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## Exciting New Chapter at Bridge Valley Adventure Centre

Bridge Valley Adventure Centre is thrilled to welcome James Worthington as its new General Manager, ushering in a fresh season of growth and leadership for the beloved community landmark. James, his wife, and their six children recently transitioned from life on the road in their custom-built house bus to settle at the Centre's managers quarters "The White House." Their journey, from civil engineering in North Canterbury to volunteer work in Israel, reflects their deep passion for building community and fostering relationships.

James is enthusiastic about embracing Bridge Valley's rich legacy. "It's humbling to stand on the shoulders of giants," James said, acknowledging the countless hours and resources poured into the centre by its founders and supporters over the past 40 years. His family is excited to integrate into the vibrant life at Bridge Valley and to see their children flourish through the centre's leadership and adventure programs.

## The Legacy of Bridge Valley

Stephanie Moore, one of the centre's founders, recalls the early days with warmth and wonder. She and her late husband, Allan, established Bridge Valley Christian Ranch in 1982 with a dream of creating a place where city youth could experience country life and encounter Jesus. Their initial vision faced numerous challenges, from funding hurdles to council opposition, but their determination and faith ultimately turned the dream into a reality.

"Allan and I couldn't have done it alone," Stephanie shared. "It was a community effort, from trustees and lawyers to builders and cooks. Seeing the impact Bridge Valley has had on generations of young people has been worth every struggle."

Over the years, the centre has expanded its offerings, now serving as a venue for school camps, conferences, retreats, and family adventures. Activities like laser tag, rock climbing, and high ropes provide physical and mental challenges, while Bible-based teachings and life skills programs help participants grow spiritually and socially.

## Looking Ahead

James is eager to build on the foundation laid by Allan and Stephanie, bringing innovation and enthusiasm to Bridge Valley. "This place is more than a camp—it's a community. Our goal is to continue fostering an environment of adventure, growth, and faith for people of all ages," James said.

As Bridge Valley looks to the future, the leadership of James Worthington promises to bring fresh energy and perspective to this treasured community asset. With its deep roots and forward-looking vision, Bridge Valley is poised for an exciting new chapter.

Keep an eye on Bridge Valley's calendar for upcoming camps and events, or stop by to meet James and his family. A warm welcome awaits you at the heart of the Bridge Valley Adventure Centre!



**Amendment::** Last month our article stated that the Wakefield School Gala raised \$32,272, it should have read, "we managed to raise an amazing \$37,272" - the Editor apologises for this error.

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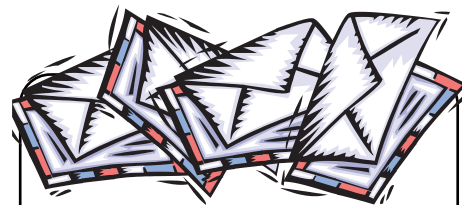
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# Town and Country Vet

by Brenda Halliwell, Vet

## New TDC Cat Regulations

As of 1 January 2025, Tasman District Council's new Cat Management Bylaw is in effect. This means:

- All domestic cats need to be microchipped, registered on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register (NZCAR) and desexed by the time they are six months old.

- Cats can be exempt from desexing if they are a breeding cat registered with a national breeding body, or if a vet considers the procedure could harm the health or welfare of the cat (this would be extremely uncommon eg a cat with heart disease so anaesthetic is risky)
- Owners of older cats have until June 2026 to comply with the bylaw.
- If you have a cat that is already desexed, microchipped and registered on NZCAR, you don't have to do anything else.

And remember:

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

These measures have been put in place to support cat welfare. Managing our pet cat population will enable us to better manage the feral and stray cat populations that live completely different lives to our pet cats. Until now there have been no rules and cat populations are out of control which is not good for cats or our environment.

A microchipped lost cat can easily and quickly be reunited with its family while an unmicrochipped lost cat is just another unidentifiable cat that ends up at a rescue centre or vet clinic and is rehomed or euthanased. Getting home quickly reduces stress for the cat as well as its owner. A desexed cat cannot breed which means fewer unwanted and unexpected kittens, fewer stray cats and fewer cats ending up in rescue centres. Desexed cats are less likely to roam, get injured on the road and get into fights.

In the next few years, TDC is also going to look into further cat management regulations such as limits on pet cat numbers, curfews and feeding cat colonies.

## Dogs in cars

Remember this is the time of year that it's really, really risky to leave your dog in the car. Dogs can be in danger of overheating in your car within a few minutes even in the shade.

Heatstroke is a life-threatening emergency. If not treated immediately and effectively, multiple organ failure occurs rapidly. Dogs that don't die at the time may die at a later stage due to complications or have permanent organ damage. They are also much more likely to have repeat heatstroke episodes.

Heatstroke is 100% preventable. Often the cases we see have happened because owners are distracted eg you're just going to pop into the shop to get one thing but you bump into a friend and chat for 15 minutes. If your dog is in the car take them out at your destination or leave a person in the car with them, or leave them at home.

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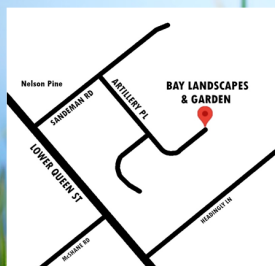
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# All on Board with Age Concern

by Caroline Budge

Age Concern Nelson Tasman is really excited to announce its new project – All on Board. This is an initiative to support and encourage the region's over 65s to use the eBuses that now connect many parts of Nelson Tasman, including Wakefield!

Age Concern has set the project up with support from both the Tasman District and Nelson City Councils, and is hoping that it will help improve older people's confidence in using buses. It may have been a long time since they have taken the bus, or they would like to but aren't sure where to start.

Age Concern's All on Board coordinator Jackie MacIntyre says: 'We want All on Board to reduce the barriers and enable our seniors to travel independently, provide flexibility, and have the knowledge and confidence to do so using an eBus. It's important that we all feel connected to our community and having transport to be able to do that is an essential element. Using the eBus can also provide exciting opportunities!'

The initiative has two key elements: Information Sessions; and guided bus trips.

The Information Sessions include:

- Opportunity to ask questions
- Gather relevant information
- Understanding the eBus timetable and how to read it
- Establishing people's bus routes and stops
- Purchase of a Bee card
- Planning ahead and booking for one of the eBus journeys with Age Concern staff and volunteer Bus Buddies

These sessions are being held in many locations throughout the region between December 2024 to June 2025.

**In Wakefield, there will be an Information Session in the village community library on Wednesday 12th March, between 10am and 12pm. There's no need to register, just pop in any time during the session.**


The second element of the initiative is guided eBus journeys that will have Age Concern staff and volunteer Bus Buddies on board to help.

**These bus journeys are on many different routes, and on Thursday 27th March, there's a planned journey between Wakefield and Nelson.**

**For more information, or to register for a bus journey you can contact Jackie on 03 544 7624 ext 4,**

email:  
community@ageconcernnt.org.nz

or go to our website at:  
www.ageconcernnt.org.nz/events-and-activities/all-on-board



## All On Board with Age Concern

### eBus Information Sessions and Journeys for Seniors

### December 2024 – April 2025

Come along and find out how you can use and feel more confident to travel using the eBus. The drop-in information sessions are to answer questions, gather information, see maps of where you can go, help read a timetable and purchase a Bee Card. And then plan a journey. **You will need to bring your Super Gold Card, community services card (if eligible) and some money to the drop-in sessions.**

### Drop-in eBus Information Sessions

Day	Date	Drop-in anytime between the times below	Location
Fri	6 Dec	2-4pm	Elma Turner Library, Nelson
Fri	17 Jan	10-12pm	Richmond Library, Queen Street
Tue	21 Jan	10-12pm	Stoke Library, 35 Putaitai St
Wed	12 Feb	10-12pm	Motueka Library, Wallace Street
Thur	13 Feb	2-4pm	Elma Turner Library, Nelson
Tue	25 Feb	2-4pm	Nightingale Library, Tahunanui
Thur	27 Feb	10-12pm	Stoke Library, 35 Putaitai St
Tue	4 March	2-4pm	Atawhai Playcentre Carpark, 655 Atawhai Crescent
Wed	5 March	10-12pm	Richmond Library
Tue	11 March	10-12pm	Motueka Library
Wed	12 March	10-12pm	Wakefield Community Library

For more information or cancellations see [www.facebook.com/AgeConcernNelsonTasman](https://www.facebook.com/AgeConcernNelsonTasman).  
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### Semi-Guided eBus Journeys (see opposite for full timetable)

Bookings are essential for these eBus journeys. Please register by contacting Age Concern on 03 544 7624 ext 4, message 021 195 8018 or email: [community@ageconcernnt.org.nz](mailto:community@ageconcernnt.org.nz).

These semi-guided journeys are supported by Age Concern staff & volunteer 'Bus Buddies' to assist you. The aim is to help build confidence while travelling on the eBus, stay connected and use free travel between 9am and 3pm. Please bring: your Bee card, Super Gold Card, money for a cuppa.

Recommended arrival time at each meeting point is **20 minutes before the eBus departure time.** (\*departure times are subject to change). Please note: there could be a distance of walking between eBus stops.

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# Waimea South Historical Society

by Yo Tye, Secretary

For the last meeting of the year, an enjoyable Christmas gathering was held at Willow Bank on 26th December. At first a general meeting was held followed a 'pot luck' lunch. As per usual, Christine Grieder had the premises beautifully presented which made it a very pleasant venue.

Once lunch was over, Yo Tye presented an interesting story about Samuel Fittall (1837-1917). He had first come to our notice when his signature, dated 1867, was found in an old Bible in the possession of Dorothy Hole.

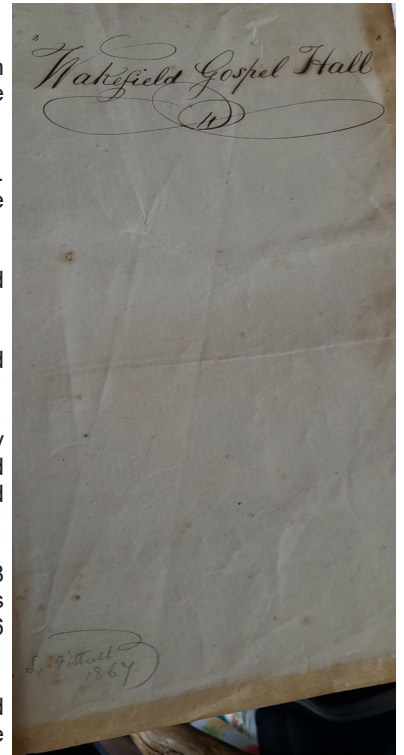
Dorothy had been a leader at Every Girls Rally, a Church based activity which took place in the old Brethren Gospel Hall in Pitfure Road.

Research undertaken for the recent 'Ecclesiastical Historic Walk' revealed that Samuel Fittall had been the Chairman of the Building Committee to have this Gospel Hall built in 1865.

Although he lived in Richmond where he had a paint shop on the corner of Queen St and Salisbury Road, he had married Ellen Marie Hooper of Wakefield. Ellen was the eldest daughter of Edwin and Eliza Hooper who were the proprietors of Hooper's Store on the corner of Pigeon Valley Road and Whitby Road in Wakefield.

One of Samuel and Ellen's granddaughters, Helen McRae-Fittall, taught at Wakefield and 88 Valley Schools in the 1920's. Samuel had been a prominent leader in Local Body affairs. He was instrumental in having Richmond declared a Borough and served as Richmond Town Clerk for 26 years. He was also Overseer of Richmond Council Roads Board.

Samuel and Ellen, who died in 1917 and 1925 respectively, are buried together in the Richmond Cemetery on Wensley Road. As a follow on, It has been a privilege to inform Dorothy Hole something about the mysterious signature in the old Bible.



At the conclusion of the presentation every person chose a 'mystery' Christmas present which had an 'old' theme and we were entertained by stories about their acquisitions. Our next meeting will be on 18th February with a field trip to Belgrove being planned and details will be advertised closer to the time.

Photo Left:  
Dorothy Hole shows Roger and Yo the historic Bible with Samuel Fittall's 1867 signature on it

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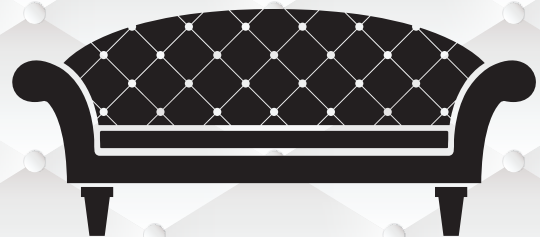
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## 2024 End of Year Wrap Up

It has been a very busy year for our dedicated team of men and woman at WVFB, as at the time of writing this (9<sup>th</sup> December) the brigade has had another record year of call outs coming in at 234 so far for 2024 compared with a total of 225 for all of 2023 and with still three weeks to go it is looking likely it will climb a bit higher still.



This year has seen some movement amongst the ranks within the brigade which has seen some great progression amongst the team:

- Craig Patterson, Operation Support Recruit – Operation Support Firefighter
- Daniel Vibert, Operation Support Recruit – Operational Support Firefighter
- Renee Ried, Recruit Firefighter - Firefighter
- Rosie Hollands, Recruit Firefighter – Firefighter
- Simon Star, Recruit Firefighter – Firefighter
- Bradley Reader, Qualified Firefighter – Senior Firefighter
- Alana Shields, Senior Firefighter – Station Officer
- Watson Mortimer, Senior Firefighter – Chief Fire Officer

And with quite a few more in the brigade spending many hours training and studying to progress we will see some more in the next 12 months moving up the ranks.

With summer weather starting in full swing with some very hot and dry conditions already out there it is also timely to stop and think about some of the tasks you might be up to around the home, property or farm over the summer break and remember to always go to [www.checkitsalright.nz](http://www.checkitsalright.nz) before starting any fires and for advice around how to protect you property from wildfires.





# Step Together Studios

## Step Together Studios: Wakefield's Young Ballroom Dancers

by Hazel Black

Believe it or not, every Thursday afternoon, the Wakefield School hall is home to a vibrant group of dedicated and passionate ballroom dancers. The young dancers of Step Together Studios gather to tweak their technique, collate their creativity and perfect their performance!

With the National Open Dancesport Championships being held in Nelson in October last year, we saw this as an unmissable opportunity for our aspiring future champions to draw inspiration from.

In order to support these young performers in attending the National level competition, we held a fundraising quiz at The Little Sprig in September. Thanks to the generosity of Ryan, Vicky and the team at The Little Sprig, and of course the local quiz attendees, we raised enough money to send all of our young students along to watch. They were extremely inspired by the standard of dancing they saw over Labour Weekend and are already setting their sights high for future achievements in ballroom dance.

Closely following this, our dancers sat their end of year examinations in November, with outstanding accomplishments. It is no easy feat getting up on the dance floor and dancing in front of not only an examiner from another city but, a rather sizeable audience of supportive family and friends.

All of our Step Together Studios dancers danced beautifully for the examiner and received brilliant results. They should all be extremely proud of what they have achieved.

I would like to make special mention of Wakefield's Elphine Murray, Grace Dephoff, and Lexa Dephoff who received Honours passes for their performances on the day, the highest mark available. Congratulations, your hard work paid off!

Ballroom dancing is much harder than it looks – on top of spending hours improving technique it requires working as a team with your partner and performing with confidence together. In addition to the obvious physical health benefits, ballroom dancing is fantastic for your mental health, too – releasing endorphins ("feel good" chemicals) and reducing stress and anxiety. It also allows you to express yourself and your creativity, improves self-esteem and enhances social interactions. With so many benefits it is excellent to see such a large group in our community getting involved.

I would also like to mention the huge contribution from our dance parents – none of this would happen without your time and commitment! Parents play an essential role in being our young dancers' cheerleaders, organisers, costume providers and so much more!

After a well-earned summer break, our young groovers will be back in the hall early February to work towards their next goals. In conjunction with other Nelson / Tasman based dance teachers, we are organising a competition here in Nelson, to be held at Club Waimea on 5th April. It was held for the first time in 2024 and our dancers competed in this as their first ever competition, and did exceptionally well. This is a fantastic opportunity for our dancers to perform and compete alongside couples from all over the South Island. Spectators are welcome and encouraged – so mark it in your calendar, come along and cheer on our local dancers and enjoy an afternoon of entertainment.

We have a busy year ahead with competitions, exams and performances - to stay updated follow @steptogetherstudios on Facebook. Congratulations to all dancers on their well-deserved successes, and here's to even more improvement and growth in 2025!

*Right: Some of Step Together Studios' competitors at the local Nelson competition in April 2024, from left: Isabella George, Emma Carmody, Hazel Black (teacher), Grace Dephoff, Billie-may Palmer, Scarlett Gray. In front Freya Dephoff, Lexa Dephoff.*

*Below Left: Leah Riddoch, Scarlett Gray, Billie-may Palmer and Lexa Dephoff at end of year examinations.*

*Below Middle: Emma Carmody being presented her first place certificate at the local Nelson dance competition in April 2024, in the 8 and under category.*



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## IN THE BUSH

*Reporting In From Evie South – President*

Hard to believe as this goes to print it will be delivered in the New Year 2025.

And for many, as we visit with friends and family, it can be a great time for reflections.

As it was for our volunteers, at our end of year wind up and Christmas celebration, which took place at the Robson Scenic Reserve on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

We formulated some “reflection” questions for our committee members; what were you doing when you were 20 and what was your favourite Christmas food, we had some interesting and thought provoking replies.

**Dorothy** our planting co-ordinator remembers with much fondness steamed Plum Pudding cooked with the sixpences, to be found (and not choked on!) when consuming this delicious treat.

Dorothy must have come from the more prosperous side of town, I only ever got threepences!!!!

**Gowan** was living at home in Dunedin, attending Otago University, Pavlova and Trifle were her favourites.

**Evie** was flatting (very trendy, at age 20 to be living by yourself) met Doug at 21 and absolutely loved with a passion, both Doug and Christmas Mince Pies.

**Sally** was at Lincoln University, Christchurch, favourite festive food, Glazed Hot Ham and fresh Strawberries.

**Ian** at 20 was in a Fijian Village- Nabouwalu in Bua, Vanua Levu, near the beginning of a two year working stay in the country. Favourite festive food – Indian Curry.

Ian said it was a bit unconventional, but this used to be a tradition sharing thing he did with his family in his early years, and so it still holds a certain nostalgic attraction for him.

**Diana** at 20 was in Lowry Bay, Eastbourne, Wellington, and was just home after a hitch hiking holiday. Christmas fare favs – Ham and Plum Pudding.

**Kerstin**, celebrated Christmas with her family in Germany and her absolute favourite Christmas food and drink were (and still are): Stollen – German Christmas Cake with lots of marzipan.

Gluhwein (mulled wine) or better still, Feuerzangenbowle (spiced rum punch made with fire-melted sugar that really knocks your socks off). Her grandad’s spicy Christmas cookies based on a secret family recipe- so secret, no one in the family now remembers how to make them!

Well Kerstin I think you have just sealed your fate, as next year our team are going to put two pairs of socks on and join you at your place for the , *Feuerzangenbowle*.

### PLUM PUDDING - Papers Past The Golden Bay Argus - 21<sup>st</sup> November 1895



Take three-quarters of a pound of flour, two ounces of Berwick's baking powder, two ounces of bread crumbs, one and a-half pounds of suet, two pounds of raisins, one pound of currants, ten ounces of sugar, two ounces of almonds, one pound of mixed candied, peel; salt and spice to taste; mix the ingredients well together, and add six eggs, well beaten, and three-quarters of a pint of milk; divide in two, and boil eight hours.

### OUR TEAM

We will take a break in January and start a fresh in February, a well-deserved time off, as many of our volunteers have done extra and very long hours this year in maintaining all three of our Scenic Reserves.

*Wishing you ALL a Fabulous & Fantastic Start to 2025*

*Kind regards from the Volunteer Team*

*Of The Wakefield Bush Restoration Soc (2000) Inc*

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# Higgins Heritage Park Happenings

by David Win

Our Team at Higgins Heritage Park wish all Window on Wakefield readers the compliments of the season and hope that 2025 is a year of good health, happiness and enjoyment for you.

If your New Year bucket list includes sharing your knowledge, skills and enjoying some quality timeout, why not consider volunteering? Higgins Heritage Park is home to six volunteer run Member Groups who enjoy restoring, maintaining and also displaying their exhibits. There is a focus on vintage and heritage history and attractions of: steam machinery, transportation, farming, forestry, military and rural life with additional visitor attractions of model trains, various rides and interactive machinery.

Our Member Groups are Pigeon Valley Steam Museum, Historic Transport Museum, Rover Car Club Nelson, Nelson Vintage Engine & Machinery Club, Army Group Centre and The Ray Win Collection.

Are your interests in mechanical, cars, trucks, steam machinery, farm machinery, small engines, wood, park maintenance, administration, technology, schools learning programs, military history, vintage and heritage history, fundraising, hosting visitors, being part of our event and open days, or just giving a hand? Become a part of our friendly teams of volunteers - we welcome your involvement.

GET IN TOUCH – Ph: 027 631 6786 or send a brief email to [info@higginsheritagepark.co.nz](mailto:info@higginsheritagepark.co.nz)

## Next Park Open days:

Thursday 2 January 2025 – Community Craft Fair, Steam Up and rides

Sunday 19 January – Museum sheds open, jigger rides

Sunday 2 February – Steam up and museum sheds open

Sunday 16 February – Museum sheds open

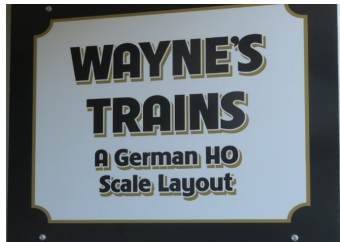
Sunday 2 March – Steam up and museum sheds open

Saturday & Sunday 22 & 23 March - Nelson Vintage Engine and Machinery Show Days

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# New Faces Behind the Little Sprig Wakefield

There are some new faces serving the beer and clearing tables at the Little Sprig Wakefield. We, Ryan and Vicky Edwards, would like to say a huge hello to the amazing Wakefield community and beyond.

We took over the Little Sprig on 30th September from the previous owners Jason and Alice Douglas. Jason and Alice handed over a well-oiled machine with the most fabulous of staff. Since 30th September our feet have not touched the floor, and we are loving every second.

We are not new faces in the tavern as Ryan had been quiz master since April, helping to raise over \$18,000 for local charities, sports teams and individuals. When the opportunity arose to purchase the Little Sprig Ryan jumped at it, with Vicky frantically trying to keep up.

The Little Sprig is a family affair with our girls Holly and Lucy regularly seen with a soft drink and bowl of fries as we serve alongside our dedicated staff. It is important that our girls are seen in the Little Sprig as we are trying to create an environment where everyone feels welcome and cannot wait to come back.

Although we have lived in Wakefield for 10.5 years, we are really enjoying meeting the locals and getting to know the community on a much more personal level than we have before.


The Sprig and Fern brewery is located in Beach Road and all beers are brewed locally at this location. There are 9 (soon to be 10) Sprig and Ferns in the Nelson region with us being the only Little Sprig. We are 'Little' as we have 10 beers on tap compared to 18 at the other locations. We have a simple menu available for you to enjoy onsite or for you to takeaway. We have heard the Pizzas are pretty good and Holly and Lucy agree.

Thank you to everyone that has been into the tavern over the last few months.

Thank you to our fabulous staff who have helped us learn fast and a huge thank you to friends and family who provide the encouragement to give this a go.

We hope to see you all at some point – please pop in and say hello.

Visit our Facebook page [Littlesprigwakefield](#) to see out Christmas opening hours.



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# Wakefield Health Centre

## Happy New Year

Happy New Year to all our patients. We hope you all had an enjoyable and restful festive time.

It is a good time to let people know about all the services which we can offer at the Wakefield Health Centre.

As well as all the services you would expect from our GPs and Nurses, we also have on site:

- \* A Health Coach
- \* A Health Improvement Practitioner

Both of these services are free and can be referred to by one of our clinicians, but you can also self-refer yourself by booking in via our reception.

We also have an Audiologist who is here twice a month and a Podiatrist who is here once a month. You can contact our reception for more information.



## Wakefield Health Centre

Surgery hours:

Monday to Friday 8.30am – 5:30pm

Wednesday 8.30am – 7pm

**Phone 541 8911**

**12 Edward St Wakefield**

Most people will be at least a little familiar with the funding issues of General Practice and the issues they have caused with practices cutting back services in some circumstances. We are determined to maintain all of the services we currently offer and have the ability to introduce new services as they arise.

To enable us to continue to offer our wide range of nursing services we have reviewed our charging structure. We will be introducing our new charging in February and will be communicating this to our patients in advance of the changes.

**We wish you all a healthy and happy 2025.**

# Wakefield Village Kindergarten

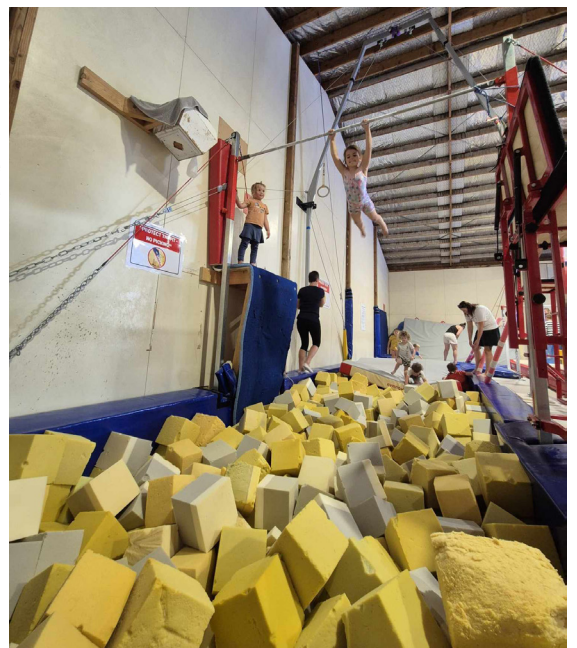
*by Mareta Burbidge*

The team at Wakefield Kindy hope you have had a wonderful festive season and are now enjoying a lovely summer with your family and friends. We ended the year with much excitement; some of the highlights were another bus trip, this time to the gym at Nelson Intermediate where we extended the physical development of the tamariki. On our way home we met three police officers who played tag with the children at Green Meadows Park. This was such a fun and friendly experience for everyone involved.

Another highlight was the excitement and opportunities we had as we prepared for Christmas. We ended with an enjoyable Christmas party, at the new play space at Faulkner Bush, alongside a bouncy castle, waiata, presents and an ice block. It was wonderful to have so many of our whānau come and spend a relaxing evening with the teaching team.

We were extremely lucky and grateful to be chosen to win a ride on tractor from Kramp NZ. As you can imagine this is providing great opportunities to practice turn taking. We hope you are all refreshed and revitalised ready for a fun year ahead.

We welcome and are looking forward to getting to know the new families who have joined Wakefield Kindy, and look forward to connecting with the children who have recently moved onto school when our weekly visits to Wakefield School recommence.





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# Community Notices



**WAI-ITI  
WORKSHOP**

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, yoghurt, 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



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For further info or to enter a team contact  
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**Marg Lindsay 0273463503**

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# Community Classifieds

## FOR SALE

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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

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

## WANTED

January

Old bales of hay or straw for mulch, that is no longer suitable for your animals. We will uplift from the Wakefield area, preferably. Please phone: 027 241 8832

## WAKEFIELD TOY LIBRARY

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](mailto: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!

## Wakefield Craft Group



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9.00am - 12pm**

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**Higgins Heritage Park**  
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info@higginsheritagepark.co.nz

**Higgins Park Community Fair**  
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**Spring Grove Drill Hall**  
C Stratford 542 3992

**Totaradale Golf Club**  
Sue James 541 8030 totaradalegc@gmail.com

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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  
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**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**  
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Swimming Pool**  
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**Target Shooting Wakefield**  
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Holly Gibbons 022 406 1674

**Wanderers Sports Club**  
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jimmy@wandererssports.co.nz

**Wakefield Toy Library**  
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wakefieldtoylibrary@gmail.com

**Wakefield Art Group**  
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Radio Assn**  
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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  
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answerphone comes on).  
www.wakefieldbowls.co.nz

**Wakefield Brightwater Book Club**  
Sue McAuley 544 7325  
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Meets last Wed of every month

**Wakefield Community Council**  
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**Wakefield Village Kindergarten**  
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**Wakefield School PTC**  
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