlotte Thynne.

“The more submissions we send, the more voices that are heard, the better the outcome for our community and our future.”

Information about the 10-Year Plan is in the special Newsline edition of 29 March, delivered to all households.

We are here to connect, consult and hear your thoughts.

Keep an eye on Facebook and our website for events we will be attending over the next month.

You are also welcome to attend our public forum on Tuesday, 9 April at the Fire Station at 7.00pm.

We would love to see you there!



WHAT?

OUR PLACE is a new Community Hub where we work, play and socialise together. Work has been ongoing for the last 3 years to get this project underway. This work has indicated that there is a need for a community hub and it is possible and practical for our community to make this happen.

WHY?

The Tasman District Council is reviewing its 10-year plan. Now is the time to get the Wakefield Community Hub off the drawing board! This is our chance to put OUR PLACE in the forefront of TDC plans for Wakefield.

WHO?

A partnership of the Waimea South Community Facility Charitable Trust (our Steering Group) and the TDC. And who else? YOU and your support will help this project become a reality. Together, let's build a future where Wakefield embodies unity and collaboration so our community thrives for generations to come.

WHEN?

Now it's time for you to help move OUR PLACE onwards by making a submission to the TDC 10-Year Plan.

HOW?

- **The more submissions received, the louder our voice and the more likely we will have a positive outcome.**
- Submissions are open NOW until April 28th.
- Visit the Shape Tasman Website (shape.tasman.govt.nz/10YP).
- You can do an online submission. Wakefield Community Hub is part of the Waimea South Community Facility project.
- You can email LTP@tasman.govt.nz.
- You can write a letter and deliver to the TDC.

The Special Edition TDC Newsline on March 29 will also inform on making submissions. Feel free to write about how a community centre in Wakefield will benefit you, your family and our community. One of our committee members would be happy to work with you.



To connect with our Steering Group please visit our Facebook Page - Wakefield Community Hub or our website at www.waimeasouth.org.nz

**THIS IS OUR COMMUNITY. THIS IS OUR STORY.
THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

Submissions are open NOW until April 28th. Making a submission is easy:

- Visit the Shape Tasman Website (shape.tasman.govt.nz/10YP).
- You can do an online submission: the online form allows you to comment on several key issues, or you can go straight to section four to have your say about the Community Facilities proposals.
- You can [email LTP@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:LTP@tasman.govt.nz).
- You can write a letter and post it or deliver to the TDC office on Queen Street, Richmond.

Need help with your submission? Contact the Community Hub steering group: info@waimeasouth.org.nz or phone: 021 047 1092.

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The Big Bake Up

by Melissa Woodhouse

We are proud to announce the arrival of our single serve containers to our existing line of packaging. We now have 3 sizes - small 480ml, medium 850ml and large 1100ml.

We've been working on this, to bring more flexibility to our supply of meals. This now means those that only need a single meal can receive a variety of meals but in single portions and we can now provide our schools with individual meals for any student who may be in need of a lunch meal. This has widened our support to our schools and has allowed us more options for continuing our work within our community.

This month we have enjoyed two cook-ups together, making Nacho Mince and Bangers & Mash. We have welcomed new members to our group and gratefully received donations of meat, fruit, vegetables and home baking from the community.

We have an exciting new partnership with Absolute Energy, coming onboard as a monthly sponsor. You can read about their fantastic work on their Facebook page Absolute Community. A special thanks to Troy Brockie for acknowledging the value of this work.

Our thanks to Paul Sturrock and the Sturrock & Greenwood team for providing us freezer support whilst we navigate changes within our organisation. Thanks to all those in our team and within the community that continue to support us.

Team photo taken from our latest cook-up. From left to right: Felicity Thomas, Liz Reid, Linda Rowland, Tracey Myers and Janet McIennan



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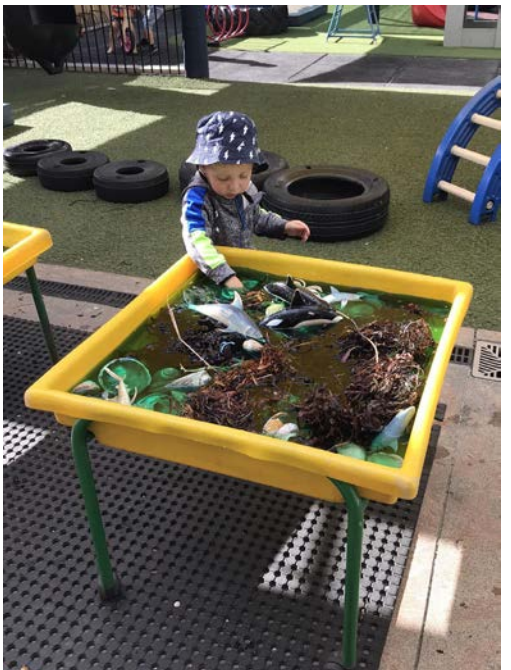
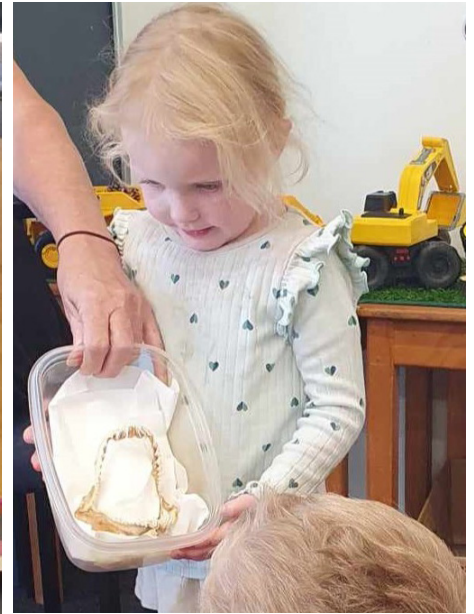
Wakefield Kindy

by Maretta Burbidge

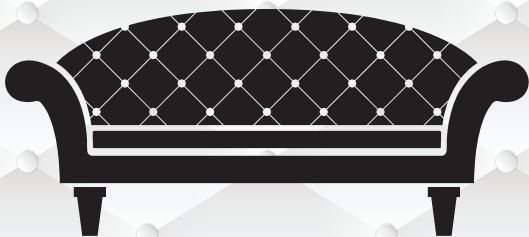
At Wakefield Kindy we have had an amazing month and find it hard to comprehend that Autumn is upon us. The tamariki have enjoyed a variety of experiences and opportunities that stemmed from Sea Week. This learning continued on for several weeks as the children continued to show an interest in exploring the ocean and the creatures that live in and around it.

We had our first birthday celebration as we have recently been Wakefield Village Kindergarten for one year. What an incredible year it has been. We wish to thank all of our kindy whānau who have supported and contributed to making our environment what it is. We are excited about the future and building on what we have created so far.

Wakefield Village Kindergarten caters for children from 2 years old in a play-based environment. We are currently taking enrolments for later in 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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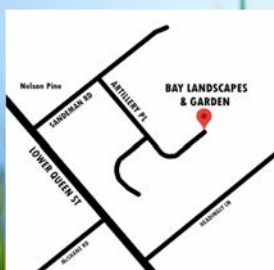


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Wakefield Fire Brigade

by Dot Ashton

How do we build community resilience?

In 2019 Wakefield experienced one of its most notable disasters when a Wildfire broke out and continued to burn over 2400 ha of land and went from the 5th of February to the 6th of March 2019. This event tested systems from multiple agencies and the Wakefield residents especially when it came to being evacuated; people and animals, causing a great deal of stress for all involved. It doesn't have to be this way.

With all events, reports bring to a head about what went well and what we could do better. Having systems in place for yourself, your family and your animals working alongside a community plan has been the driving force for having the Rural Resilience Expo. This is a chance to listen to guest speakers throughout the day as well as gather information from a variety of exhibitors so you can make informed choices going forward. This will be a relaxed fun day out for all ages.

Some of our Exhibitors: Age Concern, Outpost Supplies, Mini Shakey House, Civil Defence, Climate Forum, Park Rides, Museum sheds open, Nexus Solar, Community Patrol, Fire & Emergency NZ, Food trucks, NZ Defence Force, Kelly Country, NZ Safety Blackwoods, St John, NZ Police, Community water project, Neighbourhood Support and still more registering...

Talks throughout the day: AF8 presentation, Civil Defence - community plan, Food Resilience, NZ Police – safety & security, Sanitation options, Business Resilience, home kill - food safety and possibly a couple more to come.

These will be time-tabled and the schedule available on the Focus Wakefield FB page. We will also have the Wakefield Community bus running throughout the day from the village green.

2019 Tasman fires in numbers

- 0 human lives were lost
- 1 helicopter pilot was injured
- 1 home and shed were destroyed
- 35km fire perimeter
- 65% - irrigation allowances for some Tasman growers and farmers is cut by 65% due to the severe drought
- 100 applications for money from the Mayoral Relief Fund
- 150+ firefighters
- 260 Wakefield School children evacuated and set up in a temporary school at Hope Community Church
- 300-400+ volunteers and workers involved in a community support operation based at Saxton Field, Stoke
- 700 livestock and pets were evacuated
- 2400ha Fire Area
- 3,000 people evacuated
- 14,000 animals remained on properties exposed to the fire risk. Although many animals were rescued, some were hurt and had to be euthanized including around 50 sheep
- \$2.3 million donated by the government, the Lottery Grants Board, businesses, communities, groups, and individuals to the Tasman District Council Mayoral Disaster Relief Fund

Calls for March:

Medical x 11, Motor Vehicle Crash x 3, Smoke in area x 2, Assist Ambulance x 2, Sprinkler Activation x 1

Total for the year = 64

Stay safe, from the Wakefield Fire Brigade Team .



RURAL RESILIENCE EXPO

10AM-4PM, 21ST APRIL HIGGINS HERITAGE PARK, WAKEFIELD

Friendly Town Link

MAYOR OF FRIENDLY CITY FUJIMI MACHI VISITS LONE OAK FARM, WAKEFIELD



Mayor Shigeharu Natori from Fujimi Machi was very happy to walk between the cows and calves as they enjoyed their morning baleage.

Above: Calves play while their mother's enjoy their baleage.

Above: Fujimi Machi Travel agent Hideyuki Masaki with Colin Gibbs and the Mayor discussing NZ farming techniques.

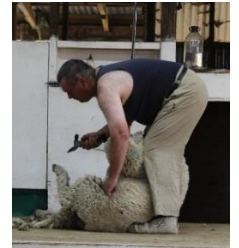
Councillors Jo Ellis with Deputy Mayor Stuart Bryant, Nigel Gibbs with Councillor Kit Maling watching the visitors enjoying their farm visit.

The group also visited the woolshed to see a sheep belly crutched. Photo shows Kit Maling, Jo Ellis, Colin Gibbs and Mayor Natori

After four years of no visits, due to Covid 19, it was wonderful to welcome 6 visitors and 8 students from Fujimi Machi back to Tasman District. This Friendly town link is a long-term relationship between the two Councils.

Fujimi Machi is a town in the Nagano Prefecture, Japan. Fujimi is located in a very mountainous area within the Suwa region of east-central Nagano and includes the Akaishi Mountains, including Mount Nyukasa (1955 metres) partly within its borders. The town has an average altitude of 977 metres. The average annual rainfall is 1411mm with September being the wettest month.

Mayor Natori had requested a visit to a farm in the area and enjoyed getting close to the animals. The visit included seeing the beef cows and calves being fed, watching sheepdogs both Heading and Huntaway dogs, working sheep, and visiting the woolshed to see lambs being belly crutched. Usually, Lone Oak Farm hosts the students from Fujimi Machi but this did not happen this time, hosting only the Mayoral party.



Nigel Gibbs crutching a lamb.

The Gibbs family farm "Lone Oak" is one of the oldest farms still in family ownership in the region and New Zealand, having been established in 1848 by James Gibbs.

The current drought conditions are very challenging for those on the land and many farmers are reducing their stock numbers when possible. The visitors were interested in understanding the drought situation and how food and water resources are being managed.

Mayor Natori final comment on the visit was "awesome!"

Marilyn Gibbs

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Wakefield Health Centre

Menopause Part 2

by Dr Eloise Fry

Treatment

At menopause, changes in hormone levels can cause symptoms for many women – for example, hot flushes, mood and sleep changes.

The severity of symptoms varies hugely with about 20% of women having no symptoms at all, 60% having mild to moderate symptoms and the remaining 20% having severe symptoms that interfere with their daily life. The average length of time women suffer these symptoms is seven years.

If symptoms are mild, starting with lifestyle changes may be enough to improve symptoms. If symptoms are more bothersome you may wish to consider medical treatment.

Lifestyle changes:

Improving diet, regular exercise and stopping smoking improve overall wellbeing and can make symptoms easier to tolerate. Some psychological treatments e.g. cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) and mindfulness may also help

Menopause Hormone Therapy

Menopausal Hormone Treatment or MHT (previously known as Hormone Replacement Therapy or HRT) is the most effective way of improving menopausal symptoms. MHT can also benefit your health by improving bone density and reducing the risk of fractures.

- MHT can help to reduce a lot of menopause symptoms including hot flushes, night sweats, tiredness, sleep issues, anxiety and vaginal dryness
- MHT is safe to use for most women in their 50s or for the first 10 years after the onset of menopause.
- The added risk for blood clots, stroke and breast cancer while taking MHT is very small, and similar to that for many other risk factors such as being overweight.

Non Hormonal Therapy

If you still need treatment, but are unable to or do not want to use menopausal hormone therapy (MHT), there are non-hormonal prescription medications available.

Prescription medication options can help with hot flushes, night sweats and changes in mood and sleep patterns.

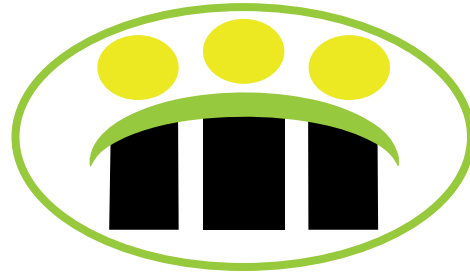
Dr Eloise Fry is now holding a Menopause Clinic on Thursday evenings at Wakefield Health Centre.

Appointments are available to both registered and casual patients

To find out more about Menopause Appointments, see Wakefield Health Centre Website

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Town and Country Vet

by Brenda Halliwell, Vet

Poisonings

Here's a reminder of some common poisonings we see, especially heading into the colder months:

Rat bait

Most rat baits act by stopping blood from clotting, so the animal bleeds internally. Symptoms depend on where the bleeding occurs but they will always become lethargic and their gums will be pale or white – this may take several days. If you suspect your pet has eaten bait, it is important to bring them in ASAP to induce vomiting and/or do some blood tests before starting treatment with an antidote.

NB often dogs are poisoned when the rat bait box falls off a shelf in the garage or the lid isn't replaced firmly. We urge you to use a proper bait station which is pet-proof and secure the storage area.

Antifreeze – ethylene glycol

Antifreeze is extremely toxic rapidly causing kidney failure in cats and dogs. It is sweet-tasting and attractive to animals - they usually find it on driveways leaking from a radiator or in a puddle. Symptoms include drinking more, vomiting and being obviously not well. Prompt treatment is the only way for pets to survive poisoning. Once kidney damage occurs, the prognosis is poor.

Store your antifreeze well away from children and animals. Choose de-icers that don't contain ethylene glycol. Wipe up any spills and rinse thoroughly with water.

Slug and snail bait

Slug bait poisoning is extremely serious and often fatal. Within minutes dogs will be anxious, panting, salivating, wobbly, may vomit, have diarrhea and start seizing. It is imperative that your pet is brought to the clinic ASAP for treatment. There is no specific antidote so we have to get as much bait out of your dog as possible (by vomiting and enemas) and start treatment with IV fluids and medications to manage the symptoms. Even with treatment pets can still die or suffer ongoing liver problems.

Always keep slug bait away from dogs and children. Try to use poison-free methods in your garden or safer products such as Quash.

Grapes and raisins – and fruitcake and hot cross buns

This is a tricky one! Some dogs can eat grapes all day without any problem. Other dogs could eat one sultana and get irreversible kidney failure. The cause is not yet proven but tartaric acid in grapes plays a role. There may also be a genetic component in dogs. The safest approach is to not let your dog eat grapes or dried grape products as we don't know which dogs will be ok and which ones won't. If your dog has already eaten grapes and been ok, it's probably still safest to prevent further access, after all they don't need them!

Chocolate

Many of us know dogs that have eaten chocolate and been fine but it is a fact that eating too much of specific compounds found in chocolate is fatal for dogs. The darker the chocolate and the smaller the dog, the higher the risk. If your dog finds some chocolate, it's best to phone us immediately for treatment advice based on their weight and how much of what type of chocolate they have eaten.



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Waimea Sheep Dog Trial Club

by Sally Powell

The Waimea Sheep Dog Trial Club will hold its annual trial on Higgins Road on Friday 19th and Sat 20th April.

Trialling has been blighted by the drought in 2024, with several clubs having to call off their events due to fire risk and stock stress.

Happily, the Waimea trial is set to proceed and as it is the last one for the year in this district, turnout is expected to be high.

Huntaways and heading dogs will travel from as far away as North Canterbury to compete in the four standard events, which will straddle the road and the cycleway at the end of Higgins Road.

The club will be fundraising with sales of woolen dishcloths and Farmalade (marmalade made on farm from local citrus).

The event is free to spectators and is a great family day out. Bring a picnic and some chairs so you can watch a classic piece of rural life in New Zealand.

Spectators are politely asked to leave their pet dogs at home however, strict rules apply to dogs on dog trial grounds.



WCC Meeting - TDC Long term Plan

by Julian Eggers, Chairperson

The Tasman District Council's draft Long Term Plan consultation marks a crucial moment for community engagement and strategic planning. This comprehensive document outlines the council's proposed projects, policies, and priorities for the upcoming years, shaping the region's future development and well-being. Residents are invited to provide feedback, ensuring that the plan aligns with their needs, aspirations, and concerns.

This consultation process serves as a platform for fostering transparency, accountability, and collaboration between the council and the community ultimately striving for a resilient and thriving Tasman District. We have a presentation by the TDC on the LTP on Monday 15th April at 7pm at the Wakefield Village Hall, which the Wakefield community are invited to attend to listen and engage with the presentation.

You would of noticed down in Faulkner Bush Scenic Reserve, 'coming soon' signs for Phase 1 of the Faulkner Bush Play Space project. An exciting project for our community. Stay tuned in the coming months for updates and progress.

Wakefield Community Council meets every 3rd Monday of the month for our public meetings. Meetings are held at the Wakefield Village Hall, 7pm. All are welcome.

We are an avenue to raise concerns, issues or matters arising in our community. We have our Ward Councillors who attend monthly to give advice from Council's perspective and take concerns forward to Council on your behalf.

We would love to meet you at one of our monthly meetings. Our community, our council.



If you would like to become a Wakefield Community Council member, it's only \$5 per person or family per year, which gives you the monthly agenda, any correspondence either from the TDC or the WCC, and our monthly minutes.

If you have any questions regarding our memberships or would like to add a matter to our monthly agenda, please contact myself Julian Eggers, Chairperson, Wakefield Community Council on 0277718556 or eggers213@gmail.com.



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In the Bush

Reporting In

Phew never a dull moment, either in the bush or our own gardens, especially with the intense "dry".

However I am most happy to report in, that thus far our existing and new plantings, seem to be surviving well. We as a Society, also do spend the money, time and energy, researching the better ways for planting natives, not only their location requirements, but also with each tree getting a slow release fertiliser tablet. And again I must mention that over the last 3-4 year planting programmes that these have been generously donated by our members; Evie South, Sally and Duncan Gordon and Gowan and Jeff Simpson.

Each planting (since 2000) has given us all steep learning curves and now after 24 years I think we can safely say we have it pretty fine-tuned. And again this fine tuning had come from many of our volunteers who in my opinion have very specialised knowledge and are willing to share, not only their time, but equipment, my absolute favourite being the automated hole digger!!

Our March maintenance day saw us back at Robson's Scenic Reserve, just finishing off the checking of our 2021 plantings. We did an earlier start time, but in truth could have stayed the whole day, the catch-up cuppa and eats were as always a highlight and lots of fun, hearing of everyone's holiday adventures.

Our April/May maintenance days will see us head to Faulkner Bush, where weeds are essentially rampant.

Thanks again to Eric Palmer (our volunteer on the ground at Faulkner Bush) for your remedial actions on keeping the creeks cleared of debris, as this water is so essential to flow into all our existing and new plantings. Also your pot hole repairs are so appreciated.

Thanks also to Uta for contacting us with concerns about the lookout track. Particularly where water has sadly run off with the gravel that kept the track to a good height. This is especially evident around the step areas. Sadly the Reserves Department do not have the funds to quite stretch for any remedial work here.

Gowan and I visited the track with Uta and friend to actually get a "feel" for the difficulties being encountered. However we do have some experts in this area, so we will re-visit this and see if something can be done, to suitably repair for all parties.

However just a caution to PLEASE be sure footed when using this track, especially after rain, or even frosts, as it can be very slippery and your own walking safety should be paramount. If unsure do keep to the tracks on the flat ground.

Great to see the Doggy Do receptacle installed at the Robson's Scenic Reserve and on checking last month, it was pretty full. GREAT "evidence" that it was indeed SO needed.

However, personally I do wish that the rubbish receptacle had not been removed from the barbecue area at The Edward Baigent Memorial Scenic Reserve, to be re-located to Robson's. Ho Hum.

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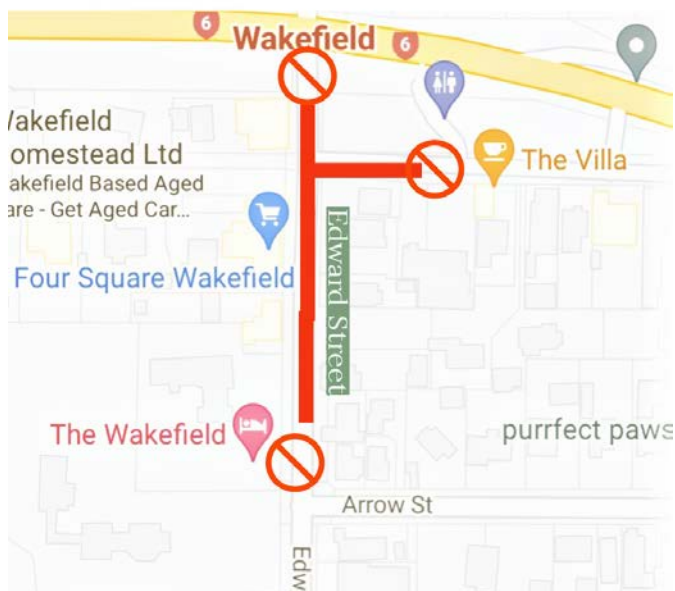
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ANZAC DAY 25TH APRIL WAKEFIELD SERVICE ROAD CLOSURE

Whitby Way from the Wakefield Village hall, Edward Street to Arrow Street; will be closed from 9am.

Thursday morning till 11:30 am. Detours will be in place



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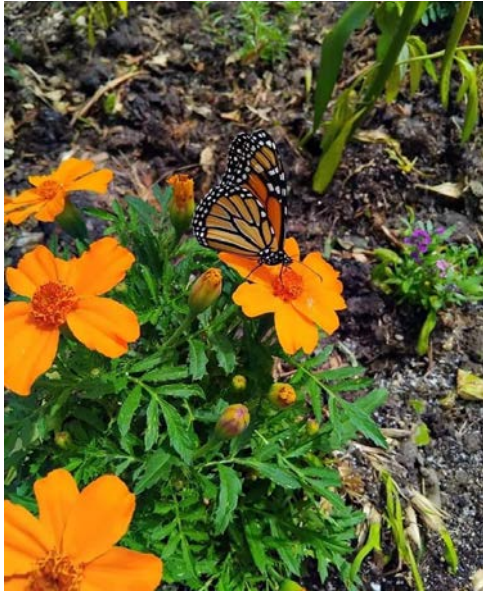
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Monarch Butterflies

by Julian Eggers

In the heart of our lush, green garden, there lives a community of monarch butterflies. Their story begins with tiny eggs laid on the underside of the swan plant leaves by their devoted mother. These eggs, each a speck of promise, held within them the magic of transformation.

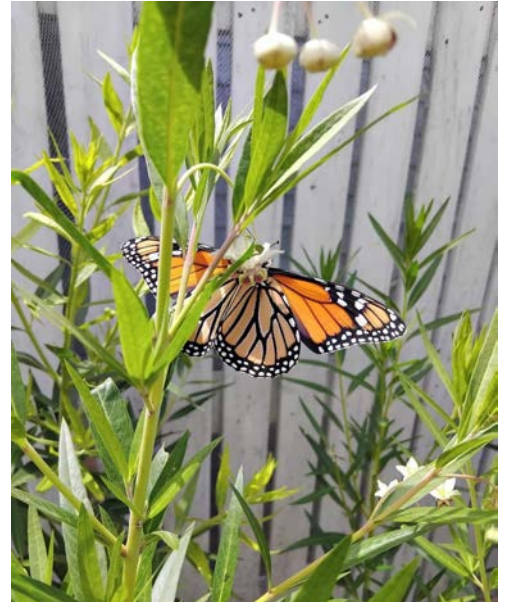


As the days pass, the eggs hatch into caterpillars, making their hunger drive hit the extreme. They grow rapidly, until they turn into a chrysalis. Inside the chrysalis, a miraculous miracle occurs. The caterpillar's body reshaping into the elegant form of a butterfly. And so, after a period of patiently waiting, emerges the monarch butterfly.

Predators, such as birds, spiders, wasps and even some insects pose threats to the vulnerable monarchs.

To safeguard their future, at Willow Bank Heritage Village we have established predator-free nurseries where monarch butterflies can develop without fear. These nurseries are maintained daily, free from the presence of any creature that might harm the precious caterpillars and butterflies.

Within these protected havens, the monarchs do flourish. Here, they are safe to roam, to feed on nectar, and to lay their eggs on the swan plants without the looming threat of predators.



And so, the story of the monarch butterflies continue, a tale of transformation, providing protection, and the unwavering dedication of us at Willow Bank Heritage Village, who sought to protect them. The monarch butterfly remain beacons of beauty and resilience, inspiring all who cross their path. We have released over 300 butterflies back into the environment and we continue to do our part to see these incredible animals flourish.

Our last open day is Sunday 5th May for the season, 10am till 3pm. All is open to explore.

Rural Resilience Expo

by Julian Eggers, Chairperson, Wakefield Community Council

The countdown is on for the Rural Resilience Expo, where we stand stronger together!

This community event in Wakefield is more than just a gathering; it's a platform to empower and unite our community near or far in the face of potential disasters. From earthquakes to floods and wildfires, we're focused on equipping everyone with the knowledge and skills needed to weather any storm.

With informative workshops, interactive displays for all ages, and park activities, we're sparking crucial conversations that will resonate throughout households and communities. And to keep our minds sharp and our spirits high, there will be delicious food and drinks available throughout the day.

Let's come together, learn, and thrive as one resilient community!

Some organizations who will be at the expo: Civil defence Nelson Tasman, FENZ, Police, Tasman District Council, Age Conern, Community Transport Trust Nelson-Tasman and much, much more.

Community Transport Trust Nelson-Tasman will be working in partnership with us with a van service going to and from Higgins Heritage Park.

The van service will be leaving the bus stop at Whitby Green for anyone to use to get to and from the expo. We want no barrier to stop anyone young or old from attending the expo.

Sunday 21st April, 10am till 4pm
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Live Well Stay Well

by Christine Godfrey

On 26th March 2024, Live Well Stay Well had our first outing of the year to Jenny and John Penny's garden and nursery, Penny Lane Plants.

The rain held off and once again we were welcomed by the vocal tuis and bellbirds (who are fed sugar syrup), Jack the Jack Russell and resident friendly ginger cat.

John and Jenny gave us a brief history of their backgrounds and spoke of the dryness with the lack of rain and suggested spring time is the best to see their garden at its peak. So next time!

The nursery specialises in perennials, hydrangeas and special shrubs, which all looked pristine in the well laid out and attractive nursery. Some purchases were made.

Thanks again Jenny and John for hosting our group. You do truly live in a magical spot.



Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday 9 April 2024: coffee meeting at The Villa in Wakefield, 9.45am onwards

Tuesday 23 April 2024: 9.45am, Talk by Peter Verstappen "My Best Foot Forward", speaking about his recent tramp on the Te Araroa trail

Tuesday 7 May 2024: coffee meeting at The Villa in Wakefield, 9.45am onwards

by Sonja Lamers

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

Live Well, Stay Well

**Tuesday: 9 April and 7 May Coffee and a Chat
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Speaker

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Higgins Heritage Park Happenings

by David Win

Time flies – and we now have only three more days (7th April, 21st April and 5th May) when the Traction engine will have steam-up before its annual winter check over.

Many many volunteer hours are put in by our park member groups to keep the older machinery and displays well maintained and operating for everyone's enjoyment. The range of activities around the park getting ongoing care and attention are huge and includes – vintage tractors, small engines, trucks big and small, model trains, steam machinery, chainsaws and logging, sawmill, stamper machine, rural life exhibits, steam boilers and traction engines compliance.

We are also pleased to be hosting the Community Rural Resilience Expo on the 21st April. Climate changes affect us all and the Community and FENZ team have put together a great line up of exhibitors, along with food and Park rides and attractions – something for everyone.

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Waimea South Historical Society

by Yo Tye, Secretary

On 27th Tuesday February at the Holy Trinity Community Church Hall on Dorset St, Richmond, Bo Hensley was the speaker at our monthly meeting and gave a presentation about the new Wakefield Maps she has created which are titled 'Discovering Wakefield and Surrounds' and 'Self-Guided Historical Walking Trail'. These maps are printed either side of a colourful A3 sheet and are available at 7 outlets in and around Wakefield.

Bo and her husband Norman immigrated to New Zealand from South Africa in 2003 and arrived in Wakefield in 2021 from Auckland. Looking for a new venture they purchased Redstone Golf Park and Disc Golf Park along with Armageddon Paintball in Wai-iti Valley. The idea of a map to promote Wakefield Village and the surrounding district grew after Bo had been inspired by a 'meander map' she was familiar with in Natal, a province in South Africa.

Bo set about by seeking sponsorship from local businesses to produce a map that not only promoted their businesses but highlighted activities, accommodation, food outlets, Churches and garages as well as Historical Sites in the Wakefield district. Bo put this idea to the Wakefield Community Council and the Waimea South Community Facility Charitable Trust, and with the help of Peter Verstappen and Sonia Emerson, who acted as sounding boards and proof readers, Bo's project was underway.

Steven Smith, with his website business 'Slightly Different', who had designed the original wakefield.org.nz website, was able to upgrade the website and this is now administered by Bo.

Rawinia Greider whose business is called 'Ake Creations', did the design work and grants from Tasman District Council and Waimea South Community Facility Charitable Trust funded the design work and the first printing. A second printing is planned in the near future and three more businesses have since offered to contribute financially.

The maps will also be available at the Richmond Library after the second printing. The Richmond Library had sought references for the photos on the wakefield.org.nz website and these are now included as links on the Nelson Tasman Tourism Site and the Great Taste Cycle Trail along with the Cemetery Map at St John's Church, which was created by Val Crouch and Doug Burrowes. Sarah Arnold's Memory Post project will also link in as it develops.

Bo's exciting initiative is an example of how it has been possible to liaise with different groups within our community in order to create an image of Wakefield as a place well worth visiting whether they be cyclists, tourists, people passing through or locals wishing to learn more about their unique environment. Bo was warmly applauded for her very relevant and interesting presentation. Margaret presented her with a voucher as a token of our appreciation.

Wakefield Playcentre

by Charlotte Thynne

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The Last Post will echo, paying homage to the fallen, while speakers will share heartfelt reflections on the significance of Anzac Day.

The ceremony will conclude with the laying of wreaths and poppies, a gesture of respect and gratitude for those who made the ultimate sacrifice. It will be a moment of unity, and gratitude as our community gathers to honor and remember the brave souls who served our nation. We will remember them.

Road closures before and during the service; Whitby Way next to the Wakefield Village Hall to Edward Street. Edward Street from SH6 to Arrow Street will be closed from 9am till 11:30am.

Julian Eggers, Chairperson
Wakefield Community Council



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AED DEFIBRILLATOR LOCATIONS - AVAILABLE 24/7

Wakefield Four Square, Wakefield Bowling Club, Wakefield Football Club, Highfield Farm, Kohatu Flat Rock Cafe, Old Tadmor Store, Dovedale Hall, 29 Moonlight Road Glenhope, Corner of Totara View Road and Kilkenny Place, Corner of Martin Ave and Lord Auckland Road, Southfuels Spring Grove, Belgrove Cafe and Bar [what was], Lake Rotoiti Fire Station, Golden Downs Golf Club, Totaradale Golf Club.

CIVIL DEFENCE - WAKEFIELD AREA COMMUNITY RESPONSE

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

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

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