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Issue 257

At a glance ... what events are on this month?

JUNE 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1	2	3	4
King's Birthday Weekend	6	7	8	Tuatapere Districts Lions 31st Annual Hay Drive	The Shed at the Well 10-1pm	Hoe Down WTCC 12pm - 8pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 MID WINTER SWIM \$10 Adult \$5 Child 1pm - Tuatapere Community Pool New Predator Control Group Meeting - 3pm
19	20	21	22	23	SOUTHLAN It's Back on 24 ILT Stadium	
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
	Coming	Tuatapere & Districts Promotions Inc AGM 19 July, 7pm WTCC				



#### **COMMUNITY NOTICES & EVENTS**

## **HANDY PHONE NUMBERS**

#### **EMERGENCY**

POLICE /FIRE/AMBULANCE: 11

**MEDICAL CENTRE:** (03) 2266 123

**TUATAPERE POLICE STATION:** 

(03) 2269 020

**TUATAPERE COMMUNITY WORKER:** 

027 757 5983

HAUROKO VALLEY SCHOOL OFFICE:

(03) 2266 753

**WAIAU AREA SCHOOL OFFICE:** 

(03) 2266 285

**TUATAPERE CEMETERY TRUST:** 

(03) 2266 065

**CHAMBERS SERVICE STATION:** 

(03) 2266 654

**TUATAPERE SERVICE STATION:** 

(03) 2266 475

**TUATAPERE FOUR SQUARE:** 

(03) 2266 898

**TUATAPERE OUTDOORS & HARDWARE:** 

(03) 2266 363



# WHĀNAU ĀWHINA PLUNKET GIFTS TUATAPERE PROPERTY BACK TO COMMUNITY

Michelle McGuinness, Head of Communications and Stakeholder Engagement, Plunket NZ

Whānau Āwhina Plunket is gifting its Tuatapere building to a local community group, where the building will go from being used to hosting new babies to archiving local history.

The charity understands the building was fundraised for by the local community which was built on leased council land. Now the Southland District Council has agreed to lease the land to the Tuatapere and Districts Promotions Board for the Central and Western Archive Murihiku Southland.

Clinical Services Manager Suzanne Johnston says as Plunket can relocate its services, it's a win win situation.

"We can gift the property to the Tuatapere community through the Southland District Council to be used for archiving important local historical documents and artifacts," she says.

Whānau Āwhina Plunket also acknowledges Ann Horrell the Chair of The Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board who enabled the building to be utilised by the community.

Well Child and Community Health clinics will relocate to the Tuatapere Medical Centre (Waiau Health Trust), 69A Orawia Road, Tuatapere.

The Manager of the Tuatapere Medical Centre, Jo Sandford, is welcoming Plunket services.

"We are excited at the opportunities to form strong relationships with Plunket to benefit young families," she says.



Awhitia te taonga o te aroha o te manaaki, i te hononga o ō tāua ringa i roto i te kotahitanga.

Haere tahi tāua i te hōpara o te hau, i a tāua e whai nei i tō tāua huarahi i te ao nei.

#### **COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD**

#### TUATAPERE PLAYGROUP

Tuatapere Playgroup welcomes all 0-5 year olds & their parents/ caregivers to come join the fun!

You'll find us at 23B Orawia Road, Tuatapere

Friday mornings from 9:30am to 12:30pm. Bring a packed morning tea and drink bottle.

We provide a warm, friendly atmosphere for children to form bonds and learn alongside each other and a place for parents to connect.

For more info message our Facebook page or contact Gemma on 022 040 3368

#### CLIFDEN PLAYGROUP

45 Otahu Eastern Bush Road. Join our FB Group to check if it's on: Wednesday (during School Term) 9:30am - 12:30pm.

All mothers and children welcome.

Bring packed lunchbox for your child's morning tea.

Contact: Sarah 027 699 5234

#### TUATAPERE TOY LIBRARY

Tuatapere Toy Library has been a toy swap/hire service provided to the young families of Tuatapere and surrounding districts since 1989.

The purpose is to create opportunities for the little people of our community to have accessibility to toys.

A small contribution of an annual membership allows families to join the group and have access to the toys.

For more information or questions please text or ring Nathalie Pahl on 027 4759 075

#### **TUATAPERE COMMUNITY MARKET**

Second Saturday of the month. 10am - 1pm In the Shed at The Well.

Please text **027 297 4767** to book a \$5 table

#### **TUATAPERE AMBULANCE**

#### Did YOU Know?

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

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

#### **WESTERN SOUTHLAND HEALTH SHUTTLE**

The Western Southland Health Shuttle Service travels 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.

#### TUATAPERE VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

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



#### **COMMUNITY NOTICES & EVENTS**

# <u>Waiau Valley</u> <u>Presbyterian Church</u> <u>Tuatapere</u>

Main Road

We meet every Sunday at 10.30am

Need to know more?
Phone or message

Cedric on 022 027 3834

# WESTERN SOUTHLAND CATHOLIC MASS

Held **Fridays** at **4.30pm** in the Anglican Church cnr Orawia Rd & Birch St Tuatapere.

We are a friendly, lively group of people and everyone is very welcome to join us especially those who are visiting the area.

Grateful thanks also to the Tuatapere
Anglican Community for sharing
their church facilities with us.

Fr Brendan Ward (Parish Priest )
Ph: 03 218 4123
basilica.invercargill@gmail.com
Fr Jaewoo Lee (Asst. Priest)
Text preferred - 027 309 422

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#### WAIAU MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Library Hours: Fridays

10:00am - 11:30am

2:30pm - 4:00pm

7:00pm - 8:00pm



# Tuatapere Community Pool

# And that's a wrap for the Tuatapere Community Pool for the 2022/23 season!

Many thanks to the large number of users. It is an incredibly well utilised pool and we are so lucky to have it in our community.

Our biggest thank you goes to our amazing committee and volunteers who keep the pool running on both the maintenance and admin side. It is a huge time commitment and the water quality is a real credit

to all who maintain it.

Please consider joining the committee or volunteering your services for the 2023/24 season. Many hands make light work.

Thanks again!

Access Keys: lan Laurenson 022 608 4764

Suzanne Norman 027 422 1521

**President:** Minessa 027 311 2112

# CALLING ALL LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS SPORTS TEAMS / CODES ETC

It's free to advertise your local group, sporting team/code in the Western Wanderer! If you want to share the results of a game and/or tournament or celebrate the achievements of a team member or

player - we can print that too! Email

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by the 20th of the month prior & we'll also add any event notices to the Community Noticeboard for the next issue!

## **POP UP SHOP**

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# OPEN FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS 10am to 4pm

Tuatapere Presbyterian Church Hall, Main Road, Tuatapere. Enjoy a cuppa and a chat while there.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, CLOTHING, SHOES, BOOKS, LINEN, TOYS, AND MORE.

CHECK OUT MY WEEKLY FACEBOOK POST FOR A SELECTION OF THE ITEMS AVAILABLE.

Donations of items always gratefully received. Thank you for helping us help the community. Drop off at the church or for other options contact me. Carol Diack 021 110 1835

#### WANTED BY THE POP UP SHOP

Linen - Children's Toys - Household Items - Jigsaws - Children's Shoes -

Can you help with any of the above for our customers?

Many, many thanks for your support of the shop.

Contact Carol Diack 021 110 1835

#### **KEEN FOR A GAME OR WANT TO LEARN CHESS?**

Sundays 3-5pm at Last Light Lodge

Gold coin donation appreciated! See you Sundays - just turn up!



# WESTERN SOUTHLAND WOOL & CRAFT GROUP

Spinning, Felt, Weaving, Knitting, Crochet.

Other crafts welcome!

1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month. 10am - 3pm. \$5. BYO Lunch.Scout Den, Erskine Street. For details please contact:

Helen Todd 022 103 9327

## **NEED A JP?**

The following Justices are available by appointment:

Tuatapere - Keri Potter - 027 526 3137

Te Waewae Bay - Shirley Whyte - 027 504 5220

Blackmount - Nicky Baker - 027 643 5880

#### **COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD**



As of Tuesday 6th June the NZ Post Centre will be at The Well, Orawia Rd.



# TUATAPERE & DISTRICTS LIONS CLUB PROJECT

or mobile phone: 027 211 4675



Bags@\$8.00 ready for your garden

Super Dirt can be collected from Rabco's Yard, Groveburn Road

Due to high demand the Pea Straw is SOLD OUT

We still have some Super Dirt!

Phone Shirley or Stephen (03) 226 6817



# TUATAPERE COMMUNITY WORKER

Room 5/69A Orawia Road Tuatapere Medical Centre

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 10am to 3pm

Keri Potter **027 757 5983** Email: **tcworker@xtra.co.nz**  Tune into Tuatapere's very own Radio Station 88.2 FM - Tui FM!

Hits of the 80's & 90's and today's current music!

# 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** 





#### **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.

Want to volunteer your time & 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 the ladies below to open it for you.

Louise Greber (03) 668 6001 or Lyla Sherriff (03) 226 6187

#### **TUATAPERE ENVELOPES**

Envelopes printed with the "Tuatapere on Natures Edge" Logo can be purchased at Country Corner Craft Shop 1A Orawia Road. **Cost \$4.00 per 10** 

#### SOUTHLAND COMMUNITY LAW CENTRE

Free legal information and advice for the community of Southland. 2nd Floor, Cue Building, 33 Don Street,

Invercargill. Phone (03) 214 3180

Freephone: 0800 550 800 (outside Invercargill city only)



#### **COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD**

#### TARGET SHOOTING SOUTHLAND

Have you thought of small bore rifle shooting which is known in Southland as target shooting?

Tuatapere meet on a Wednesday night.

7:30pm, RSA Hall.

Contact: Kevin Daly **(03) 234 5162** or

Quinton Erskine (03) 226 6969

#### **KEEN TO GIVE SQUASH A GO?**

Great exercise & social time!

We are practicing on Mondays.

Everyone more than welcome!

aquash

**NEW** 

If you need more information, please contact:

Men - Sam Egerton 027 250 5477 or

Women - Rebecca Robertson 027 424 6129

#### **INDOOR BOWLS**

Waiau Town & Country Club Indoor Bowls are desperately needing more members weather your young or old it's a game for all. School kids also welcome!

Practice nights **Mondays** 7.30pm - be good to see some new faces! Full coaching provided. Please email **jessejculbertson@icloud.com** 

#### PREDATOR CONTROL GROUP

We will be having our second meeting on Sunday **18th June** at Tui Base Camp at **3pm**. All welcome!

#### **ORAWIA HALL - BOOTCAMP GROUP**

Come along to our bootcamp to improve your fitness, strength and well-being.

It runs for 1 hour every Monday, Wednesday & Friday morning from 6am to 7am.

New people are always welcome.

Cost is \$5 per session - pay as you go!

Contact: Kathy on 021 0811 6603 or

Nessa on 021 1165 106

#### COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

#### **CANCER SOCIETY**

Just to let everyone know the first meeting to organise Daffodil Day is this month so let's see if we can do better than last year.

If you bought something at last year's quiz action, could you please check that you have paid the money into the Cancer Society account.

CANCER SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND
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Thanks for your support.

Isobel Green - Coordinator

#### **TUATAPERE COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Well our garden is covered with pea straw and tucked away for winter.

We have decided that it is too much work for two people to do. We hope someone will come forward and take over the running of the garden for the coming season. Please get in touch with us if this is YOU!

Thank you to the few helpers we've had over the season.

Irene Diack and Isobel Green (03) 226 6065

#### LOOKING FOR LOCAL PHOTOS

We love featuring photographs taken in and around our local and surrounding districts.



Do you have any you'd like to share? We will always credit the photographer unless you ask us not to.

Please share your snaps with us by emailing a good resolution copy to:

yourwesternwander@gmail.com

Ideally a photograph in landscape

orientation is better for the cover - but don't worry if it's in portrait orientation.

Landscape Orientation Portrait Orientation

# TUATAPERE HEALTH & GIFT SHOP

(part of Riverton Pharmacy)

69a Orawia Road

(beside the Medical Centre)

Ph: **(03) 226 6999** 

12:00pm - 5:30pm Mon-Fri

Good selection of Vitamins, Giftware & Over-the-counter healthcare First prescription drop-off from 1:30pm Second prescription drop-off 4:30pm

#### SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens is a group of over 50s 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. If you need a ride - we can pick you up! Contact:

Olive Bennett **(03) 2266 477** or Alison Bennett **027 224 2724** 

## Max's Lawn Mowing Services

Available: Weekdays 3pm til dark Weekends 9am til dark

Prices depend on size/time spent doing the lawn

Contact Loretta (my mum)
027 462 9527

For the Tuatapere area

Looking for a babysitter or someone to mow your lawns?

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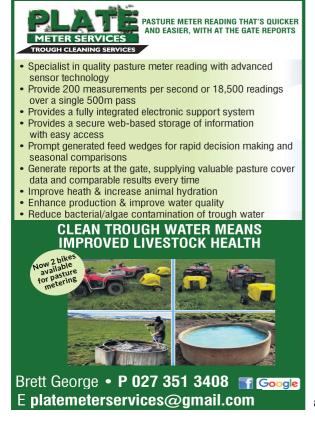
To learn more, phone or text your local Wellness Advocate Carol Erskine Papatotara 0274 599 654





#### YOUR BUSINESS CARD **COULD BE HERE!**

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#### IN & AROUND THE COMMUNITY

A huge congratulations to John Munro Recipient of the NZLANDSAR Gold Award in the support category to acknowledge 28 years of service with Southland Locator Beacons.



## THE DR. ELDER BOOK PROJECT

L Esler. Author

Hello folks!

I'm getting on pretty well with the book on

Dr. Eric Elder but I am still keen to hear from anyone who hasn't been in touch with something to add.

The best way to get in touch with me is to email: Iloydesler@outlook.com



Dr. Elder was involved in several sports and other recreational activities but I have no pictures of him or the family. I am also looking for pictures of the Waiau area in his era - 1930s to 1980s.

For my book on The Lower Waiau, called West to the Waiau, I am still after pictures of hunting and fishing, caving, beach activities, limeworks and beech 8 forestry.

### THE WELL MARKET DAY

**Christine Murch** 

Second Saturday of the month come on down to The Well shed from 10am until 1pm.

On the 10th of June Craig Rutland from The Last Light will be at our market with his fresh bread and preserves. So come on down and get your homemade bread.

We have Jackie Moir with home made beautiful cards for every occasion plus kids toys, books and more.

Murch Woodcraft- where the wife has kicked Husband out to his shed and he comes back with loverly Bowls, Boards, rolling pins, vases and one off show pieces. Then he says well wife you better go to market and sell some.

Carol Erskine with her wisdom in oils, soaps, lotions and free advice on wellness and health though Essential oils.

Robyn Kennard's cards for every occasion plus Robyn will do a workshop with you to make your own card for just \$2.00.

Last month we had the lovely Mauru come along with a lot of great stuff with some really great bargains.

In season we will have vegetable table make an offer table or if you have been busy making preserves over summer and you have a lot of one thing (me its tomato paste) bring it along and swap a jar with other or buy a jar of home made greatness.

Or go to The Well grab a coffee off the great staff and come for a catch up.

We have a seat and a fire if it gets into the cooler days.

We are looking for more stall holders, so if you have a craft or need a clean out at home come along ... its only \$5 a table and a lot of laughs!









#### McLeod's Track

(part of the Tui Trails network) is now temporarily closed from Ferry Road to Bridge Street with barriers up in the area.

This is due to risks associated with deadwood and tree health.

Currently it is unknown how long this section of track will be closed for, but this will be temporary.

We apologise for any inconvenience and will update you when we know of timeframes.

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# Ratty Says ...

In residence at the Waiau Memorial Library

You will not believe where I've been.
AUSTRALIA!! I went on my very first plane
ride. I even had my own seat. The man next to me kept
giving me funny looks. You'd think that he had never
seen a Rat before. I got to see lots of things out of my
window when we took off. Lots and lots of houses, a
great big lake and mountains, so many mountains. Some
of them had snow on them! Before I knew it, I could only
see clouds. I was HIGHER than the clouds! How Cool!
They looked all soft and fluffy. I thought they would
make a great place to have a sleep. I was told it wouldn't
be a good idea because I would fall through the clouds

and go SPLASH in the ocean and that I would break more than my tail and leg. I decided to curl up and have a snooze in my chair. When I woke up, I got so excited about flying that I ran up and down the aisle, introducing myself and telling everyone where I was from and where I was going. I thought it was the polite thing to do.



Did you know that Australia is a very sunny place? I mean REALLY sunny, every day kind of sunny. I stayed at this really cool resort. There were

heaps of Units for people to stay in, as well as a pool, a spa, a bowling green (whatever that is), a gym, a bar and dining room and a library. How awesome is that? The people staying at the resort were really friendly, they waved and said 'Hello' every time they saw me. I couldn't help but notice that a lot of them had white hair and that some of them got about in a chair with 4 wheels on them. Those chair things moved really fast. I was nearly run over by one when I wasn't paying attention crossing the road. Ratty got a BIG fright.

I got to go on a road trip to a place called Eumundi. They have a huge market there with HUNDREDS of stalls. They sold all sorts of things. Clothes, jewellery, toys, pictures, heaps of stuff and food. Lots and lots of food. I even managed to make some new friends while I was there. We hung around for a while, sharing stories. Did you know that they like possums in Australia? I was very surprised, I thought everyone hated possums. I really liked Eumundi, it was in the hills with lots of trees, and they had the Bestest bookshop I had ever seen. They had brand-new books and old ones as well. You could sit there and read your books because they had lots of comfy chairs. They even let dogs in.

10 Stay tuned for Part 2 of Ratty's Great Big Australian Adventure!



# Introducing ...

## **Bauhaus Architectural Design**



We are an Architectural Design practice that has relocated from Wanaka to Orepuki.

We take great pride in designing new homes for clients that want something different than the standard home building company without blowing the budget. We are currently looking for potential new clients from Invercargill through to Te Anau.

We believe there is a bit of a myth, that if you don't go with a home building company it's to expensive. We specialise in affordable contemporary architecture for all budgets. We create designs that work well for the specific site through site feasibility study's rather than choosing a pre designed house from a catalogue.

Our purpose is to design spaces that work for all family situations with beautiful form and function. If you have or are looking at purchasing a new section somewhere or in a new subdivision we would love to have a no obligation chat to see what we may be able to offer.

We know building is stressful and we handle the whole building consent process so that you can be focusing on the right things.

Look forward to chatting soon with any questions you may have.

Simon
Bauhaus Architectural Design

Phone: 020 4128 8082

Email: hello@bauhausnz.com

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## 31st ANNUAL HAY DRIVE TUATAPERE DISTRICT LIONS



Hay and Baleage Competition

# Friday 9th June 2023 Rabco Contracting at 134 Grove Burn Road

The Hay and Baleage will be auctioned at 3pm in the afternoon. The recipients of the day's profits are Hospice Southland, Tuatapere Free Ambulance Service, and the Education Fund within the Community.

Those entering the competition will have a chance of winning the very generous major prizes, AS WELL AS an almost guarantee of collecting a spot prize on the 9th of June <u>as long as they are present on the day.</u> FARMERS WHO DONATE 3 OR MORE ENTRIES WILL HAVE AN EARLY CHANCE AT THE PRIZE BOARD.

One entry comprises of:

- 8 small bales per entry or
- · 1 large hay bale or
- 1 bale of baleage

Donations of straw will be gratefully received.

A Lions Member will contact farmers approximately 1 week prior to the competition.

The auction of entries will be at 3pm.

We hope to sell 200 bales baleage, 200 conventional bales and 50 large bales of hay.

This year we have several new sponsors as well as more demonstrations of ALL the new motorbikes and some new 4 x 4 utes. Farm machinery items will be on display.

Several competitions during the day include:

•	The Best Swede	)
•	Best Fodder Beet	) Generous prizes for each section
•	The Best Turnip	)
•	The Best Chou	)

3PM - Main Auction of Hay, Baleage, Straw and larger sundry items.

**4PM** - Prize presentation for competition entries and spot prizes

The judging will be done during the morning of the 9th of June.

The Lions Club will be providing food and refreshments at a very reasonable cost. You are all invited to turn up early and participate in the scrumptious light meal that will be available at lunch time.

We will acknowledge the generosity of our sponsors prior, during and after the competition.

With over 100 sponsors for our competition day, we have a fantastic prize list. We remind people that they **MUST be present at prize giving** to participate in the "spot" prizes at the conclusion of the major presentations.

Over the years the patronage from farmers has increased to almost 100% support, so let's try to make our 31st competition the best ever!

For any further information please contact:

Competition Chairman: Sammy Sanford: 027 438 2248 or Stephen Crack: 027 434 6871 or

Charlie Copeland: 027 669 1529 or Quinton Donald: 027 438 8281

## **WAIAU HEALTH TRUST - JUNE 2023**

#### **Medical Centre**

#### Staff Shortages:

As in many healthcare facilities we are experiencing staff shortages. July we will have less Practitioner availability. We do have cover every day and our focus is to deliver the best possible care to you all. There are some ways you can assist with this. Please be proactive in making sure you think ahead of time for your repeat prescription requirements. If you know in advance you will need to see a Practitioner please book as soon as possible, this will reduce the risk of a delay in your appointment date. As always if your requirement is urgent, please contact us anytime.

#### REPEAT PRESCRIPTION REQUEST:

Our same day request is \$30.00 per request; therefore, it is in your best interest to phone a week ahead to give our Practitioner time to review your file and allow adequate time to arrange an appointment if necessary.

#### Manage-my-Health.

This is a great tool for ease of access to allow you to book appointments, order prescriptions and view test results. This service is available to you 24 hours a day which means you don't have to call during our work hours. If you don't have this APP setup on your phone and would like to do so, or know more about it, please contact us.

#### Flu Vaccines 2023

Flu Vaccines continue to be available at the practice-please phone to book your appointment. In many cases it is free. The cost of an unsubsidised flu vaccine is \$36. Immunisation is the best way to protect our communities from infection and serious illness.

#### **Medical Centre Fees:**

Waiau Health Trust are proud to be charging one of the lowest fees in Southern Te Whatu Ora, the most recent increase to our consult fees and services was July 2020. It has now become necessary to make a small increase to our charges. These are displayed at the Medical Centre. If you have any questions or these fees are a barrier to you receiving healthcare, please contact me directly prior to you requiring a consultation.

Kind Regards

Jo Sanford (Manager)

Cell: 0272950429



Waiau Health Trust 69a Orawia Road, Tuatapere Approved Registered ACC Provider Monday to Friday 8:30am — 4:30pm Ph.: 2266123

Practitioner Hours Amanda McCracken (NP) – every weekday

Sheryl Eden (NP) —every Monday & Tuesday

> **Physiotherapist** Tuesdays & Thursdays <u>Phone</u> for an appointment

> Podiatrist Visits regularly – Phone for an appointment

Warts/Minor Skin Lesions Liquid Nitrogen treatment available Phone for an appointment

Homebased Maternity Care We are offering this service in the patient's home. Please contact Jo Sanford on 2266123 for enquiries.

Day Activities Programme for the Elderly Every Monday & Tuesday Please phone for further information.

District Nursing Available as required by referral

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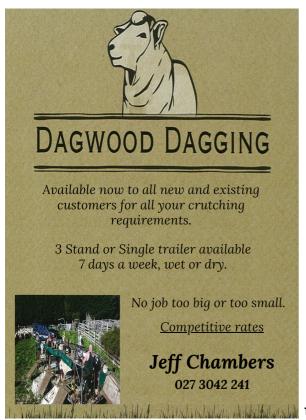
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Contact **Deborah** (03) 226 6783 or 021 0305 667









Live to LEARN, LEARN to Live

#### Kia ora Western Wanderer Readers!

#### **HOME ECONOMICS at WAS**

Home Economics is a subject that is woven into different Achievement Objectives. This is a new course being offered. Students learn about Personal growth and physical development, Relationships with other people, and Healthy communities and environments.

This term the Level 1 students demonstrated knowledge of practices and strategies to address food-handling issues. They understood the concept and their assessment results were very impressive. Vietnamese Fried Rice was made for the practical assessment and met all the criteria in a practical food situation.

The Level 2 students evaluated sustainable food related practices. The making of Apricot Jam was a highlight especially when served with their freshly baked scones and whipped cream!

The Level 1 students who chose the Cookery Course option have successfully completed identifying career paths in the hospitality industry and are now working on the preparation and presentation of meat in the hospitality industry.

The Year 9 & 10 Food Technology class have an International theme. In term 1 they chose a country and cooked a savoury dish traditional to their country. Some of the dishes we enjoyed making were Italian Pasta, Pad Thai, Egg Curry Rice, and Burgers. This term they have chosen a sweet or dessert traditional to their country. The students work in groups with a Team Captain who wears a different coloured apron. It is the Captain's responsibility to ensure the smooth running and production of their team - just like Masterchef!













#### **SCIENCE at WAS**

Our Seniors are working hard at gaining Credits for Level 1 Science, Level 2 & 3 Chemistry, Physics & Biology.

In Term 1, Year 9 & 10 learnt about Microorganisms. We cultured bacteria/ fungi in the Science laboratory by taking swabs from the bench top, the tap, highlighters, and other surfaces. The swabs were then gently rubbed on an agar medium in petri dishes and were sealed properly. These petri dishes were then placed in an incubator at constant temperature. After a week, we found that colonies of bacteria and fungi had grown on them!! We tried to identify them using a chart as well!! (All done following health and safety procedures.)



#### **TECHNOLOGY/AGRICULTURE at WAS**

The Year 9 & 10 students have been busy throughout the term with their project on solving

"The Great Egg Crisis of 2023".

Due to the high cost and shortage of eggs in the supermarkets the students decided that we should look at having hens at our school so we could be self sustainable and maybe sell any surplus eggs to the community.

The students have developed a proposal which they are going to present to the Board of Trustees at their next meeting. Working collaboratively they have identified the benefits of having hens at WAS, designed a hen house, what rules we have to follow, what the possible costs are, and they have also identified an area for the hens to be in. If this is successful the next steps will be consulting with our community and the construction of the area and building of the hen house.

We are very proud of the work the students have done in getting this presentation ready and wish them all the best.



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# It's Happening: Updates from the Hump Ridge Great Walk Project

Keeping you up to date with the news and latest information from the team developing the Tuatapere Hump Ridge Track to Great Walk status.

#### Kia ora!

Welcome to the latest project update. Keeping in touch with you about our work is important to us. We will keep sharing how we are doing - the wins, the interesting stories and any constraints or delays we encounter.

#### **Project Progress, Tasks and Timeframes**

The 61km track has been divided into nine sections (A,B,C,D,E,F,G,J and O) for this project. This will allow the construction contracting teams to undertake the track upgrade work concurrently and also focus on the section(s) most in need of repair. Our project webpage contains a map that shows the sections of the tract that we are referencing.

All our newsletters and community presentations can be viewed on our project webpage at any time. Type <a href="https://www.doc.govt.nz">www.doc.govt.nz</a> into your browser, then search <a href="https://www.doc.govt.nz">Hump Ridge Project</a>. We know there is always keen interest in how the project is tracking. Some recent achievements and projects intentions are listed below.

#### March-April 2023

- Project news published in local community news magazines - Western Wanderer & Te Anau Trader
- Project webpage updated.
- Track Section A Upgrade completed Track Burn Entrance to Flat Creek Junction (2.8kms) - by John Henderson Contructions (JHC). Trampers encounter Section A during their first and last day of hiking.
- Track Section B upgrade started from Flat Creek to Okaka Junction - by JHC. The team started at Okaka Junction and are heading down track towards Water Bridge Shelter, to get much of the alpine section of work done prior to winter.
- Track Section C upgrade continues Okaka
   Junction to National Park Boundary by
   WestReef Services (WRS). The Alpine section is
   mostly completed. The team are now below
   Luncheon Rock, starting to head well below the
   bush line for the rest of their winter work.

#### **Looking Ahead**

#### May-June-July 2023

- Continuation of the upgrade works across the track
- Other project work streams
- Anticipated start of Rarakau Car Park construction works (July)









Photo 1

Photo 2

Photo 3

Photo 4

Photo 1: Track Section C: Getting going in the mud early February Photo 2: Track Section C: What mud? The new boardwalk & steps finished by late February 2023

Photo 3: Track Section C: Before - find the track! January 2023

Photo 4: Track Section C: After February 2023

#### Other Project Work Keeping Us Busy:

- Negotiating legal easements with landowners to secure public access
- The development of the waharoa (gateway) for the track entrance at Rarakau carpark
- The tendering process for the construction work for the Rarakau Car Park upgrade.
- Detailed development and procurement process for the interpretation and story-telling package.
- Communication and engagement activities with partners and project stakeholders, media, journalists, and interested members of public.

#### Winter 2023: Track Upgrade & Safety

After a very busy summer walking season, the Trust's track operations have now closed for the winter. Their personnel have shut down their lodges and removed the services (gas, water, etc) from their facilities. Their office in Tuatapere remains open during winter and their team can be contacted via their webpage <a href="https://www.humpridgetrack.co.nz">www.humpridgetrack.co.nz</a>

The two project contractors will have their teams continuing their scheduled track upgrades throughout the winter period, as weather, resources, and supply chains permit. The contractors remain responsible for managing the worksite, including visitor safety and access through sections of track under construction.

Track users & visitors are asked to obey all signage and instructions and expect minor delays from time to time. Information will be also shared by the Hump Ridge Track Operations and DOC websites.

# Want to know more about the Hump Ridge Great Walk?

For information or to book/walk the Tuatapere Hump Ridge Track – please contact the Track Operations Office directly via <a href="https://www.humpridgetrack.co.nz">www.humpridgetrack.co.nz</a>

**Project Webpage:** Stay informed with the facts and news via <a href="https://www.doc.govt.nz/hump-ridge-great-walk-project">www.doc.govt.nz/hump-ridge-great-walk-project</a>

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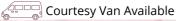
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A huge congratulations is in order to our very own John Munro who has been awarded at Parliament a 'Gold Award for Support Activity' for his commitment to Search and Rescue. This was in recognition of his 27 years of dedication to ensuring that Locator Beacons are available to all. Well done John. We are so proud of you!

Thank you to those who ensured that ANZAC is honoured locally. We had beautiful displays and wreaths laid at the Orawia, Tuatapere and Orepuki memorials and each, with good attendance, lovely, heartfelt were commemorative occasions. Congratulations to Holly Hammond and Scarlett Hopcroft who were recipients for the 2023 Tuatapere RSA Bursary.

## Other Community Board news includes:

#### McLeod's Track

It has been identified that a number of trees on this lovely, well used track need to be removed. A stand of pine trees-approx. 20are showing signs of rot and, as such, pose a real safety risk. These trees were originally planted by Ngarita Dixon's Dad, to form a wind break. They were planted to protect Ngarita's Mum's washing. Apart from being an attractive part of McLeod's Track they have also served a real purpose. However, it is timely that, due to the risk of falling on the track, the pines need to be removed. We will ensure that the remaining trees on the track, mainly Douglas Firs, remain. In the meantime McLeod's Track will be closed while the necessary adjustments take place.

#### Tui Trails

Our working team continues to do a wonderful

job ensuring that we can enjoy our unique native trails around Tuatapere. Following knee replacement surgery my first venture was Lillian's Loop. What an amazing experience. I realized how much I missed the joy of our native bush; the fresh aromatic scent, the dappled light and the sound of native birds. Those cheeky fantails are regular companions on Lillian's Loop. Thank you for all the great work you do on this track Geoff, Errol and co. Russell and Errol do a wonderful job on Templeton's Track and Richard on the Totara Loop. Gary Templeton and the PD team have done great work in repairing an invasive hole on the Totara Loop, as well as cutting back flaxes and toi-tois in the Greenheart Reserve. What a great team!

#### **Toy Library**

With a Grant from the Southland District Council 'Community Partnership Fund' it is wonderful to see the instalment of toy boxeswith good quality toys- at various places around Tuatapere. It is obvious that these are very well received!

#### **Clifden Interpretation Panels**

Please take time to read and enjoy the, recently installed, interpretation panels at the Clifden Bridge site.

#### **Footpaths**

We have become increasingly aware of the deteriorating state of some of our footpaths – both in Tuatapere and Orepuki- so you will be pleased to hear that this issue has been highlighted as a priority for repair work.

#### Murihiku Cental & Western Archive

Congratulations to the Tuatapere & Districts' Promotions' Group in acquiring the lease of the previous Plunket Rooms for this purpose.

#### Guardians' of the Lakes

It was a privilege to recently attend the celebration of the 50 years 'Guardians of the Lakes' (Manapouri, Te Anau, Monowai). An original 'Guardian', Sir Alan Mark, was a guest speaker. The great work continues today.



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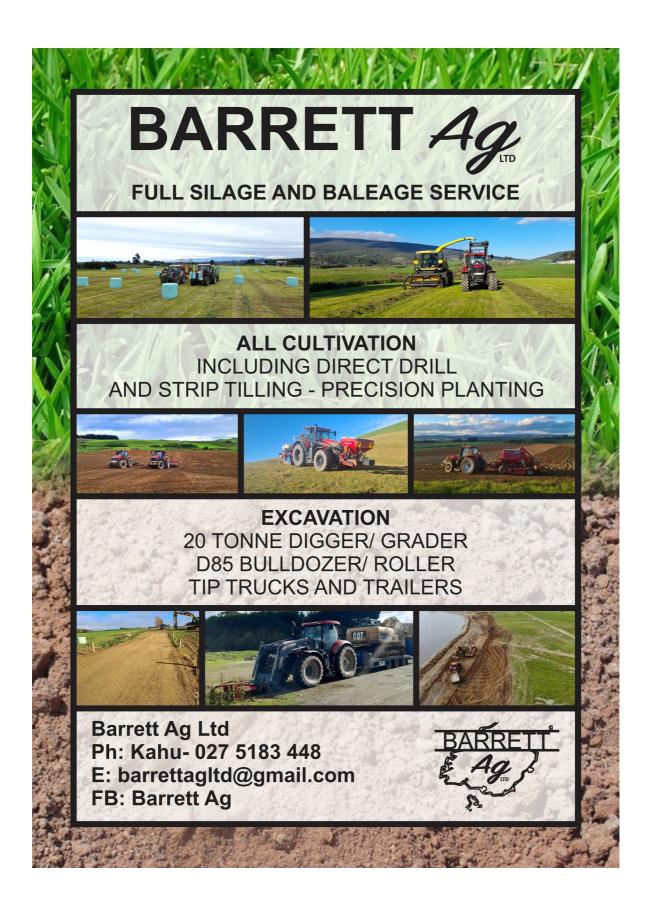
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Warmest of greetings to Brenna and her family joining Totara. We also welcome Harold and his family to Hauroko Valley Primary and Totara.





Kowhai class has been learning about the Living World through Autumn. It is amazing hearing about their deciduous tree knowledge. They have also been learning NZSL and teaching all of our classes a range of signs. Meanwhile, Matai has been continuing in their Structured Literacy journey with spelling as a focus. Weekly sessions are upskilling each individual learner in phonological knowledge, alphabet principle, or spelling concepts. Team Totara has started HVP Clubs where they spend an afternoon each week, involved in Visual Arts, Health & Education, Digital Technology through squash, golf, card making, jewellery making, tinkercad, gardening, and young farmers. This is a highlight for our learners as they try something new, something they are interested in or passionate about. Thanks to those parent helpers able to support us to provide these opportunities for our students.



Term 2 being our Autumn/Winter time involves Cross Country training. This is well underway, although weather permitting. Our Interschool Cross Country with Thornbury School and Waiau Area School is just around the corner. Thanks to the Devery family for hosting this event for our schools. We have several eager runners keen to qualify, not only for Western Southland Cross Country at Otautau but also they are aiming for Southland Cross Country at Waimumu. Good Luck!

# HAUROKO HAPPENINGS

Congratulations to these young writers who have had their writing selected for publication in Toitoi a Journal of Young People's Writing. Not one, but three - Hugo "Blackmount Trail Ride", Sophie "Shepherd's Warning", and Paetyn "Rata's Floundering". We also have two students whose writing has been recommended by Toitoi, for entry into NZ's Elsie Locke Writing Competition. Congratulations on your fabulous pieces of writing Sierra "Local Hero - Ann Robbie", and Tomas & Libby for their joint writing on "Saving The Waiau River".



Kowhai loves spending time at Fundamental Movement sessions. This time is facilitated by Maree & Naomi from REAP. The session provides our learners with a range of explore. All movement activities equipment to incorporate Literacy and Numeracy skills. Our children are active in making choices, problem-solving, balancing, coordinating hands and feet, and playing all while having fun. It is an absolute blast watching the magic unfold as learner builds confidence, creativity. collaboration. Keep an eye out for our next session later on in the year, and come join us. Until then, ka kite ano.

We look forward to sharing more of our learning adventures with our Western Wanderer whanau soon!



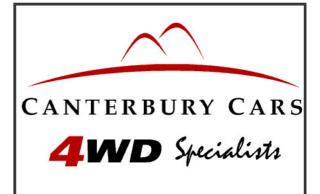
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The Adventures of Charlton

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Peninsula. We got on the road in Brisbane and after 6 days of driving, we arrived there. While travelling, we had quite a few interesting encounters.

One I recall being held up by a Policeman near Weipa. I took us several days to get there, driving 2,500 km. Weipa is a coastal mining town in Queensland. They mine Bauxite there along the coastline and Weipa has a large harbour to ship it out. A lot of that Bauxite is used here at Tiwai Smelter to make aluminium. Weipa has a tropical rather dry climate, with high temperatures above 31°C.

The Policeman thought us being quite suspicious and questioned us about why we were going North. His reason was, that we travelled in a common two-wheel drive older model Datsun, more suited to driving around towns and cities; not on the dusty red dirt roads that lead up to the most northerly point of the Australian Continent, where any sensible person would use a sturdy four-wheel-drive.

As he could see that we are just the ordinary kind of people, he let us go with a smile, reminding us however of the fact that the so-called roads leading up to our destination were highly unsuitable for our mode of transport, and added, that he would most likely not be available to help us should we get stuck! Needless to say, we made it without a hitch! And as you see, I got my picture taken up there, the most northerly point of mainland Australia.



Now, I need to tell you that there are quite a few real hazards up there in the North. Mosquitos... what a pest they are. And Saltwater Crocodiles to name a few! We were not allowed to swim in the ocean, because these crocodiles are real trouble and not all in wildlife sanctuaries like the one that I came face-to-face with. Today I am not sure which I prefer, looking back after some other adventures ... big cats like lions in Africa or large crocodiles... both are very scary.

On the way back from there by car, we ended up in Cairns on the east coast and decided to take a train back to Brisbane. It took us another 1,837.1 km and 24hours and 45 minutes to cover the distance and we were sooo glad to be back home. I must say that this was a most exhausting trip and that I would not like to do it again. Even though, any trip is a good trip because I do learn such a lot of things every time. And yes, I had to have a bath after this one...

I will tell you more about my travels soon. Cheerio :-)



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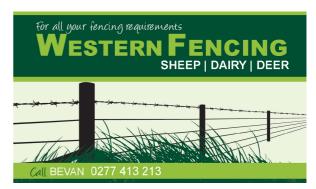
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#### **LOCAL HISTORY - SPECIAL FEATURE**

The following piece is by George Charlton. It is a continuation of the contribution first featured in December's Western Wanderer "George's Working Years." It is part of a series of 'Movers and Shakers'; individuals who have contributed richly to the Tuatapere Community.

## My Working Life - continued from May's Issue

#### Life in the Telephone Exchange

Up until 1962 the telephone exchange was not a 24 hour service. It opened at 6am and closed at midnight. The Exchange was what was called Manual, which meant there was no direct dialling but was done by morse code signals. There were automatic exchanges but only in the main centres. At this time (1962) the government decided to change the Exchange to 24 hour service. With women only allowed to work until 10pm the post office was advertising for male staff to do the night shifts. This would double the staff in the Exchange.

#### The Post Office staff at that time:

Post-Master: Harold Morrison

**Counter Staff:** Allan Suddaby, Daphne Guise,

Jannette Jackson

**Exchange Staff:** Monty Peters, Tom Peters,

Walma Dowling, Daphne Phillips, Florence Brown, Gwynn Davies,

Ann McKenzie, Ivan Brockett,

**Francis Stevens** 

**Postie:** Russell King

Other Manual Exchanges: Thornbury, Riverton, Orepuki, Otautau, Nightcaps, Winton, Lumsden, Mossburn, Te Anau, Tapanui, Queenstown,

Glenorchy.

In 1962 I left the Post but returned in 1968. I married Elaine in 1967. Elaine also worked in the Post Office-first as Postie for a number of years and then transferred to the telephone exchange. By this time equal pay had come in and women were allowed to work the late shifts. In 1968 Elaine was expecting our first child but carried on working for the first 8 months of her pregnancy and then resigned from the post office. Her position was advertised. I applied for the position and once again I was back working for the post office. Life in the post office had not changed a lot over the years that I was away but changes were in the pipe-line. In 1970 Direct Dialling was introduced which meant we could dial any number within

26 New Zealand, and virtually, any country in the world.

The Exchange was the nerve centre for Tuatapere businesses, Police, Fire Brigade, Doctor, Ambulance and Forest Service; all relied on the telephone exchange. Over the years there were many emergencies but one that really comes to mind was the flood of 1984.

#### **Tuatapere Flood 27th January 1984**

Being rostered on the 6am to 1.30pm shift I had risen at 5.30am to commence my shift at 6am. Daylight had broken and it looked likely that we were going to have a sunny and hot day. I went to work and it was just a normal day until about lunch-time. There were three operators on duty and, at that time of the day, it was quiet. The town was having lunch and we were catching up on the backlog of toll tickets that mounted up in the morning rush. Unbeknown to us there had been a deluge of rain in Fiordland in the last 24 hours. Lakes Te Anau and Manapouri were full and two or three small rivers had peaked and were overflowing into the Waiau River. At this time the Waiau was high and was threatening to break its banks and flood the Domain and low-lying farmland. Also, at this time, the flood gates at Mararoa were opened to relieve the heights of Lakes Manapouri and Te Anau. When the overflow from the floodgates arrived at Tuatapere all was lost. Within half an hour the Domain was flooded and most of the Half Mile was under water. I was sitting at the switchboard when, all of a sudden, fifty or sixty number shutters came down and, on answering them, every subscriber was being flooded out and wanted assistance. Worse was to follow; Otautau was flooded and the Otautau exchange was rendered useless, Thornbury exchange was flooded, Invercargill was flooded and half the exchange was knocked out.

Once the news of the Southland flood hit the news headlines all hell broke loose as we were virtually the only exchange west of Invercargill that was not affected by the flood. We had to handle all inward and outward toll calls for all of this area. With most of the Half Mile residents flooded and many of the houses with six to eight feet of water in them relatives from all over the country were ringing for information on their loved ones which we had to handle plus all the emergency personnel. I was on duty from 6am on the Friday until 6am on the Saturday as some of the exchange staff were also flooded. If this flood had happened in the middle of the night many lives would have been lost. In November 1984 the telephone exchange turned automatic and I, with the rest of the exchange staff, was made redundant.



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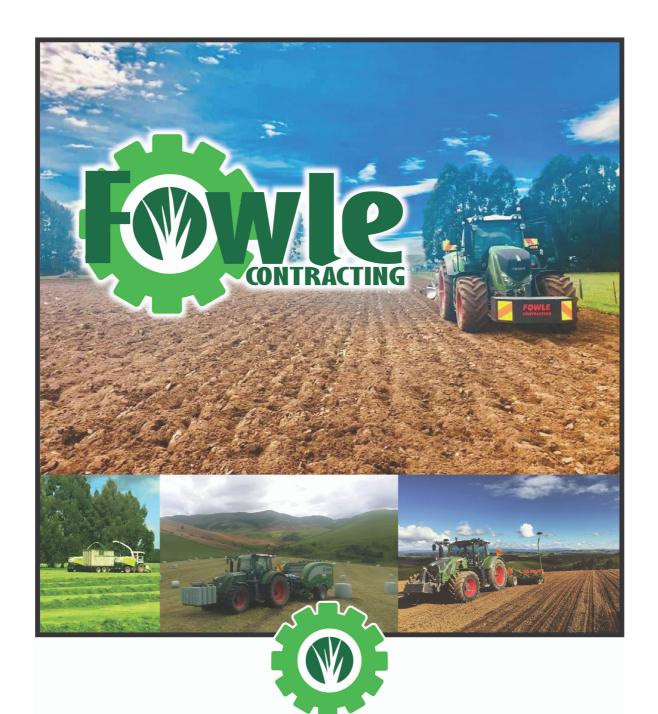
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