



# window onwakefield

Your Local News

## Community News for the Wakefield Area

### Alpine Faults (AF8) - Live Well, Stay Well

by Christine Godfrey

On 20th May a large crowd of LWSW members and visitors gathered at Wakefield Fire Brigade's rooms to listen to one of our members, Jean Gorman (geologist), give a presentation on the expected Alpine Fault quake, how it would affect Wakefield and surrounding areas.

The Pacific plate is moving past the Australian plate, and in NZ the Alpine Fault has moved 26 times in the last 8000 years. When the Alpine Fault shifts, landslides will be triggered in the mountains. All roads will be damaged in the South Island (some closed for years).

Slips will isolate communities and limit food supplies across the South Island. Airports are unlikely to function and Nelson Airport will probably be out of action.

A Richter 8 on the Alpine Fault (AF8) will probably give a 7.4 Richter scale quake in Nelson. The shock waves will hit us three minutes after the start and possibly shake for three minutes. A tsunami is unlikely here but possible. Jean mentioned the slogan, "Long or Strong Get Gone". Long = longer than a minute.

Many pylons will fall and it may be several weeks to get grid power back. As water tanks can fall over, it pays to have black 20 litre plastic containers filled with water and a teaspoon of Janola or bleach, and changed periodically. Cell phone towers will be down and power will be out, so phone chargers, power-banks, generators and fuel for them will be useful. Some landline phones may still work. Keep your car fuel topped up and a BBQ or gas cooker will be essential. Keep cash as ATMs and EFTPOS will be down. Jean said "Have you got the GEONET App"?

When the shaking stops put your shoes on and warm clothes and go and check on your neighbours. Discuss this mutual self-help with them beforehand. If you are away from home, have a grab bag in your car, containing warm clothes, walking shoes in case you have to walk home, snacks and water, headlamp or torch, medications, passport, Insurance details. Equally have a grab bag at your house with similar items including first aid kit, charged cell phone, towel, wash bag for if you can't stay in your home. Store important computer files in (the cloud) or memory sticks, ahead of time.

Before an earthquake have at least three weeks of medications and food (including pet foods), as food from shops will quickly disappear. Rice, pasta, tinned food, beans and lentils etc. If no power, wrap your freezer in blankets etc to keep it cold and eat your frozen food first. It may last up to two weeks.

Look up online how to make a composting toilet. Don't forget toilet paper and hand sanitiser.

Now make sure bookcases, TV sets, water cylinders etc. are attached to the wall so they can't fall over or down. Jean says "Fix, Fasten don't forget". Turn off gas cylinders after quake.

Most of all, have a Family Plan so everyone knows what to do and where to meet afterwards. If the kids are at school in Richmond, maybe they'll need to stay there a few days.

This is not a complete list of how to be prepared for earthquakes.

For more info, head to <https://www.naturalhazards.govt.nz/> Be prepared!



Thank you, Jean for your very informative presentation.

Deborah presented Jean with a gift voucher.



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# Town and Country Vet

by Brenda Halliwell, Vet

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By the time you are reading this we will have been in our fabulous new clinic for several weeks.

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The new clinic is amazing in many ways. Apart from being new, shiny and modern, we have so much more space and flow which means our team can work efficiently and provide quality care for our patients and their people.

We are continuing our preventative animal health approach as well as treating unwell animals, performing surgeries, dentistry, radiology, running puppy school and nurse clinics and being a base for our large animal vets. But alongside these we now have a cat-only clinic to keep our feline friends happy, an on-site pet groomer, physio, dog gym and hydrotherapy. The hyperbaric oxygen machine will return after having some time off due to lack of space! And there's also space for visiting specialists to use so our local pets can receive expert care that isn't usually available in our region.



In our lovely new spacious reception area, we have lots of info to help you look after your animals and the front-of-house team are ready to help with any questions and supplies for your pets, horses, lifestyle block and farm animals.

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# Wakefield Village Kindergarten

As always we have had another fabulous month at Wakefield Kindy.

We welcome the new children who have joined us and we are enjoying getting to know them and help them to make some new connections and relationships with us at kindy. Including new people and making new friends provides so much rich learning for the tamariki.

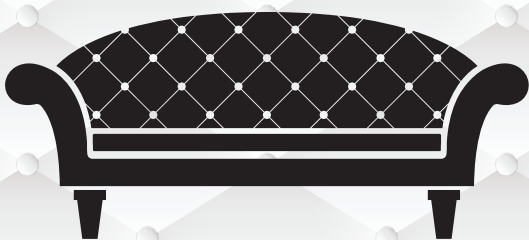
We are still busily involved in the community with regular visits to the Wakefield School Library, The Wakefield Homestead (Rest Home), Discovery Time at Wakefield School for the four-year-olds, the Community Music Sessions at the Toy Library, as well as other spontaneous walks to the Faulkner Park and Bush. Please do give us a toot or a wave if you see us out and about.

To support our bicultural journey we have had some guests in to teach us about using poi and the teaching team are going on a poi making/using workshop.

These new skills will be put to use as we are busily preparing for our Whānau Matariki Celebrations, so we will have more to report on this next time.



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# Wakefield School

**Tūi team visited Willowbank Village to learn about what life was like in the olden days.**

## ***Dressing Up***

Last week we went to Willowbank. We dressed up in fancy clothes. The girls dressed in dresses and bonnets and the boys wore shirts, waistcoats and cheese cutter caps. Lesley took photos of us all.

*by Freya*

## ***Croquet***

We played croquet. The rules were the rod had to be between your legs and you had to get the ball through the hoops. It was super fun. I loved it, maybe because it was new and I have never done it before.

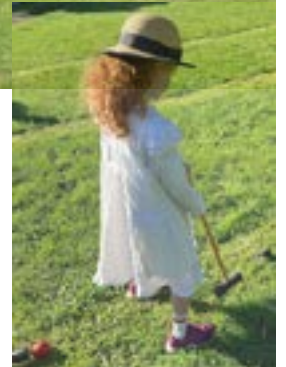
*by Sadie & Kade*



## ***Hobby Horse Races***

The last activity at Willowbank was the hobbyhorse racing. We had to wear special singlets with numbers. The horses were made out of wood with wheels at the back. We had to jump over pieces of wood and I face planted and then got up and came in first place.

*by Bodhi*



## ***Olden Days Washing Day***

I did the washing in the past. I got to get water from the pump. You need to push a thing up and down and then water would flow all into the bucket. You would take it and wash the item.

*by Jake*

## ***Olden Days School***

Last Monday we went to Mr Crouch's school. He was so strict. We used a pen and ink. He had a stick and a belt. We did reading and we did cursive writing. I think school in the olden day would have been pretty bad.

*by Sasha*

## ***Using a Printing Press***

Printing in the olden days was harder because you couldn't just press a few buttons. You had to find the letters or numbers you needed, get the ink on them and put them in a printing machine. Next you had to put a piece of paper on top of it and then put the lid on and push it forward and take it out.

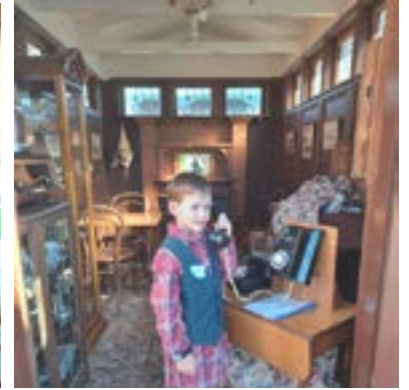
*by Lucy*



## ***Using Olden Days Telephones***

At Willowbank there were telephones. We got to use them. We could talk to each other. It was so fun. They weren't like mobile phones. First you had to pick up the handset then you had to put your finger in the dial and move it round the circle. You couldn't walk around with it.

*by Harvey*



# In the Bush

*Reporting in from Evie South - President*

I wonder if like me, you have had to find your sunscreen again!!! I now have mine handy, what an amazing amount of sunshine we have been experiencing. And of course for both our own sections and those of our Scenic Reserves comes incredible growth spurts. As can be clearly seen in our plantings last year, they are so above their protector heights.

I was asked why we keep our corflute protectors on longer than most other plantings in the district. As our trees grow, so do the grasses and weeds around them, by keeping the protectors on, we can visually see the plantings, because if we do not hand weed, then the weed eater is our best friend and we would rather munch a protector (which we can easily replace) than a tree.

We also try to err on the side of caution, particularly weather wise. A bout of very hard frosts can severely damage the recent (1-2 year plantings), so we leave them cosy and protected until we feel they can stand alone, as we also do with some of the older trees that have not quite "settled".

Many of our team are suitably qualified in this area and we regularly monitor each and every planting. This might seem to some readers to be a bit over the top, but we look at the BIG picture, nurturing and care and they will always be there!!!!

All of these protectors (over many years) have been specifically donated to the Society, from previous and current members, we are so grateful for their futuristic planning, enabling us to give the best "support" possible to all our plantings. And yes we do recycle them.

MAY maintenance day, saw a slightly smaller group tackle some infill planting in the triangle fenced area just above the old house site at Faulkner Bush. 30 trees were planted; mainly Kowhai and Lemon wood as both of these trees seem to be surviving well in this terrain. A big shout out again to Steven Hammond, for supplying these trees for us to plant, amazing contribution.

We also did some replacement protectors and tying up of the earlier plantings.

John kindly did a spray around each plant to hinder early weed growth and also tackled some old man's beard seedlings at the beginning of the drive in. Eric was as always busy in all areas, mulching and getting rid of a rather large wild cherry tree and privet. Beautiful warm day and great catch up cuppa and chat afterwards.

**HUGE THANK YOU** also to many in our community and region that did canvas our local council/councillors to reconsider (which has happened. Yippee) their position on cost cutting measures, that would have involved the removal of some rubbish bins, doggy doo bag dispensers etc. So at present they get to stay.

## NOW TO THE REALLY GOOD STUFF

"Our" very own Sally Gordon, part of our trapping/planting co-ordination and general super person for our Scenic Reserves, looking far better than in our bush work clothes! Seriously thinking of getting sequins for our volunteer bush vests!

### ***NBS Nelson Tasman Hospice - Dancing for a Cause***

Sally is an amazing dance teacher and was part of the team of two creative directors behind all the dance moves you see when you go to these shows.

Together with Emma Jane Silke-French, Sally has been involved since the inception of Dancing for a Cause.

Together they teach all the couples, come up with all the choreography for each dance and bring all the moving parts together.

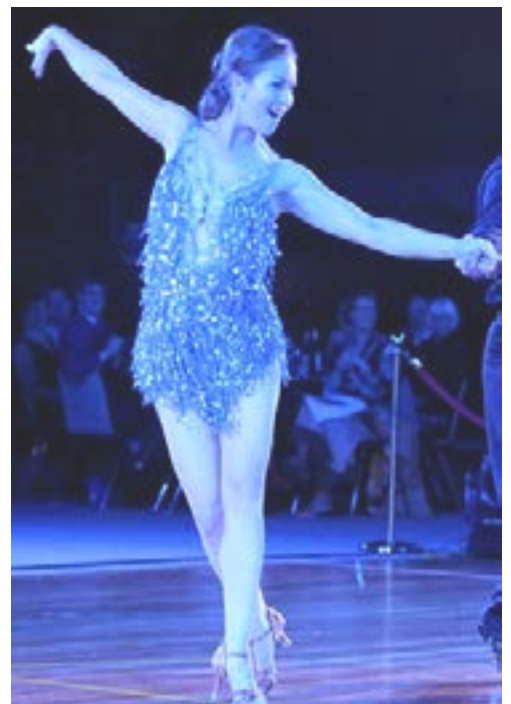
WOW, so I cannot guarantee if you join up as a volunteer it will come with dance lessons, however as Sally has her own dance studio, maybe I could learn to get my moving parts in better shape.

THANK YOU Sally and support person "hubbie" Duncan for all you do for our Society and region.

## 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***  
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# BMG Mini for Cancer

by Bob Croy

After our group The Wakefield Coffee Club completed the Cancer Society's Walk for Life in 2011 and raised about \$5,000 we talked about what could we do to raise \$10,000 next time.

One of our members had just done up a Mini Minor and I suggested why don't we find a Mini and rebuild it back to brand new and we could raffle it. We had two years to do it all in!

First, we had to find a Mini and that was no easy job. We looked all over and even drove to Takaka to find two rusted out heaps of junk. I talked to the Mini Club and they steered me onto a car that had been sitting for a long time and the one lady owner wouldn't sell it. I approached her and bought it for \$650 so long as the residual funds went to the Cancer Society.

We had our Mini, now the hard graft could begin! The little car was stripped back to the body shell, sandblasted and panel beaten and rust holes patched and painted back to a brand-new looking body.

Meanwhile all of the mechanicals were stripped and rebuilt, motor, gearbox, brakes and suspension the lot. One huge job carried out by many willing volunteers in the name of Cancer and all time and parts donated free of charge. No charge at all.

If we needed something we asked for it and it was donated. It was an incredible showing of goodwill in the name of Cancer.

When we had it back on the road we decided we needed a trailer to cart it around to sell our raffle tickets and with a chat to a few people we had all the materials supplied and Colin Ryder built it for us.

Organising the raffle was our biggest head ache! The Government Departments were very slow and difficult to deal with but we got our approval from them and we needed raffle tickets to sell and how many? These were done locally and our team organised the putting together of books.

Our work was just beginning!

We carted the Mini from Wakefield in every direction Murchison, Lake Rotoiti, Takaka etc. We carted it around all of the camping grounds and A&P shows in the area and spent hours in the Saturday market, Richmond Mall and every Friday at 185 Veges in Hope selling tickets.

It was a mammoth job and everyone dug in and helped. We raised \$115,000!! A far cry from our target of \$10,000.

The raffle was drawn in Wakefield and a man from Levin won it. We had hoped that it would stay around here but it wasn't to happen but after a few years we saw the Mini in Wakefield again. It had found its way home but it wasn't for sale under any circumstances.

I was cleaning out our car shed and came across the Minis original number plates and thought that they should be with the car. I put a notice in the Nelson Facebook page to find our Mini and had answers back very quickly.

I had found it and it was for sale at Bowater Motors. My brother in Ashburton had always wanted it to raffle it there for the Ashburton Cancer Society, so I gave him a call. It was a forgone conclusion.

The Mini left for new fields in Mid Canterbury on Monday 19th May to earn more funds for the fight against cancer.

It is a wonderful story of so much giving and no taking, there was no money spent by the group to carry out this wonderful project.

Thanks to all that had any part of it. You know who you are.





# Live Well, Stay Well

## Upcoming meetings:

**Tuesday 10 June 2025:** coffee meeting at The Villa in Wakefield, 9.45am onwards

**Tuesday 24 June 2025:** 10am visit to Top House Historic Inn & Cottages, 10am

**Tuesday 8 July 2025:** coffee meeting at HQ cafe in Brightwater, 9.45 am 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, Christine 027 677 0080



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The time that Mr Irvine spends with students is invaluable and we THANK YOU for your work, Mr Irvine.

## Water Supplies, Bird Flu & Other Nasties

by Jean L Gorman

Many of us are dependent on roof water for our drinking water supplies. The sparrows sit on the gutter, yelling at the cat. Other birds fly over, adding their contributions to our water supply, and it occurred to me to look at whether Bird Flu might be a problem for us.

Viruses are very much smaller than bacteria, and although filters will remove bacteria, viruses can pass through. According to reliable research, strong UV light kills bacteria AND viruses.

UV inline water purifiers are available locally and, as long as correctly maintained, work well. Viz: don't forget to replace the bulb like I did and go for weeks without protection; mind you we didn't die.

There are three types of UV light, imaginatively called, UVA, UVB and UVC - the most harmful to viruses. The UVC light in UV water purifiers kills all viruses and bacteria. Reverse Osmosis systems and Distillation also work.

Boil water notices are already in place for some rural supplies. This is to kill Cryptosporidium and Giardia, which are not killed by Council chlorination. Bird Flu Viruses are killed by chlorination.



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# Wakefield Country Players

## A Tale as Old as Time

After a successfully sold-out season of Captain Corelli's Mandolin, Wakefield Country Players are straight back onto the stage with Disney's Beauty and the Beast!

Rehearsals are well underway, beginning with learning all of the classic songs with our vocal director, Margy Wallace and dance choreography with Lillie Prestidge and Anna Kaldau. This is all under the guidance of our director, Sarah Ching, who directed The Addams Family in 2023.

We are back at home in the Wakefield Village Hall and have grand plans to transform the space into something rather special, taking our audiences to a different world through amazing sets, costumes, lighting, acting, dancing, singing and a sprinkle of magic.

With 29 cast members aged from 7 to... however old Shaun is... and a large production team working wonders behind the scenes, this show promises to bring a high level of entertainment for all ages.

Check out our Facebook page - Country Players Wakefield Events Information.

We will be posting behind the scenes photos, introducing the cast members and advertising some exciting promos over the next couple of months.

Ticket sales are now open and everyone who books in June will go into the draw to win a \$50 meal voucher from The Little Sprig in Wakefield!

You can either dine in before a show, or take your meal to go and enjoy your delicious food in the theatre.

With only six shows planned, book your tickets early as our shows always sell out!

We will have performances at 7:30pm on 22, 23, 27, 29 and 30th August and a 2pm performance on Sunday 24th August.

All of our evening show will be our unique "picnic theatre" experience where you can bring your own food and drink to enjoy while we entertain you.

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# Higgins Heritage Park Happenings

by David Win

This month we start with expressing our appreciation to Network Tasman Trust for their marvellous support for our project to extend our security capability at the park. This is another of our projects to give more resilience to our park systems and is also supported by Armstrong Smarter Security – Tasman Bay, Justin@logs2lumber and our own Operations Team.

The Park has been a very lively place during May with great autumn colours, visits from the Photographic Society and Steampunk models, Nelson Tasman NZMCA Area 70 with a happy group for the weekend, Simon with a group at “Make a Knife”, and Tasman Bay Christian School classes who had learning themes of “WWII technology” and “Transport through Time”.

## Dates to Remember:

Sunday 1st June – Museum open day, displays, jigger and honey barrel rides.

Sunday 6 July – Museum open day, displays, jigger and honey barrel rides

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## Photos:

Top Right - sparks fly at “Make a Knife”

Right - Nicole Tai found these two Steampunkers at the entrance to HHP in costumes that complimented the machinery!

Below: a David Skinner photo of the bush rail jigger in action





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# Wakefield Toy Library

by Charlotte Thynne

The Wakefield Community Toy Library is an incredible space and is morphing into so much more than just a Toy Library.

For the past year the space has been used by the school for music lessons and there is a repair shop style group that is meeting every second Monday.

With a new heat pump and an absolute makeover inside, the building is now providing an inviting space for people to connect. We have an array of high end board games available and the perfect tables to spread out a puzzle or craft project. If this type of thing sparks your interest then please pop in :-)

The Wakefield Community Toy Library is open:  
10:00am-11:00am Saturdays and  
3:15pm-4:15pm on Mondays.

Memberships fees drop to \$40 for the year if you are able to do a duty every couple of months, (no extra hire costs per toy either!)

The Wakefield Community Toy Library Team :-



## Matariki Togetherness

by Petros

*Let's ask the Finches,* said Tui from the chair. Matariki was coming and the management committee were planning the inter-species feast.

*They've been here just as long as you fellows but we hardly know them.*

*Yeah well why not?* Blackbird agreed and Thrush nodded.

*OK, will you pass on an invite Sparrow? You see more of them than we do.*

*Sure, some of my best friends are Finches.*

*Oh really?*

*Well, they join in our seed-searches sometimes – keep on the fringes and don't bother anybody.* He passed on the message next time a Finch called by.

*Thought they'd never ask,* the other Finches chuckled when they heard.

*We'd better turn up. After all, Matariki is for us all, isn't it? Supposed to be, yes.*

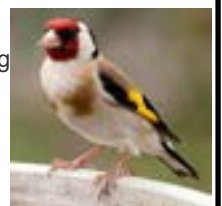
*OK, what can we take? Well there's seed combos that townies won't have tasted for a while. And our songs, of course – some real Country Music. And we'll wear our full colours – show off our fashion sense. We've got lots to offer.*

*And turn up they did, and were very popular.* Once over their shyness they became great talkers, passing on stories the others had never heard, about hawthorn hedges and blackberry patches, fields of wheat and rye and barley, grown right here in the village precincts.

*Well, I didn't know they had it in them,* said chairman Tui. *Make sure there's a Finch on next year's committee. And ask them to get some of those stories into the monthly village newsletter, won't you.*

*As good as done,* replied secretary Bellbird. *Matariki is for us all.*

**Tātou, tātou e!**





# Wakefield Playcentre

by Charlotte Thynne

Wakefield Playcentre can meet a child's ECE needs from the newborn stage right up until they start school. We have many newborn babies at Playcentre at the moment, it's an absolute delight!

Our families, no matter where they are along their own parenting pathway, always love wrapping around a family with a new baby and providing whatever support they need. So if you have a young baby do pop in to Playcentre, the kettle is always ready and the people always welcoming.

This month at Wakefield Playcentre we have been undertaking the serious work of providing enough food for monarch caterpillars, observing their changes and releasing the butterflies, such a wonderful experience for our older tamariki.

We have also had the parachute out, so much singing and fun to be had!

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

**Also a big congratulations to Wendy Peterson for winning the recent Wakefield Playcentre fundraising raffle.**

Many many thanks to the businesses who sold tickets on our behalf, Wakefield 4 Square, Hair Raisers, Wakefield Pharmacy, Wakefield Auto Services and Wakefield Dairy :-)



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# Waimea South Historical Society

## Field Trip to Spring Grove Drill Hall - 29 April 2025

by Yo Tye

Margaret Clark, as the April meeting convenor, welcomed everybody with a special mention to those who belonged to the Spring Grove Drill Hall Committee and then called up each speaker in turn, the first being Peter Verstappen. Peter acknowledged the effort that our society had made with assistance in the decorating of the Spring Grove Drill Hall. This included a large artistic replica of an 1860's map of Waimea Plains as well as 'Time Lines' and documents portraying the various uses of the Drill Hall up to the present day, and a photographic display. Alongside this was a display of several WWII artefacts belonging to Cyril Douglas Lapwood, the late father of secretary Yo Tye.

Peter outlined the WWII setting for the play, based on the novel of the same name by Louis de Bernières, which was set in the island of Cephalonia off the eastern coast of Greece in the Ionian Sea. He pointed out the relevance of being able to utilise the Drill Hall as a venue for the production because of the military theme in both Drill Hall and the play. The play is about the power of love and took the audience on Army marches, opera singing, village gossiping, and dealing with an earthquake and much more. The play also gave us all a warning that none of us can afford to be complacent as there is an ever present threat of war, especially in today's unstable political environment on the world stage.

The next speaker was Warwick Johnston who spoke about the Tasman District Council's Urban Growth Plan Change 81. He outlined how the TDC have earmarked the area within Wakefield Village which is bounded by Whitby Way, Edward and Arrow Streets, Pitfure Road and Whitby Road, as a possible area to construct medium-density housing of up to three stories high. This could involve the demolition of several historical houses/buildings as well as the sub-division of the larger sections to enable the construction of these proposed medium density homes by developers. However our society believes this area would be better developed as a Historical Precinct because of our village being the oldest inland village in New Zealand. Without a Heritage Advisor within the TDC, the historical value of sites and buildings can often go undetected. Warwick has been instrumental in establishing a new Heritage Advisory Group which, although operating outside the jurisdiction of the TDC, can be called upon to fill the shortfall of relevant information. This group has members from throughout the Tasman District.

Peter Verstappen then spoke again, this time about the Wakefield Community Hub project for which he is one of the Trustees. The original preferred site for the new community hub was in behind the tennis courts to the south of the sports domain. However the cost of installing services and roading to this site is higher than expected and an alternative site, between the Wakefield School and the Wakefield Hotel, is being investigated and a careful cost comparison will take place before deciding on which site the new facility will be built upon.

Margaret then spoke about the process of re-writing our Constitution to comply with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 which will be discussed at the AGM on 27th May.

Yo was the next speaker. Her father's WWII mess tin, two kit bags, an Army belt and an Army blanket, and photocopies of his war diaries were on display. Cyril Douglas (Doug) Lapwood, was a medic in the 5th Field Ambulance and had been captured in Kalamata Bay in the south of Greece, a location not far from the island of Cephalonia, on 28 April 1941. Another striking coincidence is that Doug learnt to play the mandolin whilst a POW in OFLAG IX A/H in Spangenberg Castle in Germany with instruments and music lessons supplied by the British Red Cross. A photograph of him playing with his 'Ords' (hospital orderlies) band was on display. Productions were encouraged within prison camps to help ease boredom. A local Dovedale man, Norm Win, was also a POW with Doug and he too was involved with these productions. Like most veterans, Doug never spoke of his war experiences and Yo only discovered his War Diaries after she received a load of his personal belongings which had been sent to her after he needed to go into a care home in Pukekohe, suffering from dementia. He then believed he was again locked in a prison camp and on one occasion began shouting in German in an agitated manner. This highlights the trauma that soldiers experience and then try to suppress and we must never forget the enormous sacrifice they made.

Margaret spoke next about her father, Russell James (Jim) Dron, from Waimea West, and his membership of the Home Guard. Conscription for military service was introduced to New Zealand in 1940 for all men between 19-45 years old. However by April 1942, those men who were not eligible because they were too old, too young, who had a disability or were employed in an essential industry, such as farming, and were between the age of 16-66, were required to join the Home Guard. New Zealand eventually had 123,000 Home Guard members.

Spring Grove and Wakefield Companies A B C D and E were part of the Waimea Battalion of Nelson District 9. They were trained to defend the coastline, vital installations and important infrastructures especially as the Japanese were close to New Zealand shores on several occasions. Their regular weekend training sessions, often at the Spring Grove Drill Hall, were advertised in the local paper. They were taught defence functions, had mock battles, did rifle drill, carried out manoeuvres, went on bush patrols and participated in regular compulsory parades and demonstrations. Regular inspections were carried out by Dominion Commanders. Although rations were provided whilst on training sessions, the kit they were issued with was often inadequate and there were many complaints. Recruiting in rural districts was much more successful than in urban districts and the local halls held regular dances with fancy suppers to support these men.

Jim's older brother Noel had joined the NZ Air Force so Jim was required to stay home and assist on the farm. Although he was young and single, Jim had a hearing disability which was the main reason he was discharged from the Army in 1943 to join the Home Guard. However Margaret recently discovered that her grandfather had appealed against Jim's compulsory conscription because he was required for farming duties, even though part of these duties required Jim to act as a driver for flax workers in South Canterbury. In post war years Margaret can recall attending many commemorative parades with her family because parades had been an important aspect of her father's Home Guard duties.

The final speaker was Val Trow who spoke about a charity organisation called 'Dress a Girl Around the World' for which she is a sewer. Val asked for donations of any surplus fabric that may be lying around at home and/or anybody who is prepared to sew the dresses (pattern provided), which are all sent to Africa when completed. She can be contacted on 03 544 3519 or by email on [morrymad@hotmail.com](mailto:morrymad@hotmail.com).

After the conclusion of the meeting, a delicious afternoon tea was served and appreciated by all. A big thank you goes to Kathleen and Margaret for providing it.





# Wakefield Health Centre

by Dr Pip de Hamel

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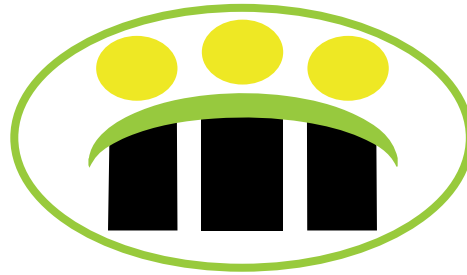
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November 20

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# Big Bake Up

by Melissa Woodhouse

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We cook up regularly at the Wakefield Village Hall, and most cook ups take approximately three hours.

The Big Bake Up continues to support many families, couples and individuals within our community, working alongside Wakefield School, Wakefield Playcentre, Wakefield Medical Centre and Wakefield Pharmacy.

Our meals are held in freezers at the Wakefield Village Hall, if you know of someone deserving of a little kindness please make contact with us.

Our team photo from left to right:

Jack Eggers, Liz Reid, Sally Smith, Cheryl Harrey, Linda Rowland, Lee Eggers.

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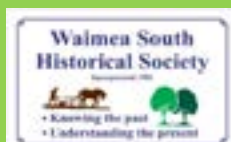
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**The Worship Centre**  
Service: 10.30am every Sunday  
Food & Faith: 5.00pm every 2nd & 4th Sunday  
Ph 541 8883 wakefieldanglican@xtra.co.nz

**St Johns Worship Centre**  
Bookings Nigel Massey 027 243 1207

**Wakefield Community Library**  
Wendy Gibbs 541 8490  
Pam Dick 541 8392  
Hours - Tues 10.30 - 11.30am  
Friday - 2.30 - 4pm  
(When library is not open book returns  
can be left at Hair Raisers Salon)

**Wakefield Football Club**  
wakefieldfootballclub@gmail.com  
www.wakefieldfc.nz

**Wakefield Health Centre**  
541 8911

**Wakefield Pharmacy**  
541 8418

**Wakefield Playcentre**  
541 7097

**Wakefield Volunteer Fire Brigade**  
CFO Wattie Mortimer 022 492 8841  
DCFO Dot Ashton 027 543 0529

**Willowbank Heritage Village**  
willowbank2002@gmail.com

**Country Players (Drama)**  
Jen Amosa 541 8139  
enquiries@countryplayers.org.nz  
www.countryplayers.wordpress.com

**Nelson Vintage Engine & Machinery Club**  
Allan 027 319 7427

**Pinegrove Kindergarten**  
03 542 3447

**Rural Women**  
Diane Higgins 03 542 4388

**St Joseph's Catholic Church**  
Mass - 5pm 2nd Saturday each month  
Fr. Cirilo Barlis  
Fr. Dyson Tharakan  
(Assistant Priests)  
Richmond 03 544 8987

**Waimea Sheepdog Trial Club**  
Sally Powell 021 773 461  
Email: sally@tcvet.co.nz

**Waimea Area Quilters**  
Kay Norgate 021 0811 4860  
Marilyn Gibbs 03 541 8435  
marilyncolingibbs@gmail.com

**Wakefield Book Group**  
Mahala White - 541 8933 or  
Chrissy Harris - 541 9596

**Wakefield Bush Restoration Soc Inc**  
Evie South 541 8980 or 027 907 2879

**Plunket Nelson Area Office**  
For appointments etc 539 5200

**Wakefield School/ Community**  
**Swimming Pool**  
C/- Wakefield School

**Target Shooting Wakefield**  
targetshootingwakefield@gmail.com  
Holly Gibbons 022 406 1674

**Wanderers Sports Club**  
027 714 6160  
jimmy@wandererssports.co.nz

**Wakefield Toy Library**  
Saturday 9.30-11.30am  
wakefieldtoylibrary@gmail.com

**Wakefield Art Group**  
Thursdays 9.30am - 12pm  
Alison 541 8822

**Marlborough Nelson Marine**  
**Radio Assn**  
Adrian Mullan 021 118 4832  
www.mmr.org.nz

**NZ Postcard Society Inc**  
Evie South 541 8980 or 027 907 2879

**Spring Grove Church of Christ**  
Meet Sundays 10am  
info.springgrovechurch@gmail.com

**Waimea South Historical Society**  
Yvonne Tye 021 542 338

**Wakefield Bowling Club**  
Phone club rooms on 541 8556  
(Please leave message if  
answerphone comes on).  
www.wakefieldbowls.co.nz

**Wakefield Brightwater Book Club**  
Sue McAuley 544 7325  
sue.mcauley@ncc.govt.nz  
Meets last Wed of every month

**Wakefield Community Council**  
Julian Eggers 027 771 8556  
eggers213@gmail.com

**Wakefield Village Kindergarten**  
20 Whitby Way  
Phone 021 0227 1762  
or 03 5418086

**Wakefield School PTC**  
ptawakefield@gmail.com

**Wakefield Tennis Club**  
Ngaire Calder 027 279 9938  
www.caldertennis.co.nz

**Wakefield Village Hall**  
Amby Cowe  
ambynz@hotmail.com  
541 8869

**Window on Wakefield**  
Articles & Content  
Sonia Emerson 021 221 1009

**Window on Wakefield**  
Advertising - 027 306 4237  
Genie & Lindsay Bradley

**Wakefield School**  
Edward Street 541 8332

**Justice of the Peace**  
Katie Greer  
Ph 021 547 756

## AED DEFIBRILLATOR LOCATIONS - AVAILABLE 24/7

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

## CIVIL DEFENCE - WAKEFIELD AREA COMMUNITY RESPONSE

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

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

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