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Your Local News

Community News for the Wakefield Area

The Next Generation of Firefighters

by Amy Devlin

What an absolute treat it was for our local Wakefield fire brigade members to rub shoulders with the next generation of young up and coming fire fighters.

Our Wakefield Playcentre tamariki had a wonderful time showing their skills and knowledge at the Fire station.

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Wakefield Community Hub Update

What Does 'Pause' Mean?

At a recent meeting Tasman District Councillors voted to pause the Wakefield Hub project, removing it from the current Annual Plan.

The vote creates uncertainty around the hub project for our community, so we've been asking, 'what does pause mean?'

The Good News is that 'pause' means work will continue on weighing up the best options for the community hub.

Since the vote was taken our discussions with Council project staff and Ward Councillors confirm that the Project Advisory Group (PAG) will resume its work, meeting every couple of weeks.

The PAG comprises members of the Wakefield Hub Steering Committee, Wakefield Community Council and TDC project management staff, and is chaired by one of our Ward Councillors. There is scope in the PAG's terms of reference for other community representation as needs arise.

The PAG's role is to be the community's voice to Council on the hub project, including individuals and organisations with knowledge and skills to achieve the vision, and make recommendations to Council on key elements of the project.

Our challenge is that our present Ward Councillors - Dean McNamara, Mike Kininmonth and Dave Woods – oppose the current hub location and design, which has been worked towards for several years, based on concerns they have about the costs of services and access to the site, and the resilience of the location in times of flood or other natural hazards.

Our Ward Councillors say they support the need for a community hub in Wakefield and we continue to engage with them to find out what that support looks like. The Wakefield hub project continues to be supported by other Councillors.

The Immediate Goal is to secure the Wakefield hub as a priority in the Council's new Long Term Plan, which begins a drafting and consultation process in October. Council staff aim to prepare detailed information on the current proposal and other options for the hub by the beginning of October.

The hub steering committee continues to advocate strongly around the PAG table and elsewhere for the future hub to deliver the facility Wakefield needs and deserves.

We will make sure you, the Wakefield community, have full information on future options and plans, and opportunities to have your say.

Meanwhile fundraising continues towards meeting our community contribution to the hub's construction costs.

We've set our sights on raising \$2.5million and we're well underway with our fundraising strategy and activities.

You can make an online donation at:
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You can send feedback, inquiries and fundraising ideas by email to:
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Remember, it takes a village to build a community hub.

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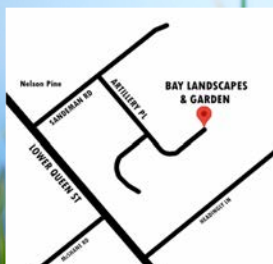


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by Brenda Halliwell, Vet

Animals in Emergencies

Between earthquakes, fires and floods we have all learnt that natural disasters can happen anywhere anytime! And we are all aware we need to be prepared for emergencies but do you have plans in place for your animals?

Owners of animals are responsible for their physical health and behavioural needs even in emergency situations. If it's not safe for you, it won't be safe for your animals. But it can be difficult if people are injured, isolated or separated from their animals. Planning ahead means there's a greater chance that everyone will make it through!



Fortunately you don't have to figure it all out yourself - there are many online resources with plenty of helpful information and ideas about how to plan ahead. Here are a few main points followed by some websites below:

Pets

- have enough food and water and medications to last at least 5 days
- make sure your pets are microchipped and registered on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register (in the Christchurch earthquakes 80% of microchipped animals were returned to owners versus 20% for non-chipped animals). Make sure details are kept up to date with current address and phone numbers - you can do this yourself at www.animalregister.co.nz. Collars, id tags with current phone number and council registration tags can also be useful
- consider keeping your cat carrier/dog crate, lead, spare bowls and bedding with familiar smells all together in an easy location to grab and go
- ask a friend in advance if you and your animals could stay with them for a few days in an emergency until other options are found eg boarding facilities and pet-friendly motels.
- consider organising a family member or friend who knows your pets and could care for them if you can't (if you're away or injured). Make a plan so they have a key or know where a spare one is. Keep their contact details on your phone and in your getaway bag.
- consider having a list of important phone numbers on paper in a waterproof container, including vet clinic and pet-friendly accommodation in case internet access is down and you can't google.

Horses and Farm Animals

Everyone's circumstances are going to be different so check out the websites below to find information relevant to your animals. Some quick points are:

- think about food, water and shelter for several days, safe paddocks for flood or fire
- identification – microchip and register horses, take photos of you with your horse or valuable individual livestock, keep up to date NAIT tag details and documentation saved online and on paper so you can access it
- keep equipment such as halters, lead ropes handy in working horse floats and trailers
- make plans with a neighbour or friend to check on/move animals if you can't. Consider making a list of instructions eg where the water pump is, how to turn off power etc
- check insurance cover is up to date and keep documents accessible

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Wakefield Village Kindergarten

Winter Adventures at Wakefield Village Kindergarten

by Maretta Burbidge

While winter has arrived, the tamariki at Wakefield Village Kindergarten have continued to enjoy regular adventures throughout our local community.

Our tamariki have been making the most of opportunities to connect with others through visits to Wakefield School's Discovery Time sessions, trips to the school library to listen to stories and select books to bring back to kindy, and special visits with the Nannas and Poppas at the local rest home. These experiences help children build a sense of belonging within our community while developing confidence and social connections.

Recently, we enjoyed supporting the junior students at Wakefield School's cross-country event at Faulkner Bush. Inspired by the excitement and determination of the school children, our own tamariki were eager to put their running skills to the test. We returned to Faulkner Bush for our own running races, where the children challenged themselves, encouraged their friends, and celebrated their achievements. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm for being active outdoors, even on chilly winter days.

As some of our older tamariki have headed off to school, we have also been delighted to welcome new families into our kindergarten community and are enjoying getting to know them.

We are currently hoping to create a dedicated construction area for our older tamariki and would gratefully accept donations of any unwanted Woolworths Lego blocks, Lego, or similar building bricks. If you have any spare blocks looking for a new home, we would love to hear from you.

We are next to the Villa Café in Whitby Way. Thank you for your continued support of our kindergarten and the tamariki in our care.



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

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wedding stories, other important notices to us at
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Higgins Heritage Park Happenings

by David Win

We are now on the way to longer daylight, albeit maybe a little cooler, however it's a great time to quietly consolidate our activities for the lead up to Xmas!

There are a number of families who have spent many, many years around Wakefield and districts. One such person is one of our park members who grew up in Baigents Lane where he spent many hours with his grandfather (Newton Lamas) who worked on the hop farm owned by Vernon Baigent. This farm included what is now our Higgins Heritage Park 222 Pigeon Valley Road. The original house at 224, next to the park entrance, was transported from Dovedale circa 1920-1933.

Also very interested in local history and heritage, one of the projects was the stove which Isaac and Jane Baigent had bought out from Windlesham, Surrey, England on the sailing ship Maori (arrived 7th June 1853). Black stoves with an oven were the height of luxury at the time. In the early 1950's Joe Win had bought the mill property on Baigents Lane and his son Hilton recovered the stove / saved it from going to scrap from under the hop kiln and restored it for future generations to appreciate.

There were also three times when the Wai-iti was a raging torrent covering areas of SH6 main road and areas that are now occupied by the Wakefield Fire Brigade, Baigents Lane and beyond which meant there was no way of getting to school. Being involved in farming and transport industries from an early age, until retirement, Hilton developed a real respect and love of the land, the bush and machinery.

Many readers will remember having to bike to their early workplace and the bikes were not geared like today's! – it was a 7-mile bike ride to work in Brightwater. Around 1967 work was a 1972 Maxi 14-ton Commer truck which was followed in 1983 by the mighty Kenworths' (a 1973 W924 model with a Cummings 14 litre 6 cylinder diesel, turbo, Fuller 13 speed transmission which was followed by 1991 & 1996 models 18 speed Road Rangers), hauling logs throughout the Tasman / West Coast areas. A 1973 Valient Ranger has been a pride and joy for 43 years, now with its distinctive exhaust sound and being seen at many Mopars outings.

Many changes around Wakefield have occurred during the past 80 years including five floods which have changed the landscape in some places by over 50 metres, the Pigeon Valley fire, and after Wakefield got onto 'town supply' the hills are now covered with houses! For 10+ years Hilton has been "in the valley" as a valued member of both the Historic Transport Museum Trust and the Higgins Heritage Park maintenance team – enjoying the machinery, trucks, the bush and the land!

We greatly appreciate your hard work. Picture of Hilton about to cut a celebration cake.

Upcoming Park activities include:

- **5 July Open Day** 10am – 3pm jigger & honey train rides & model trains operating
- **2 August Open Day** 10am – 3pm jigger & honey train rides & model trains operating
- **6 Sept (Fathers Day)** STEAM-UP and CLASSIC CARS hosted by the Rover Car Club



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Waimea South Historical Society

by Yo Tye

ANZAC SOLDIERS [Continued...]

Earlier in the year it had been decided to research all 44 soldiers on the Wakefield War Memorial. Although this project will not be completed in one year, a start was made in 2026 and information about ten of these soldiers was presented to an attentive audience. We think it is important to tell the stories of these soldiers though what is presented below is only a tiny sketch of their full stories. [The first seven were presented last month and the remaining three are shown below].

8. Trooper Lester James Fowler, Regimental number 54088 (WWII). Kathleen Dearnley researched Lester. He was born on 27 Jun 1922, the son of Frank Fairley and Constance Elizabeth (nee Hoult) Fowler. His grandparents James and Ann Fowler had arrived in Spring Grove in about 1900 from Ashburton and his mother was from the well-known Hoult family from Wai-iti. In 1928-29 Lester and his parents moved to the north branch of Pigeon Valley. In 1943 Lester left New Zealand as part of the 2nd New Zealand Expeditionary Force in the New Zealand Armoured Corps but because of his small stature he was selected to be part of a tank support crew for the 4th NZ Armoured Brigade. The battle of Casino began in May 1944 and on 25th May Lester's tank was hit and Lester was killed. His brother Patrick had walked past Lester's blown up tank without realising that his brother had been killed in it. He is buried in the Casino War Memorial Cemetery in Italy.

9. Private William Jules Masciorini, Regimental number 69967 (WWI). This was a combined research carried out by Val Trow, Kathleen Dearnley and Yo Tye. William was born on 1 June 1897 in Hokitika, the son of Mary Margarita Masciorini and an unknown father. His grandparents, Antonio and Brigida (nee Tinetti) were from Ticino canton, the Italian speaking part of Switzerland and had come to Hokitika during the gold rush years. William took up a cadetship with the New Zealand Railways and ended up at Belgrove where a camp of Italian tunnellers was set up to build Spooner's Tunnel. He listed his occupation as a cleaner for the New Zealand Railways but on later paperwork it was listed as fireman. On 23rd April 1918 he left Wellington for Suez in Egypt. He arrived 5 weeks later but was transferred to the Government Hospital in Cairo suffering from Myocarditis, and inflammation of the heart, likely caused by contracting a virus whilst on board the ship. It was his 21st birthday and he died 5 days later on 6th June 1918. He is buried in the Suez War Memorial Cemetery in Egypt.

10. Private Walter Robert Watson, Regimental number 31568 (WWI). Sue Thomas researched Walter and discovered he was the son of Edward Wilfred and Eliza (nee Parkes) Watson. He was born on 12 Nov 1889 in Wai-iti. On 16 Oct 1916 Walter married Beatrice Ellen Godbaz, the daughter of Andrew Godbaz, the blacksmith at Foxhill and one month later he boarded the ship 'SS Tahiti' for England. Five months later, on 20 Mar 1917, Walter died from pneumonia in the No.3 General Hospital in Codford, England. He is buried in a graveyard extension to St Mary's Church in Codford. His wife Beatrice never re-married and is buried in the Foxhill cemetery.

The research undertaken by members was appreciated by the audience and underlined the futility of war which caused the deaths of so many fine young men who were all members of families and communities who mourned their loss. ANZAC Day is a time to remember them and to give thanks for their service to our country.

Wakefield Community Council

This month we have heard from Rose Renton with an update on her works regarding river management during recent weather events. There was a very good turnout at our monthly meetings which was excellent.

The Wakefield Community Council and Steering Committee have also met with council staff regarding the future of the new proposed community facility.

There was also a very formative Plan Change 81 workshop in the Wakefield Hall where council staff explained the contents of proposed zoning changes in the policy.

There have also been some plumbing issues in the hall which have now been addressed. Thank you to Les Esvella and Tuffnell Plumbing for your assistance.

A friendly reminder our AGM is on the 20th July in the Wakefield Hall starting at 7pm.

Nathan Dunn
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Wakefield Community
Council AGM

Monday 20th July
Wakefield Village Hall
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Live Well Stay Well

Upcoming meetings:

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

Tuesday 21 July 2026: speaker Caroline Salisbury, about her work bringing sewing machines to Vanuatu, venue Wakefield Fire Brigade, 9.45am-11am.

Tuesday 11 August 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 and Christine 027 677 0080

Live Well, Stay Well

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Her work bringing sewing machines to Vanuatu

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Wakefield School

Play-Based Learning Flourishes at Wakefield School

The youngest students at Wakefield School are enjoying a smooth transition into their educational journey, thanks to a vibrant learning-through-play programme which runs alongside formal learning in the Piwakawaka classroom. Designed to help new entrants adapt comfortably to the school environment, the initiative relies heavily on valuable support from the local community.

The Piwakawaka Team extends a massive thank you to Bruce, Rym and the Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) for building a fantastic new sandpit. Credit also goes to the clever students in Kōtare, who put their woodworking skills to work creating a new target throw game.

Both additions are already a massive success with the children.

Thank you for the continued donations of pre-loved toys and other resources which are vital to this programme. Please contact the school if you have anything you think may be useful to us.

At Wakefield School we have a school wide focus on Manaakitanga.

The idea of caring about others, uplifting them, supporting them, making them feel at home and treating people with kindness.

As a reward for all working so hard we had a whole school pajama day.

Piwakawaka loved wearing and writing about their pajamas. Here is what the children had to say...



I like my dinosaur pajamas.
Mikey

I like my dinosaur pajamas.
Penny

I like my love heart pajamas.
Tuscan

I like my striped pajamas.
Blake

I like my Bluey pajamas.
Aurora

I like my love heart pajamas.
Hazel

I like my Gabby's Doll House pajamas.
Layla

I like my Spider Man pajamas.
Tama

I like my tractor pajamas.
Archie S

I like my Paw Patrol pajamas.
Jacob

I like my Hot Wheels pajamas.
Archie P

I like my military pajamas.
Emilio

I like my glitter monster pajamas.
Rowan

I like my Spider Man pajamas.
Charlie

I like my flower pajamas.
Isla

I like my green square pajamas.
Eli

I like my flower pajamas.
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New Health Coach – Marnie Brown

Marnie is our new Health Coach, we are delighted she has joined us, here are some details about her and the services she can offer – all the services of the Health Coach are FREE.

I grew up in rural Taranaki, and many other parts of NZ and Australia.

I am an active person who enjoys sea swimming & getting out into the hills running and hiking with friends and exploring our region. I have two adult children in their 20's and a busy border collie.



Wakefield and Districts Health Trust

AGM

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Wakefield Bowls

The annual Bonnington Cup (women) and the Shuttleworth Cup (men) tournaments took place on Saturday 13th June 2026.

It was a great day with some brilliant bowling on display.

Right: Carolyn Mason & Barbara McGregor took 1st place in the Bonnington Cup.

Below: Don Lindsay & Kerry Thomson took 1st place in the Shuttleworth Cup.



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IN THE BUSH

Reporting In From Evie South – President

Welcome to our July monthly update.

Our thoughts go out to many in our community and region who again suffered from flood damage in our recent weather event (s).



Our volunteers were in many instances (particularly at The Edward Baigent Memorial Scenic Reserve) in the mud, sludge and river debris, clean up.

Our newest planting at the northern end, only survived because of our coconut weed suppressant matting, like this had anchored the plants to their spots, as the water and silt swept through.

On our initial count we lost 10 plants and are so grateful the others hang on! A small dedicated team went in to remove the silt build up, re position the mats and realign the protectors.

For this planting we had also used a sturdier and thicker bamboo cane

(thanks Keith at Titoki Nursery for the suggestion) and this also went a long way to keeping the protectors in place, as the river surged.

After a quick appraisal of the work needed, I was so humbled to be assisted by Lynne & Eric Palmer and Muzz to get all 500+ trees stabilised.

Special thanks also to Steve Hammond, for his generosity in providing extra trees for us to replant, those lost. The Tasman District Council reacted very promptly to the flood damage (Thank you Michael) and had the carpark area re gravelled and compacted, this was also done for the walking path running through this Reserve to the Pigeon Valley Bridge area and also the extra mulch dropped off, which when weather permits we will spread around this planting.

ROBSONS SCENIC RESERVE

Our last planting/maintenance day, was held here in June, a great turn out, with fantastic Sunshine, in the mix. 21+ trees were planted behind the Memorial Seat on the Northern Side in the lower paddock area and a lovely “mixed” planting of Kowhai at the very Southern End, thank you Dunc, Eric & John.

Our gratitude to the South Family (Keith, Bruce & Avis) for the donation of the trees for the Memorial site planting and to Steve again for the extra Kowhai.

Gowan and I stayed back for a few more hours to check the water damage to some of the plantings in the lower paddock areas, stabilised their protectors, and where necessary re caned those snapped by flood waters or wind.

Michael Kidson – a belated thank YOU for the Totara seedlings that you collect for us each year, most appreciated.

NEXT MAINTENANCE DAY – Saturday 11th July from 10am to Noon- please contact me for the location.

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

Wakefield Country Players

by Amby Cowe

Something Rotten with Wakefield Country Players

The cast of Something Rotten! have been working incredibly hard three nights a week learning the songs, practising the dances, acting our little hearts out to bring this very entertaining comedy to the Wakefield stage.

Set in the 1590s, Something Rotten! follows two struggling playwright brothers who are desperate to outshine the wildly popular William Shakespeare. With the help of an eccentric soothsayer, they attempt to create the world's very first musical, leading to plenty of hilarious misunderstandings, larger-than-life characters, catchy songs, and laugh-out-loud moments. Whether you're a fan of comedy, musical theatre, or simply looking for a fantastic night out, this show has something for everyone.

Shows are selling out fast already! We had Little Sprig kindly donate a \$50 voucher to one lucky winner who purchased their ticket in June. In July, we've got a \$50 Sal's voucher to give away!

Tickets are only \$25 for adults, \$15 for 18 years and under.

As per usual, BYO food and drinks to Wakefield Country Players show.

Performances are at 7:30pm on 21, 22, 26, 28 and 29 Aug, and 2pm on 23rd August.

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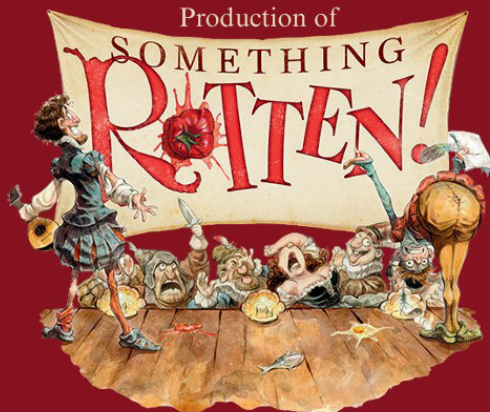
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Willow Bank Heritage Village

by Medea Grieder-George

From a lively Wedding Fair to a fully booked High Tea, June has been full of highlights at Willow Bank Heritage Village. On 21 June, we attended the Wedding Fair at Founders Heritage Park. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect with the community and showcase Willow Bank as more than just a heritage village — a beautiful and versatile setting for weddings, memorials, celebrations, and other special occasions. We also launched our "Celebrate with Willow Bank" campaign, highlighting the village as the perfect event space for life's important moments.

As part of the launch, we're running a competition giving one lucky couple the chance to win their wedding venue hire at Willow Bank. Entries are via our Facebook page and close on 3 August. Please help spread the word to any recently engaged couples who may love this opportunity.

Earlier in the month, on 12 June, we hosted a fully booked High Tea, with guests enjoying a relaxed and elegant afternoon, with very positive feedback. While no further High Teas are currently scheduled, you can keep an eye on our website or join our mailing list for future updates.

On 21 June, WAGS (Wakefield Area Games Society) hired our Church Hall, where they hosted a session of Blood on the Clocktower — a roleplaying game similar in style to the TV show 'Traitors'. WAGS meet weekly for board games every Thursday from 4pm at The Little Sprig, as well as at the Toy Library on pre-planned days. For more information or to get involved, contact Will (021 021 6960).

We were also pleased to sponsor a table at the Wakefield School Quiz Night, supporting our local school community.

Looking ahead, we're preparing for Swiss Heritage Day on 2 August. Although Willow Bank is usually closed over winter, we'll open especially for this event to celebrate Swiss National Day, which is on the 1st of August. Entry is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children.

As always, all proceeds support the ongoing development and running of Willow Bank Heritage Village.

We will be bringing as much Swiss culture, history, food and information to the day as possible, creating a warm and engaging experience for visitors, everyone welcome!

Have a lovely month, and thank you for your continued support!



Waimea South Historical Society

by Yo Tye

The speaker at this year's AGM, which was held on 28th May in the Holy Trinity Church supper room in Richmond, was John Ridd, the 'Group Manager Customer and Community' with the Tasman District Council. John was born in Cornwall and grew up in the industrial town of Blackburn in Lancashire. John and his family followed his sister to New Zealand and moved to Nelson after their two sons had left home.

John liaises with and has input into libraries, museums, genealogy, Heritage New Zealand and Iwi partners and also works with many volunteer groups such as Historical Societies who have huge amounts of local knowledge which he can utilize owing to the absence of a Heritage Advisor on the TDC staff. He also acts as a connection between such groups and the TDC and encourages such groups to ask plenty of questions to which he will endeavour to find answers.

Although there are 800 historical sites listed in Tasman there are many more which should be listed and continual communication with the TDC is necessary in order to accomplish this.

A new museum research and archival facility is being constructed in Coman Place, Richmond with a \$6 million budget which is jointly funded by the TDC and Nelson City Council. Direct funding is provided for museums and grants go to the smaller outlying museums such as Murchison and Collingwood.

Libraries have changed considerably over recent years and although digitisation has had a huge impact there is still a high volume of book loans taking place. Libraries also act as important repositories for local history publications and John feels it is important to tell these stories and to have them accessible to the public.



John's presentation covered a wide range of Council activities and was very interesting. It is good to know that he is prepared to take our questions and concerns to the TDC for answers.

The AGM meeting itself commenced at 2.35 after the completion of John's presentation.

Two new members joined the committee which is now comprised of Sarah Arnold, Margaret Clark, Kathleen Dearnley, Marilyn Gibbs, Warwick Johnston and Yo Tye with Roger Batt able to attend any committee meeting as an honorary member.

Val Trow retired from the committee but remains a member and a presentation was made to thank her for having been a member. A presentation was also made to Margaret Clark and Yo Tye for the work they put into the society.



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After the election of officers was completed, Rodger Quinney spoke briefly about 100 years of education in the Tapawera and surrounding valleys.

One of his stories was about Wangapeka School when Mr James Tilby Lewis arrived to take charge.

He had to coax the very shy and anxious children out of the surrounding bushes to come into the classroom for lessons!

Tilby Lewis later went on to become the First Assistant at Waimea College when it first opened in 1957.

Wakefield School PTC

Wakefield School Breakfast Club is a Winner!

July has seen the launch of Wakefield Schools' very own Breakfast Club. There have definitely been some teething problems but now the toast production line is sorted and the milo recipe has the stamp of approval.

But Breakfast Club is more than just food, it's providing a place for our tamariki to catch up and connect, make new friends, or a place to hang out and read a book before school starts. Although given how popular Waffle Wednesday is becoming, maybe it is mostly about the food!

The initiative is run by the Parent Teacher Community (PTC), and came about in response to discussions about how we could best support the school community during these tough times, and this ticked a lot of boxes.

And after a trial period of three days a week we are keen to aim for five days in Term 3. We couldn't have done this without both our amazing volunteers and our sponsor Woolworths Richmond - so big thanks to everyone involved so far.

We would love to get the wider community involved in making Breakfast Club an even bigger success. If you would like to support this amazing initiative there are a number of ways:

- We are on the lookout for some more volunteers to support the extra days in Term 3, and give us some backup to cover for when life happens. If you are available a day or two a week from 8:00am to 9:10am and are keen to help out please get in touch.

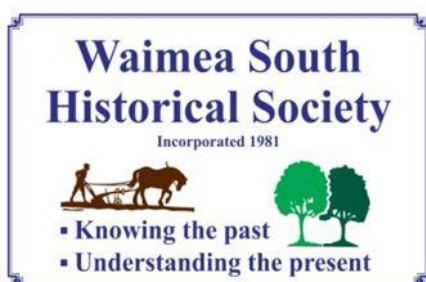


- If you have any fruit, preserves, eggs, or other breakfast type food that you would like to donate, drop off at the hall in the mornings or the office.

- We are keen to get an activity corner going, if you have any activity books, puzzles etc, or even a beanbag you no longer use those sort of items would be much appreciated.

How to get in touch

- Email the PTC on ptcwakefield@gmail.com
- Drop into the hall one morning (currently Mon, Weds, Fri) or catch one of us around the school.
- Drop in and have a chat to one of the team at the school office, they can point you in the right direction.



What a treat for our July meeting!!

Louise Gribbon (Research and Interloans Librarian) from The Tasman Library is our speaker. Thursday July 23rd at 2pm 2026.

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