



WESTERN Wanderer

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Issue 265

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

MARCH 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1	2 Western Southland Wool & Craft Group "Have a go day" The Den Erksine St	3
4  Dancing with the Stars tickets on sale	5	6	7	8	9 Tuatapere Community Market The Shed at The Well, Orawia Rd	10
11	12	13 Clifden Recreational Reserve AGM Tutapere Golf Club, 5pm	14	15	16 	17  Spud in a bucket WTCC 3pm
18	19  Dumpling Making Workshop Boundary Creek 4-6pm	20 Deadline for WW April Issue content	21	22	23  Annual Great Tuatapere Rubber Duck Races 10:30am Boundary Creek, King Street	24
25	26	27  AGM WTCC, 7pm King Street	28	29  Presbyterian Church Service 10am	30 	31 
	Coming up ...	End of School Term 1 12 April	Tuatapere Lions Bunny Shoot 5-14 April Prizegiving at WTCC 14 April 4pm	ANZAC Day 25 April	Tuatapere Amenities Trust Funding Applications close 30 April	School starts Term 2 29 April

Special thanks to



Want your event here? Let us know at yourwesternwanderer@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NOTICES & EVENTS

HANDY PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY

POLICE /FIRE/AMBULANCE: 111

MEDICAL CENTRE: (03) 2266 123

TUATAPERE POLICE STATION:
(03) 2269 020

TUATAPERE COMMUNITY WORKER:
027 757 5983

HAUROKO VALLEY SCHOOL OFFICE:
(03) 2266 753

WAI AU AREA SCHOOL OFFICE:
(03) 2266 285

TUATAPERE CEMETERY TRUST:
(03) 2266 065

TUATAPERE SERVICE STATION:
(03) 2266 475

TUATAPERE FOUR SQUARE:
(03) 2266 898

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(03) 2266 250

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(03) 2266 489

The Community Events Sign Needs You!

We're searching for someone to take charge of posting events and notices on our signboard.

Don't worry if you're new to this – we provide training, and it's incredibly straightforward!

Changing the sign typically only takes 10-20 minutes, and you might find yourself doing it a few times a week.

Please contact Paula on
027 434 6777.



Government Grants \$1.35m for Bluecliffs Landfill Clean Up

26 February 2024 : Advocate South & The Southland App

The government has granted \$1.35 million, from the Contaminated Sites Remediation Fund, to clean up the Bluecliffs landfill site - which is currently under a local State of Emergency due to severe erosion.

The fund can be applied for by regional councils and unitary authorities to secure contaminated sites that pose a risk to human health and the environment. Environment Minister and Invercargill MP Penny Simmonds announced the grant on Saturday (24 Feb) as part of \$6.6 million in funding to clean up four low-lying coastal landfill and dump sites in Gisborne, Southland, Canterbury and Nelson. "I am pleased to make this funding available to the Tuatapere community."

"It will address the risk of this site being breached by a natural event, exposing waste material and contaminating the surrounding land and waterways," Simmonds said.

"This site, which is in a low-lying coastal area, is at risk of being compromised by storm surges, rainfall events, high water levels and flooding. This is a significant and proactive environmental initiative which aims to mitigate the risks of erosion and contamination in the wake of extreme weather events and climate change, as the Government safeguards coastal communities and ecosystems, like those at Bluecliffs."

"The Bluecliffs landfill site is situated in a former gravel pit located within Te Waewae Bay, west of the Waiau River mouth."

"Waste material was dumped at the site from the 1970s through to the 1980s, and fly-tipping, including larger items such as electrical appliances, car parts and plastic crates, were also dumped there."

"Coastal tides and Waiau River mouth flooding have eroded parts of the site and surrounding areas."

"Environment Southland is partnering with Southland District Council to plan and undertake remediation of the site, and this new funding will support that work."

TUATAPERE PLAYGROUP

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



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

Friday mornings from 9am to 12pm.

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 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.



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Good Friday Service

Sunday 29th March
from 10:00am

Contact Cedric Wedderburn
022 0273834 for more information



Waiau Valley Presbyterian Church Tuatapere

Main Road

We meet every **Sunday at 10.30am**
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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 Gerard Aynsley (Parish Priest)

Ph: **03 218 4123**

basilica.invercargill@gmail.com

Fr Peter Chadwick

Text preferred - 021 0844 8527

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COMMUNITY OUTLOOK ARTICLES

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SENIOR CITIZENS GROUP

Senior Citizens is a group of over 50s that meet
every **Friday afternoon at 1pm** at the rooms
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LINEN, TOYS, AND MORE.

Your donations of any of these items are always
appreciated. These can be dropped off under the
front verandah at the church or for other options
contact me.

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

Carol Diack 021 110 1835.

Thank you for helping us to help the community.

WESTERN SOUTHLAND WOOL AND CRAFT GROUP

Spinning, Felt, Weaving, Knitting, Crochet.

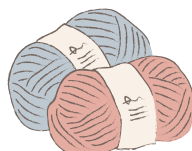
Other crafts welcome!

1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month.

10am-3pm. \$8.

BYO Lunch.

Scout Den, Erskine Street.



For details please contact:
Helen Todd 022 103 9327

THE GREAT TUATAPERE

Rubber Duck Race!














SATURDAY 23 MARCH 2024

Join us down at Boundary Creek, King Street Bridge for the Tuatapere Toy Library Annual Fundraise

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RACE 5 12:20pm Sponsored by 	RACE 6 12:40pm Sponsored by 	RACE 7 1:00pm Sponsored by 	RACE 8 1:20pm Sponsored by 
RACE 9 1:40pm Sponsored by 	RACE 10 2:00pm Sponsored by 	FINAL RACE : GRAND FINALE BRIDGE TO BRIDGE CHASE 2:20pm Sponsored by 	

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MAX MALSEN (021) 422 800
LYLA SHERRIFF (03) 226 6187

New members always welcome.
Want to volunteer? Let us know!



COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

TUATAPERE AMENITIES TRUST

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

2024 Funding

Application forms will be available from February 1 2024 and these may be collected from the Tuatapere Service Station.

Completed application forms need to be submitted by April 30, 2024.

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

The funds must be utilised for the benefit or betterment of residents within the Tuatapere Urban Resource Area.

PUKEMAORI BOWLING CLUB

19 Sim Street Pukemaori

We welcome friends and new members. Come and have a roll!
Practice nights **Thursdays 7pm**



Enquiries Phone Ralph Carr 027 3328 672

KEEN TO GIVE SQUASH A GO?

Enquires please contact:

Rebecca Robertson 027 424 6129



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

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)



MONOWAI - 100 YEAR CENTENARY

In May 2025 Monowai will celebrate their 100 year centenary along with the power station I am looking to find people who have had an association with the village in their younger years and am particularly interested in old photos and stories.

Contact Merrill at merrill.laurence@gmail.com or call (03) 225 8267

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



COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

CLIFDEN RECREATION RESERVE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at 5pm on Wednesday the 13th of March.

At the Tuatapere Golf Club Clubrooms.

TUATAPERE COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKER

A free and confidential service.

Contact Keri if you:

- Want help with filling forms
- Need advice on who to contact
- Require financial or food assistance
- Know someone that requires assistance or are concerned about someone's well being
- Want to suggest a community related course or activity

Hours: Mon, Wed, Thu 10am - 3pm

Cellphone: 027 757 5983

E-mail: tcworker@extra.co.nz

Call in to the office at the Medical Centre just inside front door 69a Orawia Road, Tuatapere



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Tuatapere Den Committee wish to say a massive *Thank You* to all those members of the community who volunteered their

time or resources to help with the recent roof replacement, insulation install and the painting of the building. The Den is looking amazing and the work done would not have been possible without community support.

APOLOGY

Hello Community,
I'm so sorry I made a huge mistake announcing the Best Exhibit in Show.



We now have 2 winners, Louise Gerber and Marj McDowell. Louise's Elephant was the actual winner.
Congratulations Louise and Marj on your fabulous entries of the day.

Please accept this as my formal apology to you, the community. I have now taken steps to prevent this happening again in the future.
Kind regards,
Anne-Marie Erskine
Produce Convener. 2024.

HUMPRIDGE TRACK AGM

Tuatapere Humpridge Track AGM will be held on
27th March
7pm

Tuatapere Town and Country Club
All welcome to attend

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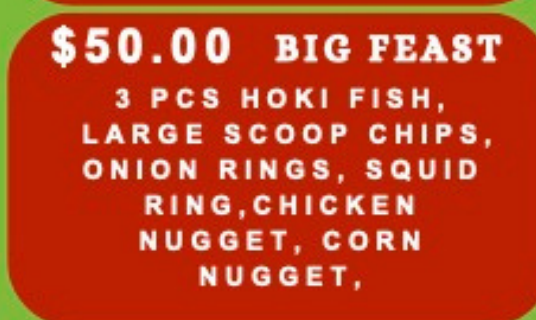
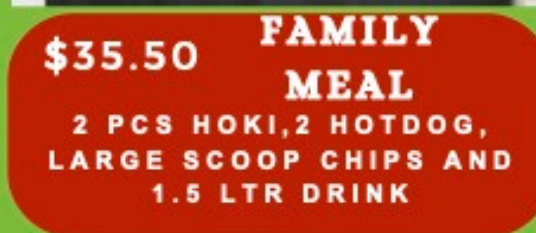
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Project Webpage: Stay informed with the facts and news via www.doc.govt.nz/hump-ridge-great-walk-project

Project Email: Get in touch to ask questions or to be added to the newsletter distribution list via email: HumpRidgeGWP@doc.govt.nz

Media Enquiries: please direct to media@doc.govt.nz



Neat Cut

Phone: Anita Green 027 506 2418
Tuesday 9-5pm, Thursday 10-8pm, Friday 10-5pm - Appointments are encouraged.



TUATAPERE TE WAE WAE
Community Board

News from your

Anne Horrell, Chairperson Contact: 021 2169 808
Email: altonlea.horrells@xtra.co.nz

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Western Wanderer team. A huge amount of time and energy, creativity and expertise is applied.

Thank you to the organisers behind a successful A & P Show. Despite the inclement weather, it was well attended, had a good number of entries and a great ("we'll do it rain or not") attitude.

Congratulations to Jamie King and all the committee in providing a wonderful, varied programme. The Arts/Crafts/Produce marquee was perfect as a display/judging area and a great spot for Anne Marie Erskine and team. The Domain was well prepared by Gary.

Great to see all the activity taking place with market days, a car boot sale, dog trials, a cooking workshop, success with predator control, a St John's mental health First Aid course, Fitness sessions, wool and craft days and others.

Well done to Tuatapere Swimming Pool, Tuatapere Swimming Club, SPOT (Suicide Prevention Outreach Tuatapere) and Tuatapere, Orepuki and Blackmount Fire Brigades for co-ordinating the Tuatapere Swimathon. This is a wonderful community occasion, as well as a fundraiser for great causes.

To Maurice and Isobel Green who are amazing community members-thank you! Apart from other things, they take care of the Tuatapere Cemetery grounds. Many people visit the cemetery throughout the year and I'm sure all appreciate the immaculate state of the grounds where their loved ones are laid to rest. They quietly do this for our community.

By the time this edition goes to print the Bio-Blitz, coordinated by Environment Southland, will have taken place (28th February).

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I'm hoping that many of you will have been involved in some way, even if it be as an observer.

As a State of Emergency was declared due to erosion at the Waiau Mouth a meeting was held for Waiau Mouth residents led by Simon Mapp, Emergency Management Controller and representatives from Environment Southland and Southland District Council.

Residents were informed of the recovery process which includes a physical opening of the bar at the Mouth to manage the river flow and an attempt to remove a community landfill which has continued to erode into the sea. The positivity, the good local knowledge and the patience of the 'Mouth' community throughout the whole process has been greatly appreciated.

Tuatapere Railway Station. A Request for Information document is now available calling for Expressions of Interest for the future use. The document is available at southlanddc.govt.nz (under Public Notices) or by hard copy at the Tuatapere Library, Tui Base Camp café, The Well café or Boundary Creek Café. Voluntary repair work has been taking place by Wayne Edgerton and helpers. An allocation of Better-off Funding by the govt (\$310,000) will help further refurbishment, and a Trust may be formed to facilitate ongoing funding/maintenance.

The Community Board is in the process of planning the planting of natives on McLeod's Track where dying trees were removed in 2023.

Priorities from the Main Street Development Plan (community consultation 2022) will be addressed.

Community Partnership Fund applications close 31st March '24. Contact Gordon Crombie 0800732732 for application forms.

Next formal meeting:
Thursday 4th April 3.30pm at Waiau Town and Country Club, King Street, Tuatapere.
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Mr Richard Bennett - Senior Leadership Year 11-13,
Health & PE, Gateway, Net NZ, PB4L coach.

Miss Jasmine Quinn - Senior Leadership Year 7-10,
English/SS, SENCO and DP duties.

Miss Clare Robinson - Senior Leadership Year 1-6,
Classroom Year 4 Teacher, Bus Controller.

Miss Brooke Anderson - Classroom Release
teacher for one-two days a week.

Miss Skye Walton - Year 2&3 Teacher, Te
Reo/Tikanga Maori responsibilities.

Mr Chris Wedderburn - Year 5&6 Teacher.

Mrs Donnah Cleaver and Mrs Gemma Bennett -

New Entrant -Year 1 Teachers and Mrs Cleaver is
also a specialist teacher for a couple of students.

Mr Deon Hourston - Year 7&8 Teacher, Agriculture &
Horticulture Teacher.

Mrs Hannah Wilson - Art, Horticulture and
Year 7&8 support Teacher.

Mr Paul Maloney - Maths Teacher, NCEA and
Principal's Nominee.

Miss Alicia Davie - Science - Chemistry, Biology &
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Mrs Roberta Gover - Home Economics, Senior
English and Free Lunches in Schools (FLIS) leader.

Miss Jordan Paskell - English and SS Teacher.

Mrs Ines Ferguson - WAS counsellor.

Mr Trevor McIntyre (during Term 2&3) - Alt
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Support Staff:

Mrs Charmaine Wedderburn - Office Manager and
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Mrs Chrissy Lampitt - Library Manager.

Mr Warwick Hawley - Property and Hard Materials.

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Miss Gemma Evans - FLIS.

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Oli Abbott - Student Rep and Student Achievement.
Charmaine Wedderburn - Staff Rep, Self Review and Student Achievement.
Andrew PB - Principal.

Our property upgrades are almost complete. Areas on the radar are:

C Block replacement double-glazed windows to build a tennis/netball pavilion/covered area along the main courts and a deck outside the staffroom.

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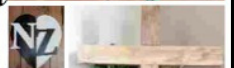
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THE GREAT TUATAPERE Rubber Duck Races!

SATURDAY 23 MARCH 2024

RACE 1: 11:00am



- 1 Milk 'n time
- 2 Uddlerly Fun
- 3 Gramps
- 4 Richie
- 5 Gran
- 6 John
- 7 Lyn
- 8 Alfie
- 9 Nelly
- 10 Archie



RACE 2: 11:20am



- 1 Big O
- 2 Tūi Tantram
- 3 Cargo
- 4 Duckweed
- 5 Payload
- 6 Deadweight
- 7 Mother Ducker
- 8 Release the Quackin
- 9 Spoonie Duck
- 10 Happy Endings



RACE 3: 11:40am



- 1 Charlie
- 2 Mrs Foursquare
- 3 Winnie Blue 25's
- 4 Raisin
- 5 \$50 cash
- 6 Speight's 24's
- 7 Tui Fruit Salad
- 8 Duck Nuggets
- 9 What'll it be Today?
- 10 Here's to a Hundy



RACE 4: 12:00pm



- 1 Wiggles
- 2 Mrs Y
- 3 Where's Wal?
- 4 Alastair Whoopsie
- 5 Flossy's Pinot
- 6 Horris' Goat
- 7 12oz Di
- 8 Pink Amy
- 9 Bonehead
- 10 Big Bot Charmaine



RACE 5: 12:20pm



- 1 Fletch Duck
- 2 Sadie Duck
- 3 Kerry Duck
- 4 What the Duck
- 5 James Pond
- 6 Hugh Quackman
- 7 Duck Norris
- 8 Quackie Chan
- 9 Lord of the Wings
- 10 Mallard Streep



RACE 6: 12:40pm



- 1 Daggy
- 2 Willie
- 3 Racey
- 4 Eweno
- 5 Lambbeano
- 6 Magdag
- 7 Dodger
- 8 Swamp
- 9 Cutter
- 10 Trailer Duck



RACE 7: 1:00pmSPONSORED BY
Sparrow Logging

- 1 Old Sparrow
- 2 Old Sparrow's Misses
- 3 Hayden the Master
- 4 Jimmy Thunder
- 5 The Nookster
- 6 Raydog
- 7 King Louie
- 8 Larry
- 9 Jade's Delight
- 10 Troy's Vision

**RACE 8: 1:20pm**SPONSORED BY
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- 1 Paddles
- 2 Big Bird
- 3 10-4
- 4 Yellow Fever
- 5 Custard
- 6 Lemon Cello
- 7 Sunshine
- 8 Honey Puff
- 9 Daffodil
- 10 JCB

**RACE 9: 1:40pm**SPONSORED BY
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- 1 Neat Cut
- 2 Green 4 Go
- 3 Get a Perm
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- 7 Hazelnut
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- 9 Matrix
- 10 Blowdry

**RACE 10: 2:00pm**SPONSORED BY
Tui Base Camp

- 1 Moby
- 2 Sizzle
- 3 Magnum
- 4 Bruh
- 5 Jimmy
- 6 Splash
- 7 Donkey
- 8 Don't Be A
- 9 Broh-dee
- 10 Angel

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- 5 Harry's Machines – Winning Duck
- 6 Ricki Egerton Dagging – Winning Duck
- 7 Sparrow Logging – Winning Duck
- 8 Boundary Creek General Store – Winning Duck
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We are rightly proud of our achievements, which we have listed below to share with others:

1 June 2022 - the CWA online Community Archive was established with KPIs for a 6-month trial

28 July 2022 - the first eHive entry for CWA goes live, ahead of the official opening on 1 Aug

23 August 2022 - the very first funding by the local community for CWA, from Hump Ridge Track

15 September 2022 - CWA initiative meets and exceeds its 6-month KPIs, in just 6 weeks!

7 October 2022 - CWA goes live at DigitalNZ and immediately our eHive views go wild

16 December 2022 - CWA gets its first Heritage Funding, from the local Community Board

28 December 2022 - CWA reaches its first 100 entries on eHive, need to fund more space!

5 March 2023 - At CWA "Open Day" at WTCC achieved 3 new volunteers to help with ongoing

28 March 2023 - CWA is granted the old Tūātapere Plunket Rooms for a Public Space

30 March 2023 - CWA invited by Vernon Systems, to present at the Australasian eHive event

19 April 2023 – TDPI (Tūātapere Promotions) signs agreement with CWA for governance

15 May 2023 – CWA Online Collection in eHive reaches over 10k views for the first time

6 June 2023 – CWA obtains first \$15k of funding for a DigiHub from Meridian Power Up

23 June 2023 – CWA takes over old Tūātapere Plunket Rooms so they can open to public

6 September 2023 - CTS funds the last large chunk of \$7.6k needed for CWA new DigiHub

11 September 2023 - Lotteries Board awards CWA \$21.4k to set up a Public Heritage Hub

2 October 2023 - start of Partnership with DOC Murihiku to share their historical archives

13 Oct 2023 - CWA officially opens to the Public with a large event of Heritage attendees

27 Nov 2023 - CWA takes delivery of DigiHub to professionally preserve district heritage

6 February 2023 - Over 300 people have now physically visited the CWA Heritage Hub

10 February 2023 - Online views of eHive collections now reaches over 22,000 (thousand)!

13 March 2024 - CWA invited by Southland/Otago ARANZ to speak at Heritage Month




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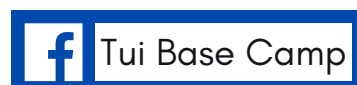
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John was our Lions go-to person if we needed to know something about Lions. He was a life member and a truly well-respected member of our club. He and Wendy never missed many Lion events, which would be noted by many here today. He was also an active member in many other community boards and clubs. He also sang at the Orawia RSA monument every Anzac day, just another small thing that John did. Everybody who knew John will have a memory of the true gentleman and community-minded person he was. We could list the number of things he was involved in, but we only have a short time. The Tuatapere Community and the Tuatapere Lions will miss John Knowler immensely. John was also a family man married to Wendy who is also a Lions member. They had 5 Children, 4 Girls and 1 Boy. Tragedy struck when their 2nd daughter, Marie, succumbed to cancer. John was a Grandfather and a Great Grandfather. He and Wendy had retired from their farm in Clifden to reside in Winton.

John was a very active Community man. Some of the great work done for our community:

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Clifden Hall Committee
Domain Board
Tuatapere Community Board
Waiau River Liaison Group
Western Southland Catholic Parish
Community
Tuatapere Cemetery Trust
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Rest in peace, John. You have served us all very well. Wendy is now a Lion at large and still keeps up with everything that is happening.
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Action-packed springs to mind when we reflect on our few weeks back at school - what a beaut way to get into it!

The Otago/Southland AgriKids Regional Finals was held in Mosgiel on 10th February. Two teams represented Hauroko Valley/Southland. Our team of Finley, Daniel, and Maddi called The Knowledgables performed well throughout. They were up against 30 teams, so did superbly to place in the Top 10. The Southern Boys, including Sam, Oliver, and Tomas, demonstrated prowess in a variety of challenging modules, achieving 1st place = National Finals!!

These results are WOW! We are incredibly proud of the learning that goes on behind the scenes to get to this level. We are also extremely thankful to our team of supporters for sharing knowledge to help our learners.



Our leadership teams have been formed with some stand-out applications and recommendations from staff and students. It gives us great pleasure to introduce, our school leaders and house leaders. These teams keep Hauroko Valley Primary ticking over with initiatives, kaitiaki and organisational innovation!



HAUROKO HAPPENINGS



Recently we held an HVP Meet & Greet where our families were invited to bring lunch, visit classrooms, and join in some fun and games in school houses. There was an impressive commitment of students to their house colours with face paint, tutus and clever clothes worn, from head to toe!

Our newly appointed school leaders organised Ki O Rahi, Egg & Spoon, 3 Legged Race, Bombardment, and a Tug O War. A wonderful way to end the week for everyone!



At H.V.P we use our W.I.T.S

The Life Education Trust mobile classroom, with special guests Teresa and Harold, visited HVP. Each class spent a session across the two days, learning about conflict resolution. The engagement of the interactive classroom space is consistently effective in the delivery of Health Education Programmes. We thank Teresa, Harold, and the Life Education Trust Team for providing us with this opportunity. That's us, until next time! See you soon/ka kite ano Western Wanderers.



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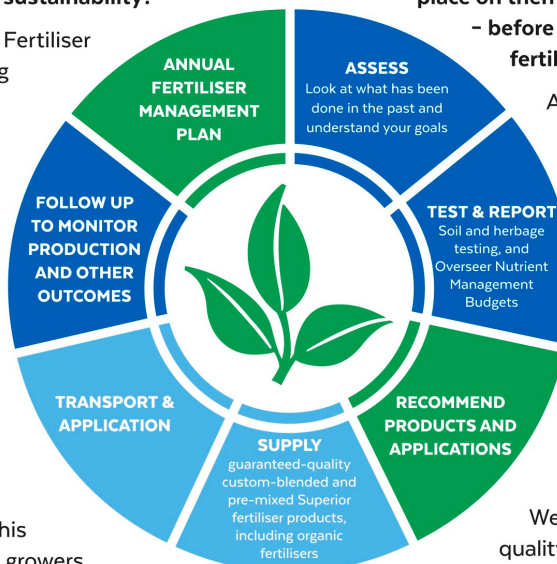
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