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*Your Local News*

## Community News for the Wakefield Area

### Habitat Nelson Progresses with New Homes in Wakefield

Habitat for Humanity Nelson are excited to share a significant update on their housing project in Wakefield. Three new family homes, which were built in collaboration with NMIT, will be located on the 71 Whitby Road site.

These new homes are part of Habitat for Humanity's Progressive Home Ownership Programme and will provide affordable Rent to Buy opportunities in our community.

Spring Grove Church of Christ made the decision to sell their land on Whitby Road to Habitat for Humanity Nelson so these new houses could be included in the Progressive Home Ownership Programme. The current vacant land area will be divided into three freehold titles with a three-bedroom home on each.

The Progressive Home Ownership Programme offers families a pathway to become homeowners. Families begin by entering into an Agreement with Habitat for Humanity and pay an affordable rent, which contributes towards a deposit for a mortgage.

The house is valued before the family first moves in, and this is the agreed purchase price when the family is ready to purchase the property from Habitat at the end of five and up to ten years.

Initial site works are underway to prepare the section for the relocation of the homes. Further building work will be carried out in March to provide foundations for the houses and install utility services. The homes are expected to be located to site in March and completed and ready for occupation in the first half of 2025.

Habitat for Humanity Nelson welcomes the opportunity to work with Spring Grove Church of Christ to provide quality, affordable family homes in Wakefield.

Information meetings about Habitats Progressive Home Ownership programme and the available homes in Wakefield will be held soon. Details of the meeting times will be shared via social media and local channels.

If you are interested in these houses and the opportunity to work towards owning your own home contact Habitat for Humanity Nelson at [nelson@habitat.org.nz](mailto:nelson@habitat.org.nz).

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# Town and Country Vet

by Brenda Halliwell, Vet

## Dental Health in Pets

Dental health in pets is not just about creating a white smile and pleasant-smelling breath.

Yes dirty teeth are brown and smelly but also cause sore, red gums, infections and eventually loose teeth. Infected gums and teeth are painful and infection can spread to the rest of the body causing heart, kidney and liver disease.

The good news is we have tools to prevent dental infection and pain in our pets:

### 1. Ideally we prevent tartar build up on teeth:

- \* Brushing is the gold standard just like in people. Toothpaste is not essential but there are flavoured pet toothpastes which pets like the taste of and they contain enzymes that help with oral hygiene. Ask us for more info if you would like to try brushing your dog's teeth. Not many cats will allow it!
  - \* Dental diets are formulated to clean teeth as pets chew.
  - \* Oral cleansing gels and wipes can be applied to teeth and gums of dogs and cats to clean teeth and freshen breath.
  - \* Water and food additives can help prevent plaque buildup.
  - \* Dental chews provide the chewing and grinding action that can help prevent plaque and tartar sticking to the teeth.
- If you can't brush effectively, usually a combination of the other options works best.

### 2. If tartar has been allowed to build up on the teeth we need to:

Perform a dental scale and polish under general anaesthetic to get back to healthy clean gums and teeth. We now have set prices for this procedure dependent on the size of your pet and degree of dental disease – phone us to check.

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We offer free dental assessments at the clinic. Call the clinic now to book a checkup for your pet.

Spot the difference... before and after photos of a little dog we did dentistry on recently. As you can see many of the teeth were too diseased to save and had to be removed. But the good news is his owners said he was like a puppy again after this procedure and his stinky breath had gone!

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# 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



Did you know, 2025 is the 80th anniversary of the end of World War Two? Wakefield Country Players is marking the anniversary in our first production for 2025 – Captain Corelli's Mandolin – a tender love story set in the turmoil of war.

### A Greek Tale

Rona Munro's stunning adaptation brings to the stage the drama, tragedy and humour of Louis de Bernières' 1994 hit novel, a classic tale of love found, lost and, perhaps, retrieved. The setting - on the Greek island of Kefalonia - and the events of war provide the driving power and extraordinary imagery of the play.

In a sleepy village on Kefalonia we meet Dr Iannis and his 18 year old daughter, Pelagia, with a cast of townsfolk, including towering Velisarios the strongman, Mandras the flirting young fisherman, his waspish mother, Drosoula, and the high-spirited little girl, Lemoni.

Their idyllic village life comes crashing down when the Italian army marches in at the start of World War Two, but the Italians prove themselves benign conquerors, especially the romantic Captain Corelli, who's love for music wins the villagers' respect and Pelagia's heart.

The mood of the play changes dramatically when Italy abandons the war and the village is taken over by the German army. Friendships between German and Italian soldiers are obliterated as the two allies become enemies and wreak destruction on each other and the villagers caught in their crossfire.

What happens next? To tell it here would be spoiler... come and see for yourself!

### The perfect venue – Spring Grove Drill Hall

Wakefield Country Players has been looking forward to this show for a few years, and to honour the military theme we're performing Captain Corelli's Mandolin at the Spring Grove Drill Hall, giving us a large, open space to create a war zone and Greek village, complete with beach!

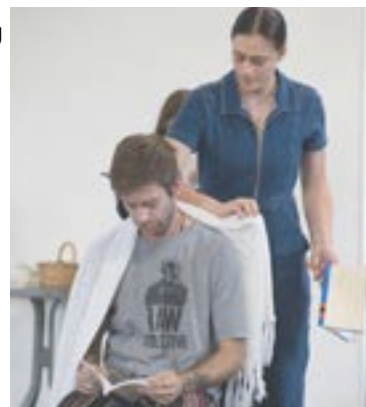
Collaborating with the Waimea South Historical Society and a local military history group, our show will include displays of World War Two memorabilia and the history of the Spring Grove Drill Hall.

### A star is born

Captain Corelli's Mandolin will launch the career of Wakefield Country Players newest member – Antonia. Beautiful, romantic, alluring – Antonia will capture hearts and acclaim.

Come prepared to be enchanted as Antonia, with our company of 22 actors and brilliant production team make Captain Corelli's Mandolin a spectacular theatre event.

The show opens on ANZAC Day, 25 April. Don't miss it!!





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Friday 25 April 7.30pm, Saturday 26 April 7.30pm, Sunday 27 April 2.00pm  
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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.

### Booking information

Ticket prices:

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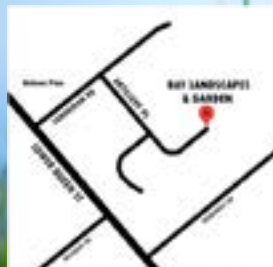
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# Waimea South Historical Society

## A story from St John's Cemetery - Rediscovering the grave of Mary Helen (Ellen) PHILLIPS nee CHATTOCK

by Yo Tye, Secretary

On December 10th 2024 Kathy Jessop, a teacher from Wakefield School gathered up her Student Volunteer Army for the annual working bee at historic St John's Church, just up the hill from the school, which involved clearing and tidying up grave sites in the Church graveyard, under the guidance of the Church record keeper Val Crouch and her husband Ewan, a retired school teacher. Beneath one of the huge protected sequoia trees a long forgotten grave was re-discovered under layers of organic material and a vigorous living ivy plant. The headstone had fallen and broken but was still legible. Below is her story.

Mary Helen Phillips (nee Chattock) was born at sea on board the ship 'Arabian' in 1855, the 4th of six children born to Richard Chattock and his wife Eliza (also known as Elizabeth) nee Morgan. Her birth, like that of her younger siblings Richard and Fanny, was registered in Victoria, Australia. Mary's father Richard Chattock was born in Birmingham, Warwickshire in 1822, son of Richard Chattock and Ann Read. Richard was a Mariner by profession, receiving his Master's Certificate in 1855. A record of his marriage to Eliza Morgan cannot be located.

Mary's mother Eliza, came from Bristol and must have often accompanied Richard on board ship because four of their children were born at sea as follows: Charles Edward Strickland Chattock (1847-?), Ann Jane (Annie) Chattock (1848-1927), Edward Morgan Chattock (1850-?) and Mary Helen (1856-1877). The first three were registered and baptised in Liverpool, England. Charles and Edward disappeared from records so they probably died as infants. In about 1855 Eliza and her daughter Ann Jane (Annie), aged five, appear on the Assisted Passenger list from Liverpool to Victoria, Australia and it is assumed Richard was a crew member or Captain of the same ship.

From the Victorian Government Gazette in 1859 it is known that Richard was a Publican at the 'Freemason's Arms' in Reid's Creek, Beechworth, in Victoria, probably associated with the goldmining boom at the time, before coming to New Zealand with his family and settling in Wakefield. In 1866 Richard was appointed as Wakefield's 5th Post Master and in 1868 he was appointed Headmaster of Wakefield Primary School. At this time the Post Office was situated at the school. Mary Helen would have been about 10 years old and was probably a pupil at Wakefield Primary School.

On 18 Aug 1870 Mary Helen's mother Eliza Chattock nee Morgan died and was buried in St John's cemetery leaving herself, aged 14, and younger sister Fanny aged 10 to live with father Richard. Her older sister Annie Jane had already married Thomas Price and her three other siblings were all deceased. However on 2nd April 1872 her father Richard remarried to Hannah Perkins Alford. On 24th Feb 1873 Hannah gave birth to a son called William Chattock who was still-born. The following year she gave birth to Elizabeth Alford Chattock and in 1876 she gave birth to Florence Chattock who died in 1877. These children were Mary Helen's half siblings.

On 1st Feb 1873, at St John's Church Wakefield, Mary Helen, aged 17 years, married William Henry (Harry) Phillips (1845-1919). Harry had arrived in New Zealand in 1861 from the Australian goldfields and at one time had been a member of George Moonlight's prospecting party. He prospected for gold on the Tadmor Hill and by 1869 he had been joined by his parents and opened a store and accommodation house at the Sherry River. He also acted as a gold buyer purchasing the alluvial gold from the local goldminers and taking it into Nelson once a month, leaving Mary Helen (and later his second wife Hannah) to man the store.

Mary Helen and Harry had three children, Eliza Alford (Lizzie) Phillips in 1873, (who later married James Anglesey), an unnamed infant who died aged three days in 1874 and William Henry Phillips in 1876, (who later married Alice Rose Ellen Litchfield).

Sadly Mary Helen died on 8th April 1877, aged 22. The cause of her death was "Disease of the Heart" which caused her to suffer for nine weeks from 'Dropsy', an inflammation caused by congestive heart failure. She was buried at St John's, no doubt to be close to her mother who was buried there in 1870 and her son who had been buried there in 1874.

Soon after Mary's death her husband William Henry Phillips returned to the quartz gold mines in Bendigo and Ballarat. It is most likely his two young children Lizzie and William Henry were raised by Mary Helen's father Richard Chattock and his second wife Hannah who had children of a similar age. When Harry returned from the Victorian goldfields he married Hannah Ada Hunt in 1883. Hannah was the daughter of William Hunt from the Wakefield district. They had six children, John (Jack) in 1884, Katherine Sophia (Kate) in 1885, Helen in 1887, Harold in 1889, May Ada in 1891 and Oscar Alan in 1894.

Mary Helen's father, Richard Chattock, was fully immersed in the Wakefield community from 1866 until 1878, when he and his second wife Hannah moved to Reefton where he took up farming on a property he called 'Chatford'. He had been appointed as the Wakefield Post Master in Oct 1866, was Principal of Wakefield Primary School from 1868-1878, was the Registrar for Births, Deaths and Marriages, was the secretary of the Waimea South Literary Association (a precursor to our library), secretary of the Oddfellows Lodge, secretary of the Wakefield Cricket Club, secretary of the Financial Reform League and secretary of various other committees.

It is poignant that Mary Helen's father was once a principal of Wakefield Primary School because it was a group of present day students from this same school who located the grave of his daughter. No doubt Mary Helen's legacy is continuing through some of her four known grandchildren.

It is fascinating to see that she and her parents, as well as her husband and his family, are all part of a much bigger picture involving our local Wakefield history, and telling her story helps to remember what these early pioneers achieved and how it helped shape the community we have all come to know and be a part of ourselves.








# Wakefield Volunteer Fire Brigade

## PERMITS & SIGNAGE

As we head into Autumn, there will be some garden /lifestyle block clean ups happening and as rural folk do we have a burn pile or know where we have access to one. The new conditions & signage have been underway for about 6 months. You would have your notifications emailed out along with updates of permit suspensions due to weather conditions.

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# Wakefield Playcentre

by Charlotte Thynne

We have had a lovely start to the year at Wakefield Playcentre. Plenty of water play and messy play and lots of children and adults alike catching up after the summer holiday period. Early in the term we had a very exciting trip into the Nelson Museum to see the Dinosaur Exhibition. One of the museum education staff walked us through the exhibition and it was awe inspiring to witness her hold the attention of our 3 and 4 year olds, what a talent! She was incredibly kind and informative and at one point passed around a real, fossilised woolly mammoth tooth for everyone to hold! Incredible!



We have a number of new families that have joined us this year and we are always ready to welcome any new family that walks through our door. Playcentre is an incredible community focused on supporting parents and caregivers and creating the opportunity for children to do their most important work, play play play! :-)

Wakefield Playcentre is open Monday-Friday 9:30-12:00, at 16 Treeton Place.

If you're a parent or caregiver of a young child please just pop in and say hi, and see if it might be for you :-)



## Wakefield Toy Library

by Charlotte Thynne

Wakefield Community Toy Library, what a place, pop in and see what we have on offer, it's sensational!!

The Wakefield Community Toy Library has had a lovely start to the year with lots of happy children and parents checking out new toys to take home and enjoy before returning them a couple of weeks later to repeat the process.

Please pop in if you see our sign out to see the incredible transformation of the historic Toy Library building thanks to the Tasman District Council. It really is a lovely space and there are lots of exciting things happening through the Wai-iti Workshop group to really bring the building into the community for all.

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# Wakefield School

## Kōtare News from Wakefield School

This year, we made some awesome changes to the Room 5 and 6 classrooms to make them look way better for the Year 7 and 8 students—that's us, Kōtare!

The builders gave the walls a fresh new look, changing them from boring brown to a cool mix of black, light blue, and dark blue. We also got brand-new furniture! One of the biggest changes was the new breakout space between the two rooms. It got a fresh coat of paint and now looks amazing!

Every day, Kōtare 5 & 6 has a hui where we come together to talk about what we're learning. Mondays are extra fun because we do a weekly quiz where we try to beat the teachers! Lately, we've been learning about dance with Rachel and working on plans to improve the PE shed. On Thursdays, we have Tech—this term, we're doing food tech and food science.

## Food Tech & Food Science

In the kitchen, we're learning all about cooking and what it takes to be a real Master Chef. Our first challenge was taking the simple potato and turning it into a mouth-watering dish!

But what is food science? It's all about experimenting with food and making everyday meals more exciting. Our first experiment was making ice cream! We put salt and ice cubes in one bag and mixed cream, milk, vanilla essence, and chocolate sprinkles in another. Then we shook it like crazy, and boom—ice cream! We learned about changes in states of matter and how thermal energy transfers between the ice and cream. The salt made the ice melt faster, which helped freeze the cream into ice cream. Pretty cool, right? Soon, we'll be making food at school and freezing it to take to camp!

## Camp Excitement!

Speaking of camp, we're all super excited! Some of us are looking forward to the fact that we get to stay for four whole nights! We'll leave school at 8:00 AM and stop at Lake Rotoiti for some fun activities before heading to **Pine Valley Outdoor Education Centre** for the week.



# Renewal & Revitalisation for St John's

After a period of nearly a year without a vicar, Michael Johnston was inducted by Simon Martin, the Bishop's Chaplin, on Sunday 23rd February, to part time work at St John's Church, Wakefield.

Michael, Lauren and family live in Wakefield but have worshipped in Brightwater for the last two years. So their families and the two local congregations, St Paul's Brightwater and St John's Wakefield (nearly 100 people), welcomed them. It is refreshing to have another young family.



Michael is taking on a new leadership role at the church in Wakefield and will continue to study part-time at Bishopdale Theological College.

His wife Lauren will be involved with children's ministry including Mainly Music.

St John's members are excited about the ways in which Michael and Lauren's presence will help to revitalise and sustain the programs and activities with the youth, community outreach and worship services.

All are welcome to come along at 10.30 am each Sunday to the Worship Centre in Edward Street, for a family service and a traditional service on the first Sunday of the month at St John's church on the hill at 9 am.

Photo:

Michael and Lauren Johnston with their children - daughter Lydia, and sons Blake, Isaac and Jordan [in age order].



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# Higgins Heritage Park Happenings

by David Win

This month we are again pleased to be joining in with the Nelson City Council's annual Tuku 25 Heritage Month. This is six weeks of events to tuku (share) the unique stories of people and show the wide range of historic equipment and machinery of our forefathers with our family open days on Sundays' 23 March, 6 April, 20 April and 4 May 10am – 3pm.

Nelson / Tasman has a rich heritage, dating from early Māori and then its establishment as the New Zealand Company's first settlement in the South Island. Last year an estimated 18,000 people enjoyed the 120 events.

There are many exhibits at the Park which are reminders of the history of our district, eg the Solly's Chevrolet, Farewell Spit liner, 1900's steam traction engines, 1950 Bradford delivery van, rural life display of household appliances etc etc. One of our local stories is about a little black oven:

This has been beautifully restored by Hilton Win and is on display in the Win Collection Museum. This story includes references from 'Just Another Row of Spuds' and 'More Wakefield Spuds'.

Isaac (34) and Jane (32) Baigent and their three young children (Amos 7, Eliab 4, Issac Jnr 2) immigrated from Windlesham, Surrey, England to Nelson on the sailing ship the MAORI under Captain Petheridge arriving here on the 7th June 1853. A voyage of 93 days which was considered quick for the times. Amongst their possessions they had with them the black oven.

The basic cooking utensils usually brought out on the ship from 'home' were large heavy black boilers which often hung on hooks over an open fire. Black stoves with an oven were the height of luxury. Bread was mixed by hand in large, cream, pottery bread-bowls and set to rise by the fire, covered with a cloth, before being punched down and set to rise a second time. It was then ready for the oven

Issac was the brother of Edward Baigent, the founder of Wakefield, who had immigrated to New Zealand in 1842.

A builder by trade, Issac Baigent started the Forest Inn as an accommodation lodge in 1856. It was located just south of the Jimmy Lee bridge beyond Wakefield. The first meetings of the Forest Lodge (Masonic Lodge no.116) between 1873 and 1883 were held in the Forest Inn. In 1902 the building was towed by steam traction engine to its present site in Edward Street.

Over time, the oven was then used by Issac's son, Issac Jnr and thereafter was then stored by his son Vernon in the hop kiln at Baigent's Valley Road as nobody "wanted the hunk of scrap iron".

This property was then bought by Joe Win in the early 1950's. Joe (1918-1998) continued to grow hops on the farm. His son, Hilton, as a young lad growing up on the farm discovered the history of the oven, and appreciating and respecting the value of heritage items, has taken care of it throughout the years and has now restored the oven for future generations to appreciate.

## Dates to remember – follow us on Facebook

Saturday & Sunday 22-23 March – Nelson Vintage Engine & Machinery Show days

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 – Steam up & rides, Army Centre Group reenactment.

All museum sheds open

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Isaac Baigent and his home at Upper Wakefield.  
People: Jane Baigent, Charlotte wife of Eliab, and Isaac Baigent  
Photo courtesy M Earl

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# Weka Worries

by Petros

What's the matter?

They're picking on me, Mum.

Who?

The other kids. They call me bad names.

What names?

'Thief', 'garden-wrecker', 'trespasser' – they reckon I break in and pinch things.

(Oh no, that family thing. Well I suppose it's time we told him.)

Listen dear, it's not your fault. We've all got it, us Wekas, we're domestication-intolerant. We have an allergy to fences and boundaries. It's an extra gene, we call it a freedom-gene. That's why we can't help trespassing.

I don't want to be a trespasser, Mum! I don't! I don't!

It's just the way we are, dear.

Look, I'll pack some lunch and we can go down the river for a picnic. We might meet some young Pūkekos you can play with. You'll like them. They've got the freedom-gene too.

Cool, thanks Mum. Maybe we can all go trespassing together.

OK. You'll need your gumboots!

*Mum's right – where would we be without them?*



# Lake Wakefield

by Jean Gorman

For perhaps thousands of years, this low-lying area at the lower end of the Pitfure valley was a shallow lake.

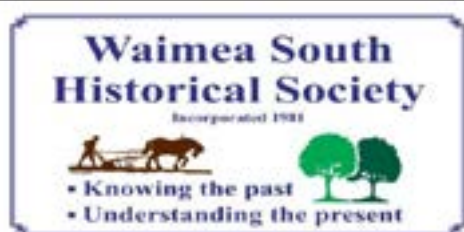
As the climate warmed after the last ice age, sediment-loaded water flooded down the Wai-iti valley. As the Wai-iti River overflowed its banks, it deposited metres of gravel, sand and silt that impeded the flow of Pitfure Creek in the area now traversed by the Great Taste Trail towards Edwards Rd.

As the Pitfure Creek ponded, it formed a swampy landscape or marshland in which clay and silt particles accumulated. Consequently, a metre or so below the present land level, there is about 2m of fine blue-grey clay that any potter would be pleased to use.

As you emerge from the stand of Totara trees imagine a marshland in front of you in the hollow. Over time, the Pitfure overflowed the bank of sediment deposited by the Wai-iti River and today it takes a right turn and flows parallel to the Wai-iti River to Brightwater.

Looking up Pitfure Creek towards the ranges, one is viewing an active fault system, which is uplifting Mt Heslington and the Barnicoat, Gordon, Bryant and other ranges in the east and downfaulting the lowlands of the Moutere Depression in the west.

Plate movement shattered the hills causing landslides. Floods sent broken rock down the Pitfure which can still be found under the sediments of the marshland deposits. Three major faults remain which are still occasionally active. The most active among them moved about six thousand years ago.



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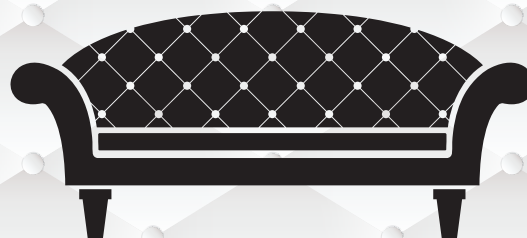
Meeting to be held at the Holy Trinity Church Hall

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# Wakefield Health Centre

by Gavin Drummond, Practice Manager

We are delighted to inform our patients that we once again have a **physio service** at the Practice. In partnership with The Physio Clinic Motueka, Lara Malcolm will be here to see our patients, initially on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please call us to make an appointment.

Lara has given a brief bio below:

*I'm Lara Malcolm, I've been working as a Physio for the past nine years in both Nelson and Motueka.*

*I graduated from Otago University in 2015 and have since completed a post-graduate diploma in musculoskeletal physiotherapy through AUT. I have enjoyed working in the Tasman region, doing clinic-based work, as well as occupational and older-person physiotherapy.*

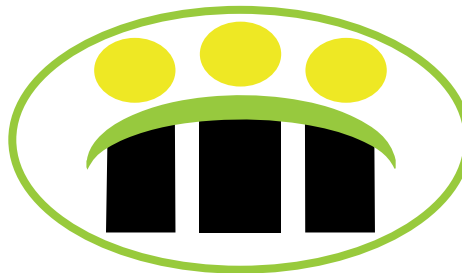
*I'm looking forward to getting to know the Wakefield community and working as part of the Wakefield Health Centre team. Beyond work, I'm born and bred in Nelson and have recently settled in Richmond. It has been great being back in the region over the past years, being involved with the community and making the most of the great outdoors the region has to offer.*

We are also delighted to welcome Chrissy Takai as a **new Practice Nurse**. We think she is a great fit for our practice and patients. She has written a little about herself below and has also let us use a picture.

*Mālō e lelei, Kia Ora, I'm Chrissy Takai and I've just joined the Wakefield Health Centre as a nurse. I'm of kiwi/Tongan decent and was raised in Brightwater. I've been practicing for two years as a community nurse working with our Pasifika communities across Nelson/Tasman.*

*We have strong family roots in the Brightwater and Wakefield areas. It feels great to be back out here and in the practice I attended as a child with such a great team. I'm looking forward to meeting everyone.*

*Mālō 'aupito, Nga Mihi, Chrissy*



## Wakefield Health Centre

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## Dog Trials 2025

by Sally Powell

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The Waimea Sheep Dog Trial Club will hold its annual field trial on Sat 26th April at 320 Higgins Road, Wakefield. In the past few years, spectator numbers have been on the rise as locals re-connect with this iconic part of rural life in New Zealand. Once again, the club invites families to come and watch the skill of the heading dogs and listen to the Huntaways barking as they compete to move sheep across their chosen courses. All four courses will be operating from first light on the morning of the 26th and the event is free to spectators. Fundraising for the club will be in the form of a sausage sizzle, sales of the famous club Farnalade and other preserves, as well as a raffle. Please note, dogs are restricted to competing animals at dog trials so please leave your pets at home.

The WSDTC is now into its 104th year and is proud to report national success in the form of member Ali Eggers and his dog, Moss, who won the maiden section of the national Tux Yarding finals in Taupo at the end of January. This is a remarkable achievement.

Ali and Moss worked very hard to achieve their goal but the support and encouragement of a vibrant club is also part of his success and a vibrant club would not be possible without sponsors.

Many businesses in the Wakefield area have supported the club over the years and should be very proud of the hand they have had in creating that vibrancy and self-belief. Every little bit helps and from the brink of disappearing in 2021, the club now boasts a champion. The sponsors are too many to name in this forum, but the club remains very grateful to all of you.





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# Community Notices



The old public library building  
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Kia ora Wakefield,

We have an exciting new community space starting in the old public library building across from the school. We are going to be hosting repair events, workshops, scooter and bike repairs, and meet-ups and are in need of some storage cabinets and supplies.

We are also offering an alternative recycling collection point for tetrapaks, plastic bottle lids, and soft plastics. All recycling must be clean before drop off!!

If you're interested in future events, school holiday classes, or how you can help support us, check out our facebook page, Wai-iti Workshop



Tetrapaks are those food containers that hold liquids like milk, yogurt, chicken stock, or up-and-go.

Cut them down the sides to create a flat surface

Wash them off and let them dry. You don't want any food residue

Bring them to the new bins at the Wakefield Public Library building on Edward Street during opening hours Monday 3:00-4:30 or Saturday 10-11.  
Hours will be expanding shortly



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Know where your important documents are

Pack a go-bag with water, firstaid, clothes, and food for you and your pets

Make a plan. Who can you stay with if you need to? Does your insurance cover fires?

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TDC website

# Live Well Stay Well

by Sonja Lamers

## Upcoming meetings:

Tuesday 11 March 2025: coffee meeting at The Villa in Wakefield, 9.45am onwards

Tuesday 25 March 2025: visit to Janet's historical house at 1067 Eighty Eight Valley Road, Wakefield, 10am

Tuesday 8 April: 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

## Live Well, Stay Well

**Tuesday 11 March and 8 April 2025 Coffee and a chat at Café The Villa in Wakefield at 9.45am**

**Tuesday 25 March 2025 10am**

**Visit to Janet's house at  
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Road Wakefield**

**Talk about the history of the house  
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## RAFFLE WINNERS - CRAFT GROUP

Raffle drawn Wednesday 18th December 2024. All prizes have been delivered.

1st Lenore

2nd Kay

3rd Diane

Thanks to all all who purchased tickets to enable us to buy more wool for knitting more garments for the Tasman District.

Craft group starts in the New Year 2025 Wednesday the 15th of January at the Wakefield Fire Station 9 to 12

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The Wakefield Community Toy Library is for everyone!

## WHY NOT WAKEFIELD'S WINNER SAYS THANKS

by Wendy Marett

The prizes seriously were way too much for one girl! I did share most with my lovely friend who was up for the trip out to Wakefield to see the **art show** and we so enjoyed meeting everyone and chatting and seeing their work. We also had a delicious sunny sojourn at the **Villa cafe** see photo dubbed Lady Penelope.

The man at the **historical society** was most informative and it will be interesting to pursue some further research there.

So they were my three entries on the day and I feel the odds were somewhat stacked in my favour!

We have enjoyed so much dining at the Villa, the Sprig and the Bakery; the plants and trees are flowering in our gardens.

Thank you to everyone for chipping in; Oka cottage, the Springgrove petrol station, both nurseries, the Historic village and all the other activities yet to be redeemed.

Most sincerely,  
Wendy



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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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