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Your Local News

Community News for the Wakefield Area

Phalanx Hip Hop Unite World Championship

by Madi

Last year my Hip hop team, Phalanx got the opportunity to represent NZ at the Hip Hop Unite World Championships in Obidos, Portugal. I am forever grateful for this experience and opportunity, as it has been my goal since starting competitive dancing in 2021. One of the most emotional moments came from wearing the New Zealand uniform and waving our country's flag.

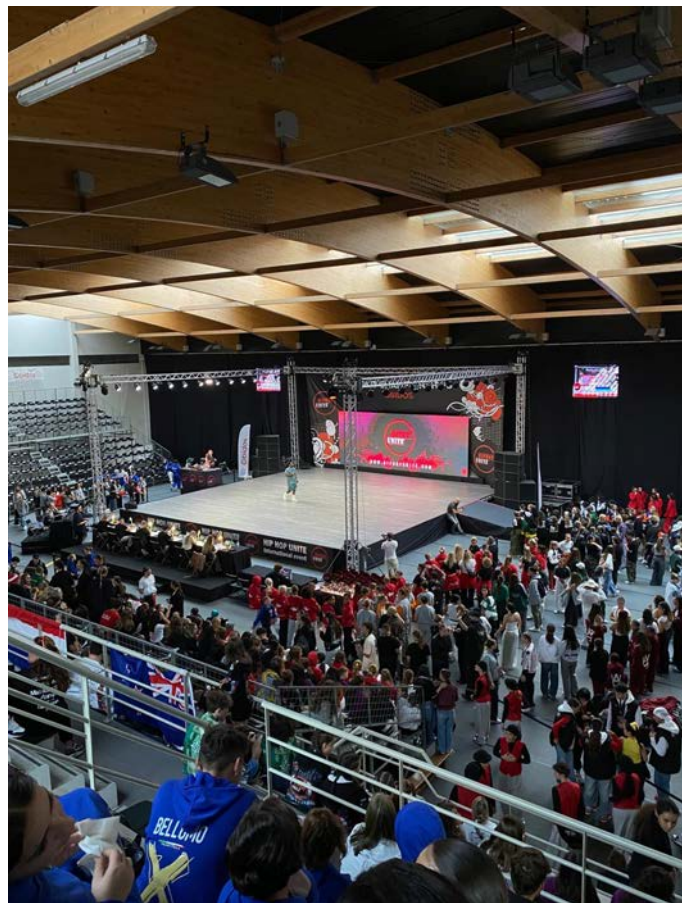
The journey began on 16th October 2024, departing Auckland and arriving in Dubai the following day. After three nights exploring Dubai, the adventure continued with an arrival in Lisbon, Portugal, on 20th October. Just a few days later, on the 23rd, we arrived the charming medieval town of Obidos — but the real focus was on the competition ahead.

From 24 October, training began in preparation for the prelim and semi-finals on the 25th. The atmosphere in the theater was indescribable, it was like a constant buzz of adrenaline. When the MC announced that "Phalanx" made it into the finals, the whole team screamed and cried. On the 26th finals took place. We competed and were placed 8th in the world!!!! It was the biggest sense of achievement I have ever felt.

I am so proud of my team and so grateful to have shared this journey with them. I'm forever thankful for the support I've received, especially from Window on Wakefield for their kind donation that helped make this dream possible.

Competing on the world stage is a memory that I'll carry with me forever.

Thank you Madi.



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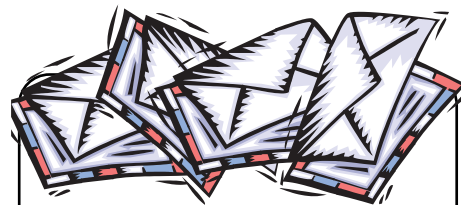
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Waimea South Historical Society

GENERAL MEETING

by Yo Tye, Secretary

Margaret Clark acted as convenor for this 'Show and Tell' meeting whereupon twelve members told stories about an item they had brought along or told an interesting historical story.

Before introducing each speaker in turn, Margaret acknowledged the enormous distress caused by the recent flooding in our district. Marilyn Gibbs was the first speaker and she provided many interesting stories about some of her husband Colin's ancestors, in particular his great uncle James William Eves, who had been farming in Dovedale, but because of the disastrous floods there in 1877, had moved to Wakefield and purchased what is now part of the Totaradale Golf Course in Pigeon Valley. On the farm they had 8-10 dairy cows whose produce was delivered to the small creamery which still stands by the Jimmy Lee Bridge over the 88 Valley Stream.

Evan Thomas was the second speaker. He displayed a jewellery box, thought to have been made out of olive wood and inlaid with marquetry which was passed onto him by the sister of an uncle, William Douglas McLaughlin, who had acquired it during WWII where he had served in Africa, Syria, Libya and Crete before eventually being captured in El Alamein in July 1942. He was on board the Italian troop transport ship 'Nino Bixio' which was transporting Prisoners of War to Italy. It was bombed by the British with the loss of 275 POWs, 118 of which were New Zealanders, including W.D. McLaughlin. The ship did not sink so personal items were able to be retrieved and forwarded to family members.

Sue Thomas was speaker three. She told us about her great grandfather John Savage, who immigrated to Nelson in 1862 after being sponsored by his sister. He married Harriet Ann Biggs in 1865 and by 1870 he had a paint and paperhanging business in Hardy St Nelson. In the front of the shop was a picture framing section and gallery. Although John Savage did build a house in Bronte St, it was rented out and the family lived above the shop in their 11 roomed home. John died there in 1902 of Typhoid. Following his death, Harriett and her two unmarried daughters moved to the home in Bronte St. The business stayed within the family until the 1970's.

Geoff Trow was the fourth speaker. When Geoff was 10, his father, a British Soldier, served in Egypt, in present day Ismailia, where he pursued an engineering career. For his 11th birthday Geoff was given a meccano set (a precursor to Lego). Political unrest increased and the families of the British soldiers were ordered to return to England and they were only allowed to take one suitcase each. Geoff was only able to bring one small steam train out of this set and had to leave the rest behind. Geoff displayed his special meccano train to the spellbound audience.

Val Trow was the fifth speaker. Her grandfather Henry William Rogers (1860-1954), aged 20, arrived in New Zealand in 1878 on the Edwin Fox, the remains of which can be viewed at a special museum at Picton. In 1891 Henry married Jane Hopgood in Blenheim. Val's father Leslie Bernard Rogers was the 11th of their 12 children. The Rogers family had been publicans and brewers in Bedfordshire and had the 'Buffalo Inn' at Leighton Buzzard. Val displayed a small glass mug encased in a silver frame from this Inn which had been part of a punch bowl set. Unfortunately it was dropped whilst being cleaned and the glass was cracked but has stayed within its framework.

John Sowman, the sixth speaker, brought along two photographs. The first was a stunning south facing panoramic view taken from Pitfure Road in about 1970. Pitfure House and the home of Andrew and Wendy Gibbs are visible in the distance.

The second photo was taken in 1951 outside what is now the Wakefield Fish and Chip Shop. John's father Eric Sowman had his hair dressing business there which he had purchased from R. A. Sutton in 1946. Eric was also Wakefield's first milkman.

He started his milk run in 1948 with a horse and cart. He collected the raw milk from Roy Simpkin's dairy farm, which is now the site of the Wakefield Christmas Tree Farm. Using a dipper hanging in his milk can, Eric filled the milk billys or jugs, which had been left at the gate or front porch of homes.

In later years he continued his milk run using a Bradford truck followed by a Dodge until the business was purchased by Lloyd Cederman in 1962.

Marise Perry, the seventh speaker displayed a silver Calling Card Case containing its original calling cards, which she had inherited from her father. It had belonged to Mr David Haining a Scottish immigrant from Dumfries who arrived in New Zealand in 1908 aboard the SS Tainui. In 1918 David married Henrietta Blakie and they farmed in Mariri but did not have any family.

Marise's father, had arrived in New Zealand as a 13 year old. In 1936 having lost his job in Christchurch during the depression, he rode his motorbike to Nelson and gained employment with David Haining, though had to live in a tent before proving he was worthy of living in one of the farm baches. Marise's father served with New Zealand's 26th Battalion.

He was captured and spent time as a POW in Italy. Mr Haining died in 1943 and Marise's family remained on the farm.



Waimea South Historical Society

Arnold Clark, the eighth speaker, displayed a Scottish rugby top emblazoned with the logo 'Arnold Clark'. This Arnold Clark being Sir Arnold Clark, a Scottish billionaire businessman, owner of Arnold Clark Automobiles Ltd, one of Europe's biggest car dealer groups. Sir Arnold sponsored the national Scottish Rugby Team who recently played and beat the Maori All Blacks team for the first time ever in a game played in Whangarei.

Yo Tye, the ninth speaker displayed the Mourning Brooch of her great great great grandmother, Mary Ann Lees (nee Lowder). Mary Ann Lees was born in 1780 and died in 1830 in Fairfield near Manchester, England. Although mourning brooches were common before 1830, they became popular during the Victorian Era and commemorated the death of a loved one, often with a sample of the deceased's hair, as is the case with this one. This brooch had been handed down to the oldest son of each generation, accompanied by a handwritten letter. It is mounted alongside a portrait Mary Ann.

Warwick, the tenth speaker, displayed books he had acquired from a combined Christchurch Library and Rotary Club book sale. Amongst them was a fascinating book about the history of gnomes, the petty cash book of the Wellington Harbour Board as well as historic passenger lists from the Cook Strait Ferries. Some had come from an antique dealer in Wellington who had disbanded in 1989.

Kathleen Dearnley, the eleventh speaker, displayed a prayer book which had belonged to her great great grandfather William Alfred Hounsell (1825-1906) who came from Sussex, England in 1842 along with his brother Emery on board the 'Mary Ann'. William took a job with the New Zealand Company and in 1845 he became a member of the 1st Volunteer Corps. He later worked for Fells and Seymour, early land agents in Nelson, before becoming a hop grower, working for Mr Harley, and later still he was a gardener. He and his wife Sarah Durrant had 14 children. The cause of his death in 1906 was described as shock following a self-inflicted wound to his neck that had occurred a few days earlier. William was buried in the Wakapuaka Cemetery.

Roger Batt was the final speaker. His great uncle, George Batt (1854-1931), was a brother to Roger's grandfather William Batt. George spent 53 years as a drover and bullocky, ranging over the Nelson back country to destinations such as Wairau, Christchurch, via Top House, and down to the Buller. He also carted loads of wool, hops, timber and even gelignite, which was used in the construction of the Nelson to Glenhope railway. George remained a bachelor and in 1883 he purchased a 100 acre block of land at Glenhope and lived there in his self-built 2 roomed whare. He eventually retired in 1926. For display, Roger had a piece from one of George's old wagon wheels. After his death in 1931, he was laid to rest close to his parents in the Foxhill Cemetery.

The next meeting will be at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church supper room on Thursday 28th August at 1.30 pm. Robyn Parkes, a journalist who contributes historical stories to the Waimea Weekly, will be our speaker.

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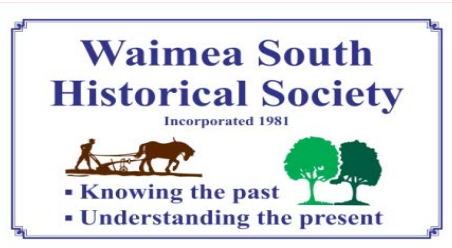
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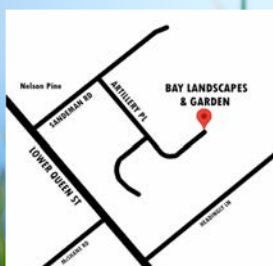


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Town and Country Vet

by Brenda Halliwell, Vet

Happy Spring! Hopefully the crazy winter weather and destruction is behind us and we can look forward to a more settled spring and summer.

Pet poisonings

We have had a run of poisoning cases in our hospital so here's a quick reminder of the common ones:

Rat bait – this is the most treatable because we have a specific antidote. So if you know your dog has eaten rat bait, or you find a half eaten box and your dog/s could have had access, phone us for advice. The sooner we make a plan the better the outcome and the cheaper it is for you. If dogs have eaten rat bait recently we can make them vomit and follow it up with a single blood test. If nothing is done, dogs will bleed internally, get very sick and need intensive hospital care. Prevention is always better – store your rat bait securely away from dogs.

Antifreeze – fortunately this is less common but carries a poor prognosis unless treatment is started early and aggressively. Interestingly alcohol (vodka) given intravenously is a partial antidote if we can start it in time. Antifreeze damages many internal organs but it is damage to the kidneys that results in irreversible kidney failure and euthanasia. One of our staff members has recently lost two cats to antifreeze poisoning despite our best efforts over a few days of intensive hospital care. Unfortunately she still doesn't know where her semi-rural cats found antifreeze. It is usually in a puddle under a car or spilt in a garage and is palatable enough that cats and dogs will drink it. So if you spill it, clean it up!

Slug bait – this is a treatable poison but there is no antidote and treatment must be started extremely quickly and aggressively. Seizures and coma happen very soon after a dog eats slug bait so they always need to be admitted to hospital for intensive care to manage seizures and prevent organ damage. We also try to get any slug bait out of them using stomach pumps and enemas. Fortunately our recent hospital case managed to pull through after a few days. Again prevention is always better – use dog-friendly slug bait (e.g. Quash) or none at all and ideally prevent roaming so your dog doesn't find your neighbour's slug bait.

Lifestyle block news

We are really excited to welcome our new lifestyle block vet Sarah on board! Sarah is from Auckland where she has been working solely on lifestyle blocks with sheep, goats, alpacas, pigs and poultry. She carries a unique passion and level of expertise in lifestyle block species and is great at sharing her incredible knowledge.

Did you know that most health issues in these animals are easily prevented? Looking online at Google and Facebook for advice provides a lot of conflicting information that is not always relevant or safe.

Sarah is introducing Animal Health Plans for lifestyle block owners providing expert, individualised advice for your animals and your property. Let Sarah take away your stress so you can sleep at night knowing your animals are happier, healthier and free of preventable diseases.

For more information Sarah can be contacted at lifestylefarms@tcvet.co.nz.



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The Big Bake Up

by Melissa Woodhouse

The journey we have experienced over the past few months reaffirms why we do what we do.

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Our door to door visits to residents affected is what we take pride in, checking in to see how they are doing following the event and providing something to lift their spirits. Many respond and say they are ok, knowing full well they too are affected we generally don't take no for an answer. Who doesn't love some home baking?

We have an awesome team of volunteers, who just show up when we need them. One of our team members, Sally, lives in Brightwater but regularly cooks with us at the Wakefield Village Hall. Sally added this comment "we've only been in Tasman for 5 years, and cooking with The Big Bake Up gives me the opportunity to give back to the community that has made us feel so welcome in such a short time". Sally also bakes from home and provides us delicious treats to share.

If baking is your thing, you are welcome to make contact with us and join our growing team!

We have received many donations in, and too many to list each individual. From those that have popped funds onto our account at the Four Square to those that have made financial donations online. We have been overwhelmed with how generous people have been, we have received donations from many businesses including a \$1000 donation from the Wakefield Community Hub Steering Committee from the profits earned from Windows on Wakefield. Money from the community going back into the community. This is what it's all about.

Please don't hesitate to refer someone you know who could do with a parcel delivered to them. We are here to support but we need everyone's input to receive the nominations.

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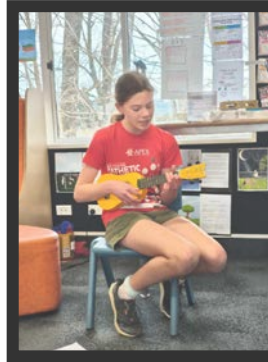
The Arts @ Wakefield School

Kōtare (Year 7 and 8 students) are taking part in Arts rotations, exploring Music, Performing Arts, and Visual Arts. This programme is designed to give students broad exposure to the Arts curriculum while encouraging them to step outside their comfort zones and try new creative experiences.

In Music, we are experimenting with beat and rhythm through bucket drumming and Boomwhackers, and a range of percussion instruments.

In Performing Arts, we are creating and performing plays inspired by Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes.

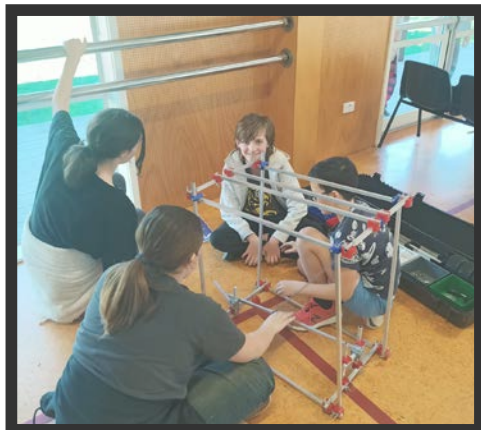
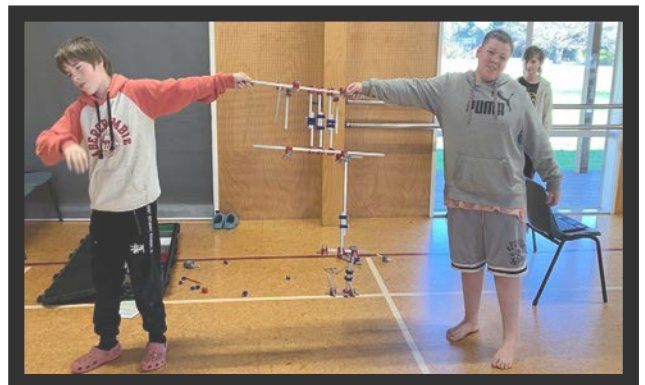
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Live Well, Stay Well

by Christine Godfrey

HATO HONE ST JOHN

On 20 August 2025 our group came to listen to our guest speaker Kylie Beckers, Community educator for St Johns, talk about the 3 Steps for life.

If you find someone unresponsive and not breathing--

STEP 1

Call 111

Put it on speaker phone to send the right help for your emergency.

STEP 2

Put patient on hard floor. Start CPR. It is easy and vital for anyone in cardiac arrest to have a chance of survival. CPR is better than no CPR, so try.

A - Airway open, tilt head back

B - Breathing

C - Circulation

Push with both hands, 30 times (hard and fast) on chest and blow 2 breaths mouth to mouth. Kylie said the song 'Staying Alive' by The Bee Gees is the right music to keep the rhythm going. This is the most important step to get the blood flowing.' Remember 30 to 2 no matter who'. One person can do compressions and one person to go and get AED or defibrillator.

STEP 3

Use AED or defibrillator to deliver safe electrical charge. Free First Aid mobile phone apps are available and provide easy to follow advice on a range of scenarios including CPR, diabetic emergencies, choking and allergic reactions. These mobile apps could help you make a life saving difference in a medical emergency. They are the CPR, step by step app with AED defibrillation steps 1 - 10 which are voice assisted. In an emergency the faster someone gets help the better.

There is a AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) Location App to find the nearest one to you.

The Good Sam Responder App. This alerts people that a patient suspected to be in cardiac arrest is nearby, allowing them to possibly save a life by providing CPR and using an AED prior to emergency arriving. You need to register for this.

Kylie finished by saying that St John provides emergency and non emergency services for approx 90% of NZ's population. Applying CPR and rapid defibrillation can increase survival by 40%. Every minute without CPR or defib, a patients chance of survival falls by 10 - 15%. Kylie showed us all how to do CPR and defib on her fake models and we all had a go at doing it as well.

Kathleen thanked Kylie on behalf of the group and gave her a donation for Hato Hone St John.

Upcoming meetings:

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

Tuesday 23 September 2025: Maria and Rob Merrilees will speak about SCENERY AND FUNGI IN OUR BACK COUNTRY: Venue Wakefield Fire Brigade, 9.45am-11am.

Tuesday 7 October 2025 : coffee meeting at The Villa in Wakefield, 9.45am onwards

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

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

Our group meets twice a month in Wakefield, mostly on a Tuesday morning from 9.45am to 11am.

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

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

We advertise our programme in "Window on Wakefield", your local news magazine, plus on the Community noticeboard in Wakefield.

We also communicate what is happening each month by an email group. You are very welcome to join us. We would love to meet you!

If you would like to be on email list, please contact one of the convenors:

Sandra 027 609 9202, Sonja 027 374 0500, Christine 027 677 0080



Community Council

by Julian Eggers

Wakefield Community Council 52nd AGM 2025

What another year it's been! Thank you all for an incredibly productive, rewarding, and enjoyable journey together. Reflecting on the past year, it's clear that our collective efforts have brought about some remarkable achievements.

"Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much." — Helen Keller

The Wakefield Community Council has a proud 51-year history of serving our community with dedication and care. Founded in 1973, the Council has played a pivotal role in supporting local initiatives, organizing community events, and advocating for residents' interests. Over the decades, we have navigated many challenges and milestones — from infrastructure improvements to projects that continue to enhance the quality of life for Wakefield residents. Looking ahead, we remain committed to building on this legacy, ensuring Wakefield remains a vibrant and supportive place to live for generations to come.

I want to acknowledge Amby, our Hall Booking Officer, and Sam, our Hall Cleaner, for their continued dedication to keeping our hall running smoothly. Stuart Watts, thank you for your regular checks to keep the hall safe and operational.

Together with our Hall Subcommittee and Management Committee, we have tackled challenges to keep this space enjoyable for our community while maintaining our valuable partnership with the Tasman District Council.

A massive thank you to our Ward Councillors — Dan, Mike, Christeen, and Deputy Mayor Stuart — for your ongoing support at Wakefield Community Council meetings. Your backing has been crucial as we address local matters, and I'm grateful for the open gateway provided by the Tasman District Council and the cooperation of TDC staff in supporting our community's needs.

A special thank you goes to Emily (Treasurer), Chelsea (Secretary), and Nathan (Deputy Chair) for your vital roles in the Management Committee. Your wisdom and dedication have greatly contributed to our progress. Richard, Colin, Anna, Ewan, Jean, Fritz, and Melissa — your hard work has not gone unnoticed. Rym and Brent, though your time with us has been short this year, your enthusiasm and commitment have been much appreciated. Thank you also to our subcommittees — Homes for Wakefield, Faulkner Bush Play Space, and Wakefield Hall — for your time and dedication. Thank you, Fritz, for representing us on the PAG, and Nathan for your role as our committee rep for the Wakefield Hub Project.

Every one of you — whether on the Management Committee, a subcommittee, or as a resident — plays a vital role in the Wakefield Community Council. You bring diverse knowledge, experience, and passion to the table. Together, we have given Wakefield a strong voice and worked tirelessly towards our shared goals. Our strength and cohesion as a group have grown this year, supported by the connections we've built along the way.

Personally, I am so proud of what we've achieved this year — including the Wakefield Community ANZAC Service, our guardianship along the Tasman Great Taste Cycle Trail with working bees and tree planting, the Wakefield Youth Hangout, Faulkner Bush Play Space Stage 1, planting around the cellphone tower, the Wakefield Hub Project, and submitting our new constitution.

Serving as Chairperson for another year has truly been a privilege. Leading our Council and Management Committee continues to be deeply rewarding, and I thank you all for your trust, commitment, and hard work. Together, we've laid a strong foundation for our village's future — one built on connection, care, and shared purpose.

Our journey doesn't end here — it grows stronger with each person who gives their time, shares their skills, and believes in what we can achieve together. I have no doubt that with your continued support and passion, our community will go from strength to strength.

Thank you once again for making this year so successful — and for making Wakefield the special place it is. Let's keep looking after each other, pitching in, and celebrating the best of our village as we build an even brighter future, together.

Julian Eggers
Chairperson, Wakefield Community Council
2024–2025



We invite you to



At the next
Wakefield Community
Council Meeting

MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER
7PM - WAKEFIELD VILLAGE HALL



In The Bush

Reporting In From Evie South – President

Phew August nearly done and dusted AND I will not say how many weeks until our Festive Season!!

Great show up of our volunteer team for some flood maintenance at The Edward Baigent Memorial Scenic Reserve, and unbelievable what plants were still surviving under a mass of silt.

However with a bit of brushing down and staking, some looked none the worse for their experience.

While others on the outer fringes of the internal bush just disappeared and in their place we got many “river” gifts, mainly plastic, varied in content and made the cleaning up, more interesting, as we tried to guess from where they came!! SO to the recycling they went.

We had hoped to move on in September to Faulkner Bush for some intensive weeding, however Edward Baigent still needs a lot of river debris cleared off the fence lines etc. so another maintenance day should see that done. Plus also thanks for those of our team, who have gone back and done some hard yards there and at Robson’s Scenic Reserve – so appreciated.

THANKS ALSO – Our society trapping team (Duncan, Sally & Diana), fabulous work, over the three Scenic Reserves, with no traps lost to the flooding. Also special mention to Bob Croy for his donation of another very top of the line trap for our use.

EXTRA PLANTS – Great contact from Bill Gaul with some Lemonwoods to donate, we will be placing 20+ along the fringes of the Edward Baigent Memorial Scenic Reserve and some in the internal bush.

Our Team so appreciates these donations and the kindness of folks to contact us direct so we can say a very loud YES PLEASE.

CELEBRATIONS – Past and Present



Firstly and WOW, our very special volunteer Eric Palmer has clocked up 80 years, I think he was perhaps a tad overwhelmed to have his garden decorated with balloons and stuff.

However our committee did feel that Eric, not only as part of our volunteers but also our committee, needed a huge acknowledgement from all in our Society.

Secondly our Society was incorporated on the 22nd August 2000.

SO it is our birthday too. Lots of years of work and effort by so many, not only members of our Society, but those in our Wakefield community that have always acknowledged and assisted our efforts.

These years of community service have certainly rolled by very quickly!

We can almost “age” ourselves by viewing the older plantings that we were so actively involved in, the height of the trees being the giveaway!



Thirdly and while thinking about “advancing years” and in browsing my historical research.

Mr Frederick Faulkner of Treeton Park, Wakefield, celebrated his 100th Birthday on the 3rd April 1934.

He passed away nine months later in 1935 and was reunited in death, with many of his family members, who are also buried in the St John’s Church yard in Wakefield.

FAULKNER.—On 11th January, 1935, at his residence, “Treeton Park,” Wakefield, Frederick Faulkner, in his 101st year.—At Rest. Private interment.

Frederick lived at Treeton Park (now part of The Faulkner Bush Scenic Reserve) for 58 years, never married, and in his later years lived very quietly in retirement. He was a great reader and for a time was a librarian at the Wakefield Institute.

Being a very healthy person, he was rarely sick and could remember having a severe attack of smallpox as a child and the doctor commented that if he pulled through the attack, he would probably reach 100, a prophecy that came true.

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 Kindergarten

by Maretta

When winter hit with a vengeance the tamariki enjoyed playing in the frost and ice here at Wakefield Kindy. One child brought along an ice scraper from home and they took turns scraping ice off our balance beams. Two kaiako made the most of the cold snap by bringing some dinosaurs that had been set in ice. The tamariki had a fantastic time breaking the dinosaurs free. This then developed into a day of making houses for the dinosaurs in the forest.

Ironically with all the cold weather we also had a lamb called Sooty, belonging to one of our families come to visit us. He was in his puffer jacket though!

We had Sophus from the Tasman District Library come and share stories, songs and fun with us. Book week was 11-15 August so we had lots of story times and brought books from home to read at kindy. On Friday we joined Wakefield School, dressing up as book characters and then having a parade around Wakefield.



EBUS Information

Age Concern with NCC & TDC are continuing with the ebus initiative "All onboard with Age Concern" for seniors and have more information sessions and guided journeys planned for the coming months.

These sessions are an opportunity for seniors to get answers to questions about the buses and feel more confident to go on a journey on the buses.

We will cover how to use the eBus, reading a timetable, where the nearest stops are and its free between 9-3pm for seniors.



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These informal sessions offer a friendly environment to answer questions and share information. You can see route maps, get help reading timetables and learn how to purchase a Bee Card. Next step... plan an outing or join one of our guided journeys together with Age Concern Nelson Tasman.

**eBus Information
Drop-in Sessions**

Aug - Nov 2025

Date	Drop-in times	Location	Bee Card
Monday 18 August	10:00am - 11:30am	Victory Community Centre	Info only
Wednesday 20 August	1:00pm - 2:00pm	Tāhunanui Community Hub	Info only
Monday 8 September	1:30pm - 2:30pm	Stoke Library	Buy
Friday 12 September	10:00am - 12:00pm	Elma Turner Library, Nelson	Buy
Thursday 25 September	10:00am - 11:30am	Motueka Library	Buy
Thursday 25 September	1:30pm - 2:30pm	Pūtangitangi Greenmeadows Community Centre, Stoke	Info only
Tuesday 7 October	11:00am - 12:30pm	Wellby Talking Café, McCashins Brewery, Stoke	Info only
Wednesday 5 November	10:30am - 11:30am	Richmond Library	Buy

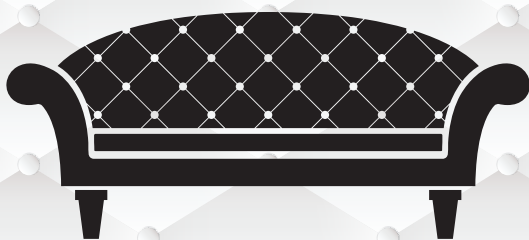
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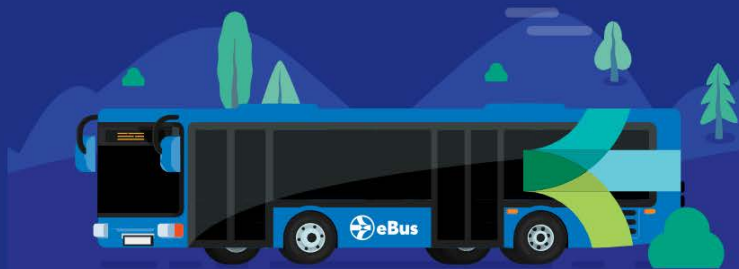
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- When you **REGISTER** please let us know:
 - if you would like "Bus Buddy" assistance
 - if you will join at a different bus stop
- Please arrive on time at the **MEETING** place to be ready for **DEPARTURE** together.

Date	Description		Time
Tues, 26 Aug	Stoke to Nelson city, short walk to Suter Gallery & Café and Botanic Gardens arriving back in Stoke 1:35pm		MEET: 9:45am Nelson City Interchange DEPART: 9:58am
Wed, 17 Sept	Nelson to Wakefield Village, enjoy a walk, a coffee, a pie for lunch, arriving back in Nelson 1:41pm		MEET: 9:45am Nelson City Interchange DEPART: 9:57am
Mon, 29 Sept	Nelson city to Nelson Airport , see the planes and airport, have a cuppa, back in Nelson 2:45pm		MEET: 12:05pm Nelson City Interchange DEPART: 12:20pm
Tues, 7 Oct	Tāhunanui to Richmond Mall, visit the mall, op shops & cafés, arriving back in Tāhunanui 12:42pm		MEET: 10:10am Tāhunanui Interchange DEPART: 10:24am
Wed, 22 Oct	Richmond to Nelson Hospital , have a coffee, explore the hospital, arriving back in Richmond 12:28pm		MEET: 9:20am Richmond Interchange DEPART: 9:34am

Look out for guided bus journeys dates & details shared on our website, Facebook, magazine & newsletter.
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Wakefield Country Players

by Amby Crowe

And that's a wrap!

What a fantastic time we had with Disney's Beauty and the Beast!

Community support was incredible, as always, from the costume and prop creators, to the technical team, stage crew, choreography and vocal directors, cast, front of house, and of course, our audiences.

We also had very generous sponsorship from Zambero Richmond, Gravity Events, Wendy Pearson, Richmond Hire, Nelson Pine, Little Sprig Wakefield, Four Square Wakefield and Bridgestone Tyre Centre Richmond.

And in the centre of it all, director Sarah Ching. With her vision, support and arduous work, Disney's Beauty and the Beast wouldn't have been the absolutely fantastic show it was.

The curtains have barely closed, and we're already hard at work planning our next venture - a fundraiser for the new community hub.

On September 26th and 27th join us at the Wakefield Village Hall for a spooky time!

This year, we're taking the haunted house experience to the next level with The Haunted Hall. The entire hall will be transformed into a twisting, disorienting maze, leading visitors through shadows, surprises, and spine-chilling scares.

Imagine the same thrills and creativity from our Wakefield School gala haunted house, only bigger. Every corner hides something unexpected, making The Haunted Hall an unforgettable adventure for the brave (and not-so-brave) who dare to enter.

Keep an eye on the Wakefield Community Hub and Wakefield Country Players Facebook pages for more information.



Brought to you by the team that makes you scream at the Wakefield School Gala Haunted House!

OUR PLACE
WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY HUB

Haunted Hall

A fundraiser for the Wakefield Community Hub

Friday 26 and Saturday 27 September
Wakefield Village Hall

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Recommended for older primary age and up

\$10 ticket entry to the Haunted Hall Experience
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Diversity and Harmony

by Petros

Bellbird was taking a breather from his aria practice. A keen young swallow, on her way home from kapa haka class, decided to drop by for some conversation practice. Tēnā koe! she chirped. Kei te pēhea koe?

Oh ... kei te pai, answered Bellbird. Yeah, pretty good thanks.

You tangata whenua have it naturally, she remarked. What's that? asked Bellbird. Song, harmony, resonance. Listen to that Tūi - such a range, and you Korimako, so pure and intense. Ka pai, totally ka pai!

Well thank you. Our friends here from your home country are great with the folk and classical repertoire too. We songbirds like to compete – but we also love to share and join in together – it's a real Choral Fantasy, at times.

One thing to remember, he went on, is that looks have nothing much to do with musicality. Take the Grey Herons, for instance. A family of them stop over for a few days each year in the tops of our giant Redwoods – for some reason of their own. Wonderfully graceful and elegant they are. But when they open their beaks to announce their arrival, it's like a blast of Heavy Metal ... the whole village can hear them.

Are grey herons like the Kōtuku?

Oh no – maybe second cousins or some such. But Kōtuku are more beautiful, and much rarer. It'd be a one-in-a-lifetime event, almost, if a Kōtuku showed up here.

Don't your elders have a saying about that? He Kōtuku rerenga tahi.

Oh well done! said Bellbird. Swallow blushed. I need to get back to the others, she said. Lovely talking to you. Kia ora and haere rā! She swooped off, feeling quite pleased with herself. I'm on a real learning curve, she thought.

And so are we all, hopefully.

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Higgins Heritage Park Happenings

by David Win

We are again in full swing with organising our popular Craft Fair & Steam Up, to be held on Sunday 4 January, featuring traction engines on steam, honey barrel, old school bus & rail jigger rides along with craft stalls, food, ice creams and children's activities. For stall sites, please email craftfair@higginsheritagepark.co.nz

"Gordon", our 1/3 scale Burrell steam traction engine is now in the final stages in preparation for open day operations. The following is an overview of the construction, principles and fitting & fettling required for the assembly and painting of "Gordon".

Importantly, it still requires engineering to meet all the certification standards of our grand full-size engines. A job which blends mechanical skill, technical considerations, historical appreciation, and patient craftsmanship. A big thanks to Tasman District Council for a grant towards the certification costs which have just been completed, now enabling training & operations to start.

Steam traction engines, once the backbone of agriculture and industry, used steam power for mobility and heavy tasks. A 1/3rd scale version, though miniature, retains all the complexities and functionalities of the original. From the boiler to the wheels, from the intricate valve gear to the gleaming brass fittings, each component must be meticulously crafted and assembled.

There are a big number of elements that make up the assembly process, including:

- Planning & Preparation
- Kit documentation & diagrams
- Boiler & testing – the boiler is the heart of any steam engine and requires utmost care. Before installation it was hydrostatic tested to ensure integrity and safety.
- Mountings: Safety valves, pressure gauges, and water sight glasses are installed.
- Testing: The boiler is filled with water and pressurized, tested above its working pressure to detect leaks or weaknesses.
- The chassis and running gear form the backbone of the model, supporting the boiler, engine, and wheels. Assembling the chassis involves mounting bearings, axles, and frames, followed by fitting wheels. Attention to alignment ensures smooth running and accurate steering.
- Steam engine components – the cylinder, piston, crankshaft, con rod & valve gear. The Stephenson's valve gear was assembled and timed.
- Various ancillary systems, critical for the operation and safety include, water feed injectors, fuel system coal firebox, coal bunker, ashpan & smokebox & chimney were all assembled
- Fittings & Detailing included paint and finish.
- Cold water and steam testing. Testing and certification
- Operator training along with frequent checks of boiler integrity, pressure systems and the moving parts.

Now finished, "Gordon" will complement our full-size engines. It is not just a machine but a celebration of tradition, imbued with the spirit of steam which provides a living relic of a bygone era to delight our visitors.

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.

Dates to remember:

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

Sunday 21 September – Museum sheds open day & rides

Sunday 5 October – Steam Up, museum sheds open and a variety of rides.

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Wakefield Health Centre

Welcome and Farewell



Dr Asanga Nanayakkara

We are delighted to have had Asanga join us as a registrar for the next six months. Many of you will meet him over the next few months and he has given a brief bio to introduce himself.

I was born in Sri Lanka and moved to New Zealand with my family at the age of six. I grew up in Palmerston North before studying medicine at the University of Otago. After graduating, I spent nine years working as a junior doctor in Auckland, including six years as a non-training surgical registrar.

I later chose to transition into general practice in 2024, seeking a better work-life balance and the opportunity to spend more quality time with my wife, Chnae, and our two young children (aged 5 and 2).

Our family fell in love with the Nelson region during holidays here, and we decided to make it our home.

Since January 2025, I have been working as a GP registrar in Nelson and feel privileged to be part of this community.



Dr Anna Koop

Tot ziens

After 3.5 wonderful years in this beautiful community, it's time for me to say goodbye. I'm heading back to the Netherlands to be closer to my parents, and while it's the right decision for our family, it's certainly not an easy one.

I feel incredibly thankful for all the kind, open-hearted people I've had the chance to meet during my time here. Thank you for sharing your stories, your worries, your health and laughter with me. It's been an honour to walk alongside you during some of life's most personal moments.

I'm also deeply grateful for the warmth and support I received when our family grew with the arrival of our second son Arlo—it meant so much to us.

While I'm sad to say goodbye, I like to think of this as "tot ziens"—see you later in Dutch. You never know what life might bring, and perhaps our paths will cross again.

With warmest wishes and a heartfelt "bedankt", Anna

Anna will be leaving in early October and we much like many of you are sad to see Anna go. We appreciate all she has done here at Wakefield Health Centre and for our community, she will be missed.

We have a new doctor starting in January, also from the Netherlands, Dr Adeline Velu who will be taking over Anna's patients. In the meantime Anna's patients will be seen by our Practice GP team.



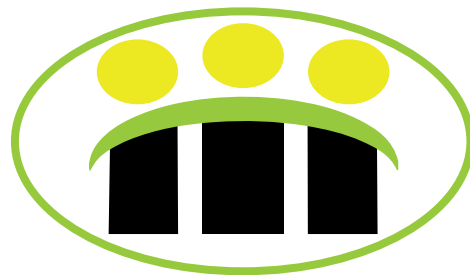
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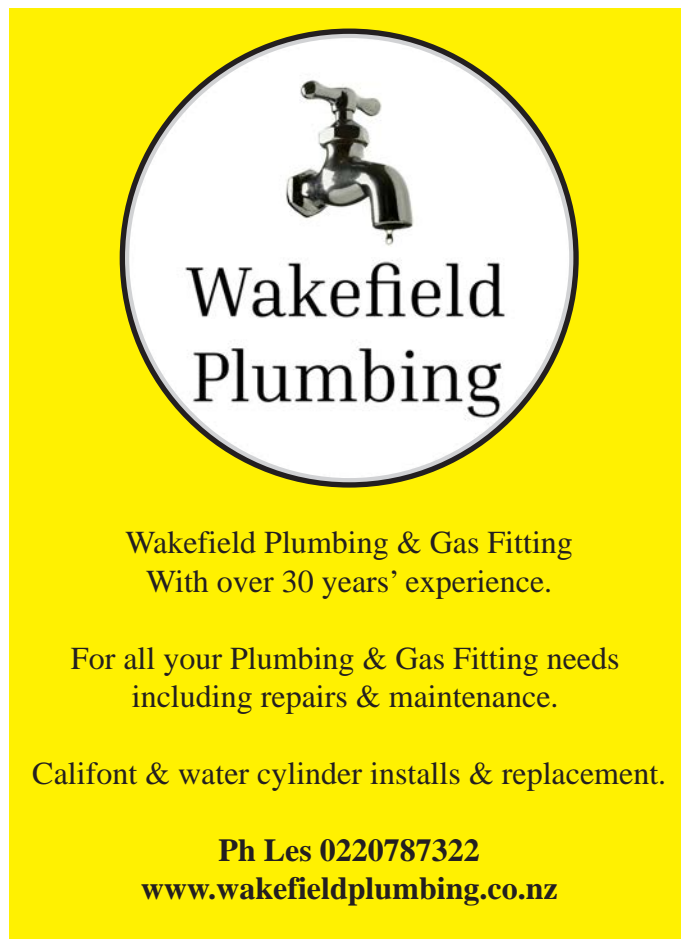
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3rd Thursday of each month
until November**

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Donations to help cover the costs are welcome but it's seeing the people of Wakefield enjoy food and fellowship that is the important thing.

This years dates:

August 21
September 18
October 16
November 20

To help with numbers for catering, if possible, please phone or text
Liz Massey 021 1850 168

Live Well, Stay Well

Tuesday 9 September and Tuesday 7 October 2025 Coffee at The Villa,
Wakefield 9.45am

Tuesday 23 September 2025 9.45am—11am

Speakers: Maria and Rob Merrilees

Scenery and Fungi

in our back country

**Talk about Richmond Hills on the
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"I have loved you with an everlasting love;
I have drawn you with loving kindness."

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Some people may find they have been removed from the electoral roll. Several folk have been surprised to find that they have been removed.
Voters can check online at vote.nz

For local elections anyone can enrol to vote until 4pm on 10 October (day before voting closes).

Have an idea for an article or something you have written that you would like to submit?

Email us at
windowonwakefield@gmail.com

Community Classifieds

Wakefield Craft Group

Come and join the ladies Craft Group
held on Wednesday mornings
in the Fire Brigade Supper Room
Pigeon Valley Road
9.00am - 12pm

Bring any project - sewing, knitting, crochet.
Learn to knit or crochet or just come for a look
and join us for tea, coffee and company.
Small donation

For more information phone Judy on 5418342



Wakefield Community Toy Library

WAKEFIELD TOY LIBRARY

We want to remind everyone that we are always interested to hear about what toys you think we should add to our collection.

You can share your ideas by emailing us on
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Mondays 3:15pm-4:30pm

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Wakefield Village Hall



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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
Nathan Dunn 0210 869 0807
wcc.chairperson@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 - 541 8869
ambynz@hotmail.com

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

Wakefield Youth Hangout
Julian Eggers - 027 771 8556
wakefieldyouthhangout@gmail.com

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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