

# WESTERN WANDERER

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# Tuatapere & District Promotions Inc

Paula McKenzie, President

Hi All,

What an amazing Autumn it has been, weather wise at least! It is hard to believe that it will soon be two months since the Battle of COVID began in earnest. And heartening news today that as you are reading this, we may already be down to Level one! Fingers crossed.

A great big thank you to those who went all out on Anzac Day with their special tributes. The painted stones around the town are just magic!

Great news! We have received some funding for our Events sign from Meridian. Let the project begin ... we just need to be permitted to hold events now😊



The Promotions Mailbox is in place and has a lock on it so anything that you put in it will be secure. We try and clear it weekly and on the 20th of the month for those who have something for the Wanderer but don't have email.

We are hoping to man the information centre at the Track Office from June 9th. If you are interested or would like to know what it involves please give me a call (027 4346 777).

The more helpers we have, the more hours we can be open. I think it is particularly important this year when people will be more inclined to stay local. A friendly face is much better than a "Closed for Winter" sign, I am sure you would agree.

With the devastating blow that tourism has had, Great South has stepped up to the mark and has been promoting the **Rediscover #MYSOUTHLAND** campaign. A great opportunity to post your favourite photos and videos of something local or your business. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/NZsouthland/> and follow the links!

And believe it or not it is time for the

## Tuatapere & Districts Promotions Inc AGM.

**DATE:** Sunday 21st June, 2020

**TIME:** 2pm

**VENUE:** Waiau Town & Country Club

**All Welcome** - especially some young ones with computer skills!



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# Councillor Report

*George Harpur, Councillor*

Hi and welcome to the June edition.

As I pen this on a glorious Autumn morning, being the second day in lockdown two and with a little more relaxation to go out and converse (at a distance) with other folks I feel a sense of satisfaction as to living in a small village in Western Southland. So far we have missed any contact with COVID-19 and with constraint, consideration to others and staying at the designated spacing this should remain.

The Waiau Valley is and always has been a proactive area where we all try and help each other and assist in the many chores that make us functional. As we age some of these projects become dreams however we have many younger volunteers following in our footsteps ensuring a future for our local organisations, I take this opportunity to thank you all, keep up the good work and show pride and passion towards the presentation of our communities. Support your local businesses, sporting clubs and all those other facilities that are essential to our wellbeing.

Whilst driving around Tuatapere this morning I could only admire the effort of some of our new citizens, the refurbishment of the old Presbyterian Manse along with several houses on the Half-Mile Road certainly adds a reason (for our predicted slow rebuild of the local tourist flow) to stop and have a look around and maybe find suitable accommodation to stay a night or two. Most of our proactive businesses have taken a serious decline in patronage and I believe we owe it to them to assist in their rebuild.

On the council scene we are re-tendering our lawn mowing contract for many of the regions, anyone wishing to place a Tender please get in touch with your local Community Board or Mark Day at SDC. Many of the lawns in our area have been neglected with COVID-19 being the convenient reason. With the new tender comes a different format which will require some road frontages to be clear of rubbish and junk, if this is you please sort it, likewise to the person or persons who think that our recycling centre is a place to dump red bin material outside please be aware that a CCT camera will be periodically placed on the site. Community Hours on the main street could be rather embarrassing I believe.

Cheers to all, stay safe and keep warm.

## **Southland Community Law Centre** **5 Tay Street, Invercargill**

**Phone: (03) 214 3180    Fax: (03) 214 3170**  
**Freephone: 0800 550 800 (outside Invercargill city only)**

### **Free Legal Information and Advice for the Community of Southland**

**Hours: Monday to Thursday 9:00am to 4:30pm    Friday 9:00am to 1:30pm**

We have staff solicitors available to represent people in district court (Invercargill and Gore) - if you meet our criteria.

We also provide a free legal advice service with our roster of volunteer lawyers - appointments are necessary. Our Case Workers provide free information and support to people with problems ranging from employment, tenancy, personal debt, education systems through to legal systems and WINZ.

We run outreach clinics fortnightly in Gore as well as in Western and Northern Southland.

Ring for an appointment.

Under special circumstances we can also do home visits.

All our services are free.

Our services are proudly funded by the Solicitors Trust and administered through the Legal Services Agency and by public donations.



# Tuatapere-Te Waewae Community Board

Margaret Thomas, Board Chair

arpad@extra.co.nz. (03) 226 6104 / 027 2315 581

Autumn is well and truly here. I hope you enjoyed the beautiful autumn colours in the trees although we were probably still in Level 4 then. Now those beautiful leaves are all on the ground and that is another story.

The Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board have meet via zoom. Another challenge, another learning experience.

Now is the time to support our local businesses. I would like to think we can all shop locally. They need our support if they are to survive. Let us get behind them.

Have you thought about joining a sports club? They will also need our support. Remember you do not have to play rugby to become a supporter.

Sports Southland have a Community Resilience Fund to help sports clubs affected by Covid-19. Contact them email [cf@sportsouthland.co.nz](mailto:cf@sportsouthland.co.nz) or telephone 03 2112150.

Some news from the Community Board. The Southland District Council have a major task ahead of them repairing roads and bridges from the floods that hit our region earlier on. Roads and bridges are expensive items to repair and take time to complete these jobs and then COVID-19 and over eight weeks of lock down for some of us.

Please be patient.

You may have read on the local Tuatapere Facebook pages that the Monowai Swing Bridge at Sunnyside is due for some major repairs. The bridge will be under traffic control May 24 and 25 with work continuing the following week. The bridge will be closed to non-urgent traffic on these days. This is an ongoing project.

The lawn mowing contracts for our area that is from Monkey Island to Monowai and everything in between, will be advertised shortly. If you are interested in any of these contracts keep an eye out in the newspaper or contact the SDC for details.

Our current status COVID-19 Alert Level 2 means the playgrounds and parks are open. The Community Board is looking forward to the new Flying Fox being installed in the Half Mile Road playground.

All Halls and Libraries can be used again but remember crowd numbers are restricted safe distancing still apply.

Bars and Restaurants are now open, but they will be operating differently.

The landscaping at the Clifden Historic Bridge should be completed soon.

The Community Board has been working on the criteria for the new Community Partnership Fund. Watch this space for more details.

Gypsy Day is just round the corner. Please be careful on the roads. Welcome your new neighbours to your area. This can be a lonely time for some people. Our Community Worker is available to help. It could mean that some of these families have small children, welcome them to school and pre-school environments.

Stay safe stay warm.



# Our Community Notice Board

## CALLING ALL LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS!

Share what's happening with your club, team, group, committee etc. with the Western Wanderer readers!

Need help putting something together? We can help with that too!

Drop your notice into the new mailbox at the Toy Library, 18 Orawia Road.

Or send us an email:

**yourwesternwanderer@gmail.com**

## WESTERN SOUTHLAND HEALTH SHUTTLE

The Western Southland Health Shuttle Service will be up and running again from **2nd June 2020**.

We travel from Otautau, Ohai, Nightcaps, Tuatapere, Riverton - covering all of Western Southland.

We also connect with the Invercargill-Dunedin shuttle.

The Western Southland Health Shuttle operates Monday - Friday (excluding Public Holidays).

Bookings are required by 3pm the day prior to transport.

**Ph: 0800 103 046 to book.**

Please book as soon as you receive your appointment.

## WESTERN SOUTHLAND WOOLCRAFT GROUP

Spinning, Felt, Weaving, Knitting, Crochet. Other crafts welcome!

**1st Wednesday of the month.**

10am - 3pm. BYO Lunch.

For details please contact

**Helen Todd 022 378 9743**

## T.P.C MARKET DAY

Market Day is now closed for the winter. We will starting up the church market on the 3rd Saturday of August (15th)

Anybody needing a table please text

**Jackie Howden 021 0615 624**

## WAI AU MEMORIAL LIBRARY

**We are open!**

We've put some processes in place and ask that you please follow them:

1. Please use the hand sanitiser placed in the foyer before entering the library.
2. A sign in book will be at the counter. Fill in your name, address and phone. This will be used for contact tracing, if necessary.
3. Return books in a bag. This is to help the librarian with sanitising books if we get busy.
4. Five people will be allowed in the library at a time. Please be prepared to wait in your car if necessary.
5. Please keep to Social Distancing.
6. No congregating. We know people want to catch up, but we ask that you not do it in the library.
7. Select your book before handling it.
8. Children under the age of 12 to be accompanied by an adult.
9. If you are unwell you **MUST NOT** enter the library. If you do, you will be asked to leave.

The processes that we have put in place will be reviewed as necessary and we ask that you please be patient, especially on our first day of re-opening.

### Library Hours: Fridays

10am - 11:30am

2:30pm - 4:00pm

7:00pm - 8:00pm

## TUATAPERE COMMUNITY WORKER

The Tuatapere Community Support Worker's Office will be closed from Tuesday 24th March 2020 until further notice.

However I will be available at any time by phone and email. If any one needs my help at any time please call.

Always here to help!

Keri Potter **027 757 5983**

Email: [tcworker@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tcworker@xtra.co.nz)



# Our Community Notice Board

## TUATAPERE PLAYCENTRE

23B Orawia Road.

Playgroup will start back on

**Friday, 5th June 9am-12pm.**

All parents and children welcome!

Children need to bring their own packed lunchbox of morning tea and drink bottle under COVID-19 restrictions.

Any queries please contact:

Gemma Bennett 022 040 3368

Alice Harris 027 270 0363

## TUATAPERE TOY LIBRARY

18 Orawia Road, Tuatapere

(next door to

Tuatapere Service Station)

Please phone

Minessa 027 311 2112



## WAI AU VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Waiau Valley Presbyterian Church is able to meet again! All members of our community are welcome to join us at 10.30am at the Tuatapere Presbyterian Church for an all age family service. For more information please contact David, the Community Chaplain on 027 416 0659.

## TUATAPERE HEALTH & GIFT SHOP - RIVERTON PHARMACY

During COVID-19 restrictions we are operating as normal with two courier drops for prescriptions for our Tuatapere customers: **1:00pm** and **4:45pm**.

We are open from 12:30pm-5:30pm.

If we can help in any other way, please contact Riverton Pharmacy (03) 234 8515

## TUATAPERE MAINLY MUSIC

A pre-school music and movement-based playgroup.

Mondays during the school term at the Tuatapere Presbyterian Church Hall.

Music session starts at 10am

followed by a time of morning tea and play.

\$2 per family.

Morning tea is provided for all.

New families welcome!

Find us on Facebook:

"Tuatapere Mainly Music"

For more information contact

Heidi 022 315 3326



## COUNTRY CORNER CRAFTS

Come in and browse and see what we have to offer. Hats, scarves, children's knitwear, cards, jewellery, woodware, sewing, jams, pickles, sauces, etc.

Tuatapere souvenirs "On Natures Edge" logo are always available.

Is anyone interested in joining to sell their crafts? You are more than welcome to contact us.

If anyone wants to volunteer their time and work in the Craft Centre - let us know! It's a great way to meet people!

If you wish to view the shop and it is closed, please ring

Louise Greber (03) 668 6001 or

Lyla Sherriff (03) 226 6187

and they will open it for you.

## TUATAPERE ENVELOPES

Envelopes printed with the "Tuatapere on Natures Edge" Logo are now available again.

These can be purchased at

Country Corner Craft Shop 1A Orawia Road

**Cost \$3.00 per 10**



## THANK YOU FOR THE ANZAC DAY CONTRIBUTIONS

It was great to see all the ANZAC Day contributions. Wreaths and flowers were laid at the Memorial Plaque on the Clifden Bridge, at the Orawia Cenotaph and the Tuatapere Memorial Library. Children made beautiful poppies and crosses and people decorated their gates and bales of silage all around the district.

It was wonderful to see. Thank you. Margaret Thomas Treasurer Tuatapere RSA.

# Our Community Notice Board

## TUATAPERE VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

We're on the lookout for members to join this well rewarding organization.

We are looking for persons who are, ideally, available throughout the day.

If you think that you would like to try this (sometimes lifelong) commitment, then please feel free to come and try it!

We train on Tuesday nights at 7:30pm during daylight saving and 7pm through the winter months.

We look forward to meeting with you.



Enrolment at Hauroko Valley Primary is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office.

Applications for out of zone places are now being invited for those students who will become eligible for enrolment during the period **Term 3, 2020**.

The deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is **19 June 2020**.

If a ballot for out of zone places is required, it will be held on 22 June 2020. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.

If you live in the home zone and have not yet signalled your intention to enrol your child later this year, please contact the school immediately to assist us to plan appropriately.

## TUATAPERE AMBULANCE

### Did YOU Know?

The Tuatapere Ambulance is a funded service by the Tuatapere Lions Club, for the residents of Tuatapere & District.

Should you receive an account for this service from St John, please forward it immediately to:

**The Treasurer  
Tuatapere Lions Club  
PO Box 47  
Tuatapere**



At the moment St John have a new system in their Ambulances and we are experiencing some difficulty in receiving the invoices for YOUR trip. So PLEASE do forward them on to us. Thank you!

**Tuatapere Lions Club Charitable Trust  
Ambulance Committee**

## TUATAPERE & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB PROJECT

### SUPER DIRT

Super dirt bags are now weighed so more in each bag!

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or Stephen (03) 226 6817



## TUATAPERE & DISTRICTS PROMOTIONS INC A.G.M

**DATE:** Sunday 21st June, 2020 **TIME:** 2:00pm **VENUE:** Waiau Town & Country Club

All welcome especially some young ones with computer skills!

Contact: Paula MacKenzie 027 4346 777

# Community Events or Fundraisers

## HAY DAY COVID STYLE

### Tuatapere Lions Club Hay Day 2020



Yes we are going to have the hay day!

**Friday 26 June, 2020**

#### **The format is a bit different.**

If you can donate a bale or lots of bales  
you will be contacted.  
That bit is the same!



#### **This bit is different ...**

There will be  
No Judging. No Prizes. No Gathering  
(due to COVID rules)

**So thank you for your understanding and support!**



#### **There will be an Auction!**

Buyers only with social distancing and tracing.

We will keep you all informed as we work this out.

Money raised will be going to:

**Borland Lodge; Vining Community Hospital;**

to name a few.

Others are in the pipe line.

**We need your support!**

**Contact:** Sammy 027 4382 248 or Quinton 027 4388 281



# Chaplain's Corner

David Duthie, Waiau Valley Community Chaplain



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Well we are finally emerging out of lockdown. It's a gradual process; one which we are undertaking at different speeds. We've all been affected by the events of the last few weeks, although to varying degrees. I think it's fair to say we will mark this time down in our calendars and to measure time as before and after COVID-19. When events like these take place we come away changed in some ways. Life is never quite the same again. I wonder if coming out of our bubbles is a little bit like the caterpillar extricating itself from its cocoon. We know the process as metamorphoses – a Greek word meaning a comprehensive change in form. As we re-enter the world around us we different to how we entered lockdown.

I'd like to suggest that this quite possibly a good thing. This time has given us an opportunity to evaluate our lives and values. Many people have said they have realised the importance of relationships for example. There is a lot we don't necessarily want to go back to and a lot we can all do better in. There is always room for more kindness, generosity, and thoughtfulness for example.

Perhaps these words written many years ago could inspire us, as we emerge, to continue to see transformation in ourselves and our community – “make every effort to add to your faith (we're all believers in something) goodness, to goodness perseverance; to perseverance self control; to self control kindness and to kindness love”. Peter (the author of these words) adds that growing in these attributes will see us becoming increasingly effective and productive. I think we can all agree that more of these would be a welcome addition to our lives.

Go well folks. May we all emerge “metamorphosised” for the better! If you want to talk some more about this feel free to be in touch.

Chaplaincy services are available to all, confidential and free of charge. Please contact me (David) on 027 416 0659 or [waiauvaleychaplain@gmail.com](mailto:waiauvaleychaplain@gmail.com)



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# Off the Shelf

## Waiau Memorial Library

BOOK REVIEW Written by Lily Erskine

### Funny Kid for President

By Matt Stanton



I really like this book! Running for president has never been funnier. There are lots of great cartoon pictures in this and the characters are cool, funny and sometimes angry, and annoying.

This book is about Max who runs for class president... but Mr Armstrong the teacher tries to stop him. Max and his friend Hugo get up to lots of funny adventures.

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Community Response Plan 2018

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Please email [community@cdsouthland.nz](mailto:community@cdsouthland.nz)

For more information on how you can be prepared for an emergency  
[www.cdsouthland.nz](http://www.cdsouthland.nz)

If an earthquake is long or strong get gone.  
Get out to high ground, up Jenkins Road OR on the other side of the  
river, Cracks Yard or even as far as Colin Phillips.

**DO NOT WAIT TO BE TOLD.**

If it is just an earthquake and your house is not badly damaged, stay put.  
If there is a flood, you will be advised if you have to leave.

**There is no civil defence siren.**

**Contacts:** Geoff Evans (03) 226 6258  
Des Chambers (03) 226 6655

## Local Self-isolation Support

Louise and Myles Greber are offering the local community of Tuatapere a free service for anyone who finds themselves in Self-isolation due to the COVID-19 Virus.



Priority will be given to the elderly, those with compromised immunity and those who have limited family or other available local support.

Initially the service will focus on delivery and collection of Library Books and Jigsaw Puzzles, but consideration will be given for other small items for local pickup and delivery e.g. consumables, medications etc. and possibly pet care support.

This service will mostly be a mailbox service, where items will be delivered and collected at mailboxes.

Louise and Myles both have backgrounds as Chemists so will ensure appropriate protocols are carried out to limit transmission of the COVID-19 Virus.

If you find yourself in need of a little help or support, you can contact us as follows:

Louise 0204 035 5320

Myles 0204 002 1498

Email [help@onnaturesedge.co.nz](mailto:help@onnaturesedge.co.nz)

This service will discontinue if any changes or directives are indicated from the Ministry of Health or if either Louise or Myles show any symptoms of a COVID-19 Virus infection (until both are fully cleared).

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## Waiau Star Rugby Club

We are looking forward to getting into the 2020 season; although delayed, it's exciting to know that we will still get to enjoy some rugby this year.

The club would like to acknowledge and thank our new naming sponsors for the senior team.

### **Pikoburn Angus and Waiau Valley Shearing.**

We would also like to thank all our RFC sponsors, it's with your support we are able to operate our club.

We look forward to seeing you all back at the domain.  
We will keep you updated on our facebook page.

If you are interested in registering for the 2020 season please check out our sporty page [www.sporty.co.nz/waiaustarrugby](http://www.sporty.co.nz/waiaustarrugby) or alternatively contact Blayne: 027 631 7273

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**Dear Western Wanderer Readers.**

During these unprecedented times, **WAS students and staff are doing very well.** Our team has adapted well to distance learning and working from home. As principal, I'm extremely proud of the staff and families' efforts working together. Our NCEA students will need to be supported even more so now, and teachers are already planning towards this. Staff are committed to our students' learning and will be providing 1:1 sessions and additional tuition during and after school hours.

**During Level Two**, WAS is limiting its number of visitors. If you do have to enter the school grounds, then please sign in at the office. On our website we have our COVID plans. I'd like to thank the many people who either donated food or their time to help others during Level Four and Three. I felt privileged living in Tuatapere and being a part of a supportive community.

Our **building projects** continue to develop nicely. The hall flooring, stage, window replacement, and general interior has been completed. The hall exterior walls along with some bearers will be next. The primary end carpet install has been a success. Roofing replacement is 70% complete. Currently the builders will be working on the science lab/C block interior, tech block back rooms, electronic window latches and then the gym. Also, the government's new '**School Investment Package**' of which WAS' allocation is \$85k, is tagged for a security upgrade, new fencing along the main field and Medical Centre driveway, latest whiteboard teaching and storage units, some sliding doors and an upgraded Art teaching space.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank **Barry Bennett and his capable staff** for their skilled painting work around WAS. They've successfully painted all the walkways and will continue to paint B Block (after winter) as part of our cyclical maintenance plan. A special thank you to the WAS BOT for all their planning and carefully thought out distribution of funds.

Graham Parsons and his family have successfully moved to Greymouth. With Graham's departure, it opens up the opportunity for a new BOT member - details are on our website - [www.was.school.nz](http://www.was.school.nz). **Dwayne Unahi is our Chairperson** and has had experience in this position before. Dwayne will lead with ease with the support from our other trusted members: Keri Potter, Rachael Poole, Honorlea Mangion, Holly Hammond, Chantelle Gibbs and Nina Smith.

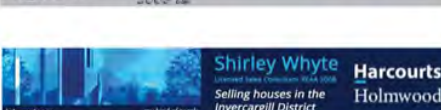
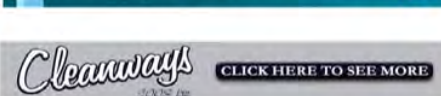
**A sincere thank you to these businesses for sponsoring our school app:**

**To download our app:** In Google Play & App Store search - '**Skool Loop**' & choose **Waiiau Area School** once installed.

Your ongoing support is very much appreciated.

**Kind regards and please keep safe.**

**Andrew PB.**





## Welcome to the June Edition of "What's Happening?" at...

**Hauroko**  
VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Kia ora, Bula, Namaskaram and Welcome to "What's Happening?" at Hauroko Valley Primary School!

Term 2 kicked off with distance learning at home via online platforms and with take home packages prepared by our teaching team. Digital Technology has provided us with regular opportunities to remain connected with each other during New Zealand's Lock-Down. We've even been connecting with pets within families bubbles!

Fortunately, we've arrived at Alert Level 2 and have returned to school with much excitement! Students were welcomed back with bubbles to acknowledge the work completed. We are so proud of your Seesaw and Google sharing of learning demonstrating superb Key Competencies alongside Literacy, Numeracy, H&PE, Arts and Inquiry!

Thanks to our parents and whanau bubbles for supporting our distance learning programmes while in self isolation. Every effort was made to ensure our children were engaged in learning while at home and we are proud of you taking on the role of kaiako/teacher. Thanks also for preparing children for their return to school, the transition has been amazingly smooth with our Health and Safety routines included. We are delighted to be back to business!

We also celebrated Duck Shooting with a fun mufti camo day and duck calling challenge. Thanks to the Bennett Family for inspiring our annual event and to Tuatapere Outdoors and Hardware Store for providing prizes!

Please follow us to keep up to date via our facebook page or weekly school newsletter. Nga mihi nui  
Julia Waikato - Principal/Tumuaki

### Hauroko Valley School students in action!

## HAUROKO VALLEY NEWS



**May** - Bubbles Breaking Free, Duck Calling/Camo Challenge  
**June** - HVP School Cross Country, Young Einstein Challenge

### Term 2 Events

Always Our Best/Tonu to tatou pai

## 125TH JUBILEE

The Hauroko Valley School and surrounding districts schools are celebrating 125 years this year. The committee will be meeting soon to put things in place for this celebration. We'll keep you all updated via the School's various communication options and via local news bulletins.

A few more on the committee would be awesome too so please get in touch if you can help in any way, even just supplying some info on the history of the schools would be great. You can contact us at [haurokojubilee@gmail.com](mailto:haurokojubilee@gmail.com) or message Nikki 027 506 2673



# A Piece of History

with Des Williams

## Contribution Above and Beyond

For one of the most sparsely populated areas of New Zealand, Western Southland's contribution to wars around the world in the 20th century seems inexplicable.

At least seven soldiers served in the South African Boer War and one, Trooper Alex Scott of Clifden lost his life at Langverwacht in February 1902. Others included William Templeton and John Templeton of Clifden (John was kicked in the ribs by a Boer soldier and left for dead); Donald McKerchar of Happy Valley, Duncan Stalker of Te Tua and his brother, Alexander Stalker.

At least 24 men from the district lost their lives in World War I, including Albert Sneyd, a first day pupil at Tuatapere School when Hugh McFeely began teaching in June 1910. And although that was meant to be 'the war to end all wars', another 21 men were killed in the 1939-1945 global conflict. Just how many men and women from the district served their country in one way or another during those years is unknown but the contribution measured by 'supreme sacrifice' was significant.

Dave Jenkins was one of Tuatapere's real 'characters' after serving in WWII. With the 23rd Battalion in North Africa, he rose through the ranks to become 2nd Lieutenant, taking part in significant battles at Gazala (Libya) in 1941 and El Alamein in 1942.

An entertaining diarist, Dave was several times quoted in the 23rd Battalion's Official War History (Department of Internal Affairs Wellington, 1959). He described some action at Gazala:

*'We got right up close in the dark and they [Italian troops] opened up at us from fifty yards with all kinds of fire – machine guns, tank guns, grenades and had us in a sweat for a while. We returned the fire and moved in closer and threw some grenades, then they quit and scattered. We killed a few and wounded some.'*

The War History later described Dave as 'A grand soldier whose diary has already been quoted as giving the authentic ring of 23rd sentiment.' And Dave's own suggestion for how he survived those years of conflict – he was so thin a bullet had next to no chance of hitting him! (That's true!)

Dave and his family farmed land on Jenkins Road (outskirts of Tuatapere) from 1946 until about 1962, when he retired to Invercargill. Born at Orepuki on 21 December 1912, he died at Invercargill on 13 August 1992.

A further seven soldiers from the district served in the Vietnam War from 1967-1971. All returned, more or less intact.



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#### Meatballs

- Breadcrumbs  $\frac{1}{3}$  cups
- Fresh parsley 1 tablespoon
- Garlic 1 teaspoon
- 1 egg
- Small onion grated or finely chopped
- 1 carrot grated
- Tomato paste 2 tablespoons
- 500 grams beef mince
- Salt and pepper

#### Tomato sauce

- Olive oil  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup
- 1 can of crushed tomatoes
- Garlic 2 teaspoons

#### Topping

- Fresh breadcrumbs 1 cup
- Grated cheese 1 cup
- Grated parmesan  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup

### Method

Preheat oven to 200°C

#### Sauce

Heat olive oil in a pan on medium heat. Sizzle garlic for a minute. Then stir in the crushed tomatoes. Simmer for 5 mins until thickened. Season with salt and pepper.

#### Meatballs

Mix all the ingredients in a large bowl. Heat a drizzle of olive oil in a large pan on medium heat.

Brown in batches, but do not cook all the way through.

Arrange meatballs in a large baking dish.

Pour sauce over meatballs.

Then top with cheese and breadcrumbs.

Bake for about 20mins until bread is lightly toasted and cheese is bubbling.

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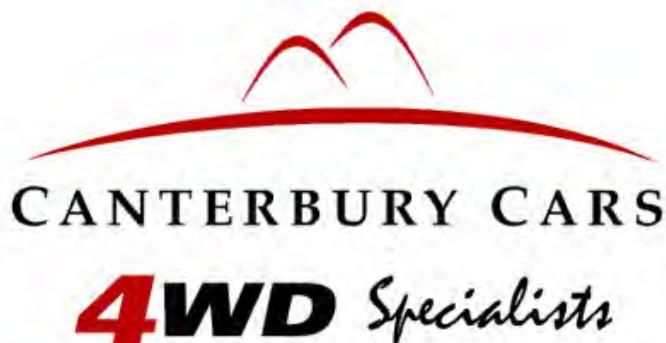
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