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Your Local News

Community News for the Wakefield Area

by Sonia Emerson

Saturday 2nd November 2024, and the weather was perfect for another Wakefield School Twilight Gala. We certainly have been lucky with Mother Nature over the last few years, let's keep our fingers crossed that this continues. Our gazebo crew is now a well oiled machine as they put up the gazebos in record time. Setup on the day for all of the stalls went so smoothly we kept waiting for the problems to arise but with experienced coordinators in all areas of our gala, the setup went off without a hitch.

Although it felt like we had slightly less visitors on the day, everyone agreed that there was a steady flow of enthusiastic people who had made the effort to get along to our biggest fundraiser of the year. There were heaps of parents who got involved in both the build up to the day, and on gala day itself, as well as many from the wider community who gave up their time to help make the day such a success and we thank each and every one of you. Whilst we make no secret of the fact that gala day is about raising money for the school, it is also a fabulous chance for our Wakefield community to get out and about and enjoy a fantastic atmosphere and we always pull in the crowds from further afield as well.

Despite a tough year for families and businesses alike, this year we managed to raise an amazing \$32,272 for Wakefield School which is just incredible!!! This is our best year yet! Although close to last year, the mix between stalls, food and silent auction was different this year but all areas of the gala contributed so much.

The funds raised by the gala will be used to boost learning support for students. Our experienced and professional teacher aide team adds great value to the progress and achievement of children of all abilities by providing classroom support and implementing specialist programmes in reading, phonics, mathematics, and social skills. The extra funding from the gala allows us to be proactive and expand this valuable resource in 2025.

The Wakefield School Board of Trustees and PTA would like to extend a huge thank you to all of the families, staff and community members who supported the gala. Thank you to everyone who donated items, sponsored activities, provided prizes and assisted with set up, clean up and on the stalls during the gala. Without all of this support the gala would not have been possible. Also thank you to everyone who turned out on the day and brought along family, friends and neighbours. And a massive thank you to our gala coordinators – those people who stepped up to take ownership of an area of the gala – this involved countless hours of their own time in preparation, organisation and bringing together their teams of helpers. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

For our gala, we prepare most of the food in house to keep our costs down, and once again we had a fantastic selection which contributed \$9,784 to our overall total. The variety of hot food included sandwiches of pork or lamb provided by Fenceworx, Atkinson-Crehan Law burgers, Woodlot Harvesting sausage sizzle, The Wakefield Hotel hot chips and hot dogs.

Other food options included the café and bake sale who were run off their feet [kindly sponsored by Sue Ketel – Travel Broker], kids sweet treats, Lions Club candy floss, and the very popular gluten free curries sponsored by Wakefield Health Centre. The Wakefield 4 Square coke caravan were go, go, go all day and the Talleys ice creams were popular in the heat. The Butcherette did a fabulous job of processing our meat, and Pages Automotive helped us out with condiments, sauces and other food items.

Of particular note this year, was the entertainment. We had our usual fantastic contributions by the school choir, kapa haka and vocal groups, but the absolute highlight were the awesome sounds of Gentle Giant, who entertained us throughout the afternoon/early evening.



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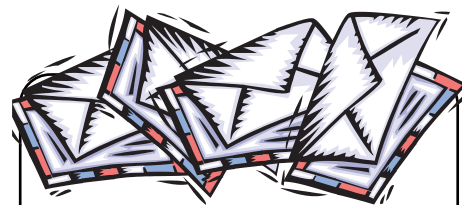
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Wakefield School Gala [contd...]

There were plenty of activities to keep the kids busy including the inflatable area with the GC Builders obstacle course, the themed bouncy castle, and making a comeback this year, the always popular Country Players haunted house [sponsored by Xscape Space] which raised \$1,234 on its own. This year we weren't able to have the two wheeled motorbikes, but the quad bike tow had a constant line and was a great replacement. As always the Wild Oats pony rides [sponsored by All Accounts Matter] were flat out, as were the tractor/train rides courtesy of Higgins Park Steam Museum and the Wakefield Toy Library Toddler Zone was great for the littlies. Also doing a roaring trade were Anna's gingerbread, La Niche Hair Salon's wacky hair, Nurture at Home's fishing game, Tasman Pine horizontal bungee, Nerf gun shooting gallery, and the face painting. The Little Sprig Wakefield mystery bags sold out as they always do, meaning lots of little treasures for the kids, and there was a constant line for the balloon creations courtesy of James Cambridge Law. A new edition this year, the Havendale Logging temporary tattoos were a real hit which we will be keen to continue with. A huge range of activities, something for everyone...

It's a difficult job trying to keep the masses at bay as we finished our last minute preparations, but our crew on the gate, did a fabulous job. There were plenty of bargains to be had in the second hand stalls of books, toys, garage sale and Lines Pattern Making clothing stall which collectively contributed \$5,263 to the overall total. Many of the items were sold on the day but there were a lot of leftovers and these were donated to various charities, who were of course very appreciative. The Wendy Pearson Real Estate "chocolate wheel" went well and the array of Plants and Produce on offer was as impressive as ever, which is thanks to our many sponsors and suppliers in this area – see our list below.

The silent auction continues to be a popular stall for many, and the bidding was fierce as once again we had some incredible donations from very generous businesses. As a result we made \$9,694 from the silent auction alone.

Please get along and support the following organisations and individuals who all contributed in some way to making our gala the success it was; 3 Bee, Abel Tasman Centre, Advance Cleaning, All About You, All Accounts Matter, Appleby Fresh, Appletons Chook Farm, Appletons Tree Nursery, Aquaflow, Armageddon Paintball, Armstrongs Tasman Bay, Atkinson-Crehan Law, Auto Super Shoppe Richmond, Bay Landscapes, Bidfood, Big Barrel, BBQ Chill, Blast Entertainment, Bluebridge Cook Straight Ferry, Blue Sky Honey, Bob Hendy, Body Shop, Bonded Photography, Bridgestone Tyre Centre, Bronwyn & Troy Scott, Bunnings - Nursery, Calder Tennis Training, Cancer Society Nelson Tasman, CLM Richmond, Connings, Country Players, Couplands, Deans Nursery, Doug's Motorcycle Workshop, Dutch Rusk, Ed Thynne Hearing, Elgas, E'stel, Ewings Poultry, Fairfield Berries, Farmlands, Fenceworx, Flower Farm, Fraemohs Homes Tasman, Franks Trees, Freeman Roofing, GC Builders, Gentle Giant, Glassworx, Goldpine Industries, Guytons, Hair Raisers, Hampden Street School, Hanmer Springs Attractions, Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa, Hapori Fruit & Veg Box, Havendale Logging, Higgins Park Steam Museum, Hill Top Native Nursery, Hoddys Fruit Co, ITM Nelson, J S Ewers Produce, JAE Tasman, James Cambridge Law, Jellicoe Design, Joes Garage, John & Catherine Granger, Justine & Phil Judge, Kahu Leather, Kara Kawa, Kiwi Journeys, La Niche Hair, Lines Pattern Making, Lions Club, Little Sprig Wakefield, Loggers Shop, Make a Knife, Mark Andrews, My Place Melanie Douglas-Solly, NBS, Nelmac, Nelson College for Girls, Nelson Fun Park, Nude Kiwi, Nufarm, Nurture at Home, NZ King Salmon, NZ Police, Office Max, Onus Construction Management, Pages Automotive, Paper Plus, Pak n Save Richmond, PB Tech, Penny Lane Plants, Petmart, PGG Wrightson, Richard de Hamel, P/J House of Fades, Placemakers, Plankville, Plant & Share, Pomeroy's, Programmed Property Maintenance, PYO @ 185 Hope, Quinney's Bush, Raeward Wholesale, Ravensdown Fertiliser, Rawleighs Healthcare, Redstone Golf Park, Renaissance Organic Hair Salon, Richmond Baptist Church, Rowan Dron Electrical, Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon, Sealord Group, Shanty Town, Sport Tasman, Stihl Shop Richmond, Stoke Garden Landscapes, Sue Ketel – Nelson Travel Broker, Sunshine Coffee Shack, Superior Pet Food Co, Suz4Fitness, Talleys Group, Tasman Bay Chiropractic, Tasman Bay Food Group, Tasman Honda, Tasman Pine Forests, Tasman Makos, TDF Solutions, The Butcherette, The Copier Company, The Local, The Vet Centre, The Villa, Thirkettle Nurseries, Town & Country Vet, UDC Finance, Villa Grove Estate, Wai-iti Estate Apiary, Waimea Nurseries, Wakefield 4 Square, Wakefield Auto Services, Wakefield Bakery, Wakefield Community Swimming Pool, NZ Police, Wakefield Health Centre, Wakefield Hotel, Wakefield Quarry, Wakefield Storage & Hire, Wakefield Toy Library, Wakefield Volunteer Fire Brigade, Wanderers Sports Club, Wendy Pearson – Welcome Real Estate, Wild Oats Farm, William Waldron, Willow Bank Heritage Village, Wilsons Abel Tasman, Woodlot Harvesting, Xscape Space, and Young Swimmers.



Thank you to Bud Wagstaff for these awesome photos of the gala, and a special final thank you to everyone who assisted on a stall – staff, parents and community members.



Town and Country Vet

by Brenda Halliwell, Vet

Getting Pet-Prepared for Summer!

Yippee, summer is here! Here are some things to think about for our pets to avoid any unexpected complications and enjoy the summer:

- If you are going away, are your pets' vaccinations up to date? Vaccinations for respiratory viruses in cats, and for dogs Parvovirus plus Canine Cough must be up to date in order to stay in boarding facilities. Call us for advice if you're not sure and don't leave it until the last minute!
- If you are going away leave contact numbers for your vet as well as your mobile phone number with your pet carer. Have a chat so it's clear what your expectations are for your pet if something goes wrong, especially if you are not able to be contacted. Phone us if you would like to add any details to your client record. If you are taking your pet with you, remember all their bits and pieces including any medication.
- Most of us know that chocolate is poisonous for dogs. If your dog eats chocolate, phone us promptly for advice – toxicity depends on the size of the dog and the amount and type of chocolate eaten. Remember dogs are very good at finding the wrapped chocolate under the tree!
- Beware of novel objects which could be swallowed by your pets such as Christmas tinsel, strings from the roast, kebab sticks from the barbecue, fish hooks/fishing line (often attached to a fish!) and potentially obstructive food such as chop bones, corn cobs and peach stones.
- Take care giving your dog leftovers from the BBQ or roast – bones, large amounts of fat and onions can all cause serious internal problems for dogs.
- Grapes, raisins and sultanas can be poisonous for dogs so no Christmas cake either!
- Another food-related hazard is old food that your pet might find in compost heaps, rubbish bins and out on walks. There are millions of weird microbes growing in these places that if eaten by your pet (especially dogs) can cause all sorts of symptoms from tummy upsets through to poisoning and seizures.
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- Heatstroke is common over summer especially in short-nosed dogs. NEVER leave dogs in the car on a hot day, even in the shade with windows down. Offer frequent drinks/stops on journeys. Restrict exercise to cooler parts of the day. Limit the length of walks especially for young energetic dogs, old dogs and dogs with medical problems. Provide shade for dog kennels and rabbit/guinea pig cages.
- Clipping long haired pets can prevent problems such as overheating, soiling, skin infections and grass seed problems. We often clip the underside/belly of long-haired cats, and advise clipping under ears, around the feet and between the toes of long-haired dogs. Some long-haired dogs that aren't traditionally clipped (eg Border Collies) are much more comfortable and active, even if they do look a bit odd!
- Check your dog's paws, ears, 'armpits' and groin daily for grass seeds. This is particularly important for fluffy dogs especially spaniels, poodles and all their crosses. It may seem a hassle to do this but it can be an expensive, time-consuming and painful process to find grass seeds once they are inside your dog!
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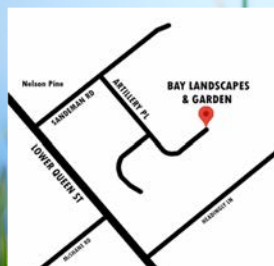


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Live Well Stay Well

by Sandra Smith

Visit to Redstone Golf Park

On 19 November sixteen members of Live Well Stay Well visited Redstone Golf Park on Wai-iti Valley Road, for our final function of the year. We were hosted by Bo and Norman Hensley, owners of Redstone. It was the perfect place for us to finish our year, on a beautiful day, in a lovely peaceful setting, surrounded by gardens and lush trees.

We were given a delicious morning tea which we enjoyed sitting outside in the courtyard, relaxing, and engaging in interesting conversations with our hosts. They have created a welcoming and stunning venue, with a variety of activities for those who wish to expend some energy, including golf, disc golf and paintball.

A number of us were keen to have a go at disc golf, after being fuelled with homemade baking and tea and coffee. Bo gave us a few quick lessons about how to throw the two discs - one is a slim-line 'driver' disc for covering a distance, and then a bit fatter 'putter' disc for throwing into the net. Sounds easy!!! Not so, to the novices. But we had a go at two nets on the course and had a lot of fun and laughs at the results of our throws. The best intentions with the driver discs went awry as with gusts of wind they frequently travelled in the opposite direction to intended, narrowly missing becoming entangled in the trees. Plenty of laughs and teasing. We did start by keeping a score of the number of throws, but that soon went by the board. When eventually arriving near the actual net, the putter disc came into play, and that was much easier, especially if standing right next to the net!

Bo also showed us around the large Armageddon paintball area, which looks like an apocalyptic town of abandoned buildings and old cars. None of us were game for Paintball, but I could see the appeal to younger people, where they could let their imagination run riot, as well as firing their paintballs at each other!

Altogether a very interesting, enjoyable and different morning for our group. Redstone Park is a perfect venue for social and family gatherings, having something for everyone. And being only a short drive from Wakefield, so very convenient.

Thank you Bo, Norman, Robyn and Lou for making us so welcome and giving us a memorable end of year event.

Live Well Stay Well will reconvene in March 2025. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and very best wishes for 2025.

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 or 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!

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Waimea South Historical Society

by Yo Tye, Secretary

Historic Ecclesiastical Walk in conjunction with Tasman District Council's 'Step Out' initiative

On 31st October 2024 a group numbering between 45-65 met in the carpark of St John's Worship Centre in Edward St Wakefield before viewing an extensive display of historic photos which were laid out in the old St John's Sunday School building and then moving on up the hill to the historic St John's Anglican Church. Once there, a brief version of its history was read by Yo Tye.

Moving inside the old Church Caroline Gibbs provided more of its fascinating history, furnishing it with fascinating stories and pointing out the now fading cat paw prints on the ceiling of the Chancel, made in about 1846 during the construction of the church in the yard of Edward Baigent, prior to its transportation onto the present site by George McRae and his horse and dray. An extensive cemetery beside the church holds the key to many historical stories.

The group then crossed the road to Pitfure House where Margaret Clark read out the history of this interesting property, once part of Pitfure Farm, now owned by Peter and Jo Donovan. From its first owner Captain Richard England along with his manager George McRae in 1842-3, it holds a significant place in the history of New Zealand and for Nelson and Wakefield in particular, as places of settlement under the guidance of Arthur Wakefield an agent with the New Zealand Company. The present Pitfure House was built in 1876. It is positioned with a beautiful view amongst expansive gardens and has been beautifully restored.



Top Right: Pitfure House with Margaret Clark delivering her research notes.

Left: Some of the relics dug up by Peter Donovan within the house section.

Bottom Right: Inside St Joseph's Church with Ren Olykan delivering the history. In the background is the stained glass window which was installed in 2015.



A walk along Pitfure Road to St Joseph's Catholic Church was next on the agenda. Ren Olykan, a member of its congregation, presented an interesting summary of its history. Although land for the building of a Catholic Church had been allotted in 1858, the foundation stone was not laid until 10 Oct 1869 and the church was opened on 7th of May 1870 with a blessing being made by Father Garin and his curate Father Chareyre. The adjoining cemetery was also opened in 1870.

The magnificent stained glass window at the Western end was added in 2015. The bell, originally hanging in the spire, was removed and sold when the spire began disintegrating and had to be removed. However it has since been reunited with the church and is mounted on the wall at the entrance porch.

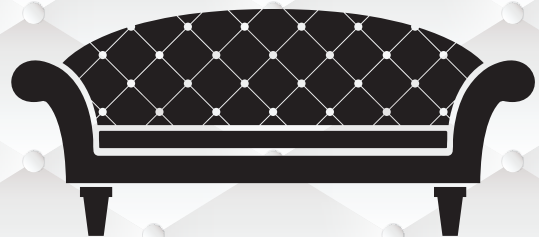
Back along Pitfure Road, towards Edward St, the walking party stopped outside the site of the former Brethren Gospel Hall where Roger Batt spoke of its interesting history. Built in 1865, under the auspices of James George Deck, a retired British Army Lieutenant who had undergone an evangelical conversion, it was the oldest such hall in New Zealand. Unfortunately, because it had never been listed as a historic building with the Tasman District Council, it deteriorated and when new owners took possession of the property, they were faced with removal or demolition.



Left: Members of the walking group are holding up photos of the old Gospel Hall whilst Roger Batt delivers its history



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A spellbound audience listens to Roger Batt delivering the historical story of the Brethren Gospel Hall.

... Plans for removal fell through but demolition took place in August 2024, revealing the full extent of the deterioration.

A Bible belonging to Samuel Fittall in 1867, who was the Chairman for the building committee, is part of its memorabilia and is in the possession of Dorothy Hole, who was once a leader of the Every Girls Rally organisation held there.

The final stop was at the site of the former Methodist Church on the corner of Edward and Arrow Streets. This church was deconsecrated in 2015 and is now the family home of Jenny and Nathan Lines.

Kathleen Dearnley shared her extensive research notes with the group. Opened in 1919, this particular church was the last in a series of Methodist Churches that were built south of Richmond. Those which had previously opened were at Spring Grove, Brightwater, Wai-iti, Dovedale and Foxhill.



Jenny Lines standing outside the entrance to her family home, once the Methodist Church in Wakefield.

The Methodist religion was initially known as Wesleyan after two brothers with the surname Wesley, but over time it became known as the Methodist movement largely because of their methodical approach to their Christian faith. In later years Presbyterians alternated their church services with Methodists in a successful shared arrangement within this church.

A warm thank you was given to Jenny who welcomed the walking group into her home to view the interior which is now fitted out as a family home. The walk was enjoyed by everyone who participated and many took advantage of stopping to enjoy lunch at either Little Sprig, The Villa or the Wakefield Bakery. It is planned to produce a booklet where the many historical stories and facts that were shared during the walk will be detailed.

Waimea Youth Council Movie Night

Waimea Youth Council, in collaboration with the Tasman District Council and Wakefield Community Council, hosted a fantastic outdoor movie night at the Wakefield Recreation Reserve. The event featured a lively performance by Imperfect Circles, a youth band from Motueka, who energized the crowd with their music. Attendees also enjoyed food and drinks, fun heads and tails competitions organized by the Youth Council, and, of course, the main attraction – Shrek on the big screen. The night was a great success, drawing a crowd of around 200 people who enjoyed the entertainment, community spirit, and a perfect evening under the stars.

Thank you to, the Wakefield Football club, Kristy Harte and JS Ewers.

Photos credit to Antony Hodgson.



Seedling Stars

At the end of last term, four Wakefield School students - Evie, Meg, Mila and Brodie - were filmed as part of a Country Calendar episode. Anne, a community volunteer who helps in the school propagation shed, was being interviewed in relation to her wool business. She mentioned to the producers that she also volunteers her time each week to help propagate plants with some students at Wakefield School.

The producers were very interested in making this a part of the programme, especially once they heard that the trees and seedlings that were being propagated had contributed to our bird cafe planted on the school grounds. So once the green light was given by everyone involved, the film crew made their plans to visit Wakefield. This set everyone in Room 8 off on a mission to weed and tidy up the Bird Cafe to make it presentable. Two wheelie bins of green waste later and massive effort by the Room 8 team meant we had one ready-for-TV bird cafe.

When the film crew arrived, Evie, Meg, Mila and Brodie had to speak on camera about what they had been doing with Anne and what gave us the idea to build a bird cafe.

As part of their conversation, the students mentioned the Radio New Zealand documentary we had watched in class called The Fight for the Wild which highlighted the nationwide goal of being predator-free in New Zealand by 2050.

It was such a great moment because one of the film crew identified that he had put the programme together and was really pleased that the children, not just adults, had been able to take something from the programme.

The Country Calendar episode aired on Sunday 24 November and we thought it was really interesting to get a behind the scenes look at what Anne does and see ourselves on TV.



Wakefield & Districts Health Trust

by Julie Mcleod

Wakefield and Districts Health Trust owns and maintains the Wakefield Health Centre building and also supports medical and health-related services in the wider community while looking to generally enhance the health and well-being of the community.

Maintenance projects have been a focus this year as well as supporting the Health Centre to maximise the use of their rooms.

A bike rack for patients and a designated mother and baby parking area are planned for outside the front of the Health Centre. This will also be beneficial for Whānau Āwhina Plunket car seat checks.

The 15 AEDs the trust funds and maintains have all had their annual checks and services. Maintenance of the AEDs remains an ongoing project. Every year the collection of all 15 AEDs is timed to meet the arrival of the technician from Auckland followed by the quick return of all 15 to their locations. Batteries need replacing regularly as well as pads.

Each AED is also monitored over the year either by a member of the Trust or by people in the community. We are grateful for their assistance. The Trust AEDs are in Wakefield, Spring Grove, Dovedale, Belgrove, Kohatu, Tadmor, Golden Downs, Glenhope and St Arnaud.

You can find more information and download the excellent AED Location app here <https://aedlocations.co.nz/about/>. This includes other AEDs in the area, many are also listed in this publication, there is also a link at the top of Wakefield Health Centre Website.

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Wakefield School

We went to the fire station. We got to look at the fire truck. We did activities like the hose. But my favourite thing was the one that you pretend you are asleep and the alarm goes off and we had to get down, get low and get out fast. We all hopefully learnt a lot. I had fun, actually a lot of fun.

by Kyra

Suddenly we were in action. Starting our first class. My favourite was when we had to knock over the cones with the fire hydrant. I am very thankful for all the firefighters have done for us. I give a big thank you to them. It was a good visit to the fire station. It was fun. Tom kept on talking about the lolly stash, I swear the whole time! There were 4 activities.. They were all 10 minutes. Then Tom and Angus said 'thank you' to the fire fighters from all of us. And we walked back to school. It was a fun trip with the Tui Team. Thank you for letting us go.

by Ayla

Today we went to the fire station and the first thing that my group did was looking at the equipment and then we went through the fire truck and saw walkie talkies. Next we rolled and unrolled a hose. The next thing we did was use a hose to squirt and knock cones over and make it go over the fence. After that we learned how to get out safely so we practised doing it as if there was a fire. After that we looked at what firefighters wear.

by Dominic

We arrived at the fire station. I just couldn't wait to do some activities. My favourite fire truck was the yellow truck. It was for farm fires and the red truck was for street fires. I knew that as soon as I saw it. I could tell by the wheels, they were smaller than the farm tyres. I liked the farm truck because it had a nice smell to it and because I live on a farm.

It was awesome at the fire station; I haven't been there for ages.

by Alex

First we had to sit down where the fire trucks would be, then the fire people introduced themselves. After that we got into our groups and went to lessons. The first one was the hose, we had to knock over cones. I knocked it over in, like, 2 seconds! After that we went to a fire alarm one. When the fire alarm went off then we had to commando crawl under a black sheet. Then we had to run to the flag pole. We were screaming! Then Angus dressed up as a fire fighter. Then we went to the last activity. We had to climb in the fire truck and we got to sit in the front.

by Tom

Today we went straight to the fire station. As soon as we were there I could see the fire trucks and all of the other activities for us. Then the teachers guided us to the mat; they put us in the activities. First my group went to Amy's group. Leo B dressed up in the fire fighter costume. Then we went to have a look inside the fire trucks. They were so tall and cool.

Next we went to do the hose. It was Amy's favourite. You have to try to knock the cones over with the hose. Very last of all we walked all the way to a room with a table. Dot wanted to test us on the fire alarm so we pretended to sleep then she turned it on and we had to wake up and crawl under the blanket and then out of the door.

by Bonnie



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The brigade along with the Sky Challenge founder Tony Scott presented the “Patu award” to Rob who along with James built a set of escalator stairs from scrap materials sourced from around the area.

The idea came about while they were coming up with training ideas for the Sky Tower Challenge back in 2019. They then donated the stairs to the cause where it is used at public locations by participating brigades to fundraise for the sky tower challenge. To date the stairs have directly raised in excess of \$130k and is so successful they are currently building another set.

Video link here : <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eWm1Y9xz9hwXdk-JdYne7GY5L4Z6e9gd/view?usp=sharing>

Ehara taku toa, he takitahi he toa takitini – “I am not the strength of one, but the strength of many”

Congratulations Rob & James on your well-deserved award that is clearly making a notable contribution to such a worthy cause, we appreciate and admire your mahi with this project.



Total call for the year 218

November calls:

- Alarm activation – 1
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- Structure fire -1

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Wakefield Youth Hangout

by Julian Eggers

Wakefield Youth Hangout has been buzzing with activity over the past couple of months, offering a variety of exciting events for local teens.

From boxing sessions at Dixon's Boxing Gym to thrilling Aqua Run and Luge experiences at Bridge Valley Adventure Centre, the group has enjoyed a wide range of fun and fitness.

There have also been regular HQ Hangs at the hall, along with sessions down at the Recreation Reserve in collaboration with the junior football club.

Of course, no event would be complete without heaps of delicious food – from BBQs and hot chips to indulgent ice cream sundaes.

It's been fantastic to see the young people of Wakefield coming together, hanging out, and forming new friendships.

What a memorable year it's been, and we extend our thanks to Wakefield Engineering Limited for their amazing support.

You truly are beautiful people!



Wakefield Art Group will be taking a break from 12th Dec 2024 recommencing 16th Jan 2025 at Wakefield Hall Thursday mornings 9.30 – 12.00

We have had a very successful year and wish to thank Bo Hensley for publishing Art Collages on the Wakefield Website. Mellissa, and other administrators for accepting art collages on the Wakefield Community Facebook Group, which have been varied, with photos of Water Colours, Oils & Acrylic Paintings and Pencil Sketching, being sourced at our sessions weekly.

We would also thank, 'WHY NOT' Wakefield business community, for inviting us to participate in a very successful weekend in our Village. We are grateful for Michael and his team at THE VILLA CAFÉ, for exhibiting our group artworks with much enthusiasm.

Wakefield Art Group, also has an exhibition running at Oakwood Retirement Village, until the end of January – Thank-you Alyson & Marloes for co-ordinating this.

We would like to thank the Wakefield Hall Management team for providing an excellent venue for creating art every week during the year.

Alison & Muriel
For Wakefield Art Group

Dancing Nationals

by Joel Scott

We have been using the village hall for dance training towards NZ nationals event and a competition in Sydney. I danced with two ladies:

Rebecca Higham...

in the Pro/am Ballroom, standard and Latin events. Rebecca is a professional and teaches dance in Upper Moutere. See Facebook: Dancing with Becks for more info

Briana Geary...

in Masters 1 and Adult C and B Grade ballroom and New Vouge.

We had the Nz Nationals event here in Nelson over Labour Weekend. The first time in history to be held in Nelson. The event was very well supported, with our largest event having 24 couples on the floor.



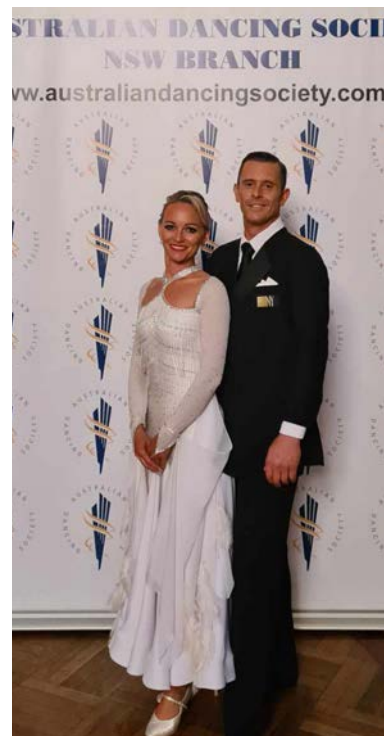
Joel and Brie won the Master's 1 NZ C Grade New Vouge title and runners up in NZ C grade ballroom., as well as 3rd Masters 1 B grade New Vouge and 3rd Masters 1 B grade ballroom.

ProAm events are held for Professionals to dance with their student or any amateur. Joel and Rebecca finished first in Masters 1 pro/ am New Vouge and Runners up in Masters 1 pro / am Ballroom and Latin.

With a weeks break in between we then popped over to Sydney for the East Coast Classic Dance Championships held in the iconic Sydney town hall.

Joel and Brie came away with a few wins; The Masters 1 C and B grades New Vouge, as well as the Masters 1 C grade standard, and finalist in the Adult open New Vouge.

We had a fabulous time and thank the village hall committee for making the hall available when we needed it.



On behalf of the Wakefield Community Council, we would like to extend our warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas to all in our wonderful community.

As we reflect on the year, we are grateful for the spirit of togetherness, kindness, and support that makes Wakefield such a special place to live.

May this festive season bring you joy, peace, and precious moments with loved ones.

Here's to a bright and prosperous New Year ahead, filled with new opportunities and shared memories. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us at the Wakefield Community Council!

We will see you at our first meeting in the new year, February 2025.

- Julian Eggers
Chairperson, Wakefield Community Council



Willow Bank Heritage Village



WE DID IT!!! We made paper.

Last year, we grew linseed, and last month we turned it into paper without using any chemicals. Instead of caustic soda, we used wood ash and baking soda. Here's how we did it:

1. After harvesting, we dried the linseed in our greenhouse for several months.
2. Julian chopped the linseed stalks and soaked them in water.
3. We bought a small Critter Hollander Beater — originally developed by the Dutch in 1680 to produce paper pulp.



4. After two weeks of soaking, we boiled the stalks with wood ash and baking soda for several hours.

5. Medea and Christine used a food processor to chop the stalks into finer pieces, then added them to the Hollander Beater.

6. After a few hours, the pulp was ready. Medea scooped it with frames and placed the pulp onto cotton cloths, sponging off excess water. She layered the sheets before pressing them under a book press to remove even more moisture.

We then hung the cloths to dry, and now we have our first (rough) sheet of homemade paper!



Wakefield Community Hub - Our Place

BANG! Wakefield Community Hub Fundraising off to a great start!

by Laura Richardson

November 5th saw the first fundraising event for Our Place, Wakefield Community Hub. Members of the community came out to support Quiz Night at the Little Sprig, wonderfully hosted by Ryan Edwards with great raffle prizes donated by 3 Bee, Connings and many others who added to the raffle table.

Peter Verstappen welcomed everyone as "Foundation Members" to the Hub's fundraising campaign. Each person present has received a certificate commemorating their contribution. AND WE RAISED \$624!! If that is what the power of our community can do in two hours just imagine what we will achieve in two years!

As well, the Steering Group and others continue to be busy moving the project forward. Fundraising Strategy Meetings are taking place to set out a plan. Design Meetings are taking place to review what we have and what we want. Ongoing discussions with key players, like Wakefield Community Council and TDC, continue to foster relationships and our strong commitment to the Hub. We pop up at events, like the recent Wakefield School Gala, so we may hear your thoughts or let you know about the Our Place project. You are welcome to our Steering Group Meetings, announced on Facebook. Our flag flies high so keep on the lookout and come by and say hello.

Don't forget, you can stay informed through our Facebook Page, Wakefield Community Hub - Our Place and our website waimeasouth.org.nz.

So as we draw closer to Christmas and the summer, we wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Merry Kihihimete and all the best for a very Happy New Year!



Wai-iti Dark Sky Report

20th March 2024 at 8:00pm

Siddhi Shah and Devansh Mehta, avid star gazers from Bombay, India, were in New Zealand on their honeymoon and requested a night star gazing in the Southern hemisphere. They arrived with two others from Hawaii and four campers joined us for a night under the stars. So, small star party for eight.

21st June 2024 - Brightwater Matariki Event at Snowden Bush Reserve

The day and evening forecasts were poor, with cloud predicted for the evening. We attended the event, four astronomers arrived. As the evening progressed it was better than expected and some good steady viewing was possible. The event was run by Brightwater Rural Connections. We estimate between 130-150 folk enjoyed the viewing, mostly accompanied children.

6th July 2024 - Club night at the DSP

It was decided by the NAS committee that the July Club night would take place at the Wai-iti DSP on 6th July 2024. All the predictors indicated a cloudy night but by 15:45 it was still clear. Four of the club turned out. Cloud did roll in and went again several times. But some viewing was possible. Gordon Mather came from Golden Bay and bought the Takaka club 6" dob. The night was enjoyed by the few who attended.

3rd August 2024 - DSP Star Party (Scorpio rising)

With six astronomers present, people were arriving before we set up properly. It was a beautiful clear night and enjoyed by all, with some great feedback. We had about 50 registered and others came via Facebook advertising, at least 60 attended the evening. Both Brent and Nevin produced some great images for the records.

31st August 2024 - Why not Wakefield Star Party

This event was planned to be part of the "Why not Wakefield weekend." Wakefield businesses were encouraging the District community to go and experience activities in Wakefield. The event was successful but cloud meant our star party was cancelled.

The **September 7th** Star party unfortunately met the same fate. **October 5th 2024** - This Star Party was to be part of "TDC's step out month" Events free to the public. The programme was to include a BBQ and hot drinks sponsored by TDC. This event was cancelled as it rained on the day and the postponement day as well, the evenings were very wet.

7th December 2024 - Saturday night at Wai-iti DSP

This will replace our December club meeting. A club night under the stars. BYO drinks and BBQ and a stay overnight is planned for those who would like to stay over. The night is intended to include partners, and children. Starts at 5:00pm, BBQ 6-7, set up gear, public viewing from 9 to 10pm - both Venus and the moon visible at twilight.

Annual Attendance Total: 222 - 7 events planned, four held, three cancelled because of poor weather.

Other Happenings

- I take regular light readings, throughout the year on fine clear nights or early mornings as required by DSI. I prepare and write an extensive annual report to DSI, to keep the Park registered.
- I attend Monthly Wakefield Community Council and give an annual report, and promote Dark skies and our activities.
- I have spoken to the TDC 10 year plan on 15th April and the 8th May to promote the DS mission.
- We promoted Dark Sky Park posters at the RASNZ Conference.
- As a result of growing light pollution at the Park I have requested TDC to mandate lighting conditions on developers. They committed to suggest 3000k, and not sure if they have done that.
- I have met with Wakefield business owners to plan events and promote our cause.
- We met with Martin Rodd DOC regional manager about DS in Kahurangi NP. Sean Walker is taking the lead on this initiative.
- We have had a series of meeting with Gareth Davies re starting work on a Kahurangi DRS
- I have arranged and promoted our events and book the park for each one.
- I sat in an all day meeting on Nov 5 to submit our objection to the Becon Media sign application in Richmond. I was there in person to present to the commissioner and various groups present.
- I attended the four day Starlight Conference in Tekapo in late October along with Jeremy Taylor (who runs our web site) and Dennis Goodman, all representing our region. Our posters were on display there too.
- John Burt ran an event for the Motueka High school students on August 10-11th again this year, at Anchorage. Dennis assisted, and they make a point of speaking about the importance of Dark skies at that event, spreading the word to the next generation.
- We are still searching for the main sources of the growing light pollution at the park.

Big thanks to the DS team for their hard work and support, to NAS members for their faithful support and turning out with gear to support our events, and to Nelson Science Society for their support. And the many other communities, like the Wakefield Community Council. Thank you to all. Happy Christmas. Dark skies team leader.

Ralph Bradley.



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Wakefield Village Kindergarten

by Mareta Burbidge

The kaiako, tamariki and whānau of Wakefield Village Kindergarten were privileged to be a part of the official opening ceremony and planting of the new playspace at Faulkner Bush. After many visits during the construction of the playspace we are now regular visitors and have been having a fantastic time playing there.

We have delighted in the children challenging themselves and gaining more and more physical confidence each time we visit. This playspace is such an asset for Wakefield; we wish to send a huge thank you to the committee and all of the people who worked tirelessly to ensure we had a playspace that is so suited to our community.

One of our whānau, aka the 'Witch of Wakefield' invited us to visit her home. We dressed up in our costumes and when we arrived discovered an amazing array of Halloween decorations, games and activities. Luckily there were no tricks, only treats for our tamariki.



We are planning another bus trip, which will be to the Nelson Gymnasium, we know we will have a great trip and return to kindy happily exhausted.

This will support children's physical development and enhance the skills the tamariki have been achieving on the new playspace.

By the time this article is published it will nearly be Christmas, so from all of the kaiako at Wakefield Kindy, we wish you all the most wonderful festive season, surrounded by the people, places and things that you love.





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IN THE BUSH

Reporting In From Evie South - President

Phew, like us many of you, will have been dodging the changeable weather patterns and for our Society volunteers, especially when trying to coordinate good weather days, for our bush maintenance times.

We have all certainly been moving and shaking with many of us doing extra hours, just to stay on top of the incredible weed spirt !!!

The Faulkner bush hill, got a good weed release, replacement of protectors due to wind damage and staking some distressed plants, not quite strong enough to go it alone.



We were also encountering a great amount of Asian paper wasp hives in our protectors and dealing to them as we went.

My largest find was 20 wasps in one nest.

For the safety of our volunteer team we have also, as a precaution, added antihistamine tablets to our *working* first aid kit.

I also added some to my personal home kit as I have located 10 or more nests in the rafters of my garage.

And the previous year while gardening I got multiple stings from a nest in a Hebe, this year I have even found a start-up one in my letterbox!

So do be vigilant yourselves too as when disturbed they will sting.

Thanks also to our construction team, Murray, Eric, Duncan & Evie for coming up with a better solution for replacing the styles on one of the walkways at Faulkner Bush to a gate system, for easier access.

AND huge shout out to the amazing gentleman, who showed up with wonderful sausage rolls for our morning tea!!!

SO we took a longer break than normal, to sit down and fully enjoy them.

Also a meeting of minds with the TDC reserves department to make the “kissing” gate in the middle of the Robson’s Scenic Reserve track, easier to open for access to the southern end of the track.

However being mindful that the gravelled track at the southern end, heads down a steep slope, which would not be advisable for any folks with mobility issues to go further.

DOG CONTROL BYLAWS – As we go to print, no information to hand on the changes that may be implemented, however this information should be due out any day and hopefully maps/signage will follow, so that we can all **be fully aware** of the areas, for dog exercise off lead and areas of lead only, **etc**.

Personally, and I know money is tight for many TDC projects, however I strongly believe that appropriate, easy to read signage is paramount, as well as more “**doggy dump**” receptacles for our local Scenic Reserves.

DONATIONS – Sincere thanks to those who kindly support our activities, with anonymous donations, gives us all a buzz, because many of our good works can go unnoticed, as just being part of what we do on a very regular basis.

SOUTH FAMILY Our sincere thanks to Avis Blowers (nee South), & Evie, for kindly donating a seat for the bottom of the Robson’s track. Three of our members (Doug Donaldson, Eric Palmer and Murray D) went down to choose the site **for their best mate to be remembered**.

It is fittingly at the location, where Doug South managed to finish his last project for this Reserve. Just some site checking with TDC reserves etc. and hopefully installation to follow promptly.

THANK YOU ALL

So few words really to express our gratitude for the support of our community and appreciation so readily expressed for our endeavours over the last year, we have certainly had a full calendar and another 2,000 native plants in to “care” for.

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Higgins Heritage Park Happenings

by David Win

Our member groups; Pigeon Valley Steam Museum, Historic Transport Museum, Rover Car Club Nelson, Nelson Vintage Engine and Machinery Club, Army Group Centre and The Ray Win Collection wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Please stay safe, enjoy the festive season and we look forward to seeing you at the park in 2025.

There have been continuous activities with maintaining the park and the many group projects this past few months so it was timely for our volunteers' to take time-out for a Park BBQ.

One group project on the go by The Historic Transport Museum team has been the restoration of an Apple and Pear Marketing Board TK Bedford. With the chassis previously finished and awaiting the cab and deck to be added, painting of the cab has now commenced.

The Nelson Vintage Engine & Machinery Club have also added an extension for their library and a display area.

Another project that has made good progress this year and is now almost ready for certification has been the 1/3 scale Burrell Steam Traction Engine which we expect will have "steam-up" early next year.

Our annual community craft fair planning is well underway, and we look forward to seeing you all on the 2nd of January for a great day of 'country atmosphere'.

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The Big Bake Up

by Melissa Woodhouse

Everyone is on the countdown for Christmas and we are no exception. Getting the freezer stocked up with meals to carry us over the holiday season and allow our team to take a break. We have made a decision this year to close from Friday 20th December - Monday 13th January for a well needed rest. We will check emails over this period sporadically, if there is a request then email it through and we will action when we can.

This month in the kitchen we have made a variety of yummy meals. Cottage pie and lamb shoulder with mashed potatoes and carrot, meat courtesy of Chur Bol. Roast vege stacks served with cashews and satay sauce, potato bakes and beef casserole.

Our business sponsor for this month is Wakefield Auto Services, we are very grateful for their support in servicing our business vehicle.

Thank you for supporting our community pantry, the money raised from your donations goes straight back into the costs associated with our meal cookups. This month we have collected around \$300 from the donations on the stand which equates to roughly 60 meals.

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windowonwakefield@gmail.com
or ring 541 9005**

'Why Not Wakefield' Retreat

by Elspeth Everitt

When Oka Cottage was asked to get involved with the 'Why Not Wakefield' Weekend, we jumped at the chance. Supporting our local community is hugely important to Oka Cottage and providing a nice weekend's accommodation for the prize winner was our pleasure. What we didn't expect was to make such a lovely connection with the winner.

We were pleased to tell them more about Wakefield as they were very keen to learn about the heritage of the place. They had a good look around. They thoroughly enjoyed their stay at Oka Cottage and told us it was a relaxing, peaceful break, away from the hustle and bustle of town. Oka Cottage would also like to thank all of the other fabulous Wakefield businesses that had provided vouchers for them to enjoy during their stay.



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Thursday 2nd January 2025

**ANNUAL BOOK SALE, TRASH 'N' TREASURE PLUS
DEVONSHIRE TEA**



At Lake Rotoiti Community Hall

9 am to 1 pm

For more information or if you have books to donate,
please phone Marg Anderson 0274 172 690 or
email avarest6868@gmail.com

PLUS

**Trash "N" Treasure, (limited number of tables),
Please phone Nicky Shaw 0279 311 473 or 035211106**

**There will be tea/coffee + scones @ \$5.00
- cash or direct transfer**

**Look forward to
seeing you at the
Book Sale.**



**Funds raised from
sales go back
into the
Community**

Wakefield Health Centre

Christmas and New Year

As in previous years we will only be closed for the statutory holidays. During the short weeks between Christmas and the New Year and the first week of January we will be running a skeleton staff at reduced hours and will only be accepting acute appointments on the day.

Repeat Prescriptions – Christmas and New Year

With Christmas approaching, it is a good time to double check you have your long-term medications ordered in good time. Give us a call or order through the portal.

Meningococcal Disease

Do you have a child starting university, living in halls of residence? They are eligible for vaccinations. Please see below for more information.

Although, meningococcal disease can affect anyone, teenagers and young adults living closely with others (eg in boarding schools or university halls of residence), are at high risk and should be vaccinated to protect against meningococcal disease.

- Menactra® is free for people aged 13 to 25 years who, within the next 3 months will be living, or are in the first year of living in:
 - o boarding school hostel
 - o university hall of residence
 - o military barracks
 - o prison

- Menactra, NeisVac-C and Bexsero are free for people who have low immunity from certain medical conditions, or if they are a close contact of a meningitis case. You can purchase these for those that are not eligible for a free one.

Meningococcal vaccines help protect you for up to five years. Talk to us if your last one was more than five years ago. For more information about getting immunised against meningococcal disease talk to your doctor, nurse.

The team here at Wakefield Health Centre wish you a healthy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.



Wakefield Health Centre Surgery hours:

Monday to Friday 8.30am – 5:30pm
Wednesday 8.30am – 7pm

Phone 541 8911
12 Edward St Wakefield

Kereru's Contentment

by Petros

A smart new gym had opened in the village, the first in the district. Some of the local birds, young ones especially, were taking more interest in their fitness levels and their body-image... other people's as well, inevitably.

The fantails, who had signed up already, were tweeting each other:

We need to talk to Kerry, eh.

Yeah she's, like, letting herself go.

Her branch won't hold her much longer LOL.

Get her a sub?

Yes, let's do it.

Kererū knew what her friends said about her. It didn't bother her a bit.

She'd Googled "wide-bodied" just out of interest, and what she found had turned her life around:

The Boeing 747, the original Jumbo Jet, is still regarded as the most graceful and well-designed aircraft of the whole commercial fleet.

It's all about style.

She smiled to herself, took a deep breath, and soared higher and higher, right up to stall point, then tumbled down in a dramatic flourish.

Go on, you pipsqueak Pīwakawakas, see if you can match that for class!

If you've got it, Sisters, flaunt it!





"...for all creatures great & small..."

HOURS:

Monday 8.30 – 5.00 with Brenda consulting all day
Tuesday 8.30 – 5.00 with Brenda - morning consults only
Wednesday 8.30 – 12 Nurse only
Thursday 8.30 – 5.00 with Paula – morning consults only
Friday 8.30 – 12.00 Nurse only

Ph 541 8974

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Psst! Have You Heard?

More and more locals are choosing
Ed Thynne Hearing.

"After trying hearing aids many years ago, which didn't work, I was amazed at the difference hearing aids from Ed made. Sound was rich and full without being overwhelming"

-Peter, Tasman

Visiting Wakefield Health Centre fortnightly



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Email: ed@edthynnehearing.co.nz
Web: edthynnehearing.co.nz



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Community Notices



ADAPTIVE RESILIENCE SOLUTIONS



WHAT TO KNOW FOR A WATER OUTAGE

If you're on the village water supply, your taps might stop working if there's an issue with the mains. If you're on a well and rely on an electric pump, a power outage can stop your water too. In both cases, having stored water and a backup plan is essential.

LOCAL WATER + POWER UPDATES



TDC website

Antenno App

Adaptive Resilience Solutions Facebook



PLAN AHEAD

Keep a few food-grade containers filled and stored in a cool, dark place. Aim for at least 3 liters per person per day, enough to last for at least three days. Label your water storage containers, so you know which ones are for drinking and which are for other uses. Rotate your stored water every six months to keep it fresh, and remember: don't wait until the taps run dry to get prepared!

Keep water purification tablets or a portable water filter in your emergency kit. If you need to purify water, boiling is the most effective method—boil for at least one minute to kill bacteria and viruses. If boiling isn't an option, use tablets or filters designed to make water safe to drink.

Reserve your clean water for cooking and basic hygiene. You can use non-potable water (like rainwater) for washing dishes, flushing your toilet, or cleaning around the house.

RAINWATER



Rainwater can be a lifesaver for non-drinking uses like watering your garden or flushing the toilet.

If you have a garden, store some water for summer water restrictions. You can use rain barrels, water tanks, or even clean rubbish bins to collect water from your downpipe.

A First Flush Diverter can be installed on your down pipe to help prevent leaves and debris from your gutters from washing into your rain barrels.



Wakefield & Districts
ANGLICAN CHURCH

YOU'RE INVITED TO

Food and Faith at Five

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER @ 5PM

FAMILIES OF ALL AGES WELCOME

WAKEFIELD WORSHIP CENTRE
120 EDWARD ST, WAKEFIELD



A simple format: dinner with a chance to build friendships and go deeper with questions of faith. All are welcome.

FOR MORE INFO: PHIL GREENWOOD, PHILG.STBARNABAS@XTRA.CO.NZ



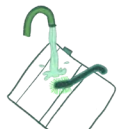
The old public library building
61 Edward street

Kia ora Wakefield,

We have an exciting new community space starting in the old public library building across from the school. We are going to be hosting repair events, workshops, scooter and bike repairs, and meet-ups and are in need of some storage cabinets and supplies.

We are also offering an alternative recycling collection point for tetrapaks, plastic bottle lids, and soft plastics. All recycling must be clean before drop off!!

If you're interested in future events, school holiday classes, or how you can help support us, check out our facebook page, Wai-iti Workshop



Tetrapaks are those food containers that hold liquids like milk, yogurt, chicken stock, or up-and-go. Cut them down the sides to create a flat surface Wash them off and let them dry. You don't want any food residue

Bring them to the new bins at the Wakefield Public Library building on Edward Street during opening hours Monday 3:00-4:30 or Saturday 10-11.

Hours will be expanding shortly



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.

You can share your ideas by emailing us on wakefieldtoylibrary@gmail.com or pop in and see us during our opening hours,

Saturday 10:00am-11:00am
and Mondays 3:15pm-4:30pm

The Wakefield Community Toy Library is for everyone!

MEALS ON WHEELS - DRIVERS WANTED

Do you have some time to volunteer in our community?
Do you have a car?

If so, how about joining our team to deliver Meals on Wheels to elderly or unwell folks.

Meals are picked up from The Homestead Rest Home in Wakefield at about 11am.

Delivery takes 1 1/2 - 2 hours.

We need a driver to do alternate Mondays.

If this sounds like something you would be keen to do, please phone Heather 541 8151 or 027 541 8151 for more info.

Community Classifieds

FOR SALE

November

Weaned spring calves - steers
3 x Charolais Fresian X
1 x Mixed breed beef X
Quiet, well grown, electric fence trained.
Ph Alison 0211680324

FOR SALE

October

Dolls, dolls clothes, knitted and sewn.
Will also make outfits for your daughters
dolls out of her favourite clothes eg jeans,
frocks and t-shirts.
Phone Judy on 541 8342 or 027 327 5373

FOR SALE

November

Mens red bicycle
Avanti 29" - 21 gears, never used
Phone Graham 03 541 8363

FOR SALE

November

Sharp Refrigerator with freezer section in
working condition.
Indesit automatic washing machine in
working condition.
Logic television in working order.
Offers either individually \$120 each
or \$ 350 all told.
Buyer must be able to move and collect.
Contact 0212 594 532

FOR SALE

November

Trampoline, Rectangle, good condition,
\$50
For further info please contact
027 541 8428

Spring Grove Church of Christ

Main Road, Spring Grove

**Worship and Communion Sundays
10am**

You are welcome to attend

"Jesus is the reason for the season"

"Luke Ch 2 v10
But the angel said to them. "Do not be afraid.
I bring you good news of great joy
that will be for all people.

v11 Today in the town of David a Saviour has
been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

v12 This will be a sign to you. You will find a
baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger"



WAKEFIELD
COMMUNITY
COUNCIL

We invite you to



At the next
Wakefield Community
Council Meeting

**Monday 16th December 2024
7:00pm
Wakefield Village Hall**



Wakefield Craft Group



**Come and join the ladies Craft Group
held on Wednesday mornings
in the Fire Brigade Supper Room
Pigeon Valley Road
9.00am - 12pm**

**Bring any project - sewing, knitting, crochet.
Learn to knit or crochet or just come for a look
and join us for tea, coffee and company.
Small donation**

For more information phone Judy on 5418342



An enthusiastic & supportive group exchanging ideas

Wakefield Village Hall



THURSDAY 9.30 am-noon

Bring your Pencils, Paint & Pastels

\$4 donation per session

Everyone Welcome. All levels of interest

For more information checkout Wakefield Website

<https://www.wakefield.org.nz> Clubs & Societies

Community Directory

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

Higgins Heritage Park
Secretary: David Win 027 631 6786
info@higginsheritagepark.co.nz

Higgins Park Community Fair
David & Diane Win 544 7096
info@higginsheritagepark.co.nz

Spring Grove Drill Hall
C Stratford 542 3992

Totaradale Golf Club
Sue James 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
Food & Faith: 5.00pm every 2nd & 4th 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 Health Centre
541 8911

Wakefield Pharmacy
541 8418

Wakefield Playcentre
541 7097

Wakefield Volunteer Fire Brigade
CFO Wattie Mortimer 022 492 8841
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

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
C/- Wakefield School

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 Village Kindergarten
20 Whitby Way
Phone 021 0227 1762
or 03 5418086

Wakefield School PTC
ptawakefield@gmail.com

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

Wakefield Village Hall
Amby Cowe
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541 8869

Window on Wakefield
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Sonia Emerson

Window on Wakefield
Advertising - 541 9641
Genie & Lindsay Bradley

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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**.

In the event of an emergency, for urgent public messages, tune in to:
More FM 94.1, Classic Hits 89.8, Fresh FM 95.4





*Wishing the Wakefield
community a restful, restorative
holiday season.*



Wendy Pearson
Owner and
Sales Consultant
021 567 722



Megan Shields
Sales Consultant

I am so delighted to welcome Megan Shields into the Welcome Real Estate team!

Megan has marketing expertise and is a licensed real estate salesperson, and being a digital native, can help me where I lack the skills. Best of all, she is a really lovely and kind person! I can't wait to work more with her in 2025.