

# WESTERN WANDERER

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## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

**EMERGENCY**  
**POLICE / FIRE / AMBULANCE: 111**

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**(03) 2266 753**

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**(03) 2266 285**

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**(03) 2266 065**

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**(03) 2266 654**

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**(03) 2266 898**

**TUATAPERE OUTDOORS & HARDWARE:**  
**(03) 2266 363**

Your Western Wanderer  
Committee Volunteers would  
like to thank the community for  
your support & readership  
this year!

The Western Wanderer Issue  
will be take a break for January  
and will be back in your  
letterboxes the first week in  
February 2021!

Wishing you all a safe and  
enjoyable festive season and a  
Happy New Year!

Special thanks to



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# Tuatapere Sports Needs Your Support!

*Peter Templeton, President*

As the Tuatapere Sports is fast approaching, (New Years Day at the Tuatapere Domain), I am appealing to you locals to get out and support our big day. Last year was a fizzer because of the weather and our gate takings were well down.

This year we have so many axemen and women on our Southland circuit, 10 from Nelson area, some from the North Island as well as our regulars.

Southland and Otago Axemen have the top team in the South Island so they will be a target for other provinces.

The Tui sports day has always been a family day with heaps for kids to do as well as athletes and cycling. Remember too that there is Highland Dancing.

It's **only \$5 for adults, children FREE** so come and support our legendary sports day, because if you don't use it, you will lose it.

Love to see you all there!



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- Lawn mowing
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- General labouring

Phone **Luke Wikstrom 027 2773 925**



**6-17 January  
2021**

## Art Release

New Artworks

by

**DEB RACZ & KAREN FRIEND**

Together with Lairka Purik's new book 'Copeisolation'; Australian artist Jane Holmes; Complimented with woodcrafts by Tony Clapperton & Henry Friend

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# Our Community Notice Board

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## NO JANUARY ISSUE

The Western Wanderer takes a break in January. We'll be back the first week of February 2021!

**All community notices are free** – if you have something to share please get it to us by the 20th of January so that it can be printed in the February Issue.

Send an email to:

**yourwesternwanderer@gmail.com**

or

**drop a note** in the letterbox outside the Toy Library (18 Orawia Rd, Tuatapere)

## KNITTING WOOL WANTED

Do you have any odd balls or part balls of 8 ply or 4 ply wool that you don't want or no longer need?

I would be glad of any contributions, to be made into rugs that get sent through Mission Without Borders to Eastern European countries. Thank you.

Contact **Jean Erskine** (03) 226 6396

## SALVATION ARMY FAMILY STORE TRUCK

The Salvation Army Family Store Truck will come out and collect large amounts of your pre-loved furniture & other household items. This service is free. Please call the store to organise your visit on **03 214 5380**



## TUATAPERE TOY LIBRARY

18 Orawia Road, Tuatapere  
(next door to Tuatapere Service Station)

If you are interested in becoming a member get in touch (via FB messenger or ph) to see how you can access the toy library! We have heaps of toys available. Please phone Minessa 027 311 2112



## LOOKING FOR BOOKS/OLD PHOTOS

I am writing a book on the history of the Waiau River, well the whole catchment really.

I'm looking for books on the history of the districts in the catchment such as Tuatapere, Papatotara, Clifden, Manapouri etc, particularly stories about the early days along the river and associated farming and industries, gold, disasters, milling, exploring etc.

I'm also looking for older photos of bridges, punts, the Belmont dredge, mining etc.

Please contact: **Lloyd Esler** Ph. 03 213 0404 email: esler@southnet.co.nz or post: 15 Mahuri Road Otatara RD9 Invercargill 9879

## TUATAPERE SCOUTS

Are you and your family looking for something that will foster personal development, create a sense of community and at the same time challenge you or a school age member of your family?

Have you thought of joining Scouts?

At Scouts we have a Wednesday Programme:

- Keas for children 5-7 yrs; 3:30-4:30pm
- Cubs for children 7-9½ yrs; 4:30-5:30pm
- Scouts for 9½-15 yrs. 5:30-7:00pm

We also have a need for leaders so we can deliver our programmes effectively.

**Contact:**

Leader Anne-Marie 027 688 5828

Group Leader Quinton 027 223 4842

or (03) 226 6969

## TUATAPERE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MARKET DAY

The church market is held at 10am every 3rd Saturday of the month in the Tuatapere Presbyterian Church Hall, Main Rd, Tuatapere.

Market Day:

**Saturday 19th December 2020.**

(Next Market Day: 16 January 2021)

All welcome to come along and enjoy the opportunity for a cuppa and a chat and have a browse at the local crafts available.

If you would like a table for hire please contact: **Helen Todd** 022 378 9743

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## TUATAPERE PLAYCENTRE

23B Orawia Road.

### Friday Playgroup 9am-12pm

All parents and children welcome!  
Children's morning tea is a packed lunchbox from home at Playgroup (as opposed to a shared morning tea).  
Any queries please contact:  
Gemma Bennett 022 040 3368  
Alice Harris 027 270 0363

## CLIFDEN PLAYGROUP

45 Otahu Eastern Bush Road.

### Every Wednesday (during School Term) 9:30am - 12:30pm.

All mothers and children welcome.  
Bring packed lunchbox for your child's morning tea. Any queries to  
Lynley Patterson 027 429 7436

## WAI AU VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Services for all ages! Every Sunday at 10.30am Tuatapere Presbyterian Church Main Street, Tuatapere.  
All welcome to join us.

For information please contact:  
Chris Howden Session Clerk 021 477 999  
For Community Chaplain: 027 416 0659

## TUATAPERE HEALTH & GIFT SHOP - Riverton Pharmacy

We now have two courier drops for prescriptions for our Tuatapere customers: **1:00pm** and **4:45pm**.  
The Health & Gift Shop is open from 12:30pm - 5:30pm.  
If we can help in any other way, please contact Riverton Pharmacy (03) 234 8515

## WAI AU MEMORIAL LIBRARY

### Library Hours: Fridays

10:00am - 11:30am  
2:30pm - 4:00pm  
7:00pm - 8:00pm



The Library now has Wi-Fi. Available free to all library members. Just ask one of our friendly volunteers to help you set up your device.

## 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



## TUATAPERE BUSHMAN'S MUSEUM

Orawia Road. If the Bushman's Museum is not open when you have visitors who wish to view, you can contact:

Lindsay Faulkner (03) 226 6650 to arrange a suitable time.



# Our Community Notice Board

## TUATAPERE COMMUNITY WORKER

Room 5 Medical Centre  
69A Orawia Road  
From Monday - Thursday 10am to 3pm  
Keri Potter **027 757 5983**  
Email: tcworker@extra.co.nz



## WESTERN SOUTHLAND HEALTH SHUTTLE

The Western Southland Health Shuttle Service is up and running again.

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.

## SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens is a group of over 60s that meet every Friday afternoon at 1pm at the rooms behind the RSA Hall.

We are always looking for new members so if you would like a fun afternoon playing bowls, cards or just catching up with friends, come and join the group.

Contact: Olive Bennett Ph (03) 2266 477

## 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.



## 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**

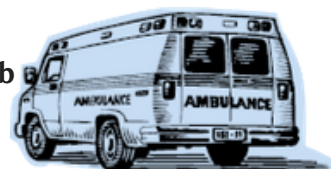
## TUATAPERE AMBULANCE

### 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**



Sometimes we experience 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!

**\$8 per bag - ready for your garden!**

Super dirt can be collected at

Cracks Yard, Grove Burn Road,  
in the mornings Monday to Friday.  
Weekends by arrangement.

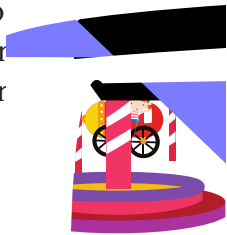
Delivery by arrangement (but not guaranteed)

Phone Trevor (03) 225 5864 or  
Stephen (03) 226 6817



## MERRY GO ROUND

After asking for someone or a group of folk to take over the running of the MGR for two years, no one has wanted to.



It has currently run out of its engineering registration and is unable to be used until a group of younger folk step up and take over the looking after it. It is usually run at about 8 different events each year.

If no one steps up over the next year, it will be sold and the Tuatapere district will have lost a real asset.

Surely there are a few younger folk that are willing to keep it in our area for the benefits of the children.

If you are interested and are prepared to commit to taking care of it, **please give John Munro a call on 027 412 2925**





# Community Notices & Events



## The Clifden Community Christmas Party

**13th December 2020,  
from 4pm onwards, at the  
Clifden Hall and Reserve.**

**Bring along your own BBQ food  
and refreshments and enjoy  
catching up with your community.  
Everyone is welcome!**

**The Big Man in Red is going to make an  
appearance, so bring a wrapped, named  
wee gift for the young ones if you'd like.**

**Hosted by the Clifden Hall Committee.**



## TUATAPERE TOY LIBRARY

### Special / Extraordinary General Meeting

The Executive Committee of the  
Tuatapere Toy Library will be holding a  
Special/Extraordinary General Meeting

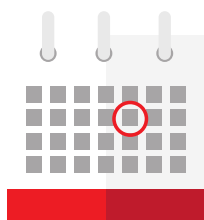
**Monday 7th December, 7:00pm  
at the Waiau Town & Country Club**

This meeting is being held to elect a new  
Executive Committee for the toy library  
consisting of 3-5 or more people. Out of this  
newly elected Executive Committee new  
positions of office (President, Treasurer, and  
Secretary) will be elected. The Executive  
Committee may however choose to combine  
any positions so they are held by one person.

A gentle reminder the outcome of this meeting will  
secure the future of the Tuatapere Toy Library. So anyone  
wishing to attend this meeting and/or stand for the  
Executive Committee please either email or text Minessa  
(please do not post on Facebook) with your full name so  
a list of candidates can be posted at our local toy library.

Thank you  
Minessa Erskine  
President Tuatapere Toy Library  
027 311 2112  
minszeke@gmail.com

SAVE THE  
*date*



## 82nd WAIAU A&P SHOW

Tuatapere Domain

**Saturday 13th February 2021**

Lots of fun for the  
whole family!

\$5 entry fee for Adults  
Children are FREE



## Animal Farmyard

for the

**82nd WAIAU A&P SHOW**

Does anyone have  
puppies, piglets, chickens,  
goats or any other lovely pets  
for the Animal Farmyard  
at the A&P Show?

Please phone or text

**Chris - 027 308 0665**

*The children just love the Animal Farmyard!*

# Tuatapere Lions Club

John Knowler



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Greetings once again from the Tuatapere Lions Club. At last some sunshine - it certainly is needed and hopefully can enable not only the farming fraternity but also the home gardeners to make up for lost growth. As has been documented elsewhere the club hay day was very successful and once more sincere thanks to everyone.

At our August tea meeting Lions Quinton and Alister arranged for the presentation on money (cheques are a non-event now) - Dr Murray Pfeiffer from the committee of the new hospital was in awe of what our club does for the district and how much monies is raised and distributed not only locally.

Good news on the new ambulance shed - work is starting late February - early March. The consent process for a simple shed has been difficult to comprehend. One can only imagine how difficult it will be to enable the new rebuild of Invercargill.

One of a number of requests that the club had for financial assistance was from the Waiau Health Trust to enable the purchase of mobility equipment.

Among the guest speakers we have had was a local lady, Alice Harris who had asked for a donation to enable her to arrange for children with autism to be able to attend a movie at the theatre in Invercargill. Alice has a son Fletcher affected by this and she explained how bright light and loud noise can annoy. The real benefit of all this was that a number of complete families could attend - for some it was a first time experience.

At our September meeting we welcome our District Governor Sue Fleury and husband Alan. Sue's reign is for one year only and she gets to visit all the clubs in her patch.

Xmas is coming up fast and the club is organising a Xmas night for our dedicated Ambulance Staff. We all owe them so much! The club's own Xmas party is on Dec 4th.

In closing, I would like, on behalf of all our members, to offer our congratulations to President Jimmy Harris and Adrian for being awarded Lean Meats of Oamaru Top Lamb Competition - well done and James thanks for the shout.

Happy festive season to all!



## CHAMBERS REPAIR SERVICE XMAS HOURS



THURSDAY 24 DEC 8.00AM - 3PM

FRIDAY 25 DEC CLOSED

SATURDAY 26 DEC CLOSED

SUNDAY 27 DEC CLOSED

MONDAY 28 DEC CLOSED

TUESDAY 29th DEC 9.00AM - 4.00PM

WEDNESDAY 30th DEC 9.00AM - 4.00PM

THURSDAY 31st DEC 9.00AM - 4.00PM

FRIDAY 1st JAN CLOSED

SATURDAY 2nd JAN CLOSED

SUNDAY 3rd JAN CLOSED

MONDAY 4th JAN CLOSED

TUESDAY 5th JAN 9.00AM - 4PM

WEDNESDAY 6th JAN 9.00AM - 4PM

THURSDAY 7th JAN 9.00AM - 4PM

FRIDAY 8th JAN 9.00AM - 4PM

**BACK TO NORMAL HOURS MONDAY 11th JANUARY**

# Look! There's a Neat Cut in Town

## *Tell us a little about yourself*

My name is Anita Green. I am 39 years old and live in Orawia with my husband Dale and our daughter, 3 year old Hazel. I have been hairdressing both full time and part time for coming up 25 years (that makes me feel old!)



## *How did you get started?*

As a 15 year old I started volunteering at High Lights Hair Design in Otautau – eventually proving myself to be worthy of an apprenticeship, under Kaye Whipps. I worked in that Otautau Salon for over 10 years, staying on even as the salon sold 3 times – it was like I was a chattel! In 2010 I started hairdressing for Tash at Hair Razor in Winton. I really loved my time there in that fast paced salon, the vibe was speedy yet fun, as were the team – lots of laughs were had. I have been know to pop up over there now and again when cover is needed which has been a real treat for me.



## *What's your dream?*

My dream has always been to own and operate my own salon – I didn't plan on it being right now but the opportunity arose and I had to just go for it! I am so excited to be in the heart of Tuatapere in my own beautiful space. Tuatapere is a very special wee community that I love being a part of. I am looking forward to meeting lots more people and of course giving them fantastic hair.

## *Where are you? When are you open? What else do we need to know?*

Neat Cut is in the Tuatapere Outdoors & Hardware building, Orawia Road (where Shazza's Hair Boutique used to be). Opening hours will be Tuesday 9–5pm, Thursday 10–8pm and Friday 10–5pm. These hours will be subject to change as I'm finding my feet, juggling my family life and our helicopter business. I will have a flag on the building and if it's out, come on in, no appointment is necessary, walk-ins will always be welcome, the jug always hot!

Matrix colour and Matrix retail is what I will be using and selling. It's a fabulous brand and one I have used for many years – you will love it! I will have gift vouchers available for Christmas. Feel free to get hold of me via my cellphone: 027 506 2418 call or message and I will get you sorted. I have created a FaceBook page called Neat Cut – I will keep that updated, feel free to give my page a like and share it with your friends. I look forward to this new adventure and the friends I will make along the way!



## **TUATAPERE OUTDOORS & HARDWARE**

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Good selection of giftware.

Come in, check out what we have and while you are here stop in and say hello and welcome to Anita Green as the new lessee of her hair salon in our building. We wish her well in her new endeavour.

Contact: Judy **027 225 8192** | Paul **027 890 3602** | Shop **(03) 226 6363**



# Tuatapere Amenities Trust

The Tuatapere Amenities Trust meets each year to consider applications for funding submitted by local organisations for projects they are undertaking.

The Trust wish to announce the successful applicant for the 2020 year:

**TUATAPERE & DISTRICT PROMOTIONS INC.                      \$4,000.00**

Since 2000-2001 organisations in the Tuatapere district have benefited from successful grant applications totalling **\$671,284.00**

Over the years the main grants are as follows:

**TUATAPERE HUMP TRACK CHARITABLE TRUST  
AND TUTATAPERE HUMP TRACK LTD                      \$105,480.00**

**TUATAPERE COMMUNITY MEDICAL SERVICES  
TRUST AND WAIAU HEALTH TRUST LTD                      \$113,288.00**

**TUATAPERE COMMUNITY BATHS SOCIETY LTD                      \$114,430.00**

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**\$333,198.00**

**OTHER ORGANISATIONS                      \$338,086.00**

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**\$671,284.00**

Application forms will be available from January 1st 2021 and these may be collected from Tuatapere Service Station, Chambers Garage and Tuatapere Outdoors and Hardware.

Completed application forms need to be submitted by **30th April 2021**.

The Trust wish to remind applicants that funding for wages, administration and operational costs or retrospective funding will not be granted.

## We want to hear from you!

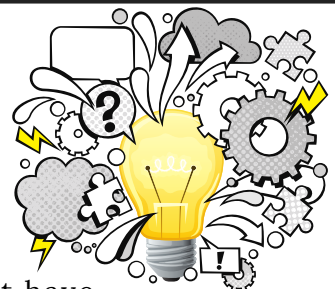
Do you have an idea for the Western Wanderer?

Is there something you'd like to see or read about in the Western Wanderer each month?

We are always on the lookout for new contributions - it doesn't have to be every month (but it can be!)

Email us at **yourwesternwanderer@gmail.com**    **OR**

**drop a note** in the letterbox outside the Toy Library (18 Orawia Rd, Tuatapere)



# Special Feature - Part Three

*Written by George Charlton in August 2019*



**The Ambulance Roster.** You had one week a month which was rostered seven days. You were on call seven days with 12 hour shifts (6am- 6pm then 6pm- 6am). You had to stay at home for each shift as the exchange had the roster of who was on ambulance call and would ring you. There were no pagers or cell phones when you were on call. A lot of the call outs did not involve you to drive the ambulance. There could be a mill accident or car accident where Dr Elder would get the ambulance to pick them up and take them to the surgery and you would help with whatever he wanted you to do. I often wonder what Dr Elder saved the ambulance fund by doing all these emergencies at his surgery, rather than sending patients on.

**West Arm Power Station.** At this time construction of the west arm of Lake Manapouri Power Station had begun and the transmission line from West Arm to the new smelter at Bluff had begun. Borland Lodge was originally a camp for workers on the transmission line. There was also a workers' camp at the south arm of Lake Manapouri. Prior to being an ambulance driver, when I wasn't on day shift at the telephone exchange, I drove a truck for Tuatapere Transport which was owned by John Robins (one of the original ambulance drivers). I remember John Harvey, Norman Hammond and I would take loads of gelignite from the Tuatapere Railway Station up the South Arm Road, which was used to blow rock so a road could be formed into the South Arm. This went on for some time. I remember bringing out wild deer each time and taking it to Snowy Edgerton's chiller, so I got to know the road quite well.

**Ambulance and South Arm.** The ambulance had numerous trips into South Arm, whether for sickness or accidents. Depending on the nature of the emergency the ambulance driver and first aid assistant could be away all day from Borland Lodge. It is 34 kms from there into West Arm and with the newly formed road it could take between 1 to 1.5 hours to get into South Arm. If you were called at 8am by Dr. Elder he would brief you to the best of his ability and the ambulance would go. By the time you got back to the surgery it could be up to five hours later. If Dr Elder said go to Kew Hospital that was another three hours so most of your day was gone.

Like today, the ambulance drivers were the unsung heroes who attended to emergencies, with their assistants, for nothing in return. I believe also that the employers of these drivers deserve a mention as when a driver was away in work time his wages were never docked. One does not usually mention the ambulance call-outs that they do. But there is one, in particular, that I would like to mention. Early one morning a call came from Dr Elder to go to South Arm to pick up a patient who had fallen and injured his back. The message came from South- Arm by radio to West-Arm which was picked up by Awarua Radio Station between Invercargill and Bluff and then relayed to the telephone exchange at Tuatapere. By this time the message was so jumbled up that Dr Elder said "just go on driving at the Borland Camp" (now Borland Lodge). The ambulance crew was told that snow and mud had come down and covered the road halfway between Borland and South-Arm and bulldozers were trying to clear a path through for the ambulance. It did succeed by being towed by a grader through the slip and carried on down into South-Arm. By this time it was close to midday. When the ambulance arrived our patient was lying on a mattress on the floor of the kitchen at the South Arm hut. Apparently he had a long session the night before and being one of the chefs had arrived to cook breakfast. However, still feeling the effects of the night before, he had tripped, fell and hurt his back and could not move for the pain. The problems were just beginning as he was a Russian and spoke with very little English and from the time he had fallen to the time the ambulance arrived he had drunk a large bottle of gin so no medication could be given. His weight was over 20 stone

and the stretchers in those days were not built for 20 stone men. To cap things off when he was finally put in the ambulance the back doors could not be closed because he was too tall. His feet protruded out the two back doors. He was shifted as far forward as possible and the back doors were tied with a rope from the inside. Having to be towed through the same slip by grader the ambulance arrived back at the surgery where Dr Elder was waiting. By this time it was late afternoon. After assessing the patient Dr Elder decided he could not give any medication as he was still high on the medication he had administered to himself! After much discussion Dr Elder decided to put him in a bed at the Waiau Hotel for a few days to recuperate. It has been said that Mrs Love told this patient that the only medication he would get was the medication that Dr Elder prescribed!

Here again Dr Elder was thinking of the ambulance personnel who would have had to carry onto Kew Hospital which would have been another 2 to 3 hours there and back. In the end everything worked out well. Before this patient went back to South-Arm he gave a substantial donation for the running of the Tuatapere Lions' Free Ambulance.

On the humorous side Dr Elder had a very dry and witty sense of humour. When you were with him he had this terrible whistle which was the one note all the time. One never got used to it! I remember one Saturday night I was finishing my shift at the telephone exchange. It was in the middle of winter and it was very dark. On going out the door I heard an almighty bang and on Investigating I found a car had hit the end of the bridge outside Dave Mill's shop. I don't know why but back in those days it was quite a common occurrence for a motorist to come in contact with this bridge; some even missed the bridge and ended up in the creek. John Robins, Ivan Bates and I got the ambulance out of the fire station and took the unfortunate driver of the vehicle around to the surgery. Being another big man we were only able to get him into the foyer. He was hurt quite badly as his head went through the windscreen on impact. We knew Dr Elder was coming because you could hear this agonizing whistle. Looking the patient over Dr Elder, still whistling, got too close to the patient's face. The patient vomited and Doc wore the lot all over his face, his hair and glasses. Doc stopped whistling, stood up and turned around to the wash basin, cleaned himself up, turned back to the patient who was by this time wide awake and said "Well Mr ..... you won't have to worry about doing that again tonight" and started to whistle again. We found out later that the patient, being a farmer, had picked fresh mushrooms in the morning and had them for lunch, so you can imagine the mess the Doc was in!

After a number of years on his own there were other doctors that practiced here with Dr Elder that I think should be mentioned because they were on call and were as vigilant as Dr Elder was. The three that I remember vividly were Dr Buckland, Dr Frame and Dr Bodle. Drs Buckland and Frame were here before the ambulance service began. Dr Bodle was here when the service began. He was a real hard case and was a straight shooter. Any problems at car accidents involving alcohol he would sort it out straight away. Mind you, so could Dr Elder but in half the amount of words as Dr Bodle!

In the early days of ambulance driving we also had doctors at Nightcaps, Otautau and Riverton. These doctors, along with the Tuatapere doctors, worked a weekend roster service where they had weekends with different doctors on duty. If an emergency arose one of these doctors, who would be on duty, would arrange with the ambulance driver to come to Otautau or Riverton and meet us there saving time if they had to come to Tuatapere. They would check the patients and you would carry on to Kew Hospital where the A and E department would be waiting for you. On the odd occasion you would transfer the patient on to Dunedin Hospital. Luckily, this did not happen very often. In those days the ambulance service was not run by St John but was run by Southland District Health Board.

When one looks back to the first commer van converted into an ambulance and paid for by the Lions' Club, Legacy's Golden Kiwi and the public of Tuatapere we should be very proud of everyone concerned that pioneered the ambulance service over fifty years ago.



# Councillor Report

*George Harpur, Councillor*

Hi and welcome to my final report for 2020. Overall it has been a very challenging year with our friend Covid-19 dictating the rules, and unfortunately creating much havoc in many areas. The lack of tourists and the general travelling public have certainly stretched the finances and resources of many relying on this trade to survive, and unfortunately some have not. On a positive note we will as a race survive and with the good results of some recent vaccine testing we may have a means of control for this beast.

I am hoping you all have read and responded to the issues that have been out for public consultation over the last month. As a council we rely on and try to respond to your feedback if it is of sound logic and or it may have effects on the outcome. You as the ratepayer may have informed us of an outcome we have overlooked and this is valuable feedback and will be addressed if it is found worthy. The Te Anau airport is attracting much attention and it will be interesting to see the public opinion on this topic. Likewise the topics on the Fiordland National Park in which Te Anau is the major town but the Park stretches right to the south coast. There are other interested parties in the southern end that are also worthy of mention, fringing on and running businesses or concessions within the park. This is starting to sound like Te Anau v Queenstown some thirty years ago. A united front will be of benefit to us all. The tourists will make up their own mind where they wish to stopover. The condition and availability of our accommodation and amenities will determine the future for us and the facilities that are available.

Roadside weed spraying will happen early in the New Year. Some areas in particular like the Lilburn Valley turnoff are becoming an eyesore to many. The new bridge over the canal at Monowai has been completed and work is underway with the Monowai swing bridge. The structural condition has been accessed and most boxes have been ticked. A major deck and superstructure refurbishment may see it back to a class one standard. I emphasise the "may".

Well folks, enjoy your festive season. It's a great pity that the Riverton races and the New Year's Day Sports clash.

From June and George - a merry Xmas to you all. Cheers!



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**MOOSE**

## Who are you?

Hey! My name is Moose, I'm 3½ years old and I was born in Illinois, USA!

## When did you move to Tuatapere?

Me and my humans arrived here in August, 2020.

## Do you like to travel?

I love to travel! I've been to 15 of the US states, Canada, and took a road trip the length of NZ. My humans take me everywhere with them!

## Favourite destinations?

Chicago, Las Vegas, Niagara Falls, and Tuatapere!

## Favourite Foods? Hobbies?

Steak, chicken, and tasty cheese! Sleeping, car rides, and sometimes sleeping during a car ride.

## Do you have any dislikes?

Oh yeah - having my nails trimmed and swimming.

## What questions do you get asked the most?

- How much do I weigh (94 kilograms)
- If I am a small horse or small cow (no)
- Do I sleep in my people's bed (I'm not allowed, but I sure as heck try!)
- If I have a saddle (which would be silly! I'm just a little puppy)

## What would people be most surprised to learn about you?

That I am a lap dog .... if i fits, i sits!

## What surprised you most when you arrived in Tuatapere?

Cows really aren't that much larger than I am and that hedgehogs don't run away when I approach them. Absolutely LOVE it here.

## What's the best thing about Tuatapere?

The people here all like to pet me and when my new friends at Tui Base Camp sneak me a piece of sausage. Woof!

## Where can people learn more about you?

Check out my Instagram account. I'm instafamous! Search for **@greatdanemoose**

## Are you glad your humans moved you here?

Absolutely! The people are so friendly, I can run around outside, and I'm living my best life!

oops... sorry for walkin' on the page

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- \* **CHRISTMAS FUNCTIONS – BOOK NOW!** The calendar is filling up, call to chat about options.
- \* **NEW YEARS DAY** – Keep an eye on our Facebook Page.
- \* **MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLES** – drawn every Friday night! Approx. 7.30-8.30pm.  
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# Waiau Memorial Library

8 Orawia Road, Tuatapere

The library opened for Trick or Treating this Halloween and we weren't disappointed. We had ghosts, ghouls and the odd skeleton. Fortunately, everyone came for treats and not a single trick was played. Ratty had a ball and is looking forward to doing it again next year. Though he might have to work on his costume and eat less lollies so he doesn't end up with a bellyache.

We're happy to announce that the library applied for and received a grant from the Community Partnership Fund. We'd like to thank the Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board for the grant as well as the people who helped with our application. The grant is for the Children's section of the library and will go towards buying Non Fiction, Dyslexia-friendly books and books about Maori Culture. We'll also be replacing books that are outdated.

Lastly, we'd like to thank everyone who has donated books to the library, they are always appreciated.



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## BOOK REVIEW

by Anne Horrell

**Title:** Confessions of a Bookseller

**Author:** Shaun Bythell

*Available at Waiau Memorial Library*

This is one of those 'laugh out loud', fun to read books!  
Shaun Bythell is the owner of Scotland's largest second hand bookshop.



In this book 'Confessions of a Bookseller' Shaun takes us on a journey of his year in the bookshop. We are introduced to his staff members including Nicky, who has been with him for years and considers the book shop her own domain, with Shaun merely a helper; and Flo, a truculent teenager who does not 'suffer fools gladly'!

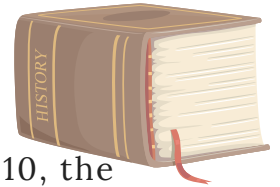
Shaun, who observes his customers as one accustomed to studying book characters, provides an entertaining account of his regular and his not so regular customers. He writes about 'Mole Man' (a name given by Shaun), a little short man who visits the bookshop regularly but never speaks...as he scuttles around the bookshelves and arrives at the counter, his eyes just visible, with an impressive selection of books.

This is a book which heartens the soul. The love of books - new, old, rare and common - continues into the 21st century, despite the onslaught of multi-media. Shaun, in the years' account of dealing with customers and online purchasers mentions some 'must read' books which I, for one, have recorded and intend to pursue. Apart from the recommendation of great reading material you will be entertained by Shaun's narrative of everyday occurrences in his bookshop...e.g. "A man approached me as I was pricing up stock and asked 'I wonder if you can help me. I'm looking for self-help books'. I'm almost certain that he failed to see the irony so I asked him what sort of self-help books he was looking for, to which he replied 'I don't know'."

Shaun Bythell is a natural observer of people and a lover of books. His 'Confessions of a Bookseller' will have you giggling as he recalls his days in the bookshop. If Covid-19 ever lifts and travel is again possible a visit to Shaun's bookshop in Wigtown, Scotland is high on my priority list of places to visit!

# A Piece of History *by Des Williams*

## Australasia's Largest One-day Sports



From humble beginnings on West's barely-cleared paddock in 1910, the Tuatapere Sports grew to become the largest one-day meeting in Australasia. The Sports became a New Year's Day event in 1911 and has remained so to this day. The venue moved to the Tuatapere Domain in 1921.

In the years leading up to World War II, the 'Sports' grew steadily in size and stature to the stage where, in 1940, 7500 people attended and 1200 cars were parked around the ground. With the war in Europe having started a couple of months earlier, gate takings were 'handed over to patriotic purposes,' wrote FWG Miller in 1960's fiftieth jubilee booklet.

Mr Miller described 1939 as a peak in the Sports Society's history, providing 'the highest standard of athletics ever seen at Tuatapere, with the world champion axemen WJ Johnstone and MC Parker of Australia making the bushcraft section the finest yet seen at this meeting.'

And although Parker and Johnstone couldn't overcome large handicaps to win their finals, they were credited (by Miller) with introducing the 'tree-topping' (jiggerboard) event to New Zealand sports arenas. (The technique had long been used in the bush.)

'Every department struck the jackpot – attendance, chopping, sawing, cycling and athletics, weather, standard of entertainment and gate takings. There has never been a meeting up to the standard of that attained in 1939,' Mr Miller wrote.

While athletics and cycling champions came mainly from outside the district, there was never any shortage of top class axemen who could call themselves 'locals'. In the 1920s and 1930s Jack Pont of Colac Bay was an absolute giant of the sport with a world championship to his name. Tom Mason of Round Hill competed for 70 years at Tuatapere and won a New Zealand single-handed sawing title in 1978 at the age of 69.

The 1960 Jubilee sports featured many champion cyclists who were in Invercargill for the annual Christmas-New Year carnival at Kew Bowl. Australian Ian Browne was a gold medallist at Melbourne in 1956 and a Commonwealth Games champion in 1958. Fellow Aussie Peter Bartels would go on to win a Commonwealth Games gold medal at Jamaica in 1962.

New Zealander riders present that day included three-time Tour of Southland winner and Olympic representative Warwick Dalton and Invercargill's John Holloway, who lost his life while racing in Belgium in 1963.

In the latter half of the last century Tuatapere became synonymous with 'Sausages'. In the years prior to World War II it was very definitely 'Sports'.



# Pioneer Families of the Waiau Valley 19



## DICKSON Gavin of Tuatapere

Wife's name and first names: Marion Jane McConnon

Location Settled: Main Street Tuatapere

Date of Arrival: 1919

Origin: Gavin's Grandfather, George, with his wife Isabella (nee Russell) arrived in Dunedin in 1868 on the "William Davie" with his children, Margaret, Andrew Russell, Robert Hunter, Alexander, George, & James Kecklie. His eldest son Gavin Lindsay Dickson had already preceded him, in 1867. Gavin in his turn, had followed out his sweetheart, Mary Cable who had already arrived with her parents aboard "Pariah" in 1866. Mary already had his child and they were married within two weeks of his arrival.

Gavin Dickson married Marion Jane McConnon from Dillmanstown, West Coast

1. Elva Dorothy m. High Fraser Stewart – 1<sup>st</sup> couple married in Presb. Church Tuatapere
2. Gavin David Russell m. Florence Grey of Te Tua
3. Ralph Alexander m. Maud Hayes of Niagara, Southland
4. Allan William Leslie m. Lillian Anna Frances Whyte of Te Tua
5. Ronald Joseph Gordon m. Meryl Gilder of Dunedin

Occupation on Arrival: Blacksmith and farrier

Descendants of Gavin Lindsay Dickson b. 27 12 1844, and Mary Cable:

1. George
2. Catherine
3. Isabella Russell
4. Mary Cable
5. Joseph Cable
6. Gavin
7. William Cable
8. Helen Warner
9. Jessie James
10. John Cable
11. David
12. Betsy
13. Robert
14. stillborn
15. Jane-Ann
16. Alexander Cable

Allan and Lillian's Descendants

1. Lindsay Russell Dickson m. Patricia May Dungey (twin sons, 1 daughter)
2. Rayma Lily
3. Ewan Wayne

Lindsay's descendants:

1. Andrea Patricia b.1970 =Stephen James Diack chn Crystal, Deandra, Ethan (stillborn), Juvan
2. Stuart Lindsay Dickson b. 1972
3. Russell Francis Dickson b.1972 Twins m. Annette Marie Flower chn. Renee, Brent

## Highlights

**Gavin** did his apprenticeship and become a blacksmith and farrier at Otama. He served in a number of sawmills on the West Coast, becoming skilled at locomotive and stationary engine driving. He assisted with setting up the Port Craig Mill at Mussel Beach. He later opened a blacksmith and engineering business in Tuatapere in 1919. He worked on the Monowai Power Scheme, the new rail line to Orawia from Tuatapere, building bridges and helping set up sawmills. The first meeting of the Western District Pip Band was held in his house on Main Street, Gavin and his sons becoming members.

**Allan** remembered seeing Halley's Comet from Nydia Bay in Malborough. He worked as a sawmill hand, a blacksmith and gold miner in Longwoods. He worked as a farm hand, carted milk to factory in horse and dray and cut trees during the Depression with his father. He married and worked on Whyte farm in a rented cottage, later buying a farm, now Tan Bar at head of Otahu Flat in 1935. He shod horses from Wairaki, Grassy Creek, Blackmount, ploughed and caught lots of the many thousands of rabbits for their skins. He bought the heavily infested Otahu Flat farm in 1950. It carried only 5 sheep, a cow and a horse - "all nearly dead from starvation". Lindsay took over in the 1960's and sold it in 2001.

Allan was a successful boxer, winning many provincial titles in the 1920s. He was a piper, drummer, then Drum Major in the Western District Pipe Band, his father being Pipe Major. He also did highland dancing to help raise funds. The band travelled from Orepuki through as far as Belmont, getting home at daylight sometimes. Allan was also a famous Santa Claus for returned soldiers, school children at Tuatapere, Clifden, Papatotoara and Otahu, and Bible classes too. He also played Santa at Bill Love's Waiau Hotel.

Special thanks to Malcolm Garrett for these records (and thanks to Margaret Thomas who gave us access to them so that we can share them with you).  
We hope you enjoy Pioneer Families of the Waiau Valley!



# Chaplain's Chat

David Duthie, Community Chaplain

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TeAxel F – Crazy Frog – IT'S CHRISTMAS!! So went my line of thinking the other night while I was enjoying the many talents of the students (and staff) of Waiau Area School at their recent culture night. Too early on many Christmas mornings I was awoken by 2 young boys playing Crazy Frog's rendition of Jingle Bells at a very loud volume. Christmas 2005 saw this as the number 1 song in NZ and Spain. I have no idea how we ended up with a copy of this song.

But once again the calendar has rolled around and IT'S CHRISTMAS! Retailers will be scrambling for your hard earned money, trying to induce us to buy more stuff. Children will try and convince their parents they really have been good this year, and men around the country will be wracking their brains in search of the "perfect gift".

All this is a far cry from the first Christ-Mass, where a young couple away from home gave birth to their first child. A son who would live and die in such a way, that his influence reverberates through history's pages to the current day. For 2000 years the life of Jesus has inspired and transformed the lives of millions of people. Although it took some time before his birth was celebrated (the first mention of a Christ Mass being celebrated on 25 December is in 336AD – in part because birthdays were not considered as important as the date of death), we continue this tradition many years later.

This has been a year unique, at least in our lifetime. For many it has been a year of reset and re-evaluation. Things previously taken for granted at work, school and home have all been affected. A lot of us have taken the time to consider what is most important to us; where, how, and with whom we should spend our time and use our resources.

Perhaps it is also time to reset Christmas – to simplify – and to take another look at the person of Jesus Christ. After all, ultimately this festival is all about him.

Have a blessed Christmas season. May 2021 be all that you desire it to be.

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**HAUROKO VALLEY PRIMARY NEWS**

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

As a team we strive to provide contextual highly engaging opportunities for our tamariki to enrich curriculum programmes. This Term has been particularly busy with Education Outside The Classroom or exploring beyond the classroom walls. Learning has been taking place everywhere - in our outdoor classroom, with the loose parts shed, at Discovery and on Camp.

## Year 5&6 Central Otago Camp



Thank you for being part of our learning journey as we grow confident, connected, lifelong learners through our interactions with people within our environment. Thank you for supporting our children as parent help (coaching, managing, transporting, first aiding, fundraising). Thank you to our community for your continued generosity and support from individuals and groups providing sponsorship, donations, hosting, interschool exchanges and teams within Western Southland. We appreciate each and everyone of you! **Meri Kirihimete and Happy New Year to you and your whanau.**

Follow us to keep up to date via our FaceBook page (Hauroko Valley Primary School) or weekly school newsletter via our website [www.haurokovalley.school.nz](http://www.haurokovalley.school.nz) Until next time. Nga mihi nui, Julia Waikato - Principal/Tumuaki

## Events - Term 4, 2020

**2020 December** - Technology at Winton, Tough Kids Years 4-6, Year 8 BIG Day Out, Hauroko Valley Primary School Production & HVP Prize Giving

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# Aunty's Cookbook

With the silly season upon us I thought I would share my favourite salad for the festive season. This salad will be a hit on any Christmas table.



## Kumara and Bacon Salad

### Ingredients

- Oil for frying
- 1kg kumara (I use purple kumara)
- 250g bacon
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup chopped walnuts
- $\frac{1}{2}$  red onion, finely sliced
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup freshly grated parmesan
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup cooked peas
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup mayonnaise
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup sour cream
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup finely chopped parsley
- $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp black pepper
- $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp salt
- A squeeze of lemon juice

### Method

Peel the kumara and chop into 4cm pieces. Add to a large pot of salted water, bring to a simmer and cook until tender. Drain and allow to cool to warm.

Add oil and bacon to a frying pan. Cook until crispy. Drain on a paper towel.

Add the warm kumara to a large bowl with the bacon, walnuts, red onion, mayonnaise, sour cream, parsley, parmesan, peas, pepper and salt. Squeeze in the lemon juice and toss to gently combine. Serve garnished with extra parsley, or refrigerate until needed. It's nice warm or chilled and will last a couple of days in the fridge.



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## Kia ora Western Wanderer Readers

2020 has seen many positive developments. As Principal, I am very proud of the quality teaching, learning partnerships, inclusiveness, and school systems which have been a key part of our progress. Here is a snapshot of some of our achievements:

1. NCEA subjects are being taught across Levels 1-3 (Year 11 up) - Maths, English, Science (including Chemistry, Biology and Physics), Health & PE, Art, Music, Photography, Sculpture, Geography, Humanities, Literacy and Life Skills, Hard Materials (known as BCITO), Automotive and Gateway. NetNZ (online teacher in different subjects eg. accounting or a language) is an option if the school cannot offer a specific subject. 2021 subject choices are the same with a few more additions. Our senior students are very fortunate with the current teaching expertise on staff.
2. The WAS leadership structure is growing from strength to strength. Miss Robinson is in charge of the junior end (primary Years 1-8), Miss Quinn - Years 9&10 and Mr Bennett - Years 11-13. This is proving to be successful by having a senior leadership team (referred to as SLT) working alongside the principal.
3. The partnerships with ERO (Education Review Office), MOE (Ministry of Education), BOT (Board of Trustees), NZSTA (NZ School Trustees Association), are working in sync for the greater good of our WAS students' wellbeing and academic success.
4. The many extension and intervention programmes WAS has been offering over the last few years (and will continue to do so where needed) is starting to pay dividends. The difference the specialist teachers are making in the junior school is outstanding too. The extra EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) opportunities, additional staff being employed by the BOT (eg. student coach/mentor, lunchtime and after school activities, extra support staff and teachers) contribute to a positive outcome for our students.
5. WAS is continuing to build a new curriculum. This means staff are receiving regular PLD (professional learning development) to ensure that WAS is incorporating the most recent and up to date teaching methods whilst the SLT undergo continued training in effective leadership. Mr Bennett was awarded a sabbatical (on



leadership and school systems) for two terms, so he has much to contribute for the future. Mr Maloney successfully gained mathematical post-graduate studies (two year programme) and implemented a MST (Maths Specialist Teacher) intervention programme with 40 students over the last two years. The list could go on!

Here are some statistics to see how the school has grown:

- School Roll: At the end of 2016 there were 68 students. Now there are 136 students, with a steady roll of around 130. Attendance figures were 82.6% in 2016 but now sit at 92.4%.
- Behaviour concerns have decreased significantly in the last four years, whilst student achievement in Years 1-10 has improved. At present 75% of our students are on track to be at or above the expected standard for their age and year level, particularly for reading, writing and maths. Students who are struggling with work are quickly identified and are targeted for extra tuition and support.
- We have an extremely low staff and BOT turnover at WAS. This stability helps our students to feel secure and safe in their education.
- An impressive number of resources have been purchased for the school, which is having a direct impact on the school environment, property sustainability and teaching & learning.

On behalf of the WAS students, families, staff and BOT - thank you for your ongoing support towards WAS. Thank you for staying loyal and persevering with us. It means a lot. Rest assured, the team at WAS will continue to grow even further. Please take care over the festive season and enjoy the time you do manage to get off!

**Nga mihi, take care and keep safe. Andrew PB**



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Beginning early in the New Year we will be having regular coffee/tea catch ups – watch this space and Facebook for updates.

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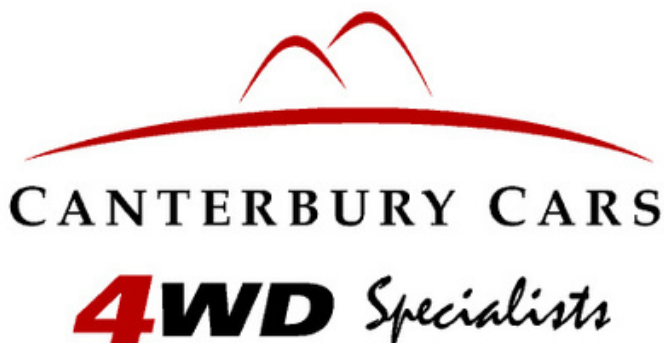
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