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Your Local News

Community News for the Wakefield Area

Back to School

by Emily, Antonia, Evie and Gideon

The first few weeks at Wakefield School have gone off with a bang!

We began the year with our annual mihi whakatau to welcome our new students and their families to Wakefield School. This was followed by some fun weeks of school, meeting our classes and teams.

Our annual Tryathlon was a smashing success with every one trying hard. The younger students took part in a Splash and Dash event which includes a run and a swim. Thank you to our parent helpers, teachers and Kathy Ameen for all the organisation.

Our Technology classes for our Intermediate School students have been full of new learning and developing new skills.

The year 7s have been busy cooking their camp meals and working on their sewing skills to make a bag, while the year 8s are working on carrying out fundraising events to support the cost of camp.

On top of all the usual schoolwork, the Kotare and Karearea classes have been preparing for camp that is set for weeks five and six. These classes are headed for the Abel Tasman. Karearea are going to Marahau, and Kotare are heading to Totaranui.

To help with the cost, the year 7 and 8 students have been preparing and freezing the meals ahead of time, and fundraising for camp. School lunch orders, a car wash, raffles and dance parties have been organised.

We have made over $1,000 so far. Thanks to the community, and our school parents for their help and support with our fundraising.

We look forward to our upcoming Swimming Sports. We have been training hard and look forward to showing off our skills on the big day!

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Willow Bank Heritage Village

by Medea Grieder-George, Event Co-ordinator

February has been another vibrant month at Willow Bank Heritage Village. Following the wonderful success of our Alice in Wonderland High Tea in January, excitement has continued throughout the village.

A major highlight this month was our Open Day on Sunday 22 February, which also marked the exciting reopening of our renovated Burger Bar. Beautifully refreshed by Scott, the space looked fantastic. With the wonderful help of Volker Marecek, the day was filled with delicious aromas, happy visitors, and a lively atmosphere.

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible volunteers who helped on the day. Their enthusiasm and dedication help create the interactive, engaging experiences our visitors love.

If you missed our Open Day, don't worry — our next Open Day will be held on Sunday 22 March. We'd love to welcome you along for another day of history, exploration, and village charm.

In the meantime, Welcome Wednesday returns for March.
Join us every Wednesday in March, 10am – 2pm:

- $5 per adult
- $2 per child

Or enjoy our midweek special: $12 per person — includes entry, tea or coffee, and a freshly baked scone served with cream and our famous Willow Bank Raspberry Jam.

We are especially excited for Welcome Wednesday on 18 March, when we will be welcoming participants of the Vero International Festival of Historic Motoring, organised by the Nelson Vintage Car Club. Willow Bank Heritage Village is proud to be one of their stops, and we very much look forward to hosting this wonderful group of heritage motoring enthusiasts. To find out more about the festival visit www.historicmotoring.org.nz . It will be an amazing event for our region and a sight to see at Willow Bank!

And don't miss our Pawsome Wednesday on 25 March. Bring along your precious fur baby to enjoy the village with you. Special treats will be waiting for our four-legged visitors. (Dogs must be on leads.) More information coming soon.

Our butterfly conservation programme continues to flourish. Thanks to the careful raising and protection of monarch caterpillars, visitors can now enjoy the beautiful sight of butterflies fluttering from flower to flower throughout the village.

Meanwhile, our Guess It Friday posts on Facebook and Instagram have been proving very popular — fun to create and even more fun to follow along! Thank you to everyone who has visited and supported Willow Bank Heritage Village. We look forward to welcoming you soon.

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Town and Country Vet

by Brenda Halliwell, Vet

Fly Strike

Just a reminder the risk of flystrike will continue into autumn while it's warm and wet. Sheep farmers are well aware of flystrike but it also affects camellids, pet rabbits and dogs. This is a serious problem that can occur within hours and can be fatal. Flies are attracted to fur/fleece that is damp or smelly from urine, faeces or skin disease and they lay their eggs in the area. Maggots will hatch within hours and quickly eat into and through the skin and flesh. This is painful and animals rapidly become ill from toxins released.

Prevention of fly strike varies between species:

Rabbits - check your rabbit twice daily to ensure its bottom is clean and dry. Remove soiled bedding as soon as possible and keep the surrounding environment clean. Ensure your rabbit is not being overfed or fed incorrectly which can lead to diarrhoea and soiled fur. If you find maggots on or around your rabbit's bottom, phone us immediately. We urgently need to remove eggs and maggots and prevent pain, infection and shock.

Sheep - Shearing and use of chemicals are two important strategies. After shearing sheep are usually safe for 2-4 weeks. They need around two weeks wool cover to hold fly prevention chemicals to the fleece. Ensure adequate coverage and application rate of the treatment. Common products we recommend are Cyrex Spray-on (need to mix with water and saturate the animal) or Zapp Encore (a low dose, ready to use pour on).

Camellids – also need a protective shear (which helps prevent overheating and skin issues as well) and chemical prevention to keep flies away.

Dogs – make sure long fur is kept clean and dry and cut it short if necessary. Flystrike is usually seen around the back end where urine or poo remains on the fur. But we also see it along the spine if fur remains wet after rain and anywhere there is weepy or smelly skin disease.

Facial eczema

January to May is the high risk period for Facial Eczema. This is a disease of cattle, sheep, deer, goats, llamas and alpacas (but not horses). After parasites, it is considered the most serious production-limiting disease of New Zealand farm animals – the problem is it's not always obvious. It is estimated that for every case with visible crusty skin lesions, there will be ten cases with unseen liver disease. The name "facial eczema" makes it sound like a skin disease but liver damage is the main problem.

Facial eczema is caused by a fungus in pasture that stock eat while grazing. It causes liver damage which affects everything – growth, production, reproduction, general health and if severe enough will result in death. The eczema that is seen is also a result of this liver damage.

There is no cure for facial eczema. Prevention is key. There are various options available so phone us for more advice and the best options for your stock and property.

Follow our website to keep track of the spore counts on our monitor farms, when the levels start to rise above 10,000 on any property you should start sampling your own pastures to determine the level of risk.

And Happy Easter! Remember to keep your chocolate out of your dog's reach (and anyone else you want to keep it safe from!)

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Higgins Heritage Park Happenings

by David Win

February has been another very busy month with many visitors and March is shaping up to be the same. On Saturday 21st February, the Rover Car Club national rally participants enjoyed a great afternoon of rally activities and vehicles shining in the sun, picnic and BBQ at the park hosted by the Rover Car Club.

This month we feature a lone representative on display at the park – an AJS 2-seater with a dicky ("the mother-in law's seat"!) which was completely restored circa 2003.

The AJS story starts with AJS (A.J. Stevens & Co. Ltd) 1903-1931 who were best known for making motorcycles and holding 117 motorcycle world records.

In 1927 they secured a lucrative contract to build bodies for Clyno 'nine' light cars which was most timely as AJS motorcycle sales were in decline due to the depression and introduction of cheaper cars. The bodies consisted of wooden framework that had fabric covered panels.

After Clyno went into liquidation in 1929 AJS decided to produce its own light car – the AJS 'Nine' designed by Arthur Booth, who had previously worked for Clyno. The engine was a side-valve 1018cc 4 cylinder Coventry Climax, rated at 8.92h.p, with a 12 volt Lucas ignition system, 3 speed + reverse gearbox, Solex carburettor, 8 gallon fuel tank and wire wheels. The metal instrument panel was finished with a walnut grain paint effect. Final assembly took place at Graisely Hill. Wolverhampton, West Midlands, UK.

The seats at the front were well upholstered bucket seats. The windscreen was made of safety glass and fitted with a vacuum wiper. The car, with a fuel consumption of around 36m.p.g. could achieve 60m.p.h. and was launched in August 1930 after exhaustive testing. The coach built 2-seater with dickey sold for £210. Extras of chrome plated bumpers were available for 5 pound 5 shillings.

Upcoming park activities include:

* **Saturday & Sunday 7 & 8 March** the Scent Dog National Trials will be held at the Park
* **Tuesday** Nelson Playcenters Groups "drop in" at the park.
* **Wednesday 18 March** the Vero Festival of Historic Motoring vehicles have a lunch stop at the Park and will be on display.
* **Saturday & Sunday 28 & 29 March** the Nelson Vintage Engine & Machinery Club event featuring Fordson N Tractors will be held at the Park.
* Schools' visits discovering machinery and equipment used by our grandparents are being planned

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Wakefield Bowling Club

Wendy Pearson sponsored the open triples event held at the Wakefield Bowling Club on Wednesday 17th Dec 2025. The winning team of Chris Longman, Mel Mounsey and Kerry Thomson are members of the Wakefield Bowling Club [below left].

Little Sprig Wakefield were the winning team in our summer league. Many thanks to our sponsor Bio Sea. [below right]

Winners of the Wakefield & District Community Health Centre Open Triples on 18th Feb were our very own team of Mel Mounsey, Kerry Thomson (inset) and Margaret Trenker. Many thanks to our sponsor Wakefield & District Community Health Centre, it was a great day with some fantastic bowling.

Wakefield Bowling Club is thrilled to announce that Trevor Woodbury is a finalist in the Clubs NZ 'Spirit of Club Award' category.

Trevor's never-ending contribution to the club in voluntary hours collecting, breaking down and selling off scrap metal is impossible to estimate but over the past 12 or so years he has generated more than $75,000 to date in donations to the Wakefield Bowling Club.

The winner will be announced at the awards dinner in New Plymouth on 27th March but regardless of the outcome there he is a winner in our books!

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

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IN THE BUSH

R*eporting In From Evie South – President & Gowan Simpson Vice President*

Greetings from The Bush and our volunteer team for March 2026.

We are just reporting in after a great Christmas/New Year break, although we are fortunate to have had a dedicated group of our volunteers keeping up the good work even during this holiday period.

Our weather patterns have certainly kept us on the hop, rain, wind and everything in between!

This has given us loads of extra work, with weeding, maintenance of damaged trees, tracks, water drainage, protector replacement and much more. **Our February** maintenance day saw our team, working at The Robson's Scenic Reserve, mainly checking the protectors and canes were still holding, after all the wind, and releasing many weed varieties from around the smaller plants, a great effort.

Thus far 2026 has certainly been challenging, just to recap (as I have been fielding this question on a regular basis) our Society works on a totally volunteer basis over **three** of our Scenic Reserves in Wakefield.

The Faulkner Bush Scenic Reserve, The Edward Baigent Memorial Scenic Reserve (not to be confused with The Baigent Scenic Reserve in Pigeon Valley, whose maintenance is solely administered by the Tasman District Council Reserves Department) and The Robson's Scenic Reserve.

The society involvement for this "guardian" ship role is noted in the council Reserves Management Plan, for these Reserves.

NEWS – this and that. We were very appreciative to receive an invitation from Virginia Oakly, the Head Teacher of the new Faulkner Bush kindergarten, to their open day in February. Fortunately our Vice President, Gowan, was able to attend and reported back.

What an incredible, delightful, setting and building, also for our Society to be able to assist Virginia and her team, for any educational "bush" education interaction they may wish to request from our members.

Tasman Bay Asphalt, Jarrod & Jason, together with the Isaac Group, have kindly recognised the great work of our Society around the Scenic Reserves and made a very generous offer, to fund trees for an extended buffer zone of planting, within the present, Edward Baigent Memorial Scenic Reserve.

Gowan and I were delighted to meet up with both Jarrod and Jason at the Reserve and were humbled by their enthusiasm for our Society and this proposed project. We are now working with Keith Richards at Titoki Nursery, to obtain native trees to best suit this area, Keith's knowledge of the actual location and what will best "fit", is invaluable to us. ***VERY EXCITING – SO WATCH THIS SPACE for updates on our progress***.

As always thank you to many in our community and region that support our efforts and when you see us working in our volunteer green vests and stop to chat and let us know how you appreciate what we do and how you enjoy the Reserves, it makes all we do SO worthwhile.

For our December "work" day we did have a fabulous Christmas party at The Edward Baigent Memorial Scenic Reserve.

Yes we did do a little bit of weeding work, then a very enjoyable time was had, in that the theme was "What do you remember about Christmas past times?".

Much laughter followed, from the stories of winter times in snow with beers (also the fluffy large kind), to threepence or sixpence coins cooked with Christmas puddings, books still on hand that were read to their children, decorated Santa's that had been made with the grandchildren, the good old kiwi roses chocolate box, that many of us did remember and even a very old ceramic pie funnel, which in turn gave many memories before the days of self-rising flour, and as the food and fun flowed, so did many more wonderful memories.

Our next maintenance day will be scheduled for Saturday the 14th March at the Robson's Scenic Reserve from 10am to Noon, food, cuppa and chat afterwards. **IF WET** then the following Saturday. If you are new to our Village and wish to join us for the day, **please just give me a call**.

JOIN OUR TEAM Love to hear from YOU - 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 no message minder Or **Email** tuiville@xtra.co.nz

Wakefield & Districts Health Trust

Update

The start of the year has brought a few unexpected challenges for the Wakefield Health Centre, most notably a burst water pipe that affected parts of the building. While this has caused disruption for both staff and patients, the Wakefield & Districts Health Trust is working closely with the medical team to support the necessary remedial work. Ensuring the Health Centre remains a safe, functional, and welcoming space for our community is a top priority, and we appreciate everyone's patience while repairs are underway.

Some improvements were already planned before the flooding occurred, including the installation of new carpet throughout the building. You may have noticed sections of this already in place. Although the timing wasn't ideal, the overlap between the planned upgrade and the flood repairs means we can make the most of the opportunity to refresh the facility.

The Trust also maintains the Health Centre's emergency generator, which has proven its value during the recent power cuts. Having this backup power source ensures the Centre can continue operating safely and reliably when the electricity supply is disrupted.

Alongside this work at the Health Centre, the Trust continues its commitment to community health and safety by providing 15 Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) located around Wakefield, Spring Grove, Dovedale, Belgrove, Kohatu, Tadmor, Golden Downs, Glenhope and St Arnaud.. You can find more information and download the excellent AED Location app here https://aedlocations.co.nz/ A list can also be found at the back of this publication.

Each year we arrange a full service to ensure our AEDs remain in reliable working order, with the most recent servicing completed in October 2025. We want to extend a heartfelt thank-you to the many volunteers, businesses, and community members who regularly check on these AEDs and promptly report any issues. Your vigilance plays a vital role in keeping this life-saving equipment ready for use.

For those who may be new to the area, in the 1980s a group of Wakefield residents worked together to build our Wakefield Health Centre. Their aim was to ensure a medical practice would continue to serve the wider Wakefield community, and many local families donated towards the costs. The Wakefield and Districts Health Trust was established in 2016 to formally administer the ongoing maintenance of the Wakefield Health Centre building.

As always, we are grateful for your support and engagement. Together, we continue to strengthen the health and wellbeing of Wakefield and its surrounding districts. For more information the Trust can be reached by email wdhealthtrust@gmail.com

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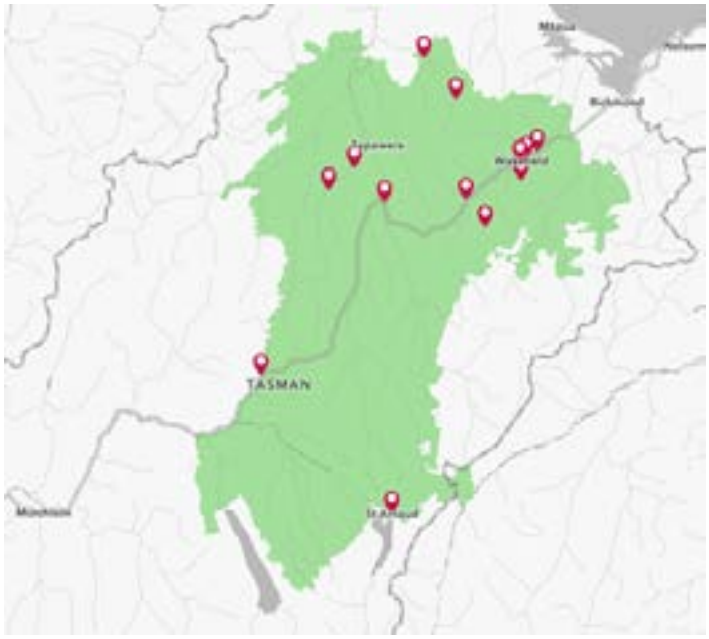

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Invasive Plants

by Jean L Gorman

Knotweed

Morning Glory

Knotweed (left) forms thick, dense colonies that crowd out any other herbaceous species and is one of the worst invasive exotics. It is tolerant of drought, and many soils, Its roots can extend 7 metres sideways and 3 metres deep – hard to remove and can affect your house resale value. It resprouts vigorously from the roots if cut back.

Blue Morning Glory (right) is a fast-growing vine which looks like a blue convolvulus and can smother anything.

Wandering Willie

Wild Ginger

Wandering Willie (left) is a 'bathroom plant', called Tradescantia Fluminensis and often has red foliage. It's rampant when in the garden, and the smallest fragment will root. Dispose of at a refuse transfer station, burn or bury deep. It will take two or three doses of weedkiller to eradicate. It's on the NPPA banned list.

Wild Ginger forms extensive dense stands which exclude other vegetation. It grows in the shade in native forest and prevents new seedlings growing. Seeds are spread widely by birds.

Boneseed *[image to right of yellow flower, and young plant below]*

Boneseed is a new invasive weed. It's a yellow flowered shrub up to 3m high which can produce 50 000 seeds yearly. These can remain dormant for 10 years.

It tolerates most coastal soil types, salt, fire, wind, poor soils, and drought.

Flowering Boneseed

Berberis Darwinii *[left]*

Agapanthus and Berberis Darwinii are Garden favourites, but invasive, Agapanthus will even grow in your gutters, and Berberis are spread far and wide by birds, they have the most vicious spines. Berberis are on the NPPA banned list.

Young Boneseed

Agapanthus

Conifers like Douglas Fir and Radiata Pine are, of course, grown in forestry blocks, but don't let them loose in the garden, they spread seed prolifically.

Douglas Fir Cone [right]

Radiata [far right]

Harvest Long Lunch

A Celebration of Community, Food and the Season

by Judith Marecek

Long lunches have a generous history. Traditionally held after the harvest, they were a chance for communities to gather around one table to share food, stories and gratitude, and to celebrate the work done together. The Wakefield Harvest Long Lunch continues this tradition, bringing people together to celebrate both the season and the strong community spirit that defines Wakefield.

This year's near sell-out event promises to be something special. Set around one long shared table, the Harvest Long Lunch is built around family-style platters that are relaxed, communal and made to foster conversation. Guests are encouraged to chat with their neighbours, pass plates, pour a glass and enjoy the simple pleasure of eating together.

Adding to the occasion is a standout lineup of chefs supporting the event. Travelling from Auckland is Des Harris, one of New Zealand's most respected chefs, best known for his long tenure as Executive Chef at Clooney in Auckland, where he helped shape modern New Zealand dining.

Joining as a special guest is Simon Gault, one of New Zealand's most recognisable culinary figures, whose career spans award-winning restaurants, media, hospitality ventures and a longstanding commitment to championing local food communities.

The visiting chefs will work alongside local talent, including recent Wakefield arrival Volker Marecek and Michael Meisnerr from The Villa in Wakefield. Together, they showcase the strength of the region's growing food scene and the collaborative, volunteer spirit at the heart of the event.

The menu reflects the harvest theme: seasonal, generous and proudly local. Many generous locals have donated their time, produce and craft to support the organising team and chefs, helping bring that local flavour to life. Shared starter platters are likely to include venison salami and carpaccio with pickled onion, cranberry and olive oil. Among the many main dishes is slow-roasted wild pork with a Nelson cider glaze and caramelised apple compote. To finish, one of the desserts will be a Wakefield harvest pavlova featuring local berries and seasonal fruits.

Tickets are now very limited, with the event close to capacity. A small number of VIP tickets remain available, and early booking is strongly encouraged to avoid disappointment. As a community fundraiser for the Wakefield Community Hub, all proceeds will go directly towards supporting this local initiative.

On-the-day volunteers will play a vital role in bringing the Harvest Long Lunch to life on Sunday 29th March. The organising team is still seeking helpers for set-up, service and pack-down on the day. It's a hands-on way to support the Hub, connect with others and contribute to an event that belongs to the whole community.

The Wakefield Harvest Long Lunch is more than a meal. It's a shared effort, a shared table and a shared celebration of the season.

Wakefield Village Kindy

by Maretta Burbidge

Wow — who can believe we are into March already! It has been a busy and exciting time at Wakefield Village Kindy since returning after the festive season.

We have said a fond farewell to our five-year-olds who have moved on to begin their school journey at Wakefield School, while also warmly welcoming new families into our whānau.

It has been a pleasure getting to know our new children and their families, learning about their interests, and supporting the development of strong relationships and friendships.

Our tamariki have continued to explore our wider community with regular walks to the local lookout, Faulkner Bush and playground, The Homestead, as well as weekly visits to Wakefield School.

These experiences help children build confidence, independence, and a strong sense of belonging within their community.

With the warmer weather, water play has been a particular favourite. Measuring, pouring, and potion-making have provided hours of fun while encouraging creativity, problem-solving, and early mathematical thinking.

We are looking forward to the months ahead and the learning and adventures they will bring.

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Live Well Stay Well

by Sonja Lamers

Upcoming meetings:

Tuesday 10 March 2026: coffee meeting at The Villa in Wakefield, 9.45am onwards

Tuesday 24 March 2026: 9.45am Visit to garden of Yvonne Moore in Richmond as well as a visit to a sensory garden close by; afterwards at 10.30am coffee at Paragon Eatery in Olive Estate

Tuesday 7 April 2026: coffee meeting at The Villa in Wakefield, 9.45 am onwards

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

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

Our group meets twice a month in Wakefield, mostly on a Tuesday morning from 9.45am to 11am. One Tuesday we will meet in a local cafe 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.

Live Well, Stay Well

Tuesday 10 March and 7 April 2026
Coffee at The Villa, Wakefield 9.45am

Tuesday 24 March 2026
Visit to Yvonne Moore's garden in Richmond 9.45am
and a visit to a sensory garden close by.
Afterwards at 10.30am coffee/tea at Paragon eatery, Lakehouse Crescent in Olive Estate

For information contact Sandra 027 6099202, Sonja 027 3740500 or Christine 027 677 0080

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

Can we celebrate your special event or help remember someone dear to you?

Please send your obituaries, birth announcements, wedding stories, other important notices to us at windowonwakefield@gmail.com

or phone 021 221 1009

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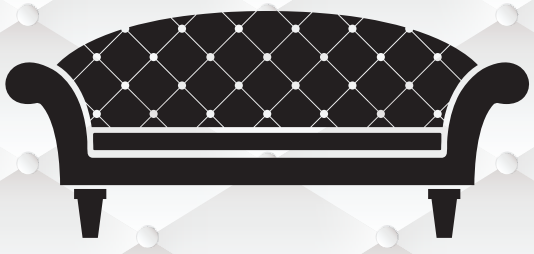

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Wakefield Health Centre

Some Happy Hello's

by Gavin Drummond

We are delighted to announce that Dr Asanga Nanayakkara has agreed to join our team as a GP. Asanga was our most recent Registrar (trainee GP) and some of you will have already met him. We are so pleased he has decided to share his skills within our community.

Dr Adeline Velu has joined us, replacing Dr Anna Koop and has already started seeing her new patients. Like Anna before she has joined us from The Netherlands, so is both getting used to us here as well as NZ more generally. We are lucky to have such an experienced and skilled GP working in our community. She has arrived with her husband and three children, and they are enjoying all our beautiful region has to offer.

Dr Jennifer Feng has joined us for the next six months as our latest Registrar, she will be a great asset here before she moves on to her next six months in Tasman Medical Centre.

…. and a Sad Goodbye

Dr Pip De Hamel will be retiring, and we will be very sad to see her go, although happy and excited for her to enjoy her well earned retirement. She has been an extraordinary colleague; we will miss her.

I know she has had so many positive impacts on patients past and current, and our wider community.

We will be in touch with her current patients shortly to let them know who will take over their care. She has written a few words below:

Retirement – Dr Pip De Hamel

Many of you have probably heard that I am retiring and it is all true. I turned 65 last year and am now looking forward to a lovely break.

Nearly 36 years ago we were moving into our house in Wakefield to the sound of bagpipes marching down Edward Street to celebrate the opening of our Health Centre. I have worked here on and off since then and have been a regular doctor for the last 20 years.

Being a GP is a hugely privileged job, and I have loved working with folk on their health. I have had the loveliest patients, and I thank you for your friendships.

Wakefield Health Centre

Surgery hours:

Monday to Friday 8.30am – 5:30pm

Wednesday 8.30am – 7pm

Phone 541 8911

12 Edward St Wakefield

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To register or find out more contact

Jackie

03 544 7624

Text: 021 195 8108

community@ageconcernnt.org.nz

www.ageconcernnt.org.nz

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eBus Information Drop-in Sessions

- Tues 20 Jan: 10am - 11:30am **Age Concern Richmond**, 62 Oxford Street
- Thurs 22 Jan: 10am - 11:30am **Cancer Society Nelson**, 102 Hardy Street
- Wed 4 Feb: 10am - 11:30am **Age Concern Nelson**, 18 Bridge Street
- Tues 17 Feb: 10:30am - 12pm **Victory Community Centre**, 2 Totara Street

Date	Join an eBus outing	Join anywhere along the route
Wednesday **11 March**	**Nelson Farmers' Market** Catch the eBus from Richmond via Stoke to Nelson; visit the Wednesday Farmers' Market, library, op shops, and enjoy a cuppa at Age Concern Nelson office. Return to **Stoke or Richmond**.	**9:14 am** depart Richmond Interchange **9:23 am** depart Stoke Interchange R2 **9.53 am** arrive at Nelson Bus Hub at Millers Acre

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Thursday March 26, 9.30am- 2pm

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More information and requirements will be given to those who register.

(Photo is of the 2nd homestead probably about 1860s)

What you need to know now.

- Travel will be organised when we know our numbers
- You will need walking shoes, water bottle, and a walking stick is recommended.
- Bring a cut lunch , tea and coffee supplied
- This notice for all members and supporting members.
- Don't put off registering if you are interested.

Purple Poppy Day

Photo to the left of Purple Poppy Day 2025 wreaths laid at the base of the memorial rock, with bronze plaques.

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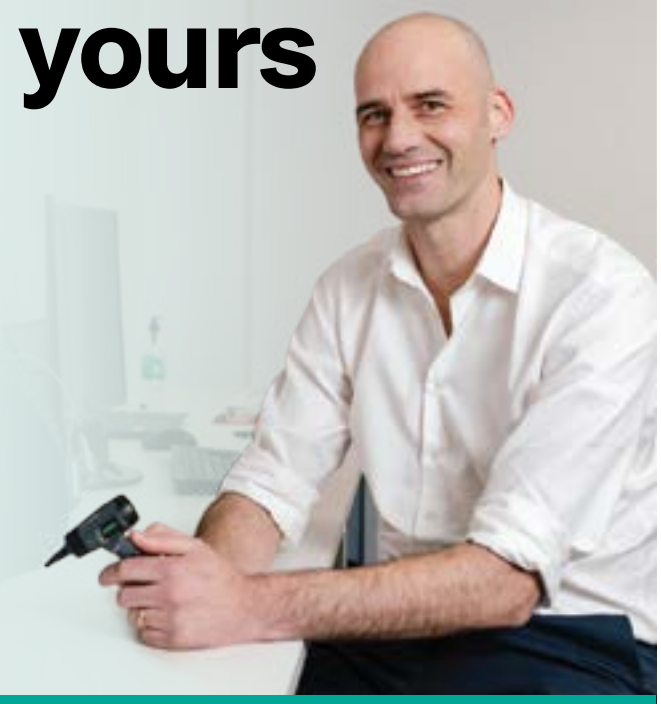

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Community Classifieds

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Wai Iti Workshop

Advice and support for dress/clothes making and repairs
Sewing machine tuition
"Repair Cafē" electrical repairs (ideally contact 021 148 9854 beforehand)
5pm to 7pm every 1st and 3rd Monday of a month
in the Toy Library, 61 Edward St.

WAI-ITI WORKSHOP
The old public library building
61 Edward street

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 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 is for everyone!

MEALS ON WHEELS - VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

Meals on Wheels are delivered from the Wakefield Homestead rest home to people in the Belgrove to Brightwater area

Monday to Friday (excluding Public Holidays) by a team of volunteers.

This service enables elderly and unwell people to remain in their own homes longer.

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

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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

Spring Grove Church of Christ
Main Rd Spring Grove
Worship and Communion Sundays 10am
You are welcome to attend.

"Rejoice in the Lord"
Philippians ch 4, v4, N.K.J

"Rejoice in the Lord always.
I will say it again: Rejoice!"

Community Directory

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

Higgins Heritage 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
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Ph 541 8883 wakefieldanglican@xtra.co.nz

St Johns Worship Centre
Bookings Nigel Massey 027 243 1207

Wai Iti Workshop:
5pm - 7pm, 1st and 3rd Monday of month
@ Toy Library, 61 Edward St
waiitiworkshop@gmail.com 021 757 753
For electrical repair inquiries
please text 021 148 9854

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

Wakefield Health Centre
541 8911

Wakefield Pharmacy
541 8418

Wakefield Playcentre
541 7097
Mon & Wed 9:30am - 12noon
Tue, Thurs & Fri 9am - 1pm
wakefield@playcentre.org.nz

Wakefield Volunteer Fire Brigade
CFO Wattie Mortimer 022 492 8841
DCFO Alana Shields 027 309 2953

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

Faulkner Bush Kindergarten
24 Treeton Place
029 040 10518

Rural Women
Diane Higgins 03 542 4388

St Joseph's Catholic Church
Mass - 5pm 2nd Saturday of each month
027 337 4622
office.admin@parish.org.nz

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

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

Wanderers Sports Club
027 714 6160
jimmy@wanderersports.co.nz

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

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

Wakefield Website
www.wakefield.org.nz

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 School/ Community Swimming Pool
C/- Wakefield School

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

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Amby Cowe - 541 8869
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