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Your Local News

Community News for the Wakefield Area

Step Together Studios at the Canterbury Championships

by Ruth Collingham

On Friday 27th June our community woke up to power cuts, water everywhere and roads blocked. It was a horrible way to start the day for everyone. Suddenly getting to our competition got a lot harder. For some of the families of our young competition team just getting out of their house became a mission, and watching for news about the roads out of Wakefield became a major focus.

When Saturday dawned, all our carefully laid plans for calm pre-competition preparations were out of the window. Last minute plane trips and hire cars for some, 3am starts to drive the long way round from Wakefield for others.

Any plans to have a practice with our dance partners the night before were long gone, and for some just getting their outfit on in time for their first dance was a bonus.

Our young people were amazing in the face of all the chaos and stress, putting on big smiles and getting into the competition spirit as soon as the music started. Step Together Studios looked like a real team and danced like it too!

All of the dancers danced their hearts out from start to finish – when the last certificate was handed out at 8pm we were ready to sit back and reflect on a job well done.



"It was a heap of fun and I loved watching so many other talented dancers" – *Chloe*

"It was a fun experience and I loved the amazing dresses and enjoyed dancing with my friends" - *Leah*

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A real highlight for everyone was getting to wear the amazing team jackets we were also able to purchase with the funds raised!

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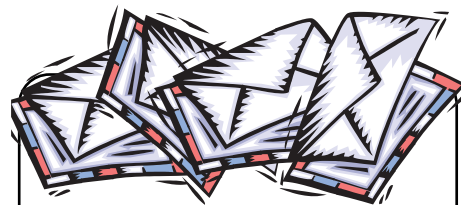
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Waimea South Historical Society

Plan Change 81

by Yo Tye, Secretary

The June 24th meeting was held in the Wakefield Fire Station and was open to the public. Warwick Johnston pointed out that without a Heritage Advisor on the TDC it appears that 'Heritage' as such had been omitted in the Council 10 year plan and there was no specific mention of Wakefield in the 2021 plan which was only released in May 2025.

However a Tasman Heritage Advisory Group has since been established and one of the aims of this group is to identify properties which have 'Heritage Value' and to be able to provide the TDC with a list of these buildings and/or sites.

The TDC with Plan Change 81 has identified an area within the bounds of Whitby Road and Whitby Way, Edward St and Pitfure Road which includes Arrow St, Bastin Terrace, McPherson Way (a walkway), within it, which may be re-zoned for medium density housing.

This proposed plan change will allow the purchase and demolition of buildings within the zone, without requiring a demolition resource consent. The Government requires all councils to provide a 30 year plan for future housing and this area was targeted because it was identified as having old, poor quality houses on large sections with a low property value and is close to the commercial centre of the village.

However this is thought to be a questionable conclusion and because Wakefield is touted to be New Zealand's oldest inland town, many of these buildings have historical value and an application has already been made to Heritage New Zealand to have this area designated as a Historical Precinct. If this is granted, then demolition cannot take place without a prior resource consent process having taken place. Because of this historical appeal to tourists, part of which includes the Great Taste Bike Trail, businesses are already gearing themselves towards the tourist market and the restoration and imminent opening of the Old Wakefield Post Office is an example.

The aim of this meeting was to establish a plan to identify properties of historic value.

Heritage New Zealand uses the following criteria to determine a building's historic Value: Aesthetic, Archaeological, Architectural, Cultural, Historical, Scientific, Social, Spiritual and Technological and Warwick has prepared a 'Fieldwork individual case sheet' that can filled out by individual members of Waimea South Historical Society to assess each site within the area stated.

Dean Raymond, a staff member of Heritage New Zealand, who was present at the meeting, suggested holding local meetings to raise the level of awareness for local people who may be unaware of the possible consequences for our historic village if this plan change goes ahead unchallenged.

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Town and Country Vet

by Brenda Halliwell, Vet

I'm writing this mid-July during the third wet weekend in row, two of which were extreme flooding events. What a horrendous time for our region. Our thoughts are with everyone who has been affected and especially those whose lives have been changed forever through loss of people, property and animals.

Fortunately we didn't hear of large numbers of livestock lost. But one of the problems for many rural people is that they now have mud and river debris instead of grass and crops, and hay/silage has floated away or gone mouldy and is unsafe to feed. Plus keeping animals where you need them is difficult when fences are destroyed.

And unfortunately not all animal problems go away when the water goes away. Missing animals may take a while to find their way home or remain missing. And it can be weeks or months later that flood-related diseases show up.

Livestock that have been in flood water or deprived of nutrition are under stress and more vulnerable to disease. There are also many pregnant animals at this time of year which are already under stress, and due to give birth in less than ideal conditions.

Worm lifecycles will thrive in the wet, warmer than usual environment.

Bacterial infections such as salmonella, clostridia and leptospirosis will spread more easily.

Mastitis, lameness and skin conditions are more likely.

Exposure to toxins may be increased through chemicals in floodwater and poisonous plants that have washed up.

Some of these risks can be reduced - by doing faecal egg counts for worms and vaccinating against infectious disease. But if you have any animal health concerns, it's worth getting a vet out sooner than later for a herd assessment and running tests for more info.

We are fortunate to live in an area where people look after their neighbours but there are many agencies who can help.

The NZ Veterinary Association and MPI websites contain lots of useful advice, links and lists of contacts for more help. Here are a few from NZVA's website:

For farmer support - Rural Support Trust on 0800 787 254 (0800 RURAL HELP).

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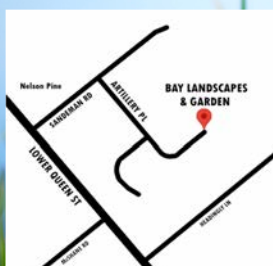


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2025 Floods in Wakefield

by Jean Gorman

Slips, road closures, paddocks covered with mud, equipment and stock losses, fences gone, electricity down and boil water notices throughout Tasman, this is a short look at the effects of the storms on Wakefield's locality.



Pigeon Valley road was cut by the Wai-iti River flowing across, east of Pigeon Valley bridge. About 100 meters of the road were impassible. Further up-river the water had removed the riverbank and the river swept through the new Baigent's Reserve.

Stumps and branches that have been building up for some time on the upstream side of Jimmy Lee Bridge formed a dam across the 88 Valley stream, creating a wide lake behind it. Locals informed TDC, who alerted Waka Kotahi and a couple of days later, a digger struggled to remove the blockage before the next predicted rainfall.



A slip on the hill above O'Shea Place let loose several tons of clay which slid down the hill. Luckily most of it went into the road and down to Genia Drive where it finally stopped.

The Great Taste Trail now finishes about 100 meters beyond the entrance near Pigeon Valley bridge because the river has taken the ground from under the path. The mud is knee deep and impossible to negotiate. If one could get further, one would only find more devastation all the way to Hoult Rd.

The new swing bridge was badly damaged, and one pillar now stands in the river, because the ground beneath the path beyond it was completely removed.

The Wakefield Bakery car park and the Recreation ground were inundated and the McGazzaland cycle park disappeared underwater. Emergency workers, the Fire Brigade and Volunteers quickly showed up and cleared the water and mud from the Wakey Bakey car park once the water stopped flowing. Meanwhile, the café carried on serving customers.



Further south along state highway 6 the Wai-iti Domain was left untouched - apart from the removal of several meters of riverbank. However, the Great Taste trail from there, going South, past the Ewing's chook houses was badly damaged.

At Prettybridge the small stream inundated state highway 6 for about 80 meters. One car is still left stranded with police tape around it.

To the north of Wakefield, Higgins Road was thoroughly inundated end to end by the Pitfure Stream. Locals are accustomed to this, however, this time it was considerably deeper than normal. A lake formed against the south side of Telenius Road, the culvert under the road being insufficient, the water flooded across the road as it has done before.

Where the Pitfure joins the Wai-iti in Brightwater, the vineyard was thoroughly inundated and will need repair and the mud removed quickly, before the plants suffocate.

In Wakefield, The Great Taste Trail crosses the Pitfure near Edwards Road. The Pitfure inundated the little bridge there. This small streamway, often dry in summer, became forty meters wide, as it flowed past the ancient totara grove. The force of the water dislodged the deck of the bridge, damaged the piers and channelled through the gravel pathway as it flowed three meters deep. A day or two later, TDC had a truck there fixing it up and putting in rocks ready for the bridge to be resettled.

Wakefield will be the southern limit of the Great Taste Trail for months at least.



2025 Floods in Wakefield (contd)



The Second Inundation in Wakefield and Wai-iti Reserve

The July 11th event resulted in more water in the Wai-iti than the June event as the ground was already sodden.

The river deposited more mud across the new Baigent Reserve. The Cycleway was further damaged.

The flow across Pigeon Valley Rd would have been thigh deep late on Friday evening, and was strong enough to flatten fences, tilt the limit sign, or wash away any vehicle silly enough to cross.

At the Wai-iti Reserve

The damage increased from June 30th to July 12th, taking out some mature trees on the reserve and blocking the right-hand span of the bridge. This forced floodwaters over to the left, causing severe damage to the bank just downstream.

A reminder from a local resident:

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Flooding (A short snippet) - by Jack K

On Friday, I got woken up by my mum and dad talking at the front door, so I got up and walked down the hallway. That's when I saw the road was covered with thick mud. Then I got dressed to go outside to get a closer look at all the mud.



As soon as I went back inside, my mum said that school was closed. I just went back outside. There were lots of people on the street with shovels working to try to clear the road, which wasn't really working.

Then my dad and I started walking down the street to help with the flooding on the street below us. One of the drains had been blocked so one house couldn't get out.

6:02 - by Cyrus

It was 6:02 in the morning. I woke up to go to the toilet. My dad was awake. "Why are you awake?" I asked dad. "Look outside," my dad said. I opened the curtain. "It's flooding!" "Yes, now go back to bed," said dad. "Two hours til morning."

Later, Dimitri my brother came to say hi while my mum was in her room feeding the baby. I started up the fire. The lighter and fire starters were the brand Samba. The fire crackled. I put some pine into the fire.

Mum made breakfast and after, me and my brother went outside to have a look at the flood. Then I walked out to the shed and my brother followed.

Massive Storm - by Estelle

On Saturday, there was a really big storm and the winds were strong and the rain was really loud. Mum was concerned about the chickens in the chicken coop because there was probably a big flood. So mum and Beauden went outside to grab the chickens. Mum and Beauden put them in the greenhouse.

Once they came inside, dad got home because his work ended early because of the heavy rain. When we got inside, mum told us to charge up our Nintendos in case the power went out. But luckily, it didn't go out.

Later, a tree had just fallen over by the garden house which the chickens were in. But luckily the neighbour's tree caught our tree from falling on the greenhouse at nine o'clock. The wind and rain finally died down so we could go to sleep.

Flooding in Tasman - by Brodie M

It was midday and rain was bucketing down outside of my foggy kitchen window. Feeling depressed, I decided to go look at Facebook. In one post, I saw a black Mazda stranded alone in the flooding at McGazzaland. A couple of scrolls later, I see a story of people evacuating from their homes. I felt grateful that I wasn't one of the unlucky people that needed to evacuate. CRACK! A massive pine tree came crashing down on my hill.

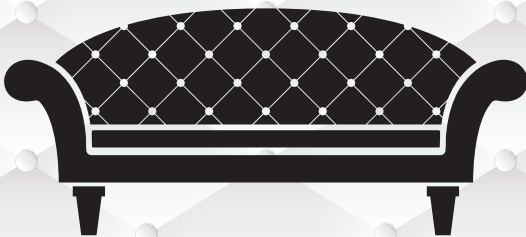
My Dad fed the soggy wet and startled chickens. He told me they looked kind of silly without their usual boof of dry feathers. And, the poor calves, in what had been a green paddock, were now in an overflowing paddock with ponds. Turning my attention back to my screen. Wooh! The Wai-iti river had almost doubled in size. According to a post, the Moutere and Wai-iti had reached their highest points in fifty years.

Low battery flashes up on the device "Ah, come on" I said. I tried to plug it in, "Oh yeah, there is no power," I cried. "It's time for dinner," my mother yelled from the hallway. I guess that's my afternoon for the day.

The Floods - by Rose N

On the way home,
My brother got bored,
So we played a game,
Then we saw the floods,
From the rain to the slips and the mud,
Our car got stuck in the muds,
It was late and we were cold,
And we were in the muds,
My father got out of the car being bold,
The muds swallowed him whole,
My mum was next my brother was too,
Till im the only soul,
I wake in bed,
My family's not dead with the,
Rain drops drip dripping over my head.

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Live Well, Stay Well

by Sonja Lamers

Tasman Bay Textile ResQ Collective

Their Motto: We keep clothing out of landfill by mending, repairing, repurposing, and up-cycling donated clothes

On 22 July 2025 our group came to listen to our guest speaker Sylvia Huxtable of Tasman Bay Textile ResQ Collective. Their collective started mid 2023 to rescue clothing and textiles from local landfills.

The collective has many strands: educating the wider public how to keep textile out of landfill, being creative by upcycling natural materials, supporting the hospice (Nelson hospice shop and the Op Shop at Saxton). The group has been supported by a grant from Nelson City Council; they were able to purchase an overlocker and an industrial sewing machine (for denim). They are under the umbrella of the Nelson Environment Centre. The group reaches out to schools to get the message across about upcycling, waste reduction etc. with textile teachers receiving free materials. Several workshops were held; eg a speed weaving (darn), making bags, slippers and upcycling clothes workshop.

There is an active group of 25 volunteers, with 100 on the mailing list, who do the washing, sorting of donated materials as well as sew, embroider and use their creativity to make upcycled clothing and crafts.

From their website www.textileresq.com

- * "Good quality fabrics, linens, and curtains end up discarded because people lack the time to make something with them. We find endless creative ways to transform waste goods into beautiful, useful ones. As a result Hospice raises more funds, and reduces disposal costs.
- * "Sustainable Shopping" becomes even more sustainable.
- * Textile waste in NZ has nearly doubled in the last ten years and is now a staggering 220,000 tonnes annually or about 45 kilos per person.
- * Globally the fashion industry contributes about 10% of emissions. This has to change and we are doing something about it.
- * We also inform people about the problems arising from fast fashion; and provide opportunities for lots of people in our community to meet together and share skills in a positive cause".

The group meets twice a week and they also mend on one Saturday a month. You can find TextileResQ on Facebook: Textile ResQ Collective

After the talk there was a lively discussion on upcycling and a look at the crafts and textiles on display. Sandra thanked Sylvia for this great initiative.

Upcoming meetings:

Tuesday 5 August 2025 and Tuesday 9 September 2025: coffee meeting at The Villa in Wakefield, 9.45am onwards

Tuesday 19 August 2025: 9.45am at Fire Station rooms: Speaker Kylie Beckers, community educator for Hato Hone St John Talk about the Three Steps for Life (dialling 111, CPR and using a defibrillator).

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!

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St Johns Community Dinner

by Valerie Crouch, Photos by Sarah Ryland



Our Community Mid Winter Christmas Dinner Amidst the Wakefield Floods

As the rain fell relentlessly over Wakefield and the rivers began to swell, our small community found itself facing one of our most challenging winters in recent memory.

Against this backdrop, the idea of a festive community dinner seemed almost audacious—a bold assertion of life and togetherness in defiance of the elements. Yet the Mid-Winter Christmas Dinner, at St John's Hall, on 28th June was more than just a meal; it was a beacon, a promise that even as the world outside grew uncertain, the heart of our community would keep beating strong.

The organisers debated about cancelling the event but with food donated, bought and prepared it was decided to go ahead should people be able to travel safely. However, last minute Facebook postings, did not reach many because of network, power and mobile outages!



Outside, the rain continued to fall, while inside lanterns glowed softly and the hum of conversation and laughter replaced the sound of the storm. Tables were adorned with simple decorations—branches of winter greenery and candles flickering in glass jars.

Children decorated the tree, made hats and were entertained until the food arrived. Volunteers, faces flushed from the kitchen's warmth, ferried steaming trays of food: hearty dishes made from roasted vegetables, meats and potatoes, fresh bread and puddings.

As plates were filled and refilled, the conversation turned from flood updates to memories of past winters, tales of resilience and stories of kindness. Children, released from the tension of the past few days, played games - their laughter a tonic for worried adults. There was music, a hat competition and a Nativity quiz .



In the midst of hardship, new connections blossomed, strangers offered rides home to those from outlying areas, hospitality and offers of help and gratitude were passed freely from table to table. The sense of community, always present but sometimes taken for granted, became tangible - a warmth that the floods could neither dampen nor wash away.



IN THE BUSH

Reporting In From Evie South – President

Our sincere apologies. WE missed our July update... mainly due to communication failure across all my networks... AND of course the weather!!

Like many of our volunteers we were “caught” by our recent weather events, some of us luckier than others. On a personal level and when my communications were up and running, I was most grateful for the many contacts and offers of help if needed, from many in our village and region.

Gives one a phew moment of supreme appreciation for those many kind words of support.

I am sure many of you found this the same, just words and contact in difficult times can be a turning point to dealing with all the extra “stuff”.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

When able did do checking of the three Scenic Reserves, that our team assists to maintain, in conjunction with the Reserves Department of the Tasman District Council.

Last Saturday/Sunday – 19/20th July (we had meetings of our management committee), to gauge what we could do in relation to the flood damage.

The Faulkner Bush Scenic Reserve, had a huge amount of water, within our drainage systems around our frequently walked tracks etc. Thanks to Eric, these were kept very clear of debris and foreign objects that seem to come from???

We did see the need for minor/medium track repair, especially from the walkway, Hunt Terrace to the School. One of our team who has vast experience in flood damage and repair, will be doing the “walk” across the three Reserves not only to assess repairs but to also give an overview and opinion of what our Society can physically manage now.

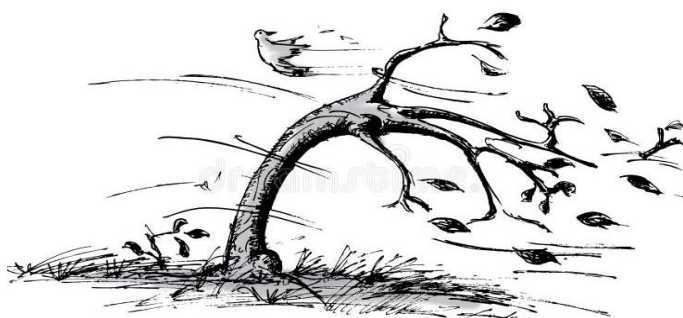
The Robson’s Scenic Reserve at one point was a lake on the lower paddock areas. We spent a lot of Sunday, checking all plantings, and doing repair as necessary. Also our team managed to realign in an upright position the very southern end fencing, the main issue being to clear the debris build up along the fence line and to get it standing. One of our team will head back to place more rocks around the uprights.

The Edward Baigent Memorial Scenic Reserve – did take a hit with the river breaking in around and across this area. We were very fortunate that the new Southern end planting is still intact. We can but be grateful that the weekend before we spent time adding extra canes to strengthen the protectors, obviously well worth the effort. We will need to clear flood debris from around the tables/seating and also within the outside and internal bush.

CAUTION PLEASE

I know this Reserve has always been a good walk through, along the river.

However as much of the river track is no more, **PLEASE** observe the **NO GO** tape and do not put yourselves or your dogs at risk.



The same goes for the internal bush walking track, it is full of silt and many of the larger trees may be dropping branches because of the extra damp.

As always proceed with caution, and dogs on leads at this point in time **would to my mind be most essential, or just flag it until a drying out period has taken place.**

ALSO NEVER enter this internal track if a high wind is blowing.

We also appreciate the many folks (unknown) who took it upon themselves to do minor drainage repairs etc. Particularly the gentleman (complete with overalls) helping to clear a small slip of earth that had fallen into the drains along the Faulkner Bush Lookout Track, always make sure you are safe for this work, or give me a call and we can work together. – **Thank YOU for your efforts.**

WHAT NEXT – we will head to The Edward Baigent Memorial Scenic Reserve Saturday 9th August for our usual maintenance day from 10am until Noon, and then on the Saturday 13th September (same times) at the Faulkner Bush Scenic Reserve. Also when we have a report in, on what else is needed of our Volunteers, our committee is also hoping to do some extra week days to move things along.

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

Wakefield Playcentre

by Jenna Hart

Nau mai, Haere mai. WELCOME TO PLAYCENTRE! If you have tamariki aged 0-5, you're invited to our Wakefield centre during Playcentre Open Week to experience early childhood education with a difference. (18 - 22 August)



Come along for a free visit and support your tamariki to learn through play, while you meet other whānau in your community. From sand and water play, arts and music, to outdoor and messy play, there will be a range of resources and experiences on offer.

If you can't make it during Open Week, not to worry, we welcome new whānau any time. We are open during the school term Monday to Friday 9.30am -12.00pm. We look forward to seeing you at Wakefield Playcentre, 16 Treeton Place, Wakefield.



Mapua Community Library Festival

Mapua festival attracts award-winning writers

Award-winning authors of crime, fiction and poetry are among the writers featuring in September's Love, Lies & Legacy themed Māpua Community Library Literary Festival. Tickets are on sale now for the festival which begins on Friday 12 September with the acclaimed solo-performance "Red Heavens" by Martine Baanvinger inspired by New Zealand author Gerard Hindmarsh's book 'Angelina' about his Italian grandmother.

Regarded as one of New Zealand's most talented storytellers, Jenny Patrick, who holds an Order of the British Empire and is a Katherine Mansfield fellowship winner, will talk about her writing including her latest book "Sea Change" on Sunday September 14. Michael Bennett, the only author to win Ngaio Marsh Awards for both fiction and non-fiction and fellow crime writer Stef Harris will be interviewed by conversationalist Chris Stuart on Saturday morning.

Rose Michel von Dreger who won the Robert Burns Award for Poetry in Canada and New Zealand and was once asked to open for Sam Hunt, is one of six poets to perform some of their work during Poetry at Night on Saturday. The festival's informal and engaging format includes authors interviewed by conversationalist and on Saturday September 13, Adrienne Taylor will talk with Gerald Hindmarsh about his latest book Hard-Case Heroes – Stories from the Abel Tasman.

Saturday's programme also includes 'character creation', the first of two writing workshops by author Wendy Scott. In the afternoon Steve Henry will talk with Tom Rowling about his book Rolling Seas to Rowling Heights, the tale of the author's first six years at sea, from 1959–65. Afternoon tea and cake are part of the next presentation when author Erin Palmisano talks with conversationalist Kerry Sutherland about her latest release The Secrets of Maiden's Cove.

On Saturday night, MC Roger Lusby will oversee 15-minute presentations from six poets: Carol Don Ercolano, Henry Ludbrook, Mark Raffills, Emma Stevens, Rose Michel von Dreger and Warwick Stubbs. The evening will conclude with Roger Lusby's poetic, audiovisual tribute to Antarctic explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton.

Sunday's programme begins with Wendy Scott's second workshop 'creative writing'. Three local authors whose writing explores alternative ways of living in Aotearoa, Olive Jones, Anna Riedel and Kerry Sunderland also feature on Sunday's programme in a session with conversationalist Liz Price. Bruce Cole and Jennifer Hassloch, co-authors of Revolt, will be in conversation with Elaine Fisher on Sunday afternoon, about their latest book, the second in a dystopian trilogy set in New Zealand's South Island.

The festival ends on Sunday afternoon with the announcement of the winners in the Love, Lies & Legacy short story competition. Tickets for the festival are on sale now via the Mapua Community Library website, with a special offer - register for three author sessions, and the fourth is free. - <https://mapuacommunitylibrary.com>

Wakefield Country Players

Beauty and the Beast

Not long to go now!

The cast and crew have been working tirelessly in the Wakefield Village Hall for months, dancing, singing and acting. As well as plotting lights, building a magical set, planning the sound systems and of course - fantastic costumes and props!

All of this takes a huge team of passionate volunteers from our community and we are absolutely blown away at how many people are keen to help bring Beauty and the Beast to life!

We have had some very generous sponsors.

Country Players would like to extend a huge amount of gratitude to Zambrero in Richmond who have not only significantly sponsored our costumes, but they are also providing the entire cast and crew with dinner on one of busy show days! Zambrero is healthy, Mexican inspired food that also helps stop world hunger. You can find them next to Sal's in Richmond and every burrito or bowl purchased means a meal donated to someone in need with their inspiring Plate 4 Plate initiative.

We've had a big donation of MDF from Gold Pine which meant we could create a brilliant set. Thank you Gold Pine!

Wendy Pearson from Welcome Real Estate has also offered to sponsor dinner for our whole cast and crew! Thank you so much, Wendy. Look out Little Sprig Wakefield - we're setting you up for a busy night!

Little Sprig Wakefield gave away a \$50 voucher to one lucky winner who booked and paid for a ticket in June. The lucky winner was Annabel Drummond, congratulations Annabel!

Four Square Wakefield also offered a \$50 gift card to a lucky winner who books and pays before 1st August. The winner will be announced on Facebook.

I'm sure most people know that Country Players Wakefield shows are unique with our "Picnic Theatre". You can BYO food and drinks to enjoy while we entertain you.

Little Sprig Wakefield has a delicious menu to choose from, you can dine-in or take-away. Or if snacks and platters are more your style, Four Square Wakefield has something for everyone - wine and cheese? Chips and dip? Chocolate, fruit and nuts? They've got it all!

We have 8 shows (most have sold out) starting from 22nd August. Get in touch today if you don't want to miss out on seeing Disney's Beauty and the Beast right here in Wakefield!

Email bookcountryplayers@gmail.com (preferred method) or phone 03 541 9046.

For more information, visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/wakefieldcountryplayers



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~~Saturday 30th August~~
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HOW TO BOOK

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Please note: We do not issue tickets. Your name will be on a seating plan revealed at the door.

All performances will be at The Wakefield Village Hall, 10 Whitby Way, Wakefield

Wakefield Village Kindergarten

What a memorable month it has been since we last wrote for Window on Wakefield.

At Wakefield Village Kindergarten we had a real highlight when we learnt about and celebrated Matariki as we welcomed the Māori New Year. We had such a wonderful whānau event which was very well attended by parents and extended family.

The tamariki put on a fantastic show which included waiata-a-ringa, rākau and poi (action songs, stick and poi songs). This was topped off with delicious soups, cheesy stars and fry bread that the tamariki had made to share with their whānau.

Then came the weather. Not only once but twice. Many of our families were impacted and there was a lot of upset and uncertainty amongst our and our neighbouring communities.

To turn this into a positive learning experience for the tamariki, we spent a week baking, cooking and collecting donations to give to the Big Bake Up.

The tamariki learnt that even though they are little children, they are valuable members of society can make a big difference to their wider community.



Counter Couple

by Petros

Peep peep peep,peep... Mildred was loading the counter and George was packing the bags.
Aren't these prices ever going to drop? she grumbled. *Government needs a bomb under it,* he added. *Same as the last one. All talk!*

The Paradise Ducks, still in their his 'n' hers active-wear, were tired and grumpy. They'd been swooping around the paddocks, calling out indignant comments to each other about the disappearance of their wetlands. The counter lady (young and new to the job) asked brightly, *So how long have you two been together?*

Mildred was taken aback. *Oh forever,* she replied. *Certainly seems like it,* mumbled George drily. *And how's your day been going?* (trying really hard)

Not good at all, they said together... *This village is becoming a suburb! Streets, drains, driveways, new houses springing up all around the fringes. Where're our swamps going? Who's draining our ponds?* Mildred complained. *When were we ever consulted about all this?* added George. *It's a disgrace.*

The waiting customers looked on in amusement as Mildred continued: *George, you need to write to the Council about it, and to our MP, and also the Prime Minister... we have to get onto this right away!*
Don't forget the United Nations and the King? murmured George to himself.

Yes, him too, she said (ignoring the sarcasm). *He's a conservationist isn't he? He needs to do something about this. You write to him as soon as we get home, George. Are you listening?*

Hmm, Yes Dear, I'm making a mental note right now, he said, with a wink to the audience.
Aren't they lovely, whispered the next customer to the counter-lady. *So devoted and single-minded.*

Just like the marriage books say: Couples that complain together, remain together.

Antenno To Keep You in the Loop

Antenno is where to go for council weather info

A lot has happened in Tasman over the past six weeks, and one question you may find yourself asking is where can I find the latest Council information?

When there's a weather event or other disaster, the Council uses digital channels that can reach you immediately. There are three key channels that the Council keeps up to date with information in a situation like this:

- Website – tasman.govt.nz
- Facebook page – facebook.com/TasmanDistrictCouncil
- Antenno – a free mobile app

Antenno is an easy way to get notifications straight to your phone about things affecting areas you are concerned about. You can choose the places you want to be alerted about, so you're not being notified about things that don't affect you.

You can save multiple areas such as your home, work and school – you just need to add in the specific locations you want to know about. For example, add in 189 Queen Street Richmond, rather than just Richmond.

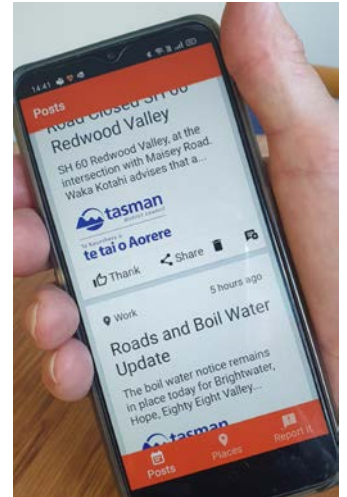
Nelson City and Marlborough District Councils also use Antenno, so you can get notified about different areas across Te Taihū / the top of the South.

And even when we're not in an emergency event, you'll find reminders about recycling, and updates about road closures and water shut-downs on Antenno.

You can also use Antenno to send the Council a quick and easy report of issues you spot around the District, such as a water leak, graffiti, or a pothole. It conveniently adds the location to the photo so the problem can be logged, including a description and your contact details. It's a really easy way to get in touch with the Council.

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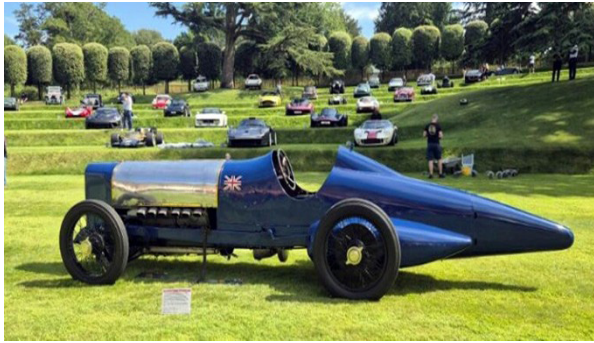
Higgins Heritage Park Happenings

by David Win

The weather-related challenges of the past few weeks have been huge, and our thoughts are with those who have endured the hardships of these weeks.

A century ago, a notable vehicle event occurred on the 21st of July 1925 when Sir Malcolm Campbell broke the World Land Speed Record driving a Sunbeam 350hp at Pendine Beach in Wales to become the world's fastest car at 150.76mph (242.62kph).

Sir Malcolm's son Donald in a Bluebird Proteus CN7 achieved a new world land speed record on 17 July 1964 reaching 403.1 mph (648.7 kph) on Lake Eyre in Australia.



Good progress has been made with our latest park project - Our story is about a 1/3 scale (4 inch) Burrell steam traction engine, now named "Gordon" after the assembler who has spent hundreds of hours carefully & patiently following the build instructions.

It begins with the purchase of 29 kits of parts, along with pages and pages of notes, diagrams etc from Steam Traction World in Daventry, England. The transportation and import logistics, originally straight forward, became challenging with the worldwide disruptions of Covid, the 2021 blockage of Suez Canal, and then longer shipping times up to five weeks due to shipping re-routing.

With enough kits secured, our volunteer Gordon, set about carefully fitting and fettling each component prior to painting and assembling. There were hundreds of small rivets, nuts and bolts as part of the assembly, which with adult size fingers tested the sense of humour! Satisfaction soon returned with the wheels on, boiler mounted, coal box and other fittings attached, it then looked like a traction engine even though there were still hours of fiddly work to be completed.

The specs of our Burrell "Gordon", are:

4" Scale • Length: 73" (1854mm) • Width: 30" (762mm) • Height: 45" (1140mm) • Weight: 530kg (1168lbs)
• Cylinder Size High Pressure 50mm dia Low Pressure 84mm dia • Boiler Diameter 95/8" Welded 0.25" steel boiler – Working pressure 180 psi • Boiler Feed Arrangement – Crankshaft driven pump & injector • Valve Gear – Stephenson's • Rubber Tyres • Single Cylinder Compound Engine • Working Differential • Two Speed Gearbox • Capable of pulling 3 ton with ease

Steam machinery was used in NZ from the 1880's primarily for transportation and agriculture. By 1919, there were over 1200 traction engines or portable steam engines in NZ, and over 700 stationary engines on farms.

Steam driven machinery is an integral part of the history of the Nelson Tasman district with Pigeon Valley Steam Museum proudly keeping steam history alive with interactive displays at Higgins Heritage Park.

There are now just a few finishing touches and will let you know on our FB page when "Gordon" is ready to steam around the park on our open days.

Dates to Remember:

Sunday 3 August – Mountain Valley Honey honey barrel rides, museum open day, pop-up stalls, coffee, displays, jigger rides

Sunday 7 September – Rover Car Club - Classic Vehicles open day

Sunday 21 September – Museum sheds open day and rides

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Wakefield Health Centre

Floods

We hope you are all keeping well following the recent flooding of the region. Our thoughts go to those who have been badly affected. If you have or are having any medical issues related to the flood please reach out to us.

Dry Eyes

Dry eyes are very common, and although anyone can be affected, it tends to become more frequent as we get older. But what actually causes that gritty sensation—and what can we do ourselves to improve it?

Dry eyes occur when there is a change in the tear film (the layer covering the eyeball) that normally keeps the eye moist and lubricated.

The tear film has three layers: the main middle watery layer, a thin outer oily layer, and a thin inner mucus layer.

When the balance between the water, oil, and mucus is disrupted, it can lead to irritation. Most people experience this as a gritty feeling or a burning sensation, slight blurry vision that comes and goes, and paradoxically, watery or teary eyes (because the tears are too watery and lack enough of the oily layer to stay in the eyes). In most cases, the eyes are not red.

Dry eyes can result from various causes. While aging is the most common factor, other contributors include living in a dry or windy climate, exposure to air conditioning, smoking, vision correction surgery, long-term contact lens wear, certain autoimmune diseases, and reduced blinking (for example, while looking at screens). In many cases, there is also some degree of eyelid irritation or inflammation (blepharitis) that contributes to the condition.

Most healthcare professionals will recommend lubricating drops. Regular use of artificial tears may relieve symptoms. A lubricating eye ointment can be used at bedtime. The best preparations come in preservative-free ampoules, although they tend to be more expensive. The good news is that with the right eyelid hygiene routine, most people can significantly improve their symptoms. Ideally, this routine is performed (once or) twice daily and includes the following steps:

- Apply warm compresses to the eyelids for 10 (!) minutes. This helps to melt thicker oils in the meibomian glands and soften any crusts. Pharmacies sell eye masks, and a wheat bag can be used as a substitute. A hot flannel may cool down too quickly, usually within two minutes.
- Gently massage the eyelids in the direction of the eye (toward the lash line and the opening of the meibomian glands): massage the upper eyelid downward and the lower eyelid upward.
- Clean the eyelids. Over-the-counter products like lid wipes and shampoos are available at pharmacies. It may also help to gently scrub the eyelids with a cotton bud—being careful not to apply too much pressure. Again, preservative-free products are the best option. Be sure to remove all makeup.

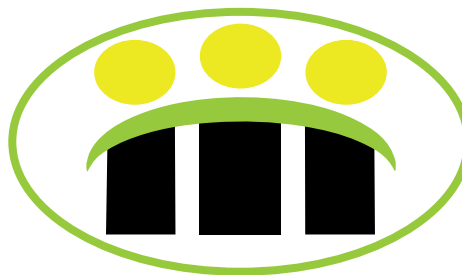
This routine can be time-consuming, but sticking with it for 1–2 months can make a real difference.

Please contact your doctor if:

- your eye is painful or red
- your vision is persistently affected
- your eyes have a coloured discharge or are stuck together in the morning
- you have glaucoma, rheumatoid arthritis, or diabetes

Resources:

<https://healthify.nz/health-a-z/d/dry-eye>
<https://patient.info/eye-care/eye-problems/dry-eyes>
<https://www.healthinfo.org.nz/patientinfo/206293.pdf>
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<https://nm.communityhealthpathways.org/files/patientinfo/NMDH-BSoreIrritatedEyes.pdf>



Wakefield Health Centre

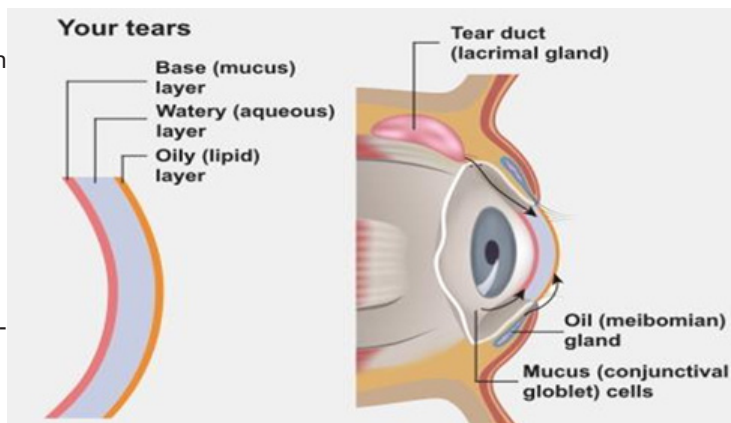
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This years dates:
August 21
September 18
October 16
November 20

To help with numbers for catering, if possible, please phone or text
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Waimea South Historical Society

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• Knowing the past
• Understanding the present

You are invited to attend our next meeting

Robyn Parkes is our speaker for
Thursday 28th AUGUST 2025 at 1.30pm

At the Holy Trinity Community Hall, Dorset St Richmond.

Come along and about hear how Robyn became interested in Nelson and family history, and about the stories that she now writes for the local papers

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Tuesday 19 August 2025 9.45am–11am

Speaker: Kylie Beckers, community educator

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(St John Ambulance of New Zealand)

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Sonja 027 3740500 or Christine 027 677 0080**

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Community Directory

Rutherford Memorial Hall
658 Wakefield-Kohatu Highway, Foxhill
Sue White 027 474 6324
www.lordrutherfordhall.org.nz

Higgins Heritage Park
info@higginsheritagepark.co.nz

Higgins Park Community Fair
info@higginsheritagepark.co.nz

Post Memory NZ
Sarah Arnold 072 341 7820
postmemorynz@gmail.com

Spring Grove Drill Hall
C Stratford 021 0268 5176

Totaradale Golf Club
Sue James 541 8030 totaradalegc@gmail.com

**Wakefield Anglican Church
St Johns on the hill**
Traditional Service: 9.00am
1st Sunday of each month

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 027 343 2410
vsmcauley@gmail.com
Meets last Tues 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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