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Your Local News

## Community News for the Wakefield Area

### Good People Doing Good Things in our Community!

by Charlotte Thynne

The answer to many of the world's problems is surely connection. People from all walks of life coming together in communal spaces to laugh, play, discuss and debate and of course share food. The Wakefield Community Hub project is aiming to build a space where all of these things can happen; a welcoming, functional, community building that can bring the community together.

Fundraising for the community contribution to the project is well underway. The Haunted Hall fundraiser led by the famous Wakefield Country Players was a great success raising just shy of \$7000, and next year we'll have plenty more fundraising events, activities and opportunities for the community to contribute and get involved.

One very exciting event already in the calendar is the Harvest Long Lunch, which will take place on Sunday 29th March 2026 at 3pm on the Wakefield School field. This fundraiser is a sumptuous three course lunch to be served sharing-platter style on long communal tables, and a really exciting opportunity for Wakefield to showcase our Community Hub project, and our village, to the wider Nelson Tasman community.

The lunch will be prepared by international chef Volker Merecek who, in short, has cooked for both the King of England and Mick Jagger. Since moving to Wakefield, Volker has been volunteering his culinary expertise at Willowbank and now, along with his wife Judith and established local couple Elspeth and Don Everitt, is throwing himself into raising as much money as possible for the Wakefield Hub project with the Harvest Long Lunch. Volker says "I've always believed that food has the power to connect people, and volunteering in Wakefield has reinforced that belief. The village has a strong sense of community, and being involved here has been a reminder of how powerful local connections can be. The Harvest Long Lunch is about celebrating local expertise and produce, and showcasing what's possible when a community comes together to support something bigger - strengthening the heart of the village."

So let's throw ourselves behind this event, Wakefield, there are so many ways to help!

## HARVEST LONG LUNCH

PREPARED BY LEADING CHEF  
*Volker Merecek*



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\* Help us get business support for the event - we have sponsorship packages available. We also plan to have an auction and/or raffles on the day and we'd love to have some amazing prizes to offer. This is a great opportunity for businesses to get their name in front of a large audience from across the region.

To join the volunteer team for this event, or to find out more about helping to raise funds for Our Place, the Wakefield Community Hub, contact our Community Facilitator Ruth Collingham on [info@waimeasouth.org.nz](mailto:info@waimeasouth.org.nz) or [ruth@activedir.org](mailto:ruth@activedir.org) or visit our website [www.waimeasouth.org.nz](http://www.waimeasouth.org.nz).



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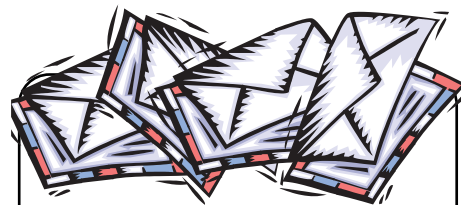
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# Willow Bank Heritage Village

by Medea Grieder-George

The Christmas season is in full swing at Willow Bank Heritage Village, and the Village is looking beautifully festive! On Sunday, 30th November, we held our final Open Day for 2025, welcoming visitors despite a touch of rain. Earlier in the week, we were fortunate to host the Waimea South Historical Society for their Christmas get-together. Their guest speaker, Carol Dawber, was both interesting and informative.

We were also excited to witness the first Monarch caterpillar transform into a butterfly on 19th November. Since then, several more have emerged (11 were released on the 23rd of November), and we look forward to sharing this journey with visitors over the coming months — a lovely sign of the season and a highlight for staff and guests alike.

On 15th November, we enjoyed a fantastic printing workshop in our Printing Shop, The Colonist, led by Renee from the Armarie Room (<https://www.thearmarieroom.com>) — Aotearoa's Multi-Award Winning Letterpress Studio. Renee gave an introduction to setting up type on our stunning 1875 Albion Press. There were plenty of laughs and learning that day! We have plenty of plans for the press, but number one on our list is our High Tea menu!

Looking ahead to 2026, the next Open Day will be on 25th January, with a High Tea also planned for 20th January. Bookings are essential.



With Christmas just around the corner, we wish you all a safe and wonderful festive season. Keep up to date with all our upcoming Open Days and events at [www.willowbankwakefield.co.nz](http://www.willowbankwakefield.co.nz)— and don't forget, our online shop is open too!



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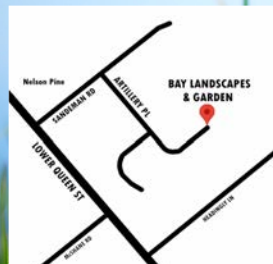


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by Brenda Halliwell, Vet

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# Higgins Heritage Park Happenings

by David Win

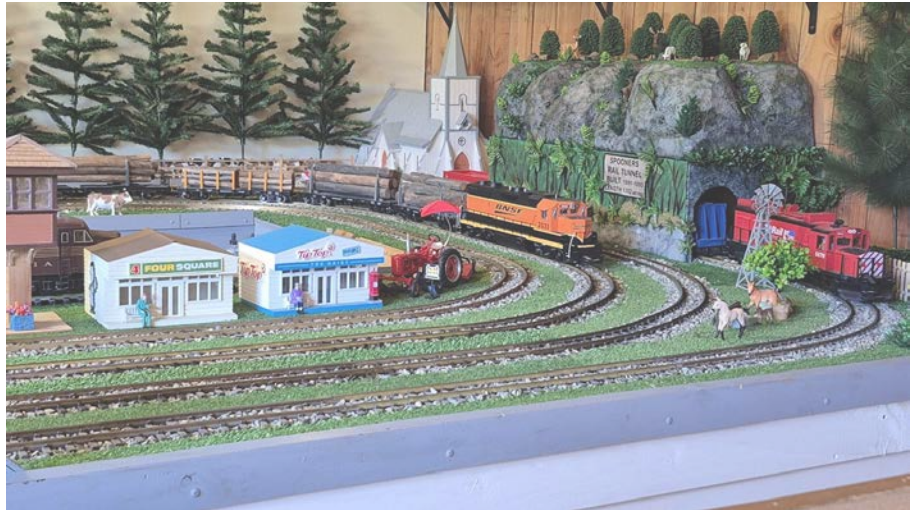
Season's Greetings, and wishing all our readers a healthy, safe and Happy New Year.

Looking ahead, 2026 appears to be shaping up to be a year of positive possibilities.

As you see below, we already have events happening in February & March with planning underway for others during the year.

During the past couple of months, our team have also been working away at building up a stock of firewood in preparation for the winter months. Early orders are recommended – phone/txt Rex 0274 434105.

One of our activities that is a crowd pleaser with all ages is Trev's trains.



You will note that the "Spooners tunnel" has had more foliage planted to contain rockfalls!

## Upcoming park activities include:

- \* **Sunday 4 January** – Craft Fair & Steam Up
- \* **Saturday & Sunday 21 & 22 February** the Rover Car Club Nelson are hosting the National Rover Car Rally at the Park
- \* **Saturday & Sunday 7 & 8 March** the Scent Dog National Trials will be held at the Park
- \* **Wednesday 18 March** the Vero Festival of Historic Motoring with approx. 560 cars will be on display at the Park
- \* **Saturday & Sunday 28 & 29 March** the Nelson Vintage Engine & Machinery Club event featuring Fordson Tractors will be held at the Park.
- \* Schools' visits discovering machinery & equipment used by our grandparents are being planned

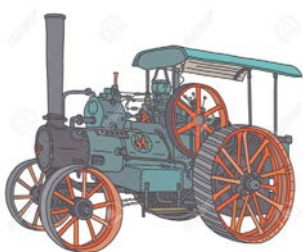
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# Waimea South Historical Society

## Christmas Lunch and Meeting 25 Nov 2025 at Willow Bank

by Yo Tye

On a beautiful morning in the last week of Spring for 2025 twenty six of us gathered at Wakefield's Willow Bank Historic Village to listen to our guest speaker Carol Dawber, a Picton based, journalist and publisher, and to partake in a delicious buffet lunch prepared and presented by Christine Grieder and her daughter Medea Grieder-George to celebrate our last meeting for the year.

Carol Dawber and her husband Peter, were living in Collingwood when a position became available for a Golden Bay Reporter for the Nelson Mail. Carol secured the job, and suddenly her lifetime passion for reading and writing became her career.

Carol described her apprenticeship for the 'art form' of writing, as thousands of hours spent on projects, attending courses, affiliating with mentors and much more.

Her foray into editing books began by helping celebrated New Zealand author Christine Cole Cately with the editing and publishing of one of her books and it developed from there. They published 12 books together.

In 1990 Carol moved to Picton and in so doing relinquished her job with the Nelson Mail. She then joined the staff of the Picton newspaper. At this point she began writing books and after completing three books she was approached to write a book titled 'Bainham a History' and has since written more than 20 books.

Most of her books are of a historical nature accompanied by many photographs. Here are some of her book titles – 'Going to Town: High Street Motueka', 'Awaroa Legacy', 'Diary from the Lookout: The Cook Strait Whale Survey', 'The Journey of Girl Guiding in New Zealand', 'The Taylors Way: The Story of a Contracting Company'.

Carol took us step by step through the process of creating one of her books, describing each as having a frame which requires edges. Her job as a historical author is to seek out people and their stories and to then use her skills as a writer to put 'their' words into print, whilst at the same time making certain of the accuracy of names and dates for the photographs.

Carol is now in the throes of writing her last book. Her presentation was captivating and inspiring and we all felt rewarded for having been part of her audience.

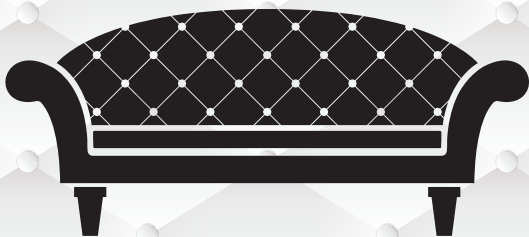
Carol brought with her a selection of her books for sale and many took advantage of this opportunity before sitting down to enjoy our Christmas fare.

Christine and Medea were dressed in period costume and did a wonderful job as hosts for this special occasion. We thoroughly recommend this wonderful facility which is set in a unique and special environment.

Our program planning for 2026 is now well under way and the first meeting will be on 26 Feb when the guest speaker will be Darryl Gallagher, the Chief Curator of the Nelson Museum photographic collection. You are all welcome to join us.



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# Wakefield Health Centre

## Skin Cancer

by Dr Mark Fry

Summer is coming and while I don't want to spoil the fun I would like to remind people about skin cancer. It is the most common cancer in New Zealand and unfortunately we have amongst the highest rates in the world. It is largely preventable- over 90% of all skin cancer cases are attributed to excess sun exposure. It is important to detect skin cancer early, especially melanoma. Early detection gives the best chances of successfully treating skin cancer.

### Types of skin cancer:

Melanoma - the most serious form of skin cancer, causing over two thirds of skin cancer deaths.

Squamous cell carcinoma (SCC) - easily treated if found early but can be fatal if left untreated.

Basal cell carcinoma (BCC) - the most common and generally the least dangerous skin cancer. BCC can be serious and require surgery if left untreated.

### Causes of skin cancer:

The most common cause of skin cancer is too much exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun. People of all ages and skin colours can be diagnosed with skin cancer but those at a higher risk are people who have:

- Fair skin or red or fair hair
- Fair skin that burns easily no matter what hair colour
- Had one or more severe sunburns- especially in childhood or adolescence
- Used sunbeds, particularly at a young age
- A family history of melanoma (parent, brother, sister or child)
- Large irregularly shaped or uneven moles
- A large number of moles

### Prevention of skin cancer:

If people protect their skin and avoid sunburn throughout their lives the risk of skin cancer is reduced. It is important to be SunSmart in the months between September and April, especially between the hours of 10am-4pm when the UV radiation levels are very high. In winter it is also important to be SunSmart at high altitudes and around snow and water.

### Steps to being SunSmart:

Slip - into the shade where possible.

Slip - on some protective clothing, ie shirt with collar and long sleeves and trousers or long-legged shorts.

Slop - on sunscreen that has an SPF of at least 30 and apply 20 minutes prior to sun exposure.

Slap - on a hat that protects your face, head, neck and ears.

Wrap - on some close fitting sunglasses.

### Symptoms and diagnosis of skin cancer:

Finding skin cancer as early as possible is the key to successful treatment. You should speak to your health professional if you have a mole, freckle or spot that:

- Is new or changing.
- Does not heal.
- Looks different from others around it.
- Has changed in size, thickness, shape, colour or has started to bleed.

We also encourage regular "skin checks" as an effective way of detecting lesions early and improving outcomes. We ask that these are booked as a dedicated appointment to allow enough time to do this properly.

### Treatment of skin cancer:

This depends on the lesion, location and patient factors. It can include application of special creams, cryotherapy (freezing), shave excisions (without sutures) and full excisions (with sutures).

Both Wayne and Mark have done extra training in skin cancer medicine and are now accredited doctors of the Skin Cancer College of Australasia.

We are well equipped and can treat most skin cancers at the Wakefield practice. We discuss treatment options and costs with all patients and refer both publically and privately when necessary.

Enjoy summer but be SunSmart and if you are worried about a spot then come and have it checked out.



## Wakefield Health Centre

### Surgery hours:

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"May the hand of God uphold you"  
**Psalms Ch 18 v 35 NKJ**

"You have given me the shield of your salvation,  
your right hand has held me up." WW



**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  
[wakefieldtoylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:wakefieldtoylibrary@gmail.com)  
or pop in and see us during our opening hours,  
Saturday 10:00am-11:00am and Mondays 3:15pm-4:30pm

The Wakefield Community Toy Library  
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Wakefield Art Group Est 2012

Sessions: Thursday Mornings 9:30-12:00 @ Wakefield Hall

The 2025 year will end 11<sup>th</sup> Dec having completed 47 sessions and will recommence 15 Jan 2026

The participation at sessions has grown in 2025 with 47% of participants travelling to Wakefield to create art and support our local business community.

We wish to thank Michael & his staff @ the Villa Café for displaying our Art Works, this is much appreciated by the members.

We will be displaying artworks for sale @ Oakwoods Retirement Village, Richmond from 1st November to 31st January.

You are most welcome to join our weekly sessions or simply pop in to see 'Art in Action'

## MEALS ON WHEELS - VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

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We currently have a vacancy for a volunteer delivery driver on alternate Mondays starting on December 15th.

Each delivery duty takes 1.5 to 2 hours.

We also need a pool of relief delivery drivers to do occasional fill in on a casual basis.

If you are interested in helping your community in this way, please phone or text Ian Nicholas (roster organiser) on 027 766 6937 or email on [iannicholas.hr@gmail.com](mailto:iannicholas.hr@gmail.com).

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**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**  
Catherine or Ali 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 Football Club**  
wakefieldfootballclub@gmail.com  
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**Wakefield Health Centre**  
541 8911

**Wakefield Pharmacy**  
541 8418

**Wakefield Playcentre**  
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office.admin@parish.org.nz

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Chrissy Harris - 541 9596

**Wakefield Bush Restoration Soc Inc**  
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**Plunket Nelson Area Office**  
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**Wakefield Toy Library**  
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**Wakefield Website**  
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**NZ Postcard Society Inc**  
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**Spring Grove Church of Christ**  
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**Waimea South Historical Society**  
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**Wakefield Bowling Club**  
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www.wakefieldbowls.co.nz

**Wakefield Brightwater Book Club**  
Sue McAuley 027 343 2410  
vsmcauley@gmail.com  
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**Wakefield Community Council**  
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