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Community News for the Wakefield Area

## Olympics Fun

*by Charlotte Thynne*

Sensational fun at Wakefield Playcentre with Amy putting together Olympic style challenges for all the Tamariki to take part in!

Starting off with an Olympic torch parade before getting into long jump, running, balancing, hula hoops and throwing, then finishing off with medals for all, the tamariki just loved putting their skills to the test!

Thank you Amy for your ingenuity and kindness, Wakefield Playcentre is so lucky to have you as part of the whanu team.





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# The Big Bake Up

by Melissa Woodhouse

Why shouldn't we be pampered when we feel under the weather? Things happen that we don't plan for and at times it can all be a bit much. We are here to provide kindness through food. This month we delivered our second gorgeous cheesecake donated by the Cheese Cake Shop in the Richmond Mall to a very worthy recipient. This is a great initiative that we welcome any other businesses keen to support to consider.

We have many ways you can support The Big Bake Up, here are some of the options:

- \* Wakefield Four Square & Brightwater Four Square - cash donations can be made to our account in-store.
  - \* Sponsor a cook-up - for only \$400 this option is great one for businesses.
  - \* Givealittle page is currently running to promote funds - we have included a QR code
  - \* Baking at home - we love to include baking in our parcels, so if you are someone who loves to bake then be sure to get in touch.
  - \* Jams - another special touch we can include in our parcels is jars of jam or honey.
- A common question we receive is 'How do we fund this organisation', and the simple response is generally by local businesses.

This month we would like to acknowledge and thank the following:

- \* Wendy from Welcome Real Estate for donating \$250 towards upgrading some much-needed kitchen tools
- \* Brent Williams from NBS Richmond, for recognising and appreciating our community passion and passing on \$1000 to support our cook-ups
- \* Tracy Beer Summit Real Estate for generously making 17 dozen cheese rolls to be shared in our parcels
- \* Tony and Melanie for gifting funds to provide us support through Business Mentors NZ
- \* Sonia from All Accounts Matter for completing our annual return for the Charities Services
- \* Teena and Quintin from Portable Cabin Hire for sponsoring \$400 for a cook-up

Our continued monthly sponsors are Fence Worx Foxhill who recently celebrated their first anniversary with us, this support is incredible and helps to pay everyday costs the charity encounters. We also have Absolute Community to thank for continuing to contribute each month. These two businesses reached out to us, to see how they could sponsor each month to give back to their community. We also have a big thanks to share to OneFortyOne for accepting our application in their recent community grant funding round. We successfully received \$4500 to purchase our new upright freezer. These funds all mean a lot to us! Our fundraising event this month was a Bingo evening at The Meadows - Sprig n Fern, located in Berryfields, Richmond. Although a quiet evening compared to the usual crowds, we still came away with a very kind \$645 going towards future cook-ups.

This month's meals made in the kitchen at the Wakefield Village Hall include slow-cooked beef roasts and beef stroganoff with mashed potatoes and vege, savoury mince, cauliflower cheese, fruit cheesecakes, and a couscous meal made with almonds and raisins, and then topped with roast vegetables and peanut sauce. Our Wakefield Community Pantry is coming along nicely with thanks to Mitre10 Helping Hands and Fenceworx Foxhill, we look forward to sharing this with the community soon. We have distributed donated vegetables further afield this month to a couple of the community stands in Richmond. We also support the Brightwater fruit and vegetable stand along with our small one currently located beside the Wakefield Village Hall.

We take a lot of pride in our work and pack each parcel with consideration for the receiver. If you happen to know of someone deserving of some kindness be sure to reach out. Some are not used to asking for help, as they are used to being the helper. Please check in with your friends and family; remember, we are here to help if we can. Kindness the old-fashioned way!

Special mention to Kim Moore from Rusty Acres Photography for her recent accomplishments at the NZ Photography Show.  
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# Wakefield Kindy

by Maretta Burbidge

We have had another amazing month at Wakefield Village Kindergarten. We have been enjoying learning about the Olympic Games and fostering dreams in the minds of (potentially) our future Olympic athletes. We have practiced a variety of sports and games, looked at the different flags and countries of the many cultures we have at kindy.

All our learning came together when we dressed up to represent our culture and marched in a parade as we headed to our own incredible Olympic Games at Faulkner Bush Reserve. What a successful day this was; we all tried our best and had so much fun in the process as we ran, jumped, threw, balanced, lifted and bounced our way around the park. We want to express our gratitude for the fantastic support from so many parents and grandparents, the tamariki loved having you there to cheer them on.

Wakefield Village Kindergarten caters for children from two years old in a play-based environment. We are currently taking enrolments for 2025 so pop in for a visit if you are looking for a space for your special little person – we offer 18 hours free\* for 2-year-olds and 30 hours free\* for 3–5-year-olds (T&C apply). You can find us at 20 Whitby Way, next to the Villa Café.





# Wakefield Youth Hangout

by Julian Eggers

The Wakefield Youth Hangout has had an

From savoring delicious foods to tearing it up on an absolute blast! Highlights include rocking out on basketball, dodgeball, and indoor cricket.

Our weekly hangout has become a vibrant friends. So, what exciting activities do we have in store for September? Stay tuned to find out!

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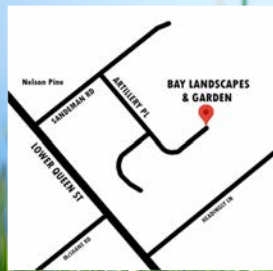
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# Live Well Stay Well

by Deborah Green

On the 20th August Live Well Stay Well met to listen to 'one of our own', Sandra Smith. Her family own two businesses in Uganda. They live in Entebbe on the edge of Lake Victoria. Sandra and her daughter in-law Lesley were going Silver Backed Gorilla trekking in the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest which is a National Park and World Heritage Site. In the forest high up in the mountains is where you see the Silver backed Gorilla, only the male has this colour.

They flew from Entebbe to Nkuringo Lodge, which also included driving over very rough dirt roads with potholes and crevasses. There is only one visit allowed to each gorilla family a day, no more than 60 minutes. A permit costs 800USD. Luckily Sandra got a free ticket because a certain number had been sold.

The Batwa tribes (used to be called pygmies) culture is 70,000 years old and they live in the mountains. They sang and danced for the tourists. They are the guides, porters and trackers for the gorilla trek. On the first day of trek you meet at the park headquarters for briefing. When you set off a porter carries your small backpack and offers help on the trek. Someone uses a machete to cut their way through, scrambling over rocks and vines. The guides communicate with each other to find the endangered silver backed gorillas. Everyone has to wear a mask to protect the gorillas. They have a dominant male (65-70 kg), very tall and live 40-50 years. You have to keep a reasonable distance away. You have a debrief when you get back. In 2022 a well known large silver backed gorilla named 'Rafiki' was poached and killed, so a huge statue of him is on display.

Sandra's son organised a five hour walk on the Ivy River trail to Buhoma. A beautiful walk with waterfalls aplenty. Sandra spoke about Ride 4 a woman charity set up in 2009. It exists to support local women (Bwindi) struggling at home with issues associated with HIV, domestic violence and poverty. More than 300 women from 11 villages now use or work at the Ride 4 a woman community centre, where they can learn to pedal sew, weave baskets, dance, sing and drum; learning new skills, making a living and making it possible for their children to gain an education. Deborah thanked Sandra with a gift.

## Upcoming Meetings:

**Tuesday 10 September 2024:** Coffee meeting at The Villa in Wakefield, 9.45am onwards

**Tuesday 24th September 2024:** Talk by Jazz, Community Outreach Officer at Natureland, 9.45am

**Tuesday 8th October 2024:** Coffee meeting at The Villa in Wakefield, 9.45am 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 11.00am. 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 our email list, please contact one of the convenors: Sandra 027 609 9202, Sonja 027 374 0500, Christine 027 677 0080 or Deborah 021 303 515.

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# Waimea South Historical Society

by Yo Tye, Secretary

## A Presentation by Heather and Stuart Watts

General meeting held 23 July 2024 at Holy Trinity Church Hall 24 Dorset Street Richmond

Operating as Watts Rural Delivery, Heather and Stuart were the RD2 Wakefield contractors from 1975 to 2007. They began with an Avenger car and 33 vehicles and 32 years later they ended with a Hiace Van having travelled a total distance of 2,472,740 kms.

Beginning in 1935, Donald McPherson was the first contractor. He delivered three days a week to 123 box-holders and five Post Offices, including Dovedale and Ngatimoti, covering 354 miles (570 kms). In 1947 a new five day a week contract was drawn up with 203 box-holders and three Post Offices covering 481 miles (775 kms). In 1951 the contract was changed to Wakefield – Kaka. In 1962 Alan Whetter took over the run with 213 box-holders and three Post Offices covering 784 miles (1262 kms). Then in 1975 Watts Rural Delivery took over the contract which was five days a week with 209 box-holders covering 761 miles (1125 kms).

Prior to becoming a mail contractor Stuart had a job at Spring Grove Motors and Alan Whetter was a customer there. On a free day Stuart accompanied Alan on his mail run and enjoyed the experience. Stuart and Heather asked Alan if they could take over when he was ready to retire. However there were four other contenders for the job ahead of them. Not to be deterred, Stuart learnt the Saturday newspaper delivery run as well as the mail run, which allowed Alan to have some time off.

The other contenders for the job pulled out so Stuart obtained the necessary Goods Service License which required approval from the New Zealand Post and an appearance before a Judge. It was granted on 29th April and Watts Rural Delivery took over on 1st May. They began with 206 box-holders in 1975, they finished with 468 in 2007. The distance travelled increased from 761 miles (1125kms) to 1373 kms per week.

As part of their run they delivered mail and circulars five days a week to the Thorpe, Tapawera and Tadmor Post Offices and to a Private Bag at the Forestry Camp. Twice a week they delivered to the Dart and Baton Valleys. They also delivered groceries, including meat, and medicines. Then unexpectedly in 1981, bread delivery was added to the list. Luckily Stuart had had past experience helping his brother who had a bread delivery service, and was quickly able to ascertain who needed what bread and in what quantities. In 1995 newspaper delivery was added to the run.

The mail delivery run was more than just a job as it served the community in many and varied ways. Houses were left unlocked so that perishable groceries could be placed into the fridge. A watchful eye was kept on old folk who maybe needed a chat because they were lonely. On one occasion a person was found deceased and the Doctor was called. On another an elderly person had fallen out of bed and needed assistance. Children were often given a lift after being dropped off from the school bus and were faced with a long walk home (though sadly for Heather and Stuart, this was eventually stopped).

One farmer arrived home for lunch an hour late because he set his time to the mail delivery but was caught out when Stuart had had a breakdown. Sometimes letters were addressed to 'Grandma' or 'Dad' with no names. There were six Thorn families with a total of 26 individuals, so some inside knowledge was an advantage in order for them to get the correct mail.

They were often faced with such events as snowfalls and flooding. When the Pigeon Valley Bridge was washed away, extra kilometres were added to the run. During a Wangapeka flood Stuart, an athlete of some repute, placed the mail in a backpack and made the delivery into a training run.

Snow on the Baton Saddle sometimes required leaving the mail at a house on Whangapeka Plain road. Gravel roads caused many flat tyres and there were other breakdowns too. Stuart, with his mechanical knowledge, was able to deal with many of these on the go and he carried some spare parts with him. Heather sometimes needed to rely on telephone advice from Stuart if she had a breakdown.

The daily routine began at 7.30 am after the mail was delivered from Nelson. Every box-holder's mail was sorted and placed in pigeon holes secured with rubber bands then loaded into the van along with parcels and other goods including 12 gallon drums, for which boards were placed in the back of the van to make it easier to roll them on and off.

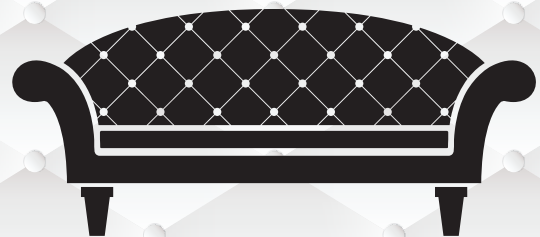
To make the deliveries easier they compiled a list of every person residing in each household and during raspberry harvest time, when employers were asked to provide the names of all their employees. At 10.30 am the driving began with collections from the Wakefield Pharmacy then deliveries were made until Tapawera was reached, where there was a mail bag dropoff. The delivery run was then continued and at 5.30 they were back at Tapawera to collect the outgoing mail bag before heading back to Wakefield. By 7pm the run was completed. They worked 80 hours a week and often had no time for a lunch break. They did employ some part time assistants for when they attended work conferences or needed time out.

At Christmas time a variety of gifts were left for them in people's mailboxes but it was at retirement in 2007 when they realised just how much they were valued by the community they served, when a special celebration was held in their honour.

The audience was spellbound and appreciated hearing these stories from a job that provided a vital link within the community and with the outside world in general.

Thank you Heather and Stuart.

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# Town and Country Vet

by Brenda Halliwell, Vet

## Worms and Drenching

There is a saying that worms always beat the grass! ie as soon as the grass starts growing, worm lifecycles will also flourish, faster than you think. And this spring, coming after a long dry summer and autumn, there are many animals in poorer condition which will be even more vulnerable to increased worm numbers.

So it is important to make sure you have the right drenching system in place for your stock and property. Don't just buy the one on sale or the one that comes with fun giveaways! And what works for your neighbour may not be the right approach for your situation. You want your drench to be effective and worth the time and money investment.

Factors that predispose to worm problems include:

- High stocking rate
- Forcing stock to graze close to the ground
- One species only
- Young stock
- Stock in poor body condition/poor nutrition
- Stressed stock (e.g. lack of shelter, other disease)
- Warm humid weather

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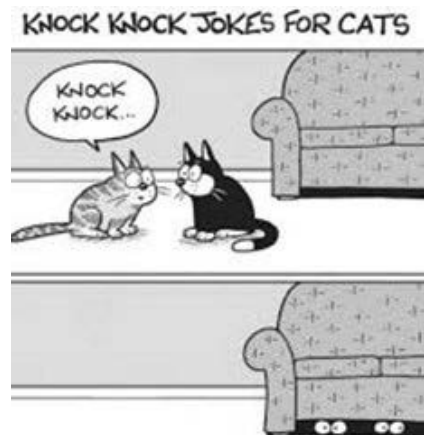
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# In the Bush

## Reporting in From the Vice President

by Gowan Simpson

The second Saturday in August was a beautiful morning as we tackled a very special planting at The Edward Baigent Memorial Scenic Reserve. Nine volunteers turned up to a morning's very hard work. We had some special Kahikateas that had been grown by Titoki Nursery from seed sourced from the majestic trees in the reserve itself. Little did we know that the area we had selected for this special planting was extremely rocky and would require some super human effort to dig the holes.

Special thanks to those who did the digging. Jane had a natty gadget that she wielded to great effect. Needless to say we didn't plant as many trees as we would have hoped and so the planting continues.

All were rewarded however with a special barbecue, followed by ice-creams, at the completion of the morning's work. Thank you Evie and Murray.

We were a month late starting our annual planting due to the drought conditions in June, so didn't get stuck in until July. This means we still have many to plant before we herald spring.

If you enjoy the bush, being amongst friendly people, helping to improve our local reserves, please do get in touch.

### FOOTNOTE

We planted both Saturday's 10 & 17th August at The Edward Baigent Memorial Scenic Reserve and on the latter day, Duncan with his digger and hole punch, gave us a fantastic momentum to finish off the last 200. This area on the southern side of this Reserve, nearest the carpark, will in time look spectacular, with a great variety of species.

Also over this period many of our dedicated volunteers completed extra planting projects at both The Faulkner Bush Scenic Reserve and The Robson's Scenic Reserve. These extra plants were supplied courtesy of the Tasman District Council Reserves Department.

**LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US – 2nd Saturday of EACH MONTH**  
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# Friends of the Trail

by Julian Eggers

Saturday 24th August marked our 5th working bee on the Pigeon Valley to Hoult Valley section of the Great Taste Trail. We worked along the trail. We did weedeating and clearing. With five individuals, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Richard, John, Tony, Colin and Julian – you are all truly legends. Together, we achieved a great deal and are eagerly looking forward to continuing our mission.

This collaboration between the Great Taste Trail Trust and the Wakefield Community Council shows our commitment to maintaining our portion of the Great Taste Trail.



Would you like to participate in our next working bee? Stay tuned as we aim to organize half-day sessions once a month.

Our next weedeating working bee will be 3rd Saturday in September. We hope to do another tree planting in early September do keep an eye on the advertised date.



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# Wakefield School

## Enjoying the New Tech Kitchen

We have been doing lots of cooking.

In term 1 we made the food for camp including cottage pie, macaroni and cheese, chicken fried rice and burgers.

For modules we made deviled sausages, pizza scrolls, pizza, wedges, brownies, corn fritters and cupcakes.

This term we also made muffins for Bruce's Big Breakfast.

Some of us are taking a cooking module and have made pizza scrolls and deviled sausages.

We have got all the recipes in our Google classroom.

*by Ruby*



## Copper Wire Games

For our first step we had to try to get some wire and connect it up to a battery pack to make a buzzer go. Then we got into lots of circuits and connected them up to a copper wire loop. We made a handle and you have to go around the copper without the buzzer going off. It was good to make, especially when it is your first time. Once we have finished these we can design and make our own project using circuits.

I'm making a car out of wood with wheels, motor and a switch to turn it on and off. Other people are making other projects.



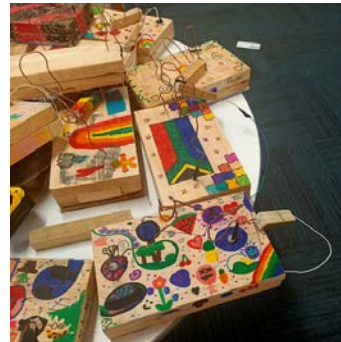
## Modules

Modules started in term 3. At first we had to pick our top 4, 1st being the thing you wanted most and 4 being something you would want to do more than the things that were not in spots 1-3. There was sport, art, sewing, leatherwork, etc the art is doing a mural for the gala. The first day of modules we were told which one we got into. If we were doing something new we were told the basics of it like in leatherwork and in art they had to put ideas they had on paper then they put it on the whiteboard and took a photo of the one they liked best.

In cooking the people are making a dessert or a small lunch. On a Wednesday when we do modules in leatherwork they are doing bookmarks. In sports there is a new sport every week they get to pick out of two sports whatever the people pick will be played like there is soccer, rugby, tennis and so on. In sewing the people work with Anna. Everyone in sewing got to pick what to do like a bag, gloves ect and if you finish you can start a new project.

Everything that we picked gives us a good amount of time to improve our skills in what we picked or something cool to know how to do.

*by Ella M*



## Book Week

During Book Week we have stuff like books, pens, fidgets and kits to make stuff with in the library before and after school that we can buy. On Thursday morning before school was Bruce's Big Breakfast that is for year five, sixes and sevens. It's held in the library. He bought sausages and my class, the year sevens, made muffins.

Then on Friday (the day I'm writing this) we all got to dress up as a book character of our choice. I dressed up as Katniss from the Hunger Games. There were lots of different costumes like wizards and superheroes and a lot of different ones. Most of the costumes were pretty cool, some people didn't dress up but most people did. Then we will do a book quiz then a whole school walk around Wakefield to show off our costumes and then the day will end. We will have to wait until next year to dress up again.

*by Natalie*



## Our Fence

Mainly in Kōtare Room 9, we made custom fence palings around both the Bird Cafe and our Lizard Lounge. We got to make any design we wanted but it kind of had to be nature related. We used wood stain, the jigsaw and wood burning tools to make our own designs.

We had to get the wood, cut it, measure it, And then screw it onto the fence.

*by Macie Knowles*



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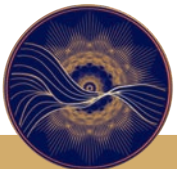
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# Halloween at Willow Bank 2024

by Julian Eggers

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The children and family friendly portion of the event is once again returning for 2024!

Your children can meet the characters, have a laugh and trick or treat around the village. They'll never have more fun on Halloween.

Our Teens and Adult portion of the night will be back for 2024! Be prepared for horror like you've never seen before. You will be screaming while you explore a bigger trail with more terrifying situations and gut turning sights.

Question is, will you make it to the end?

Wakefield, save the date and come looking scary. You'll never find a better event for your Halloween. Let's just hope you're ready.

Follow our Facebook page for more up and coming information.



# A Big Shout Out to Wakefield Craft Group

by Valerie Crouch

I had a call from a farmer friend who had a cast on his leg after a trampolining accident. He had very cold toes!!

So I contacted Judy at the Wakefield Craft Group on Tuesday evening and when I turned up on Wednesday morning at their meeting at 9am lo and behold there was a big sock all ready; and a second on the way so he could wash the first!

Judy and Dawn had turned up at 8.15am with their new circular knitting machine and whipped up the sock in no time.

So anyone with plaster casts out there keep your toes warm!! They told me that after it has been used for a sock it can be converted into a scarf! This group continues to do wonders in the Tasman area: knitting for play groups and day care centres, Mainly Music, Rescue Helicopter crew and patients, new born babies and the list goes on.

All their items are donated to these organisations.

So don't throw out any of your unused wool they will put it to good use.

What a great community we live in.

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# Higgins Heritage Park Happenings

by David Win

September and springtime herald the start of a new season for the park which includes Steam-Up, museum sheds, jigger, honey barrel rides and a range of great activities for all.

Next up is the massive TRANSPORT FEST, two days of awesome family event fun, Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 October, 10am-4pm.

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- Demonstrations Including, Road Safety and giveaways, Seatbelt Crash Simulator, Fire Brigade Display, NZ Army UNIMOG and soldiers, Tug-A-Truck competition, Gumboot throwing, Hear the roar of the Old Engine Start Ups, Make A Knife

- Fun rides for children (young and not as young) – jeeps and military vehicles, trucks and buses, railway jigger. Model trains operating.

- Steam-Up and Traction Engine trailer rides on Sunday.

## Next Park Open Days:

Sunday 15 September – Museum Sheds and Jigger Rides

Saturday & Sunday 5-6 October – Transport Fest with Steam-Up on Sunday

Sunday 20 October – Museum Sheds and Jigger Rides

Sunday 3 November – Steam Up and Museum Sheds open

Sunday 17 November – Museum Sheds and Jigger rides

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# Waimea Dog Trial Club

by Sally Powell

The club has had a busy few months with two training days and a social night. The latter involved a meal of shepherds' pie (highly appropriate), followed by baked sweet treats. Guest speaker Becs Palmer then gave a very interesting talk on dog trialling in the UK. Ms Palmer was an accomplished triallist before emigrating to NZ and her talk explained the differences in courses between the two countries. The clubrooms were beautifully decorated with flowers and candles and although not the warmest of venues on an August night, it was nevertheless a great place to meet for food and friendly conversation.



Winter is also a time when the club can focus on some fundraising and this year we had two very successful nights at the Little Sprig in Wakefield. Kaye and her wonderful staff helped us raise around \$700 which will go towards general expenses for our trial on Anzac weekend 2024. Sales of our fundraising Farmalade and mint jelly are on-going so please email club secretary sally@tcvet.co.nz if you are interested in supporting us in this way. Plenty more news to come in the run up to Christmas – stay tuned!

## Quilting - A Sustainability Craft

Sustainability, reuse, upcycling are the cornerstone of the movement to reduce waste finding its way into our landfills and contributing to climate change. Quilting is an old craft that is predicated on the use of small pieces of fabric to produce colorful and often elaborate pieces for the wall, bed or clothing to keep humans warm. Quilters themselves often have stashes of fabric in their cupboards that they stitch together using a myriad of techniques to create colorful quilts that can be handed down through generations, so extending the life of fabric that would otherwise be discarded.

Waimea Area Quilters frequently enjoy creating projects from new, old or discarded fabric, using patterns with quirky names such as "Drunkards Path" or "Morning Star". Quilters have at the back of their minds the mantra "what can I do with this piece of fabric and what other fabric, colour and texture would look good with it?" Anything fabric based can be worked into a quilt to tell a story or represent an idea so quilting can be seen as "A Sustainable Art" form made from fabric.

The Waimea Area Quilting Goup are staging an exhibition on the 14 -15 th of September between 10am and 4pm at the Wakefield School Hall. When you look at quilts at the show, they have been created over many hours of work. Ask yourself where has the fabric the quilter has used come from? What was the fabric part of in its previous life? An old shirt? Tablecloth? Dress or something new from a bolt of cloth, or has the quilter made a completely new fabric from all of those sources and worked it into a unique design using the various techniques quilters have in their repertoire.

In the Exhibition, you will see various different styles of quilting – Kandi to name one, is from NE India using small pieces of material that is hand pieced and hand quilted. Quilting can be seen as a really sustainable way to bring colour into our everyday lives and Quilter, as the ultimate recyclers, more often than not repurpose the old into something new.

## Willow Bank Heritage Village

We have come out of winter hibernation and ready for our 2024/25 Open Day season. First Sunday of the month, come explore times gone by.

Willow Bank Heritage Village is an affordable, fun and interactive living museum 1km south of Wakefield. With 20+ shop displays for you to explore, food & drink and lots more. A place to get dressed up, to embrace the fun, and immerse yourselves in yesteryear.

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Also: Willow Bank is delighted to announce we are now offering High Tea!

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Our next date for High Tea is Monday 9th Sept, 1pm.

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*I love biking, and my current goal is to cycle the Taste Trail in one day. If you see someone going slowly on an orange bicycle, it might be me!*

*Looking forward to meeting you all, Sam.*

**Dr Pip De Hamel shares some learning from a recent GP conference.**

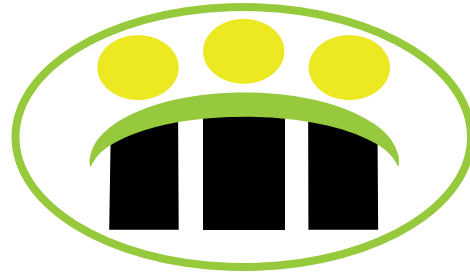
I have just been at a GP conference and thought I'd share a couple of things I learned from it:

- I attended a talk about how NOT to spread infections like COVID 19 or influenza (flu). It showed two important things are to wear a mask and have good ventilation.

So, I felt good that here at Wakefield Health we are on the right track with asking folk with potentially infectious conditions to wait outside the back entrance to our building and wear a mask when they come in or when we see you in our cabin. We also have HEPA filters in all our clinical rooms which help with ventilation.

- Another talk I attended was about weight loss strategies. The main take home point that was stressed was that obesity is NOT because you eat badly and don't exercise. It's a medical condition, like high blood pressure or indigestion and there should be no guilt or shame to it. We just need to treat it like any other condition.

*Sam and Michelle on honeymoon*



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For more information please feel free to email our Wakefield Community Council Treasurer on; wcc treasurer7025@gmail.com

We also want to welcome the new incoming Wakefield Community Council Management Committee that were elected at the 51st AGM. We filled all 13 positions with old and new members who are keen in doing their best to advocate for Wakefield. Warm congratulations to Julian Eggers [Chairperson], Nathan Dunn [Deputy Chair], Chelsea Martin [Secretary] and Emily Baker, our new Treasurer.

Our next Community Council meeting is scheduled for Monday 16th September, 7pm at the Wakefield Village Hall. All are welcome.

# Community Classifieds

## WAKEFIELD TOY LIBRARY

As we settle back into the Old Library building opposite the school on Edward Street, we want to remind everyone that we are always interested to hear about what toys you think we should add to our collection.

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Sue James 541 8030 totaradalegc@gmail.com

**Wakefield Anglican Church**  
**St Johns on the hill**  
Traditional Service: 9.00am  
1st & 3rd Sunday of each month

**The Worship Centre**  
Informal Service: 10.30am every Sunday  
Ph 541 8883 wakefieldanglican@xtra.co.nz

**St Johns Worship Centre**  
Bookings Nigel Massey 027 243 1207

**Wakefield Community Library**  
Wendy Gibbs 541 8490  
Pam Dick 541 8392  
Hours - Tues 10.30 - 11.30am  
Friday - 2.30 - 4pm

(When library is not open book returns  
can be left at Hair Raisers Salon)

**Wakefield Football Club (Seniors)**  
wakefieldfootballclub@gmail.com

**Waimea Plains Football Club (Juniors)**  
waimeaplainsfootballclub@gmail.com

**Wakefield Medical Centre**  
541 8911

**Wakefield Pharmacy**  
541 8418

**Wakefield Playcentre**  
Contact: 03 541 7097

**Wakefield Volunteer Fire Brigade**  
DCFO Dot Ashton 027 543 0529

**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

**Pinegrove Kindergarten**  
03 542 3447

**Rural Women**  
Diane Higgins 03 542 4388

**St Joseph's Catholic Church**  
Mass - 2nd Saturday each month  
Parish Priest Seth Pijfers 544 8987

**Taoist Tai Chi**  
Deb Knapp 022 083 9332

**Waimea Sheepdog Trial Club**  
Sally Powell 021 773 461  
Email: sally@tcvet.co.nz

**Waimea Area Quilters**  
Kay Norgate 021 0811 4860  
Marilyn Gibbs 03 541 8435  
marilyncolingibbs@gmail.com

**Wakefield Book Group**  
Mahala White - 541 8933 or  
Chrissy Harris - 541 9596

**Wakefield Bush Restoration Soc Inc**  
Evie South 541 8980 or 027 907 2879

**Plunket Nelson Area Office**  
For appointments etc 539 5200

**Wakefield School/ Community  
Swimming Pool**  
Karyn Young 021 112 4203  
Libby Thomson 027 541 8202

**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

**Marlborough Nelson Marine  
Radio Assn**  
Adrian Mullan 021 118 4832  
www.mmr.org.nz

**NZ Postcard Society Inc**  
Evie South 541 8980 or 027 907 2879

**Spring Grove Church of Christ**  
Meet Sundays 10am  
info.springgrovechurch@gmail.com

**Waimea South Historical Society**  
Yvonne Tye 021 542 338

**Wakefield Bowling Club**  
Phone club rooms on 541 8556  
(Please leave message if  
answerphone comes on).  
www.wakefieldbowls.co.nz

**Wakefield Brightwater Book Club**  
Sue McAuley 544 7325  
sue.mcauley@ncc.govt.nz  
Meets last Wed of every month

**Wakefield Community Council**  
Julian Eggers 027 771 8556  
eggers213@gmail.com

**Wakefield Preschool**  
Contact: 541 8086

**Wakefield School PTA**  
ptawakefield@gmail.com

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

**Wakefield Village Hall**  
Amby Cowe  
ambynz@hotmail.com  
541 8869

**Window on Wakefield**  
Articles & Content - 541 9005  
Sonia Emerson

**Window on Wakefield**  
Advertising - 541 9641  
Genie & Lindsay Bradley

**Wakefield School**  
Edward Street 541 8332

**Justice of the Peace**  
Katie Greer  
Ph 021 547 756

## 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**.

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