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Your Local News

Community News for the Wakefield Area

Harvest Long Lunch a Winner for the Wakefield Community Hub

by Charlotte Thynne

Well, it turns out that there is indeed nothing like a good feast!

The Harvest Long Lunch on the 29th of March was an outstanding success! 170 people seated at a 60m table stretching the length of the Wakefield School playing field, wined and dined and entertained in finest style. All food was sourced locally and skillfully prepared by a team of top New Zealand chefs and local volunteers. Diners, many from Nelson and Richmond, and as far afield as Australia and Canada, delighted in the delicious food, the beautiful setting and sense of community.

The event raised \$20,000 for the Wakefield Community Hub project, and was a heartening example of just what our community can do when we come together. The whole event was a wonderful showcase of the varied skills squirrelled away in our community, and that people put their hands up and said, "I can help with that," "let me do this," is incredibly exciting for our village.

Thanks to the group who came up with the idea and made it happen: Judith, Volker, Elspeth, Don, Megan and Agnes. Thanks also to the incredible donors and sponsors who supported the event, and the volunteers who gave their time, your generosity is hugely appreciated.

The success of the Harvest Long Lunch highlights the need for a new Wakefield community hub – a place where we can come together to play, work and socialize. The hub project sits front and centre in the Tasman District Council's Long Term Plan, and the draft Annual Plan for 2026-27. With more fundraising events like the Harvest Long Lunch the hub steering committee is confident we can meet our fundraising target and get this vital project completed.

Do you have an idea for a fundraiser? The hub steering committee will help you make it happen.

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Wakefield Playcentre



by Amy Devlin

Welcome to Term Two at Wakefield Playcentre.

We have had some wonderful excursions over the holidays, Rabbit Island is always a big hit with the tamariki, exploring, building, playing and even testing the water temperature!

What wonderful bakers we have at Playcentre.

The tamariki have been baking ANZAC biscuits to share on session.

Such a wonderful way to learn skills, with authentic conversations happening around the baking table between parents and peers.

We are open daily from 9:30am to 12 and 1pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

All welcome, we would love to see you there.



Playcentre 🌸



Wakefield Community Hub [contd...]

Two Exciting Fundraisers coming up

Book your tickets now for two great nights of entertainment, and support the Wakefield Community Hub!

Two short plays for two nights only – Friday 22 and Saturday 23 May.

Country Players and Glad To Be Here NZ present two hilarious adult comedies:

- The Circus of Lord Azure the Miraculous. Fresh from the Nelson Fringe Festival
- The Extraordinary Revelations of Orca the Goldfish. Love tangles with fantasy.

Forty Years Below: An Evening in Antarctica with Roger Lusby – Friday 26 June.

Diesel mechanic, poet and musician, Roger Lusby has been most places and done most things. This enthralling evening takes the audience through Roger's year on the ice in 1969-70 with stunning photographs, video, songs and stories, and a special feature – a tribute to Sir Ernest Shackleton's epic Antarctic adventures.

Book for both shows now at www.waimeasouth.org.nz/events/



A fundraiser for the Wakefield Community Hub

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Wakefield Village Hall
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By David Tristram

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40 Years Below

Roger Lusby

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Feedback from earlier shows
Enthralling. Inspiring. Superb. Informative & enlightening. I felt like I had been to Antarctica. I have been to many presentations of time spent in Antarctica over the years but none have evoked such a feeling for the unique place of peace and solitude yet mixed with extremely tumultuous and unimaginably harsh conditions. You evoked all those conditions so well.

Town and Country Vet

by Brenda Halliwell, Vet

A reminder that cat owners have until June 2026 to comply with the Cat Management Bylaws implemented by Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council last year.

In Tasman the new requirements are for all domestic cats to be microchipped, be registered on the NZ Companion Animal Register and be de-sexed by the time they are six months old.

The purpose of the bylaws is to permanently identify cats as owned pets and protect them from future stray/feral cat population controls.

Microchipping is a straightforward procedure that can be done quickly without sedation. The microchip is about the size of a grain of rice and we place it just under the skin on the back of the neck.

As well as identifying your cat as being owned, microchips are the fastest way to reunite cats with their families and nowadays can be used with really cool technology like pet doors and cat feeders. So no more worrying about losing your cat and other cats using your cat's door to get in and eat your cat's food!

Remember:

- Being microchipped doesn't automatically register your cat on NZCAR. To check if your cat is registered, go directly to NZCAR's website and enter your cat's microchip number.
- If you don't know if your cat is microchipped or its number, you might be able to find it in vaccination records, vet paperwork or by phoning your vet or bringing your cat in to be scanned.

Lumps and Bumps

Animals often get lumps, especially as they get older. Some lumps are temporary such as enlarged glands. But some lumps are permanent and may be benign or malignant.

Benign lumps tend to grow slowly by pushing other types of cells out of the way and don't spread to other parts of the body. Malignant lumps are the ones we worry about as they invade into neighbouring organs and/or spread in the blood stream. Malignant tumours are what we refer to as cancer.



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A lump should definitely be checked out if:

- It is growing rapidly
- It suddenly gets bigger after being the same size for a long time
- It goes up and down in size
- It changes in appearance e.g. was smooth but is now knobbly, or was soft and is now hard
- There is bleeding or discharge
- It annoys the animal

Usually a needle biopsy is the first step to diagnose what sort of lump your pet has. Sometimes follow-up surgery is needed to remove it, sometimes they are completely ok to leave alone.

If a lump needs to be removed for whatever reason, it is better for the animal (and for your wallet!) to do it earlier/when it is small.

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Higgins Heritage Park Happenings

by David Win

The autumn colours around the park are looking great especially in the morning sunshine. They also attract comment from our grounds people who have the falling leaves to contend with! Our main event for April was the very realistic Army Group re-enactment which proved very popular with a large number of visitors.

Don't miss our 3rd May Steam-Up as it is the last steam-up for the season, starting again in September. This month's story is about Richard's restoration of his 1955 Leyland Hippo with assistance from Historic Transport Museum members Roger, Ray, Hilton & Honk.

Since the age of 16 Richard has worked with and enjoyed, machinery and trucks. This included 14 ½ years with B.J.Hale Contractors of Little River where along with other machinery he also drove a Leyland Hippo carting logs. The Hippo having a heavy flat deck would be loaded with a minimum of 25 tons of logs. At times the Hippo was also used to shift a D7 Caterpillar tractor from job to job. Leyland Hippo models were a popular choice for the truck fleets of Nelson / Tasman companies including Transport Nelson and Kirby's during the 1950's-70's.

As seen in the photo, there was a huge amount of restoration work that was required. First impressions were it might be good for scrap however after checking and tinkering of the running gear, batteries and an overhauled starter, five turns later it burst into life meaning that Richard and team now had a full restoration job on their hands. The work was completed early 2021 (although there are always little things that can be done!!) and painted in the colour very similar to the Hale Contractors fleet of the 1950/60's.

The engine unit of Richard's Hippo is a 6 cylinder direct injector 125 HP 600 diesel motor with a 5 speed + 2 speed splitter gearbox and in its working days with a load of logs, in low + direct would reach 36 MPH and high + direct 50MPH – and there was no power steering in those days!

The Leyland Hippo is a 6x4 heavy general service cargo truck manufactured by Leyland Motors Limited, and its successors, from 1929 and after a number of facelifts, it remained in production for 40 years (to circa 1969). This great restoration is on display at the Historic Transport Museum during our open days

Upcoming Park activities include:

- 3 May Steam Up & museum sheds open day

Note this is the last Steam Up for the season.

- 7 June museum sheds open, jigger & honey train rides & model trains operating

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Live Well Stay Well

by Sonja Lamers

Upcoming meetings:

Tuesday 12 May 2026: coffee meeting at The Villa in Wakefield, 9.45 am onwards

Tuesday 26 May 2026: Mary-Ann Hardcastle (NBPH), talking about Advanced Care Plan, venue Wakefield Fire Brigade, 9.45am-11am.

Tuesday 9 June 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 café for a coffee and chat, and the other Tuesday we have a guest speaker focussing on health knowledge or who can help us understand and learn more about our community. This could also be a visit to a local business of interest. We aim to arrange a varied and interesting programme.

The group is run on an informal basis and there is no joining fee. However when we have a guest speaker or go out for a visit we do ask for a \$2 gold coin donation to help us cover the hire of the hall facilities and tea and coffee and/or a small gift for our speaker. We advertise our programme in "Window on Wakefield", your local news magazine, plus on the Community noticeboard in Wakefield. We also communicate what is happening each month by an email group. You are very welcome to join us. We would love to meet you!

If you would like to be on email list, please contact one of the convenors: Sandra 027 609 9202, Sonja 027 374 0500, Christine 027 677 0080



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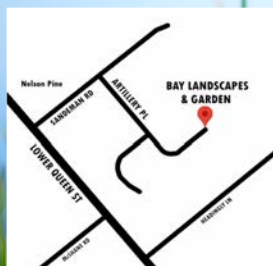


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What's on Top at Wakefield School

Camp Day One by Rose

Scrrreeeech, Mum hit the brakes! 'Hey, I think we're here!' "Ha!" "Mum?" "Yes" "Are we lost?" "What? NO!" Beep, beep! "Oh, that's Jenny!" "Where do we go?" Mum said to Jenny, confused. "We just park wherever, I guess?" "OK" Vrrrrmm, screech, click, SLAM! "Rose!" "What?" "Don't slam the ..." Broom beep. "Oh, OH, hi Charlotte!" "Hi" I wonder why she's crumpy? Maybe she had a nap in the truck and just woke up? Grooowell, oooohh, I'm hungry, I thought as I was unzipping my bag to get my lunchbox out. "OK, I'll do the boys first" a few minutes later... "OK, Kaysie, Rose, Lily, Charlotte, and Maggie follow me," Denise said as she went up the ramp that led to the rooms.

A few hours later, "Dinner time!" "Yes!" I whispered happily. Pssshh- that's how loud it was. "Yay-burgers and chips a few minutes later. I was snuggled in my sleeping bag reading my favourite book, "LIGHTS OUT!" Hrrrrmm, as I fell asleep.

Camp Day One by Ayla

I arrived at school on Wednesday. We were five minutes late - it's all good though! We packed the car with Faith and Madi's stuff. We were off. We had our seatbelts on. When we got there, we put all our stuff in the cabins and went to the beach for a swim and then Richard turned up. Richard came to teach us about Maori fishing. After we had dinner, we hopped into bed.

Camp Day One by George

I was nervous but excited, so I went to school and put my stuff into the hall. Then Henry, Austen and I played until the bell rang. Denise did the roll and then we got into cars. I was with Jonathan and Austen. Then, we arrived at Marahau and had some food. The boys got told where their cabins were. I was with Henry and Cyrus and had the top bunk.

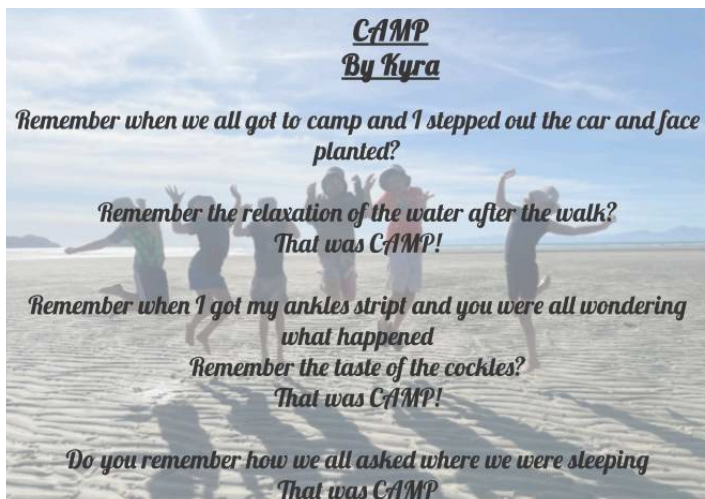
Next, everyone prepared to go to the beach. Henry got a stick and wrote 'Help Me in capital letters in the sand. Then, I said, "You should write your mum's phone number?" He said, "OK," but the water kept rubbing it out. It was annoying me and him, mostly him. Then, a guy called Richard told everyone about Maori fishing techniques, then Henry and I played chess.

Camp Day One by Jasmine

I woke up and mum kept saying it was camp. When I got to school everyone was getting their bags out of the cars and into the hall. Then we went to the cars. I went in Charlotte's dad's car. Charlotte's dad wanted a coffee, so we stopped at Maccas.

Finally, we were at camp. First, the boys into their bunks first. Then, the girls went. I was so happy because I was with Delilah, Helena and Arden. It was so fun setting up our beds, then we had afternoon tea. I had watermelon and a cookie.

Next, we had free time. For that I did drawing. Finally, we had dinner. For dinner we had burgers and chips. It was so fun!



Swimming Sports by Bonnie

On Thursday it was our school swimming sports. I came second in freestyle, fifth in backstroke but I came first in breaststroke. First the Year 4's raced, then the Year 5's and then on to the Year 6's before the Year 7's and the last ones, the Year 8's. It was very noisy and the pool was very warm.

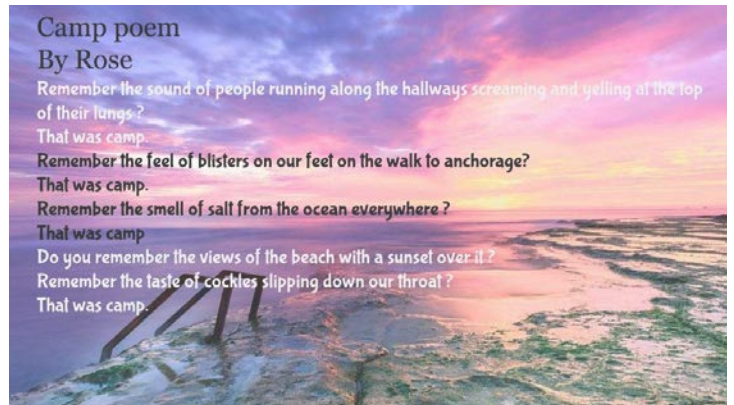
I made it into Clusters for freestyle and breaststroke where we race against other schools like Ranzau, Hope, Brightwater and Appleby.

The Triathlon by Harper

On Thursday the 19th of March the whole school had our school triathlon in the morning. First up we had the Year 8 boys then Year 8 girls, Year 7 boys then Year 7 girls, Year 6 then Year 5 all the way to morning tea play. After play it was Years 4 and 3. That took us to about 12pm.

When we do our school triathlon we have to run three laps around Faulkner Bush then run back up to the school, grab our bikes then bike six laps around Faulkner Bush, then bike up to the school, drop your bike at the pump track and take your helmet off and run to the pool to swim two lengths.

After lunch at 2.00pm it was time for the Splash and Dash Years 0-2. Some senior students had to lead the Splash and Dash to help the junior children. I had a lot of fun and don't forget that 'tri' in triathlon means three disciplines. Also when there is a sport event, always participate in every event in a triathlon. If you participate you will have lots of fun. We did.



Camp poem

By Rose

Remember the sound of people running along the hallways screaming and yelling at the top of their lungs?
That was camp.

Remember the feel of blisters on our feet on the walk to anchorage?
That was camp.

Remember the smell of salt from the ocean everywhere?
That was camp.

Do you remember the views of the beach with a sunset over it?
Remember the taste of cockles slipping down our throat?
That was camp.

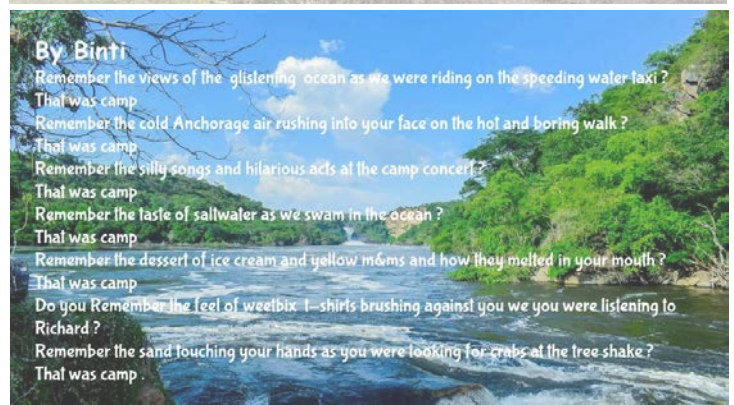
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Remember the feel of sand on your feet when you finished the walk to Anchorage.
That was camp.

Remember the smells of the cockles cooking and the taste of vinegar on the cockles.
That was camp.

Remember hearing the birds in the morning when you woke up.
That was camp.

Do you remember seeing the waves splashing in front of you on the water taxi.
Remember musical coughs at night when other people were trying to sleep.
That was camp.



By Binti

Remember the views of the glistening ocean as we were riding on the speeding water taxi?
That was camp.

Remember the cold Anchorage air rushing into your face on the hot and boring walk?
That was camp.

Remember the silly songs and hilarious acts at the camp concert?
That was camp.

Remember the taste of saltwater as we swam in the ocean?
That was camp.

Remember the dessert of ice cream and yellow m&ms and how they melted in your mouth?
That was camp.

Do you remember the feel of weetbix t-shirts brushing against you when you were listening to Richard?
Remember the sand touching your hands as you were looking for crabs at the tree shake?
That was camp.

Waimea South Historical Society

by Yo Tye

Field Trip to Lone Oak Farm, Bridge Valley, 26 MARCH 2026

A group of enthusiastic members and visitors met at Spring Grove Hall before car-pooling and heading up Bridge Valley to be met by Colin Gibbs and escorted up to the farm airstrip to view the farm boundaries and to listen to a fascinating story of the original settlement and growth of Lone Oak Farm.

Colin Gibbs is the 4th generation of the Gibbs family to own the farm and this qualified the property to be awarded the 'New Zealand Century Farm and Station Sesquicentennial Award' in 2007.

The first family member to settle here was James Gibbs (1806-1892) who arrived in Nelson on 15th March 1842 with his wife Ann (nee Robinson) on board the ship 'Bolton'. They started out on Section 34 Suburban North (Wakapuaka) but after Ann died in 1848 James headed south, followed his straying cattle up the valley and located them on the property where the Gibbs family still live.

James received a Crown Grant and could purchase land at a pound per acre. The farm eventually expanded to 911 acres although it is less than that now having been split between two brothers. To care for his two surviving children George and Martha, James hired 16 year old Charlotte Verry from a next door property. The following year they married at St John's Church in Wakefield and over the next 28 years they produced 16 children, although five did not make it to adulthood.

James worked hard to clear the hills and valleys of bracken and fern and to establish pasture land for his expanding herd of cattle and sheep. His son Albert, born in 1865, the eleventh child born to himself and Charlotte, took over the farm from his father along with his wife Ann (nee Hill). Albert and Ann's son Philip succeeded him with his wife Nellie (nee Eves). Philip became one of New Zealand's top dog trialists and breeders of Romney sheep, a reputation capably continued by his son Colin.

Colin and his wife Marilyn live in the third house on the property. This house has been extensively renovated and extended and it continues to be an appealing building of its era. A delicious luncheon, provided by Marilyn, was served up in the homestead. Marilyn had also assembled an extensive display of photos and information and we were all encouraged to wander throughout the homestead to look at and read the information.

Following lunch we wandered over to the 'Lone Oak', a huge oak tree thought to have been planted in 1848 from an acorn supposedly coming from England in James' pocket. A second huge oak tree planted nearby, now with a miniature railway track about its perimeter, was planted after it was thought the first would not survive.

After more discussions and explorations of the railway which had been constructed by Colin and Marilyn's son Nigel as his 'covid project', we returned to the house for a delicious afternoon tea. The congeniality of the visit was extended when Nigel arrived to report on a successful cattle sale at the Brightwater sale yards.

Everyone enjoyed the 'day in the life of a farming family' and I am sure memories of this special day will linger on for years to come and we all extend our thanks to Colin and Marilyn for making it a reality.



Live Well, Stay Well

Tuesday 12 May and 9 June 2026 coffee and a chat at Café The Villa, Wakefield at 9.45am

Tuesday 26 May 2026 9.45am–11am

Speaker

Mary-Ann Hardcastle

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IN THE BUSH

Reporting In From Evie South – President

Welcome to our May monthly update.

As always our Society volunteers have been busy across all three Scenic Reserves, for which our Society is acknowledged as part of the Tasman District Council Reserves Management Plan; the Edward Baigent Memorial Scenic Reserve, the Faulkner Bush Scenic Reserve and the Robson's Scenic Reserve.

Robson's has seen a huge push over the last three months and we have been most appreciative of the extra work done by the volunteers, of course **our supreme volunteer** Eric Palmer has again been very pivotal in keeping the huge growth of weeds at bay and all the many smaller jobs on his long list.

I personally would have preferred if the person(s) had not cut an area of fence line along the southern end of Robson's, to allow easier access for folks walking dogs, I do commend your **other extra efforts**.

However in this instance you have also unwittingly compromised our trapping and planned regeneration process for this area. It would be great to actually have a "confidential" open conversation so that we are both on the same page **and working together for the benefit of this Scenic Reserve**.

We look forward to our May/June planting (initially 9th May this could also extend to the 10th as well) at the Edward Baigent Memorial Scenic Reserve, the ground area has been prepared and we again have been most appreciative of the support from **Tasman Bay Asphalt, Jarrod & Jason, together with the Isaac Group**, for their very generous donation, to fund trees for this extended buffer zone of planting, 500 in total. One of our new members (Jenny) was delighted to see a "roost" of 25 Kereru (Wood Pigeon) fly out of our taller Totara trees on the eastern side of Robson's. What a spectacular sight indeed.



BIRDS IN OUR BUSH

The New Zealand Pigeon, (*Hemiphage novaeseelandiae*), Common Maori names; Kereru, Kuku, Kukupa with one sub species found on the Chatham Islands, which is (*Hemiphage chathamensis*) – **Mori name** Parea which is a larger bird but was extremely rare, however it has now recovered to about 600 birds. All parts of the Kereru were used by the Maori, for food, dress, ornaments and battle.

As food they were collected in great numbers, they were snared or speared and preserved in their own fat.

In 1882 at Opawa, Rawiri Kahia and his people snared 8,000 birds in one strip of Miro bush.

Kereru were abundant throughout New Zealand but declined after the arrival of Europeans, as their forest habitats were destroyed and large numbers killed for sport and table.

Restrictions on hunting were passed in 1864 but had little effect and it was not until 1921 that their decline was arrested with them being given full protection. Within New Zealand it is a forest dweller and reaches greatest numbers in podocarp forest mixed with hardwood, especially where there is plenty of Miro. It is rare to be found in pure beech forest and has adapted to live in many areas far from any forests.

This is why you will see them in towns or cities that are not too populated. (It is not found in tussock land or above bush lines)

Kereru breed at any time of the year but especially between October and January, the nest is a shallow platform of intertwined twigs, and is added to as the incubation of the egg happens.

Nests are built from 2 metres to 20 metres above the ground. The female lays one smooth white oval egg and if lost may lay another one in the same nest. The incubation period is 29-30 days and is shared by both parents. They feed on a wide range of plants; it prefers fruit but eats leaves and flowers when fruit is unavailable.

The Kereru plays a vital role within the ecology of the forest; it is mobile has a large mouth which allows large fruit to be swallowed whole. With little abrasion of seeds appearing in the gizzards, which then make it an ideal "agent" for dispensing seeds.

The large fruiting podocarps notably Miro and Matai as well as the hardwood species of Karaka, Tawa and Taraire, are almost totally dependent on the Kereru for dispersal of their seeds.

So this beautiful bird, is extremely important, for the survival of our podocarp and hardwood forests.

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 No message minder Or **Email** tuiville@xtra.co.nz

Live Well Stay Well

by Christine Godfrey

Live Well/Stay Well speaker: Rym Lamrani

Community Partnerships Lead Wakefield School and Board member Multicultural Nelson Tasman

Rym Lamrani was the guest speaker at the Live Well Stay Well meeting on 21st April. She is on the board of Multicultural Nelson Tasman - Unity in Diversity - who believe a strong multicultural community is built on a bicultural foundation. That is why Te Tiriti o Waitangi is central to their work - honouring its principles while welcoming and celebrating the many cultures that make our region home.

She was born in the south of France and also has ancestors from Algeria in Northern Africa. She did her Masters Degree in Canada and had planned on being there for four months and stayed 12 years. She met her Kiwi husband in Montreal and they had two children before they came to live in NZ. Rym worked for Christchurch City Council and she also studied Māori language. They came to live at Wai-iti three years ago and had one more child.

Rym Lamrani also works as a Community Partnerships Lead at Wakefield School. This is a new role developed in the middle of last year. Depending on funding, the focus is on key areas.

- * Identify and address the needs of vulnerable groups
- * Strengthening community cohesion
- * Advancing commitments to Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- * Wants to share volunteering opportunities within the school and the community

Some of the nationalities locally are - German, Indian, Japanese, French/Algerian etc.

Rym is involved with Wakefield Community Toy Library and looking to find more uses for the Toy Library building, the Wakefield School and Community Pool and involved with the Wai-iti Sub Catchment group.

Community and school vegetable gardens are always looking for volunteers with spare time. There were plenty of questions put to Rym and a lively discussion took place.

Do you have (more) time to get involved with the community? Let's chat.

Rym Lamrani

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Willow Bank Heritage Village

by Medea Grieder-George

April has been a busy and rewarding month at Willow Bank Heritage Village, filled with education, community visits, and special events.

We welcomed a local school to our hands-on education programme, where students experienced history first-hand using ink nib pens, slate boards, the 1875 Albion Press, and traditional laundry methods.

We also hosted Brant Adam Photography for a styled wedding shoot, showcasing the village as a unique and memorable setting for couples planning their special day. As we look ahead to the 2027 wedding season, we'd love to hear from anyone considering Willow Bank as their venue.

In partnership with Tasman District Library, we took part in their holiday programme at Washbourn Gardens, where families enjoyed traditional games in the sunshine.

A major highlight was our Apple Harvest Open Day on 19 April. Despite a rainy start, the weather cleared and the day went ahead successfully, with a great turnout and hands-on apple pressing. Entertainment from RUM, Ragged Crow Morris Dancers, and the Nelson Bays Harmony Chorus added to the festive atmosphere. What began as a wet morning quickly turned into a lively, enjoyable day of food, entertainment, and fresh apple juice.

We also hosted the Golden Bush Garden Club, who enjoyed scones, hot drinks, and a relaxed, fun-filled visit. We love welcoming groups to Willow Bank and can cater for everything from garden clubs and community groups to school and tour groups. We'd be delighted to host more visitors for a unique and memorable day out at Willow Bank Heritage Village.

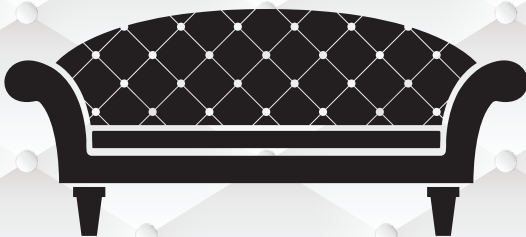
What's coming up at Willow Bank;

- 29th April – Welcome Wednesday: Enjoy a relaxed midweek visit and soak up the village charm.
- 8th May – High Tea: Bookings essential via our website for this elegant afternoon experience.
- 17th May – Apple & Pear Harvest Open Day:

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Wakefield Health Centre

Flu Vaccinations and Covid Boosters

by Gavin Drummond

Just a reminder that we are now administering our flu and covid vaccinations. The best defence against the flu is to get a yearly flu vaccine. Flu vaccines are available for anyone aged over six months.

Many people are eligible for a free flu vaccine; you can check with us. Everyone over 65 years of age can have a free vaccine. Covid Boosters are free to everyone over 30 years of age.

Non funded flu vaccines will be available at the same time. FLUAD®Quad is a non-funded flu vaccine available to the over 50's. This vaccine has additional ingredients that helps create a stronger immune response and costs \$50.

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Not turning up for your appointment

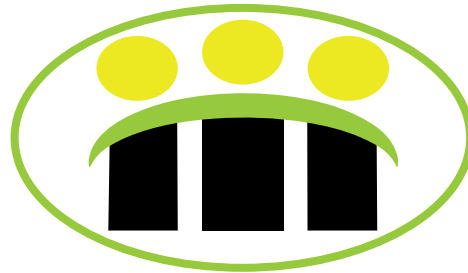
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