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Community News for the Wakefield Area

Bring on Spring in Wakefield

by Michael Johnston

Last Saturday, we welcomed around 80 people to St Johns for "Bring on Spring"; a relaxed evening of family fun, food, crafts, animals and plenty of laughter. Last year we held a midwinter Christmas celebration, which went really well. This year we thought we would change things up a bit and use spring as a reason to throw a party! The idea was really simple. We wanted to celebrate the change of season, create something people could invite friends along to and give everyone a chance to relax and have some fun together.

There was heaps going on. We had a room full of craft tables with different activities for the tamariki (children), as well as live lambs that the kids could pat and spend time with. We also had balloon animals, although quite a few of them seemed to turn into swords! People were encouraged to design their own spring-themed hats, and we had spot prizes and a prize for the best spring hat. One of the highlights was a men's sculpture-building competition. The men got into teams and built sculptures using hot glue guns, nuts and bolts, springs, old tools, a skill-saw blade and all sorts of random bits and pieces. Everyone really got into it.

There were lots of tamariki running around throughout the evening, which gave the whole event a really lively whānau (family) feel. It was also great to have people involved from across the different churches in our area, including St John's, Spring Grove and Brightwater. That sense of connection and unity between the different congregations is something we really value and want to keep building together. It connects with the mission and ministry of our parish in a few different ways. One is about strengthening the sense of community and whānau within the church.

We want to keep building relationships and help people experience church as a family that eats, celebrates and enjoys life together. It is also a really low-key way for someone to be invited into a church space and spend time with church people without there being lots of pressure attached. The event was free as well, as this is part of our desire to serve the community and bring a sense of life and joy into Wakefield.

We had around 80 people there, including lots of children and families. While we didn't have a huge number of people from outside the church this time, but we see events like this as part of something bigger. We see community engagement as a long game. We might not get huge reach from every individual event, but if we keep creating these opportunities, keep inviting people and keep showing that there is life happening in the church, then over time people begin to notice.

We want to keep nurturing the life of the church while also continually opening the doors to the wider community. Hopefully, over time, people begin to see that St John's is a place with tamariki, whānau, friendship and life, and that the church is here for the community. For us, it is about keeping on showing up, keeping on inviting, and trusting that those relationships grow over time.

Keep an eye out for information about our Faulkner's Bush Advent Event on Sunday 29th November - the start of the Christmas season.



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Faulkner Bush Kindergarten

by Jenny Gray

Spring is in the Air

This month we have been making the most of the beautiful spring days by moving our day outside. Out on the deck we've had stories as well as music and dancing as Tamariki discovered the sounds of an accordion. It was an instrument that most had not seen or heard of before but it didn't take long before we were all dancing along to some golden oldie classics. Outside, inspired by Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama's use of dots and patterns Tamariki enjoyed time painting in the sunshine, surrounded by nature this became a peaceful and focused activity where Tamariki produced some master pieces of their own.



Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

We were thrilled to be able to kick off Māori language week a bit early as we were invited to join other Tamariki at Wakefield School to listen to a selection of te Reo Māori songs from Christchurch duo Loopy Tunes. It was so wonderful to see Tamariki from across Wakefield join together to celebrate language and culture in this way. The songs we learnt carried through into the following week helping us to continue to build te Reo Māori into our everyday life at Faulkner Bush Kindergarten.



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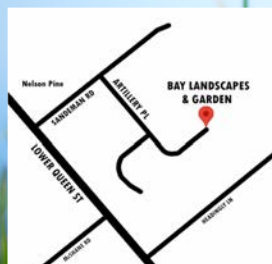
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Town and Country Vet

by Brenda Halliwell, Vet

Grass Seeds and Your Dog

It's approaching the time of year when we get lots of calls about dogs that are licking a sore spot between their toes. If it's a small weepy hole, it's likely to be caused by a grass seed stuck in or under the skin.

Seeds might be small but when they penetrate into skin they are incredibly irritating for your pooch. Unfortunately grass seeds are really common in spring and summer when you're getting out with your pet enjoying the nice weather and longer days – and the grass is long and dry.

Fluffy breeds such as huskies, samoyeds, schnauzers, spaniels and poodles and all their crosses are especially at risk of picking up grass seeds.

Once a grass seed has stuck to your dog's fur it can only move one direction due to its barbs. It might sound hard to believe but grass seeds move through fur, through skin, get under the skin and can travel through the body and end up anywhere including in the chest and lungs. This can happen over several months to years. Fortunately we usually find them before this happens.

If you find a seed stuck on the skin remove it but keep a close eye for any ongoing irritation. If it's buried into or under the skin, a vet visit will be required. Sedation or anaesthetic is needed to go looking for a grass seed once it's under the skin. Sometimes they have already moved well away from the hole so can be difficult to find. All dogs need some combination of pain relief, antibiotics, bandaging and Elizabethan collars.

The only way to completely avoid grass seed problems is to not let your dog run around in long dry grass (mowed green grass is ok). But if this is not practical or possible the next best prevention option is checking your dog for grass seeds after each walk and/or giving them a good brush. This might sound tedious but it's a lot easier to find a grass seed on the outer coat than when it's hidden by fur or buried in your dog.

When checking your dog for grass seeds, areas to focus on are:

- Paws - this is the most common place that we see them, they often appear as a raised red lump between toes, there might be oozy discharge or matted fur and your pet will lick excessively.
- Ears - sudden shaking of head after exercise and often very painful if you rub their ears
- Armpits and groin
- Eyes - any discomfort, discharge, excessive blinking, inflammation, and pawing at eyes

Fireworks

A quick reminder that Guy Fawkes is coming up. If you have a pet that needs extra help to keep calm around fireworks season, remember to get advice and help early as some behaviour tips and medications are more effective when started ahead of time, even several weeks ahead.



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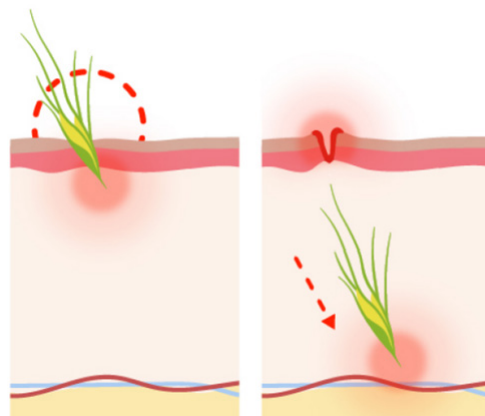
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Wakefield Village Kindergarten

Connecting Through Music, Art and Our Community

by Mareta Burbidge

At Wakefield Village Kindergarten, we love taking opportunities to connect with and participate in events throughout our wider community, and this month was no exception! We have enjoyed a wonderful range of experiences filled with music, creativity, exploration and adventure.

We began the month by joining other children and whānau at Wakefield School to welcome Loopy Tunes, two sisters who brought us a fun and interactive musical concert. We enjoyed singing waiata, dancing and learning more te reo Māori as we prepared for Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together and celebrate the joy of music and language.



During te wiki o te Reo Māori, our very own Rebecca took us on an artistic journey as she helped prepare our kindy waka, which is now proudly displayed in our kindy. This beautiful project has sparked lots of conversation, curiosity and interest among the children, providing opportunities to explore creativity, culture and a sense of belonging.

Our four-year-old children then enjoyed a special adventure into Nelson, travelling on the public bus to attend A Teddy Bear's Picnic – Preschool Concert at the Nelson Centre of Musical Arts. The children experienced the magic of live orchestral music before enjoying their own teddy bear picnic at Queens Gardens and having fun at the Riverside Playground.

Meanwhile, our younger children enjoyed a special day at kindy, making their very own delicious pizzas for lunch. There was plenty of enthusiasm as they prepared and enjoyed their creations!

We love exploring and challenging ourselves in our own playground, but we also enjoy venturing further afield. Regular excursions to the Faulkner Bush playground are a favourite, and you will often see us out and about in our high-vis gear, walking in pairs along our carefully planned routes. These outings provide wonderful opportunities for physical activity, discovering nature and developing connections with our local community.

At Wakefield Village Kindergarten, learning extends far beyond our gates, and we love making the most of every opportunity to learn, explore and grow together!



Higgins Heritage Park Happenings

by David Win

As noted last month the vagaries of the spring season continued to be a challenge, however the blossoms and especially the kowhais out in flower provide a pleasant and refreshing ambience. We also greatly appreciate the contributions from our park supporters' group, including Tasman Pine Forests Ltd, Wakefield Quarry, Mountain Valley Honey, Wendy Pearson Welcome Real Estate, NBS and Appleton's Nursery who have donated more kowhais for our park beautification along with other trees for our river protection management.

Another, almost a 'barn find', is an International D246 truck circa 1937-1940 that the Historic Transport Museum team have been restoring, it having been found being burnt and with a tree which had damaged the cab. The Historic Transport team welcomes anyone who enjoys the vintage / heritage vehicle environment to join them on their working bee day(s) – note the "obligatory cuppa" starts the day. Please contact Rae Warne 0275 478157 for more information.

This International truck was one of three Transport Nelson Ltd bulk cement cartage trucks, carting cement from Tarakohe to the Cobb Dam doing two loads a day, each load being 10 tons with Arthur Squires being the regular driver. The cement container box was built of 4x2's and corrugated iron with opening back doors. To unload, the truck was positioned with the hole on the back of the truck over a hopper and as there was no truck hoist, the cement had to be hand shovelled down through the hole.

Vehicle details include: The International D246 is a rugged 6-wheeler, with a 2 lever 5 speed gearbox on 1 lever, and hi and low on the other lever. There is one drive shaft from the gearbox to a splitter box then two drive shafts to the two diffs. The back axle is a Hendrickson, which is still widely used today. It is powered by a Canadian built Waukesha side-valve six-cylinder petrol engine developing 140hp. When loaded it was very "thirsty" and "drank" petrol at the rate of 4 miles / gallon!

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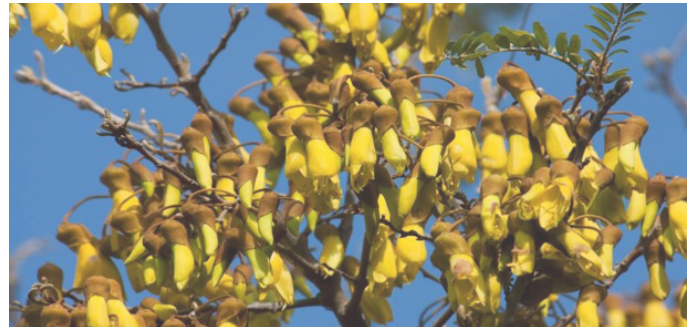
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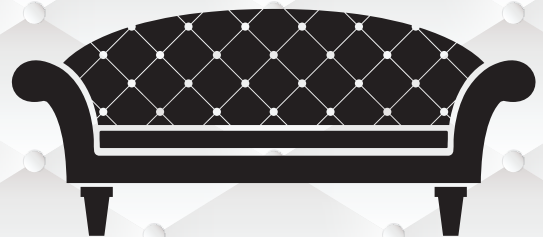
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Waimea South Historical Society

by Yo Tye and Elizabeth Parkes

On 27 August 20 people gathered at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church Meeting Room to listen to guest speaker Elizabeth Parkes. Elizabeth's research resolved a long standing question about the location of the Wesleyan Churches at Wai-iti and Foxhill.

SITES OF FORMER WESLEYAN CHURCHES IDENTIFIED by Elizabeth Parkes

Navigating land ownership records is something I've enjoyed since leaving school and obtaining employment as a shorthand typist in the Nelson Land and Deeds Registry. In 1979 my father's cousin pointed out the site that he believed the Wai-iti Methodist Church once stood so I began by obtaining the current certificate of title for that property. The title was created on 26 March 1979. The owners at that time were:

The Persons Named in the Schedule Hereunder Written as trustees under the provisions of the Methodist Model Deed of New Zealand. Schedule: Raynell Conrad Arthur Marshall of Stoke, company director, Atkinson Winn of Stoke, cycle dealer, and Charles Edward Jordan of Richmond, retired.

A document created in 1979 does not show owners way back in the 1800s when it is believed the land first came into church ownership. It was therefore necessary to obtain earlier documents. The earliest document relating to the land is Conveyance 13814 dated 6 November 1872. It's very long wording reveals the land was gifted by John Mears of Waimea South, farmer, to the following as trustees:

John Norris, William Mears, William Wadsworth and Robert William Bishop all of Wakefield, George Parkes of 88 Valley, and George Gardner of Foxhill, all farmers, as trustees ...conveyed and assured as a free gift the parcel of land hereinafter described as a site for a Chapel for the use of the people called Methodists.

Conveyance 13814 doesn't show the date the land was gifted though Edward Bassett in his book 1872-1972 A Record of 100 Years of Wakefield Methodist Church reveals Mears gave the land for the church site in 1866. The land is on the east of State Highway 6 about 1.5 km south of Wakefield. The property now has a house on it: house number 145.

Discovering the site of the former Wesleyan Church at Foxhill was done differently. I had no prior indication of where the church used to be so could not immediately obtain land documents. Instead, I consulted books, the first being Reverend William Morley's History of Methodism in New Zealand published 1900. Page 318 revealed the land was once owned by a Mr Andrews who sold it to the church, and in May 1878 a small church seating sixty persons was erected on the land. (The book's Omissions and Errata states the church was actually built in 1876.)

As good as that information is, it was insufficient to identify the exact piece of land. I therefore looked at From River to Range published c1991, which helpfully revealed the vendor was Mr Charles Andrews. With that additional information, it was possible to obtain Conveyance 16576. It is dated 16 March 1878 and shows the land was conveyed from Charles Andrews of the District of Waimea South, farmer, to: *Thomas Arnold, John Norris the elder, George Gardiner, Andrew Gardner, Joseph Tunnicliff, Samuel Brewerton and William Gardiner, all farmers, and James Rutherford, carpenter, trustees ... to permit the same to be forever used as a site for a chapel for the use of the people called Methodists.*

The plan on Conveyance 16576 reveals the Foxhill Wesleyan church site was on the north-west corner of Leigh Road (formerly Gardiner Road) and State Highway 6. A modern home is now on the site.

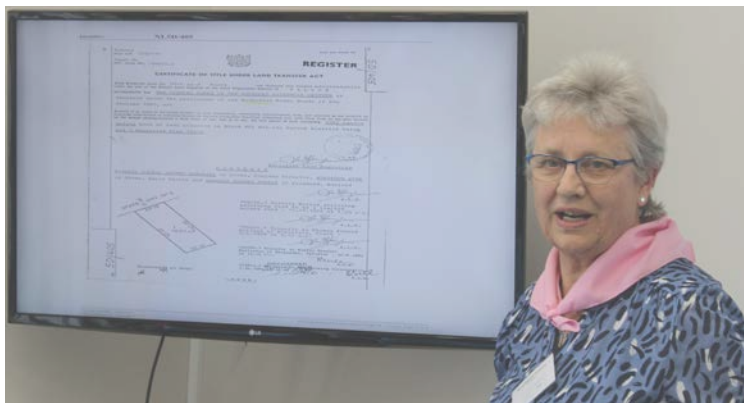
The next challenge is to discover photos of the churches. From about 1920 onwards, it is possible family members took photos of weddings held there. If you do have such photos tucked away, the Society would be most grateful to be able to make copies.

The audience was grateful to have had this story revealed in such detail and Elizabeth was soundly applauded.

Marilyn and Colin Gibbs displayed a very relevant copy of an 1840 painting by Henry Perlee Parker which portrayed the dramatic rescue of John Wesley (1703-1791), who co-founded the Methodist Movement of which the Wesleyan Church is part of, from the catastrophic burning of his family home in Epworth, England.

In General Business it was reported that a submission was made by the committee to the Tasman District Council re Plan Change 81 which was a challenging exercise requiring 700 pages to be read and understood before a submission could even begin. The committee are working on various projects which were also reported on.

The meeting finished at 3.15 and was followed by afternoon tea.



Live Well Stay Well

Stewart Island/Rakiura - report on 22 September meeting

Sonja gave us a brief history of the island. Sandra focused on the early legends. Firstly, she talked about the Anchor Stone / Te Puka. This is symbolized by a sculpture of an enormous anchor chain. It is said that Rakiura was the anchor that Maui used to keep the South Island in place while he fished up the North Island.

The second legend was about the meaning of Rakiura. Rakiura means a glowing skies or blushing skies. There are beautiful, fiery sun sets and it is the place where the Southern Lights, Aurora Australis, is best seen. There is another story linked to the name Rakiura. A Maori chief, Te Rakiamau, travelled across Foveaux Straight to ask the Kati Mamoe chief for the hand of his eldest daughter. He was deeply embarrassed to find she was already betrothed and his cheeks blushed.

We learnt that there are 36 Mutton Bird Islands. They are all uninhabited but are the nesting places of the Mutton Birds / Titi or Sooty Shearwaters. Local iwi are permitted to catch Titi for kai in the Autumn.

There are many walks in the vicinity of Oban where Sandra, Sjeff and Sonja stayed. These range anything from 15 minutes to four hours. The Fuchsia walk looked lovely with the moss covered, twisted trees. Lewis Acker, an American Whaler, built a very substantial stone house at Harold Bay, where he lived with his wife Mary and their seven children. Eventually, the Crown reclaimed the land and he had to move on. The house still stands today.

Sjeff enjoyed bird life. Particularly on Ulva Island. He showed his photos, which included a video of a Little Brown Kiwi foraging in broad daylight, the Fiordland Crested Penguin, Kakariki, Kereru, Molyhawk and other birds. Ulva Island is some 800m from the mainland and it was officially rat free in 1997. Today it is a sanctuary for native bird life.

The presentations were accompanied by slides which gave us an appreciation of the beauty of the bays and bush. Occasionally, Gadget, the predator foxy dog gets to check out Ulva Island for any rats. At the conclusion of the presentation we split into small groups and were given some questions to answer. Interesting how that cemented some of the knowledge previously shared.

Upcoming meetings:

Tuesday 6 October 2026: coffee meeting at The Villa in Wakefield, 9.45am onwards

Tuesday 20 October 2026: speaker Jess Noone, Yoga Instructor and Volunteer Firefighter, 9.45am at the Fire Brigade Supper Room, Pigeon Valley Road, Wakefield

Tuesday 10 November 2026: coffee meeting at The Emporium (Edward Street, opposite FourSquare) 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:

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The Fridge - By Alister Emerson 'A very cool play'

Country Players rounds off 2026 with The Fridge, a Monty Pythonesque comedy mocking the powerful and exposing the foolish in an absurdist fable about the clash of want versus need.

Doug Small, an unlucky, impulsive, yet lovable schmo, desperately wants to impress his pregnant wife, Florin. One day he finds his life turned upside down when his beat-up fridge starts producing golden eggs! Things get complicated further when his filthy-rich, egotistical boss Ted Bighorn plans to steal, not only Doug's fridge, but also his wife. And now Doug is forced to face an outrageously stupid choice...

Director Peter Verstappen, says, 'The Fridge is fast-paced slapstick comedy, filled with over-the-top characters, unexpected plot twists and bizarre consequences. It's a play guaranteed to defrost the sternest audiences.'

'Our talented cast, including familiar and new faces on the Wakefield stage, is rehearsing hard, backed by our great Country Players team, to bring you the perfect, pre-Christmas party show.'

The Fridge is on stage from Friday 27 November – Saturday 5 December at the Wakefield hall.

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Wakefield School

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Students at Wakefield School decorated classroom windows for Daffodil Day. We also had a coin trail to raise money for the Cancer Foundation - \$315.90 was raised.

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Drivers Medicals for 75 Years and Over - Dr Wayne Hurlow

We know that navigating paperwork and appointments for licence renewals can sometimes feel frustrating. Recently, there has been public debate regarding medical fitness-to-drive checks.

However, we want to share openly with our community why our practice is continuing our policy of scheduling a nurse assessment prior to your driver's medical consultation.

While these checks are a legal requirement for Waka Kotahi, their value extends far beyond a signature on a form.

Driving is a complex task requiring sharp physical mobility, vision, and cognitive processing. Our practice nurses conduct targeted screenings that catch subtle changes before they become road safety risks.

More importantly, this two-step process acts as a vital health catch-net. Often, a driver's medical is the only structured check-up a patient attends in years. During the nurse-led visit, we screen for silent health issues like creeping hypertension, metabolic risks, and vision changes. These checks don't just protect your licence; they protect your long-term health and independence.

Finally, completing these baseline measurements and tests first ensures your subsequent doctor's visit is smooth, focused, and efficient, giving your care team complete data to support you.

Road safety is community safety. By catching health issues early and keeping you safely mobile for as long as possible, our nursing team plays an essential role in caring for you and keeping our local roads safe. We are here to support you through every step of the journey.

Blood Pressure Monitors – Gavin Drummond

A friendly reminder that if you have one of our Blood Pressure monitors and it is overdue for return, please can you return it to us as soon as possible. We have a waiting list for our monitors, and it is important we can share this resource with patients that need it.



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Description of Age Concern eBus Journey 2026	Date	Route	Departure bus stop to destination stop	Bus times	Return Departure bus stop to destination stop	Bus times
Age Concern 50th - International day of the older person (IDOP) at Founders Park Nelson. Departure points: stopping at Nsn bus hub - Change to special IDOP free eBus to Founders. Persons can join anywhere along the routes	Thurs 1 October	R1	Departs: From Stoke Interchange to Nsn bus hub	10.41-11.09	Nsn bus hub to Stoke IC	1.21-1.45 OR 1.51-2.15
		R1	Departs: From Richmond (Warehouse) to Nsn bus hub	10.28-11.09	Nsn bus hub to Rmd IC	1.21-2pm
		R3	Departs: From Atawhai at 4 Square to Founders PK	10.18-10.25	Founders PK to Atawhai at Corders PK	1.30-1.38 OR 2-2.08
		R4	Departs: From The Brook valley Holiday pk to Nsn bus hub	10.30-10.45	Nsn bus hub to Brook valley Holiday pk	2.09-2.24 OR 2.44-2.59
		R6	Departs: From Wakefield via Rmd (Warehouse) to Nsn bus hub	8.57-9.23-9.45	Nsn Bus hub to Wakefield via Rmd IC	1.57-2.19-2.42 OR 3.57-4.22-4.47
		Special Direct service	Departs: Motueka isite via Mapua Hall to Founder Park	9.30-9.50-10.40	Founders Park to Mapua to Motueka	1.30-2.20-2.40

Wakefield Community Hub Update

Location, Location, Location

In recent communications between Tasman District Council, the Community Hub steering committee and the Wakefield Community Council, TDC is clearly moving away from favouring the Wakefield Reserve site as a preferred location for our new hub. Council says the project would not get consent to be built on the Reserve, citing flood risk, high costs of getting essential services onto the site (power, water, sewage) and unlikely cooperation of NZTA to secure access from the state highway.

While this is disappointing after the effort that has gone into planning a hub on the Reserve, the project is still very much alive, with these other options also being considered:

1. Securing an alternative location for a building big enough to meet all the identified needs of the community
2. Redeveloping the village hall site in Whitby Way
3. Developing a 'one hub, two roof' option

Option 1: A couple of locations have been looked at (e.g. Faulkner Bush) but are judged unsuitable. Council appears not to favour this option.

Option 2: This will retain a community hub in the heart of the village and makes use of an existing designated reserve that would otherwise become a liability for Council. However, the site is too small for a building that can meet all the identified needs: including a range of indoor sports and recreation activities, social functions, meetings, performing arts, youth activities, civil defence management.

Option 3: Redevelop Whitby Way and build a second facility on another site which, between them, will meet all community needs.

Recent Community Consultation

Community consultation held by the steering committee in August drew a range of responses on location and building options:

- In an online survey, 37% favoured building on the Wakefield Recreation Reserve, 23% favour a similar-size hub on an alternative site, and 40% favour redeveloping the Whitby Way site.
- At a meeting of the steering committee and associates most people favoured the 'one-roof' option, either on the Recreation Reserve or an alternative site.
- At a drop-in session people generally favoured redeveloping the Whitby Way site and consideration of a 'second-roof' to accommodate the functions not able to be delivered in a Whitby Way redevelopment.

A Clear Message

A common message in all the recent consultations is that, regardless of location and building configuration, ***the future hub must be truly multi-purpose, delivering benefits to the entire community***. For example, 69% of replies to the online survey said it is extremely important that the hub is 'a genuinely multi-purpose community facility'. It should be affordable, sustainable, energy-efficient, with considerable revenue-generating capacity, and reflect the character and history of the Wakefield District. The message to Council is clear:

Do it once and do it well

A second roof location?

Considering the 'one hub, two roofs' option, recent meetings with TDC and the football, tennis and shooting clubs have explored the idea of a new building to replace existing sub-standard facilities. A building on this site could potentially serve the needs of all three clubs, other indoor sports and recreation activities, and future development on the Wakefield Reserve.

What happens next?

TDC is preparing to review its Long Term Plan (LTP). A draft consultation document must be approved by the end of November, for public consultation in early 2027. The hub steering committee and Wakefield Community Council will continue working hard to secure the best options in the consultation plan.

Meanwhile, we continue to promote fundraising and welcome your input into that and the design process.

Do you have a view on the future hub options? Good ideas for a fundraiser? If so, we want to know.

Email: info@waimeasouth.org.nz
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Opinion - Councillor Timo Neubauer

Tourism is great for our local economy. But what about local ratepayers?

Full disclosure: together with my family, I run a small agritourism accommodation business in Hope. Like many tourism operators in our region, we rely on visitors, and our business is highly seasonal.

From that perspective, I welcome the Government's recent investment in tourism marketing, including funding that will help promote regions like Nelson Tasman and encourage visitors outside the summer peak season.

But wearing my councillor hat, the issue is a little more complicated.

The reality is that more visitors also create more costs for local councils.

Visitors use our roads. They place demand on water and wastewater infrastructure. They generate rubbish. Parks, reserves, public toilets and freedom camping facilities must all cope with seasonal peaks in demand.

Take Marahau as an example. During the height of summer, thousands of visitors pass through this relatively small community. Their wastewater and effluent may be contributing to groundwater quality issues.

We do not yet know the full extent of those impacts, which means councils must fund environmental monitoring, investigate potential causes, and potentially invest in solutions.

All of this costs money.

Yet when tourism businesses earn additional income, the income tax goes to central government. When visitors spend money at shops, restaurants, activity providers or petrol stations, the GST goes to central government. When international visitor numbers increase, the International Visitor Levy also goes to central government.

Meanwhile, much of the cost of accommodating those visitors falls on local communities, regardless of where those visitors come from.

At present, councils largely recover these costs through rates and user fees. In other words, local ratepayers help fund infrastructure and services used by visitors, while much of the tax revenue generated by tourism flows elsewhere.

While I welcome the recent proposal to return a portion of International Visitor Levy revenue directly to councils and regions based on visitor numbers, I do wonder why this has not already happened. However, the proposal has an obvious limitation: it uses international visitor numbers as the primary basis for distributing funding.

Tasman's tourism sector predominantly serves domestic visitors, with only around 25 percent of visitors being international.

That means our region could be disadvantaged compared with destinations that attract a larger share of overseas tourists, despite facing many of the same infrastructure, environmental and service costs. Local ratepayers would still be left covering a substantial portion of the costs associated with hosting visitors.

Tourism delivers substantial economic benefits to Tasman and to New Zealand as a whole. However, those benefits should not come at the expense of local ratepayers who are expected to fund the infrastructure and services visitors rely on.

Returning a share of visitor-generated revenue to councils is not about discouraging tourism. It is about ensuring the communities that welcome visitors can afford the infrastructure, environmental protection and public services that tourism depends on.

Timo Neubauer is a Tasman District Councillor. This article reflects his personal views and does not represent the position of Tasman District Council.

Wakefield Bowls

The Star Moving & Distribution Open Triples took place 23 Sept with Anne Curtis, Robin Doughty & Lorraine Harvey taking the win.

Thanks to everyone for a great day and special thanks to our sponsor of the day Star Moving & Distribution.



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IN THE BUSH

Reporting In from Evie South – President

It looks like our Society Volunteers, like many of us, are feeling a bit tired with this constantly changing weather. I've also been busy protecting my garden pots and shrubs from the fierce winds, not to mention our volunteer team caring for native plants across three beautiful Scenic Reserves.

AN INTERESTING SNIPPET - Extracts from the official Meteorological Reports for Feb, 1868

The rainfall, especially in the earlier part of the month, was excessive in some districts.

A storm, which commenced on the 3rd, appears to have backed round from north, through east, when the rainfall from this unusual quarter was productive of the most disastrous floods which have been recorded in the colony, and which devastated the eastern districts of the South Island.

Nelson: A storm commenced on 3rd, wind SE; on 4th, wind NE; and on 5th, N; the rainfall on the 5th, for 24 hours previous, was 7.03 inches; from 3rd to 5th the rainfall was 12.88 inches; barometer down to 28.83 inches.

Thank goodness our Society had some sturdy wooden stakes on hand for moments like this!

Sadly, the wind hasn't been kind to many of our native plantings on the Faulkner Bush hillside and at Robson's Scenic Reserve. Still, we've been diligent about staking them—these stakes aren't overly noticeable and actually blend in nicely with the bush, which was exactly our goal.

We truly appreciate everyone's extra effort, especially Eric, Muzz, and Ian, for checking on both Faulkner's and Robson's Scenic Reserves.

During our maintenance day at The Edward Baigent Memorial Scenic Reserve. We changed our plans from the initial projects and took extra time to mulch along the first three rows of the new plantings, as well as around the larger trees near the river and behind the porta-potty.

Mulching is incredibly important, especially with a dry summer forecast, as it helps with water retention and plant health. We'd like to give a special thanks to Dorothy Hole for donating this extra mulch, and to Dunc, our go-to person for transporting it to the site.

We also thank Richard (Martin Ave), Steve Rogers (88 Valley), and Steve Hammond for their very kind donations of extra native plants.

Gowan (The Vice President!) and I did an extra planting at Robson's, another 20-plus lemonwood (thanks to Bill Gaul); that area behind the memorial seat at the northern end should look absolutely fabulous in the years to come and be a great place to take a restful moment on the seat and enjoy the views across the bush.

AND JUST FOR A LAUGH...



Our planting co-ordinator, and most amazing morning tea lady, with an incredible sense of humour to boot, finds a very inventive way of jazzing up our Volunteer Vests.

However, if you join us, I simply cannot guarantee this style. I feel it must remain a one-off!!

OUR NEXT MAINTENANCE DAY

It will be held on Saturday 10th October; the location is still to be determined (so please call me closer to the time to confirm our location), from 10 am until Noon.

JOIN OUR TEAM. Have spare time?

Join our telephone tree for updates on our Societies Scenic Reserves maintenance projects.

Regards, Evie.

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LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Willow Bank Heritage Village

by Medea Grieder-George

Spring is here, and there's plenty to look forward to! With longer days and warmer weather arriving, we're looking ahead to the school holidays, and summer visitors. Our first-ever School Holiday Trail is ready to go, our Evening Open Day brought visitors into the village after hours, and behind the scenes we've been working on our wedding and venue hire options, our vintage hire collection and new opportunities for tourism visitors.

Our 1905 Villa is also available to book for overnight stays — a lovely option for summer visitors looking for somewhere a little different to stay.

We've also added 10 E-Bike charging stations, so cycling visitors can now recharge their bikes while they explore the village and enjoy a coffee on one of our Open Days.

School Holiday Trail

Our first-ever School Holiday Trail is here! Children can explore the village, follow clues, find hidden letters and solve the secret word while discovering a little about the early settlers of Nelson.

Monday 28 & Tuesday 29 September
Thursday 8 & Friday 9 October | 10am–3pm

Adults \$5 | Children \$3

A fun way to spend some time together these school holidays — relax, discover and enjoy!

Coming Up at Willow Bank:

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Thursday 8 | 10am–3pm - Holiday Trail
Friday 9 October | 10am–3pm - Holiday Trail
Friday 23 October — Haunted Village 8pm–10pm | R13+ | \$10pp
Saturday 24 October — Trick or Treat Family Fun | 5pm–7pm
Saturday 24 October — Haunted Village | 8pm–10pm | R13+ | \$10pp
Sunday 15th November — Open Day | 10am - 3pm
Saturday 28 November — High Tea | 1pm - Bookings Essential

Thank You for Supporting Willow Bank

Every visit, booking, share and recommendation helps us continue developing and caring for Willow Bank Heritage Village.

Have a question or want to find out more? Feel free to get in touch with us — we'd love to hear from you.

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Our Next Open Days

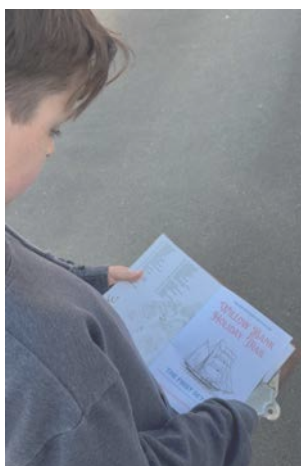
Friday 4 September | 5pm–8pm – Evening Open Day
Sunday 4 October | 10am–3pm

Got a group that needs an outing? Or a special event that needs a little extra magic?

We welcome big and small groups for weddings, memorials, birthdays and other special gatherings.

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Arnold Clark - Obituary

Arnold Clark

2 Oct 1933 – 4 Sept 2026

Arnold was born in Queenstown and spent his college years at Otago Boys High School in Dunedin. He did his teacher training in Dunedin and taught geography and history in Dunedin, Christchurch, New Plymouth and Golden Bay, where he was also the Deputy Headmaster.

Arnold was a very good cricketer and rugby player and was a great supporter of these sports in the schools he taught at.

Arthur and his wife June retired to Wakefield in the 1990's and purchased a small block on the corner of Totara View Road and Eighty Eight Valley Road where they built a house and ran a small herd of goats.

Arnold became immersed in the local Wakefield community and took over as editor of the 'Village News' in 1997 after the retirement of Don Hutcheson in December 1996. He remained as editor until September 2003 when Rachel Stokes took up the role.

Arnold wrote the book published for the 175th Anniversary of Wakefield School in 1993 titled 'Into the 21st Century – a History of Wakefield School 1993-2012'.

In 1994 he was voted onto the Wakefield Community Council and was secretary/treasurer of the Waimea South Historical Society from 2016-2022.

He was a relief driver for Heather and Stuart Watts with their RD 2 Wakefield mail delivery run and much to their relief, Arnold was able to step up in the early hours of the morning following the sudden death of Stuart's father.

Arnold also picked boysenberries for Donald and Caroline Gibbs on their property in Bridge Valley which was originally part of William and Sarah Eve's property who are ancestors of the Gibbs families from Bridge Valley.

Of note is, that upon hearing of Arnold's death the Otago Boys High School flew their flag at half mast, an indication of the high esteem Arnold was held in.

Arnold's wife June and daughter Louise have predeceased him. He has two surviving daughters Ruth and Miriam and their families. Arnold will be greatly missed and his contribution to sport, education and other community affairs will always be remembered.



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MD Outdoors has opened a new branch in Wakefield, bringing the experience and expertise of its Nelson store closer to the local community. The new store is being opened by Wakefield residents Emily Russell and Jesse Weenink, who say the decision was driven by their connection to the village and their desire to contribute to local life.

The store is located on the same property as The Villa Cafe, a setting Emily and Jesse say they have always loved.

Visitors can expect a carefully selected range of outdoor clothing, footwear and equipment, along with practical advice from a team who understand the importance of finding the right gear. Whether customers are preparing for a local walk, planning a larger adventure or simply looking for somewhere to begin, the aim is to make getting outdoors more accessible.



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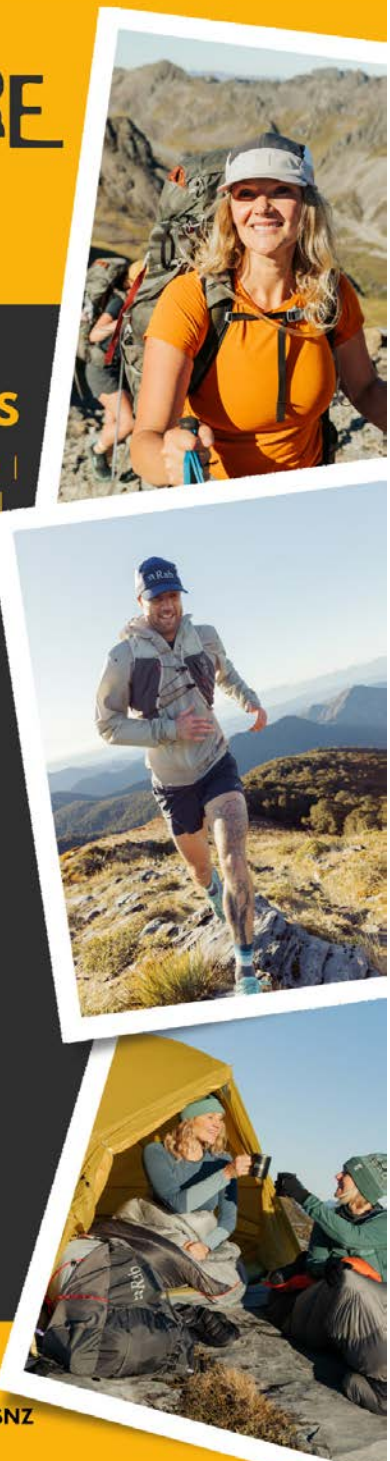
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- You can prepare your own containers of water in soft-drink bottles. Don't use plastic jugs or cardboard containers that have had milk in them. Milk protein cannot be removed from these containers.
- More info Here:

<https://getready.govt.nz/prepared/household/supplies/storing-water>

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- Keep at least a 7-day supply of water. You'll need at least three litres of drinking water per person per day (at least nine litres per person for the three days). This equates to four 2.25 litre soft-drink bottles. This will be enough for drinking and basic hygiene.
- Children, nursing mothers and ill people will also need more.
- Be sure to include drinking water for your pets. The amount needed will depend on their sizes and the conditions. Remember that pets often drink more water than usual when under stress.
- Water troughs- how do these fill if no power for the pump?
- Some parts of New Zealand could be without water for longer than three days during an emergency.
- With the fire risk this summer going to be extreme - ensure your properties are clear of long grass & gutters are clear.
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October 15th, November 19th



Wakefield Community Toy Library

WAKEFIELD TOY LIBRARY

We want to remind everyone that we are always interested to
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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
Ph 541 8883 wakefieldanglican@xtra.co.nz

St Johns Worship Centre
Bookings Norman Hensley 021 0256 1091

Wai Iti Workshop:
5pm - 7pm, 1st and 3rd Monday of month
@ Toy Library, 61 Edward St
waitiworkshop@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

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 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@wandererssports.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

Justice of the Peace
Katie Greer - Ph 021 547 756

Wakefield School PTC
ptawakefield@gmail.com

Wakefield School/ Community
Swimming Pool
C/- Wakefield School

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

Wakefield Village Hall
Sarah Ching 03 541 9046
ambynz@hotmail.com

Window on Wakefield
Articles & Content
Sonia Emerson 021 221 1009

Window on Wakefield
Advertising - 027 306 4237
Genie & Lindsay Bradley

Wakefield School
Edward Street - 541 8332

Wakefield Police
Senior Constable Jamie White
jamie.white2@police.govt.nz
Senior Constable Matthew Berquist
matthew.berquist@police.govt.nz
Sergeant Craig Clayworth
craig.clayworth@police.govt.nz

Non-emergency line – 105
(can ask to be put through to
on duty officer)

Emergency – 111

AED DEFIBRILLATOR LOCATIONS - AVAILABLE 24/7

Wakefield Four Square, Wakefield Bowling Club, Wakefield Football Club, Highfield Farm, Kohatu Flat Rock Cafe, Old Tadmor Store, Dovedale Hall, 29 Moonlight Road Glenhope, Corner of Totara View Road and Kilkenny Place, Corner of Martin Ave and Lord Auckland Road, Southfuels Spring Grove, Belgrove Cafe and Bar [what was], Lake Rotoiti Fire Station, Golden Downs Golf Club, Totaradale Golf Club.

CIVIL DEFENCE - WAKEFIELD AREA COMMUNITY RESPONSE

In the event of an emergency, your first task is to ensure the safety of your own home, family and neighbours. Once you have attended to this, if you have specialised skills/ equipment, and/or feel you can assist others; or require assistance yourself, please make your way to the Welfare Centre which will be at the St Johns Worship Centre in Edward Street [unless notified otherwise].

Please note that the existence of a Welfare Centre does not absolve each individual from their responsibility to be personally prepared. You should ensure that you have your own survival kit in place, and that you are able to be fully self sufficient for at least three days.

In the event of an emergency, for urgent public messages, tune in to:
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24 Matariki Place



294 Pigeon Valley Road



63c Treeton Place



76 Pretty Bridge Valley Road



37 Alpine Meadows Drive



7 Bird Lane



15 Bird Lane



259 Ranzau Road

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