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Your Local News

Community News for the Wakefield Area

Excursions at Wakefield Playcentre

by Charlotte Thynne

There is nothing like getting out into the community and exploring our natural environment.

Wakefield Playcentre has two trips a month that we all thoroughly enjoy, one to Rabbit Island and one to Baigents Reserve.

Both places offer so much to our tamariki and parents alike, opportunities to adventure in a new place and play with open ended natural resources, our tamariki really do thrive by taking these trips consistently through the year.

It is also a lovely way parents support each other to get a bit of zen in their lives, there is nothing like walking through the bush or looking out across the sea (or having a quick dip) to rejuvenate a loaded brain; as with all things Playcentre whanau is everything.

Wakefield Playcentre is open
Monday-Friday 9:30-12:00.

Please pop in and see if it might be for you, or
email: wakefield@playcentre.org.nz



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Town and Country Vet

by Brenda Halliwell, Vet

Easter Chocolate Reminder

It's always nice to have the long Easter weekend ahead with hot cross buns and Easter eggs. But at this time of year we see many dogs that have eaten chocolate and need to come to the clinic for treatment.

Generally dogs have access to chocolate because we are human and forget to put it out of their reach! At Easter it can be unfound Easter Egg Hunt chocolate that the dog finds first or when younger members of the family leave a half-eaten egg in their bedroom.

Chocolate is always a hazard for dogs. Yes some dogs eat chocolate and seem fine. This is because the toxic dose depends on the type and amount of chocolate eaten and size of the dog - the darker the chocolate and the smaller the dog the higher the risk. So a Labrador could eat a row of milk chocolate and not have any problems but a Chihuahua that eats half a dark chocolate egg will definitely be in trouble.

A small overdose of chocolate will result in a tummy upset but a large overdose can cause irregular heart rhythms, seizures and death. It is always worth phoning the clinic to find out if your dog needs veterinary intervention or not. If chocolate has been eaten in the last four hours, we make them vomit to prevent toxicity. If it's longer than that, they may need supportive care in hospital to manage any problems until the toxicity passes which can be a few days. There is no specific antidote.

New Clinic Opening

You may or may not be aware that Town and Country Vet is moving to new, bigger premises in Lower Queen Street very soon!

With more than 50 staff including 16 vets providing veterinary care for a wide range of animals in the town and in the country, we have well and truly outgrown our McGlashen Avenue clinic in Richmond. We are all very much looking forward to having more space! The new clinic is custom-built for our purposes with the aim of serving our clients, patients and staff well into the future.

There are many new and exciting extras that we haven't had before – one of the most significant is a separate cat area so our feline friends don't have to sit in the same waiting room or see or hear our canine companions. We will also have space for visiting specialists and their requirements, for example canine physiotherapy. There will also be plenty of dedicated parking unlike our current clinic!

Later this year when we have settled in, an open day will be held so clients can have a look at what happens "out the back" beyond the front desk.

For those who visit our Wakefield Clinic nothing is changing and you'll be pleased to know it is open for business as usual with Shirley on the front desk and nursing, and our vets consulting on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The new clinic is expected to be open in early April at 3 Brock Way, Richmond.



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International Dark Sky Week

International Dark Sky Week April 21-28 2025

Did you know that light can be a pollutant? Overly bright and unnecessary outdoor lighting creates glare and skyglow, destroying critical nocturnal wildlife habitats, harming human health, and diminishing our view of the stars. As lighting options become more inexpensive and brighter, we are illuminating the night more and more. Every eight years, light pollution around the world doubles! Today, 80% of the world's population lives beneath light-polluted skies. Eight out of ten children will grow up never seeing the Milky Way. On a moonless clear night, if you have a good view of the dense Milky Way and can see the large and small Magellanic clouds off to one side you have a good night sky free of most light pollution.

While lighting at night is necessary in today's world, there are easy steps you can take to ensure your lights protect the night! Five Principles for Responsible Outdoor Lighting are:

- **Useful** - use light only if it is needed
- **Targeted** - Direct light so it falls only where it is needed
- **Low level** - Light should be no brighter than necessary
- **Controlled** - Use light only when it is needed
- **Warm-coloured** - Use warmer-colour lights where possible.

The photo below is of an Aurora on October 11th 2024 from Wai-iti. You can see the Milky Way to the right and a faint patch by the tree at the left - the large Magellanic cloud. Can you see them from your place? Look up into the night sky from your back yard. How many stars can you see? Smart, and simple lighting practices around your own home and community can make a difference to how many stars we can see? Practicing the five principles above can make a huge difference.



Plants and animals depend on natural light cycles to govern life-sustaining behaviours such as reproduction, nourishment, sleep, and protection from predators? Scientific evidence suggests that artificial light at night has deadly effects on many creatures, contributing to declining biodiversity worldwide. Artificial lights can cause migrating birds to wander off course toward dangerous cityscapes. Millions of birds die every year when they collide with needlessly illuminated buildings and towers. Hatchling sea turtles find the sea by detecting the bright horizon over the ocean. Artificial lights draw them away from the ocean. In Florida alone, millions of hatchlings die this way every year. We are just starting to understand the devastating effects of artificial light on habitats.

Our health is also dependent on the dark! Over the past 100 years, humans have transformed the night, erasing the natural darkness with which we evolved. While artificial light at night is crucial to our modern world, it comes at a cost. Increasing scientific research indicates that artificial light at night harms human health, including circadian rhythm disruption and decreased melatonin production, leading to an increased risk of obesity, diabetes, mood disorders, reproductive problems, and cancers.

Lighting up the nighttime environment does not necessarily increase safety and security. Effective lighting that helps people be safe—not just feel safe—is a win-win situation for everyone. Poorly designed outdoor lighting can backfire on safety. Bright and misdirected lights create shadows for criminals to hide, and some crimes, like vandalism, thrive in well-lit areas. Floodlights, for example, may highlight potential targets.

We will celebrate International Dark Sky Week with the opening of the season viewing for 2025 at Wai-iti International Dark Sky Park on April Saturday 26th "Celebrating International Dark Sky Week". We will hold a star party or viewing the stars through telescopes provided by Dark Sky Group and Nelson Astronomical Society members. Times - 7 to 10pm. We require clear skies, so check the sky and our communications pages for cancellations before you come. Suggested koha \$5 per person or \$10 for a family. Dress warm, use red light if you can for guidance into the viewing area.

To date this year; we had a presence at Wakefield Market Day viewing our Sun 2nd Jan; comet viewing at Princes Drive 20th - 22nd January; Planet Parade 21st Jan at Motueka, and the lunar eclipse at Motueka and Rutherford Park Nelson 14th March.

DSP events are being planned for April 26th, May 24th, June 28th July 26, August 24th and September 20th at the Dark Sky Park. Weather permitting. Note these dates for your diary. The Clifton Terrace Atkinson Observatory is open on clear Friday nights through this period. Check Dark sky events at [Darksites.nz](https://darksites.nz), and for the Observatory at Nelson Astronomy Facebook page which usually has both sites events.

Remember to look up, Ralph Bradley.



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The Snow

A Touring Show to Visit Wakefield

by Lisa Allan

It is a typical Saturday for Wakefield-born Lisa Allan (née Norriss). She clears the dining room of the 100-year home that she shares with actor husband, Dan Allan, in Ōtautahi, and ices a chocolate zucchini cake in preparation for rehearsal. Lisa and Dan have just completed Masters of Fine Arts in Theatre at Otago University, where they both gained distinction. The pair get devious looks about them as Lisa reveals that Dan received one point higher than her, they are competitive and enjoy the faux-rivalry between them.

Just before 1pm Pete Foley and Damien Jordan-McGrath arrive to join the couple as the troupe tread the borer-traced and stiletto-pocked native floorboards in preparation for their upcoming show, Finegan Kruckemeyer's, *The Snow*. "It's a little tight," says Lisa of their homely venue, "but it does the trick."

The rehearsals begin with a warm up. Over decades working as a director, Lisa has crafted a structure that moves through preparing the physical body, voice, and mind, and increases the connectivity of the ensemble. "We stretch and shake, make a lot of silly sounds and facial expressions, and we play." The troupe has a check-in, to see how everyone is doing, then they get into it.

Lisa has the honour of directing the three actors, or the three Dads as they jokingly call themselves (although technically Dan is a Dad-to-be with a first child on the way for him and Lisa in August).

The actors are stretched to play multiple roles, share in the narrating of the piece, and to take turns puppeteering the main character, a child called Theodore.

The puppet has been lent to the group by master puppeteer, Akiko Miyamoto, who hand-made him 35 years ago. He certainly goes on an adventure in this play, devising plans to save his snowed-in village, flying through the air in a catapult, finding his way through a forest and facing The Darkness (the mentioning of which must be imagined with the appropriate metal-genre air guitar riffs). "We spend a lot of our rehearsal time laughing," Lisa shares.

The show has a humour to it that adults will enjoy alongside the younger audience members. The play is recommended for those eight years and older, as the work is sophisticated in amongst the silliness.

You are cordially invited to come and enjoy an uplifting afternoon at the Wakefield Village Hall on Sunday the 27th of April at 2pm. Tickets are \$18 each or \$15 per person for a group of four or more from www.humanitix.co.nz.

A colouring competition is open to all ages (including adults) with prizes from wonderful businesses such as Bay Landscapes and Garden Centre and the Wakefield Four Square.

It is downloadable from www.wintergreencreative.co.nz.

There is also the possibility of a workshop, email Lisa to register interest in this at wintergreencreative@gmail.com.

The troupe acknowledges the Tasman Creative Communities Scheme for supporting their tour. And a few final words... "Come join us and, unless the three Dads have demolished it, there will be cake!"



Starlings' Sensitivity

by Petros

The starlings were back in the garage loft. Word was getting around the garden.

One starling does not a summer make, mused Thrush, rather vaguely.

That's all very well, said Blackbird, *but there'll be flocks of them swooping in soon, and they're not the tidiest tourists in the world – far from it.*

Someone needs to make them aware of the new rules for Freedom Campers, especially those pertaining to temporary structures, he added in a bureaucratic tone of voice. *Any volunteers?*

Ah, well they're a bit scary for us, said Silvereye and Piwakawaka.

Seems kind of unfriendly to bother them, said Tui and Bellbird.

We don't have a problem, said the Sparrows. *Nobody wants the garage loft anyway do they? Too many rats and mice.*

Oh well it looks as though I'm going to be the Little Red Hen, sighed Blackbird. (The WHAT? ... is he losing it completely? the others wondered.)

So he summoned up his dignity and called up into the loft. *I say there – are you folk aware of the new rules for Freedom Campers ... no untidy sites, no temporary shelters, no messy rubbish?*

A shrill voice came down to him. *Stop right there, whoever you are. There's nothing temporary about this dwelling. It's our family crib, been here since our grand-father built it. We come back every year, and in fact we actually pay local rates for it.*

Oh sorry, no offence. Just thought it was a bunch of garden waste and mud, he added (immediately regretting it.)

Yeah, well get your facts straight, eh.

Excellent advice, especially before adopting a bureaucratic tone of voice.

The Big Bake Up

by Melissa Woodhouse

As time passes, it's easy to lose sight of what truly matters. But at the Wakefield Village Hall, something special happens in the kitchen.

While the building itself may be aging and the cooking facilities aren't the best for large-scale cooking, what's happening here is something invaluable.

Nearly four years ago, Brent and I had an idea to help people in their time of need, whether caused by a natural disaster or a tragic event. Simply put, our goal is to offer support, kindness, and a listening ear during moments when life feels overwhelming.

During my time working with families and individuals after Cyclone Gita, one thing became crystal clear: everyone needs food. When life becomes stressful, proper nutrition often takes a back seat, and we resort to easy, less healthy options.

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An Art Exhibition

Emelie - an art exhibition by Jennifer Mason

It's not every day that an Auckland artist singles out St John's Church in Wakefield as a venue to exhibit their work. Such was the case however, over the weekend of the 21st - 23rd February, when Emelie was showcased in the old church.

As Jennifer's work is deeply reflective, exploring themes of beauty, stillness and the sacred, St John's Church in Wakefield, felt like the right place to showcase her work.

Alison Mullan from the Wakefield Art Group commented: "The Emelie exhibition at the old St Johns Church Wakefield by Auckland artist Jennifer Mason was incredible - the paintings glowed from the walls of the old church as your eyes adjusted to the light. The nine paintings of Emelie, each on the horizontal plane with minor body movements, brought the old church to life with an added serenity. Jennifer achieved this glow by adding layers of linseed oil in the final coatings of the paintings." (paraphrased).



The Emelie paintings were oil on linen canvas, measuring 1000x750mm. The works depicted a single horizontal figure set within a minimalist seascape, shown in various poses along a horizon line. The figure was portrayed in a state of deep reverie—calm, serene, at peace.

Mason's technique involves the application of thin, translucent and seemingly endless layers of paint, creating an ethereal quality reminiscent of watercolours or drawings. With a narrow tonal range and a delicacy in rendering, the paintings exuded tenderness, inviting quiet introspection and a sense of peaceful beauty.

Together with a Saturday afternoon tea, provided by St John's church members, the exhibition was well attended by locals and artists from the wider area. Jennifer herself commented that Emelie had more visitors in Wakefield than she would have had in Auckland!



Wakefield Volunteer Fire Brigade

Article by Ryan Dawson – Comms Centre Shift Manager

How many of you have had to make a 111/Emergency call before?

I was speaking with someone today, and they said to me “I’ve never had to ring emergency services, I wouldn’t know what to say even if I did, I’d be too shy” I replied “It’s easy!” - Well, my bias led me to believe that.

For some people, the prospect of making an emergency call is really confronting. So here’s a snippet of how it generally works for us at Fire and Emergency New Zealand.

Call 111 (New Zealand)

You’ll then be connected to the ICAP (Initial Call Answer Platform) which is handled by Spark - You will be asked which service do you require? Fire, Ambulance, or Police - Ask for whichever you think is most appropriate, if you are unsure the operator will be able to connect you to the most appropriate service based on your answer. (For this example, we’re asking for Fire)

The 111 call is then transferred to our call takers in the Emergency Communications Centre. They’ll answer with “Fire where is your emergency?”

To help locate you we have a variety of ways we can initially search:

- * Street name and number
- * Business or Landmark name
- * The names of two intersecting roads
- * Latitude/Longitude Coordinates
- * Easting/Northing Coordinates

We will then ask “What town or city?”

We’ll likely ask another question to help confirm the location like: “what is the nearest intersection or road nearby?” - This allows call takers to confirm they have correctly located you.

Fun fact, there are over 50 Grey/Gray Streets in NZ.

Once we have located you, we will ask “What is happening?” Based on your answer we will triage what sort of response is required, and enter an event to be dispatched (if a response is appropriate)

At this stage during the call another person (Dispatcher) in the Communication Centre is alerting our Firefighters to respond.

Whilst this happens, the call taker will continue to ask questions of you, this helps us get as much information as possible, which allows us to make sure we are sending the correct resources to assist.

We will generally end the call with obtaining your name and phone number and offer some general advice to keep yourself safe before help arrives.

So there you have it, a basic 111 call. They generally only last 1-3 minutes for us.

Some things to remember:

* We are just people like you on the end of the phone, please be respectful, we know you’re having a really tough time when you call us.

* Answering our questions is not designed to slow things down, we want to find out the right amount of information as quickly as possible so we can triage how to assist you, answering questions in the order they are asked helps this process.

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Wakefield Toy Library

by Rym Lamrani

Music Sessions for Preschoolers Now Happening at the Wakefield Community Toy Library

The Wakefield Community Toy Library has teamed up with the Nelson Centre of Musical Arts to offer fun, interactive music sessions for preschoolers.

Every Thursday at 10:30 am during School Terms 1 and 2, these lively sessions are now underway at the Toy Library (61 Edward Street).

The sessions have been particularly popular with children from the Wakefield Village Kindergarten, who have been actively participating in the program.

The little ones are enjoying activities that help develop rhythm, creativity, and coordination, all while having fun in a friendly and supportive environment.

Made possible with support from the Creative Communities Scheme, these music sessions are part of the Toy Library's ongoing commitment to providing accessible services for local families. As the sessions have quickly gained popularity, they are nearing full capacity. If there is enough interest, the Toy Library may open another session in the future. Families interested in joining or learning more can reach out via email at wakefieldtoylibrary@gmail.com.

The Toy Library is also grateful for any koha, which helps ensure the continuation of such community-driven programs. We're thrilled to see how much joy these music sessions are bringing to our preschoolers!

If you're interested in becoming a part of the Wakefield Community Toy Library, we'd love to have you join!

Whether you're looking to borrow toys, volunteer, or become a member of the committee, there are plenty of ways to get involved and help strengthen our community.



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IN THE BUSH

Reporting In From Evie South – President

My apologies we missed catching up with an article for the March Issue, some vandalism issues had taken place, within two of our Scenic Reserves, over the holidays. So our focus was elsewhere. We are very indebted to our members Doug Donaldson for his fencing expertise and to Gowan, Kerstin and Ian for further monitoring the targeted sites.

We focussed our efforts over January/February/March at the Robson's Scenic Reserve, again checking the plantings, restaking where wind damage had caused collapse of some of the older trees etc. A huge effort and again, many of our volunteers went back to do extra hours. Thank you also to Eric Palmer and Murray D for supplying larger wooden stakes for the bigger trees. Robson's is looking fabulous.

REFLECTING 9 April 1998 (27 years ago!!!!)

The Ecology of Faulkner's Bush and Baigent's Bush (The Edward Baigent Memorial Scenic Reserve) Wakefield Nelson, **with Guidelines for Management**

Contract report to Tasman District Council from Geoff Walls, Ecologist, Napier.

With soil/water assessments by Dr Iain B Campbell, Land & Soil Consultancy Services, 23 View Mount, Nelson.

SUMMARY

The subject of this report is an ecological examination of two reserves administered by the Tasman District Council at Wakefield; Faulkner's Bush and Baigent's Bush. Both are graced by remnants of the great podocarp forests that once grew on the fertile plains of the Nelson region.

The basic finding is that although small, the forest remnants are highly ecologically significant, Faulkner's Bush particularly so. **However, both are degraded, stressed and need help to survive.** The management regime in each case requires a shift of focus from provision of recreational services to an approach based around nurturing of the forests and public education of their ecology.

In both reserves, the animal and plant pests need to be much better controlled, and the water regime of the soil on the lower terraces needs to be restored. In Faulkner's Bush, there is a magnificent opportunity to recreate a large system of well-buffered native forest, wetlands, self-guided walks of high standard and open glades that would be the pride of the region. It will be necessary to mitigate the impacts of the new subdivision behind and to resist the temptation to put further roading in the reserve. The options at Baigent's Bush are more limited, but the intent of Edward Baigent and family that people enjoy the forest can still be honoured.

It is recommended that TDC set up and convene a committee, based in Wakefield and comprised of local residents, to oversee and guide the future management of both Faulkner's Bush and Baigent's Bush.

ENTER The Wakefield Bush Restoration Society (2000) Inc.

I would hazard a guess that many of you would realise the huge undertaking of our Society, both these Reserves were in an extremely bad shape. **AND** our society members in 2020 also took on the huge commitment of Robson's Scenic Reserve, which was simply an abandoned wilderness.

WOW take a good look now, visit all three and revel in each of these incredible gems in our Community.

Our previous President Doug South summed it up three years ago in his last Presidents Report;

Revisiting Doug's report of May 2021 he stated;

"Thank you all, not the easiest of years, but sincerely have appreciated your amazing support at all times"

We know that Doug upheld that sentiment throughout his final years in our Scenic Reserves, it was never just about him, it was about our community and team, and he proclaimed this loud and clear in numerous conversations or interviews.

As of June 2021 the FANTASTIC news for Doug, Our Team and the wider community that all of our Scenic Reserves (The Edward Baigent Memorial Scenic Reserve, The Faulkner Bush Scenic Reserve and The Robson's Scenic Reserve) are now all gazetted exactly the same under the Reserves Act 1977 section 19 1 (a). Which simply put means they have the highest protection ***in the land***, for their ultimate care and protection **far beyond the life times of many of us.**

And to many of our members who have passed – "We will remember you."

JOIN OUR TEAM Any spare time?? How about joining up to our telephone tree to let you know when we are out and about maintaining our Scenic Reserves.

Kind regards Evie for the Volunteer Team Phone or Txt 027 907 2879 Landline 03 541 8980

Or **Email** tuiville@xtra.co.nz

Higgins Heritage Park Happenings

by David Win

The Vintage Engine & Machinery Show days on 22 and 23 March, this year featuring the John Deere tractors, were a great two days of activities and action in the sun at the Park.

A new addition to the Park is "The Sewing Centre". The sewing machines have now been given their own pride of place in a newly built extension to the Rural Life building.

With the increased number of machines and related exhibits, photos and this story do not do justice to the number on display – to appreciate it fully a visit is a must!

The range of machines is extensive and includes a very old Singer treadle machine, previously owned by Dianne Holmwood which has very lovely intricate carving on the wooden front and the drawers. Another example is the black precision-built Brother tabletop machine that has obviously been carefully looked after as it is in pristine condition.

Some of the other machines which our readers may recall using and/or seeing their mothers' using include:

- A child's sewing machine which is battery foot operated and made in Japan in the 1970's
- Cottons on the wooden cotton reels
- Singer treadle sewing machines, both hand operated and leg operated
- An overlocker
- And not forgetting the cobbler / shoemaker and his Singer machine

Dates to remember:

Sunday 6 April – Steam-up, rides, model railways and all museums open

Sunday 20 April – Museum sheds open, jigger rides. A great place for a picnic

Sunday 4 May – Army Centre Group re-enactment. Steam-up, rides around the park and all museum sheds open

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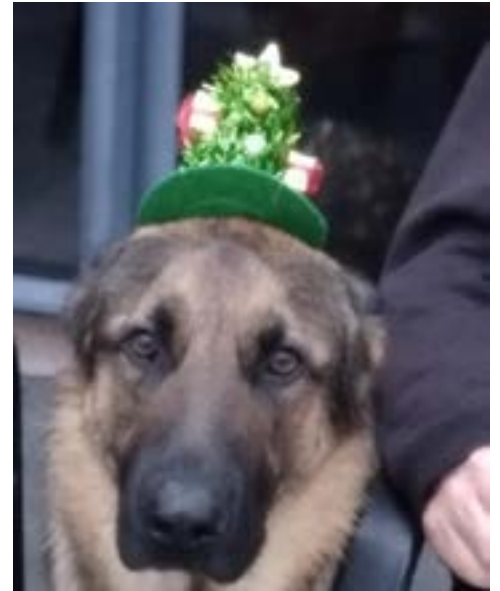
by Debbie Eden

I own a beautiful German shepherd named Cruz. We got him at eight weeks old from a breeder in Amberley. He is now three years eight months old.

He is a special boy who brings a lot of happiness to folk at Summerset, Richmond, Stoke and also a Dementia group at Richmond Library.

He is a star at Wakefield School and Pre School and known around Richmond and Wakefield.

Below are a couple of photos of him and his certificate which we won first prize for Nelson Tasman region for canine friends.



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Kia ora people of Wakefield and surrounds!

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We can vaccinate from 9am to 4.30pm every week day, no need to book.

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Ngā Mihi The team at Wakefield Pharmacy 03 541 8418



Wakefield Country Players Presents...

CAPTAIN CORELLI'S MANDOLIN

Based on the novel by Louis de Bernières, adapted for the stage by Rona Munro

25 APRIL – 3 MAY 2025

Spring Grove Drill Hall

Country Players' cast and crew are in full swing rehearsing our production of Captain Corelli's Mandolin, Louis De Berniere's outstanding tale of love and tragedy, set in Greece during World War Two.

With a cast of 23 actors, ranging in age from 11 years to 70+, backed by a talented fifteen-strong production team, Captain Corelli's Mandolin is a must-see theatre event.

To mark the 80th anniversary of the end of World War Two, we're performing Captain Corelli's Mandolin at the Spring Grove Drill Hall, opening on ANZAC Day, 25 April, and partnering with local history groups to include displays of wartime memorabilia and historical information.

Join us for the best of local theatre with Wakefield Country Players – a great night out!

PERFORMANCE DATES Friday 25th April 7.30pm, Saturday 26th April 7.30pm, Sunday 27th April 2.00pm Wednesday 30th April 7.30pm Friday 2nd May 7.30pm, Saturday 3rd May 7.30pm.

All performances except the Sunday matinee will be our usual BYO picnic format, with audience seated at tables. Complimentary tea and coffee are served at all performances. See accompanying poster for booking information.



COUNTRY PLAYERS PRESENTS
CAPTAIN CORELLI'S MANDOLIN
BY LOUIS DE BERNIERES/RONA MUNRO

25th April-3rd May 2025
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Live Well Stay Well

Visit to 1067 Eighty Eight Valley Rd

by Sandra Smith

On a beautiful sunny morning a large group of Live Well Stay Well members visited the property of Janet and Trevor, at 1067 Eighty Eight Valley Rd.

Janet and Trevor made us very welcome, and along with Helen, the previous owner, told us some of the fascinating history of the property, which we explored at our leisure. Interestingly, one of our group members, Julie, had also lived at the property many years ago, when they managed the cattle farm, so she was also able to contribute to the colourful stories of the house's past.

Built in the late 1800s, 1067 was one of the original farmhouses up the valley. Over the years various owners have made many changes and renovations.

In its early days, the house was quite the community place, being home to the Eighty Eight Valley School and the Post Office.

At some stage, maybe around the 1950s, the house was 'modernised' with the ceilings being lowered, but when new owner Princess Hart bought the property, she carried out extensive renovations, bringing the house back to its former glory. The false ceilings were removed, revealing the beautiful Matai wood ceilings, the rimu floors restored, and she made use of recycled material in the renovations.

Helen, her husband and her sister were the next owners and they carried on the restoration, with extensive work done in the gardens. Some of the trees are over a 100 years old.

The present owners, Janet and Trevor, continue with the care of this beautiful property, which now incorporates studios and workshop as they are both talented and creative artists. The house is the perfect background for their art, much of which is displayed on the walls of the house.

We were also given a delicious morning tea which we enjoyed out in the peaceful gardens, after thoroughly exploring the house. It was so relaxing, we were reluctant to leave! An interesting and most enjoyable morning out - thank you very much Janet, Trevor and Helen.

Upcoming meetings:

Tuesday 8 April 2025: coffee meeting at The Villa in Wakefield, 9.45am onwards

Tuesday 22 April 2025: 10am - Speaker JAMIE WHITE, speaking about SCAMS, at the Fire Brigade Supper Room in Pigeon Valley, start 9.45am for coffee/tea

Tuesday 6 May 2025: coffee meeting at The Villa in Wakefield, 9.45am onwards

Live Well Stay Well is a local health and social group that meets twice a month in Wakefield. Our goal is to keep well and healthy, by encouraging good health practices and exercise, but also by having a positive social connection with others in our community.

Maybe you are new to the area, or feeling a little isolated, and would like to meet and get to know others who live locally, within a friendly environment. Or would you like to learn more about our community? Then our group could be for you.

Our group meets twice a month in Wakefield, mostly on a Tuesday morning from 9.45am to 11am. One Tuesday we will meet in a local café for a coffee and chat, and the other Tuesday we have a guest speaker focussing on health knowledge or who can help us understand and learn more about our community. This could also be a visit to a local business of interest. We aim to arrange a varied and interesting programme.

The group is run on an informal basis and there is no joining fee. However when we have a guest speaker or go out for a visit we do ask for a \$2 gold coin donation to help us cover the hire of the hall facilities and tea and coffee and/or a small gift for our speaker. 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 or Christine 027 677 0080



Wakefield Health Centre

by Gavin Drummond, Practice Manager

Flu Vaccinations and Covid Boosters

The colder mornings are a reminder that winter is on its way and with it comes the Flu Season. Your best defence against the flu is to get a yearly flu vaccine. Flu vaccines are available for anyone aged over six months.

The nurses will have several clinics coming up so give us a call after the 1st of April and we can book you in.

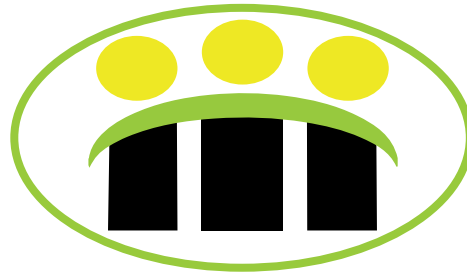
People with the following conditions are eligible for a free vaccine:

1. Children aged 6 months to 12 years with chronic conditions
2. People 65 years of age or older.
3. Māori & Pacific peoples aged 55-64.
4. Refugee who have been through the quota programme 55yrs +.
5. People under 65 years of age who:
 - have some types of cardiovascular disease:
 - have either of the following chronic respiratory diseases:
 - * asthma, if on a regular preventative therapy, or
 - * other chronic respiratory disease with impaired lung function; or
 - have diabetes; or
 - have chronic renal disease; or
 - have any cancer, excluding basal and squamous skin cancers if not invasive; or
 - pregnant women (any trimester); or
 - some other rare conditions may also be eligible

If you think you may be eligible, please discuss with one of our Nurses or Doctors.

Non funded flu vaccines will be available at the same time. FLUAD@Quad is a non-funded flu vaccine available to the over 65's. This vaccine has additional ingredients that helps create a stronger immune response and costs \$50.

There is a new Covid vaccine available for people over 30 yrs that have not had a booster or covid illness for six months or more. This can also be used as a primary course for people who have never had a covid vaccine. Flu and covid vaccines can be safely given at the same time.



Wakefield Health Centre

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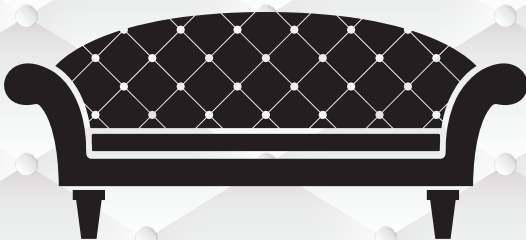
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This years dates:

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May 15

June 19

July 17

August 21

September 18

October 16

November 20

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Wakefield Hall.. Art Sale

Sunday 16th March

8.30 – 2pm

At the helm Artists in Action

On the Deck ... Kahurangi Natural Skin Care

On the landing Hilltop Native Nursery

Rowing ashore Quail Farm Lavender

In the Bilge ..Secondhand Sunday- Barter for a Bargain

In the Galley Tea & Coffee

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Gold Coin Entry donation

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Live Well, Stay Well

Tuesday 8 April and 6 May 2025 Coffee and a chat at Café The Villa in Wakefield at 9.45am

Tuesday 22 April 2025 9.45am—11am

Speaker

Jamie White

Wakefield Police

Topic: SCAMS

**Venue: Wakefield Fire Brigade,
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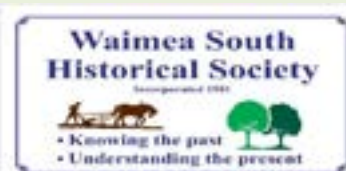
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Spring Grove Drill Hall
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The Worship Centre
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St Johns Worship Centre
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Wakefield Bush Restoration Soc Inc
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Wakefield Art Group
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