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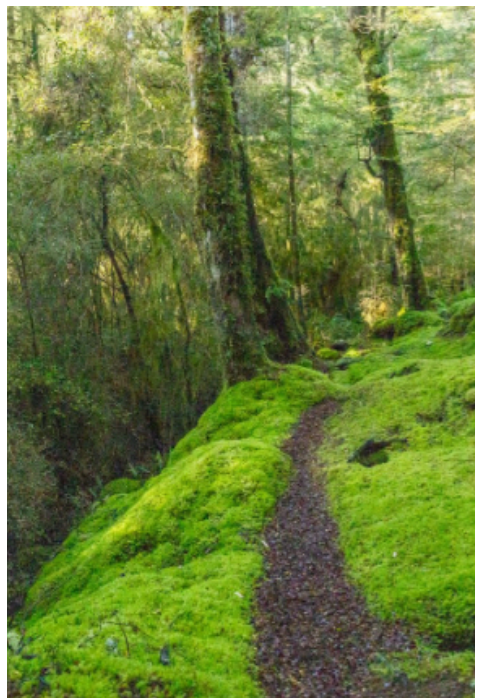
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8 Bootcamp @ Orepuki 6am & 6pm Story Time @ Library	9 Rural Support Brunch 10.30-1pm Tuatapere Golf Club	10 Bootcamp @ WAS Hall 6am	11	12 Bootcamp @ Orepuki 6am & 6pm Clifden Rural Women lunch 11am Otautau Connect Cafe	13 Community Market 11-2pm. Last Light Kids Craft Group 1-4pm @ Den Pop Up 2 nd Hand Shop 10-1pm @ Den	14
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22 Bootcamp @ Orepuki 6am & 6pm Bowls T&C Club 7.30pm	23	24 Bootcamp @ WAS Hall 6am	25	26 Bootcamp @ Orepuki 6am & 6pm	27 Tui Base Camp - Blue Ribbon Poker Run Pop Up 2 nd Hand Shop 10-1pm @ Den	28
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STEP INTO SPRING

Rediscover Tuatapere's Tui Trails

By Mike Goodwin/Advento Photography

Winter has finally loosened its grip, and Tuatapere is waking up. The mornings are lighter, the days are longer, and the air carries that unmistakable scent of new growth. For locals, it's the perfect time to lace up the walking shoes and remember just how lucky we are — our town is stitched together by a network of native bush tracks, each with its own charm, history, and stories. For visitors passing through, these trails offer a glimpse into why Tuatapere has long been called the hole in the bush — a name born from our deep green surroundings and the way the forest wraps itself protectively around us.

The Tui Trails link together pockets of native beauty right through the heart of town, weaving past landmarks, the Waiau River, and into quiet bush reserves where the chorus of bellbirds, tui, and fantails reminds us we're never far from nature. You can tackle them all in one go or take them in smaller sections — there's no wrong way to explore.

You might start at the Heritage Orchard Walk, tucked between the Lions Park and the old railway station. This newer addition to our trail network offers a mix of local history and seasonal reward — the apples growing here were grafted from pioneer orchards, and in the right season, you can pluck one straight from the branch. From there, wander toward Greenheart Reserve, aptly named for the lush plantings and mature trees that form the town's leafy heart.

Follow the call of the Waiau and you'll find yourself on the Alton Terrace Walk, tracing the river's edge where early settlers once relied on a ferry crossing before the bridge came in 1915. A little further on, McLeod's Track offers river views and a nod to a family whose roots here run deep. The tracks don't just connect places — they connect people, past and present.

For those who love true native bush, the Domain Bush Walk is a standout. Mature podocarps tower overhead, ferns and fuchsia crowd the undergrowth, and the birdlife is some of the best you'll hear anywhere. At dawn, the chorus is worth the early rise. From here, the adventurous can take Templeton's Track to Lillian's Loop — the latter a peaceful circuit through the cemetery bush named after Lillian Elder, whose name, like her husband Dr Eric Elder's, is etched into local memory.

Elder Drive Track and Keith Thomson's Walk round out the network, each adding their own piece to the puzzle — riverside tranquillity, carefully nurtured fern gardens, and those little moments where you stop, breathe, and think, "this is home."

Walking the Tui Trails in spring isn't just exercise; it's a reminder of our heritage and the beauty that surrounds us every day. These are tracks our grandparents may have walked, where kids have climbed trees, and where visitors still marvel at just how much bush you can find in a small rural town.

If you haven't walked them in years — or ever — now's the time. Dust off the cobwebs, grab the kids, invite a mate, or head out solo for some peace and quiet. And if you're passing through Tuatapere, don't just drive on — stop, stretch your legs, and see why locals are so proud of this place.

A printed Tui Trails brochure is available and well worth picking up for its detailed map and track descriptions. (Keep an eye out at local businesses and the library — we'll confirm exact locations soon.) Over the coming months, we'll be featuring each track in detail in the Western Wanderer, along with photos and maps, so you can explore them one by one.

Spring has arrived. The trails are waiting. See you out there.



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The Story of the Circle of Hands

Submitted by:
Karina Gerzabek

Long ago, on the wide plains of North America, there lived a young girl named Ahyoka. She was full of questions—more than the adults around her could always answer.

One day she watched her grandmother sitting in the sun, with bundles of grasses, roots, and fibers before her. The old woman's hands moved slowly, but with certainty.

"Grandmother, why do you always make these circles?" Ahyoka asked.

Her grandmother smiled without lifting her eyes from her work. "Because life itself is made of circles, child. Every beginning leads back to an end, and every end becomes a new beginning."

She held up the basket, growing spiral by spiral, coil by coil. "This is called coiling. We do not only weave grasses—we weave our stories, our dreams, and our knowledge into it."

Ahyoka frowned. "But how can a basket hold a story?"

The grandmother placed the bundle into her granddaughter's hands. "Feel it. Every movement is a choice. Every coil is a breath. Sometimes the fiber resists, just as life resists. But if you have patience, if you listen to what the material tells you, something stronger is created—something that connects you to the earth itself."

Ahyoka tried to make her own small circle. At first it was crooked, the fibers slipped apart. Her grandmother chuckled softly: "See? Even mistakes belong in the circle. Without them, you would never learn how to grow stronger."

Years passed, and Ahyoka grew into a young woman. Her baskets told of rain and sunshine, of joy and sorrow, of meetings and farewells. Some she gave to children, who filled them with their games. Others she offered to travelers, who carried food within them. And whenever someone asked what her baskets meant, she would say:

"They mean that we are all woven together. No circle is ever alone. Each one carries the touch of the hands that shaped it, and the memory of the earth it came from."

And so, coiling became more than craft—it became a song of grass and thread, a song that touched both young and old. For whoever held a basket in their hands felt, if only for a moment: Life itself is a circle, one we are all weaving together.



Celebrations to mark 100 years of Rural Women NZ in Western Southland

Rural Women New Zealand's Clifden Branch will be hosting an event at Clifden Bridge, followed by a dinner in Tuatapere, to commemorate its centennial and to recognise the 95th anniversary of the Clifden Branch.

Established in July 1925, Rural Women NZ (RWNZ) originated when a group of farmers' wives accompanied their husbands to Wellington for the Farmers' Union Conference. During this gathering, participants discussed the challenges associated with rural isolation and limited access to services found in urban centres. Consequently, 16 women founded the Women's Division of the Farmers' Union (now RWNZ) to enhance support networks for rural women.

One hundred years later, RWNZ remains dedicated to empowering women at the centre of rural communities. With branches and regional groups nationwide offering both connection and support, RWNZ is regarded as a leader in the rural sector and serves as a trusted advocate on matters impacting rural communities.

"We are eager to reconnect with former members of WDFF (Women's Division of Federated Farmers) from Tuatapere, Clifden, Orawia, Eastern Bush, Nightcaps, Scotts Gap, Otautau, and Wairio Branches," stated Lynley Whyte, Centennial Coordinator of the Clifden Branch.

"We invite all to celebrate 95 years of the Clifden Branch with an afternoon gathering at the Clifden Bridge, followed by a Centennial Dinner at the Waiau Town & Country on the evening of Sunday, 2nd November."

Further information regarding registration will be published in next month's issue of the Wanderer.



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Take a break with Rural Support: Brunch shout for our rural communities

The Southland Rural Support is inviting farmers, growers, and rural whānau to take a well-earned break and join us for Brunch on Us – a series of relaxed drop-in events across Southland. Running from Wednesday 27 August through to Friday 12 September, these events are a chance for rural people to come together, enjoy some kai, and connect with others who understand the unique challenges of life on the land.

“You don’t have to register, and there are no speeches or presentations – just a warm welcome and some delicious food,” says Simon Hopcroft from the Southland Rural Support Trust.

“This is about checking in with each other, sharing updates, and reminding our communities that they’re not alone.”

The Southland Rural Support will be hosting brunches at local Farm Source stores, sports clubs, golf clubs, PGG Wrightson stores and Community Centre’s, with support from Beef + Lamb New Zealand, Fonterra, Farm Source, FMG, MPI’s On Farm Support, Westpac, Advance Ag, The Grocer, DairyNZ, FarmWise, Think Water, Open Country, Meridian Energy, ANZCO, Mataura Valley Milk, A2 Milk, Mad Cow Coffee, Nana Rails Coffee, PGG Wrightson and the Purple Coffee Van.

Whether you’ve got five minutes or an hour, drop in any time between 10.30am and 1pm. It’s low-key, no fuss – just good people and a bit of time off the farm.

Refer to the flyer for details.
We are rural support, together.
For more information, contact details below

Katrina Thomas

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Central & Western Archive Hub 2nd Birthday Celebrations: “Tūātapere 100 Years Ago” - Event



Above: West's Waiau Hotel 1909, model

Below: 1-Room Tūātapere School, 1913



OPENS - ART SHOW WEEKEND, 10/12 OCTOBER:

Our **SECOND** Birthday Celebrations include the unveiling of a Diorama of models of the original township of Tūātapere 100yrs ago. There will be model building workshops, also “Make a model” of our modern buildings Competition - and other 100 years ago Competitions to enter, with prizes!
EVENT: Friday, Saturday & Sunday: 10am - 4pm

COMPETITIONS:

Make a modern model of a Tūātapere Township building to scale, contact us or call in for details
-School Student or Adult (over 18)

What was Grandma talking about? A 100yrs Quiz;
Email us for a copy, or call in and pick a copy up
-School Student or Adult (over 18)

We are back to our Summer Hours from 1st Oct

Models and Competitions on Display from 10 October 2025



WORKSHOPS, held during Sunday 12th October:

Make a model of an older building in Tūātapere Township to scale, to put in our new Diorama (School Student or Adult – over 18)
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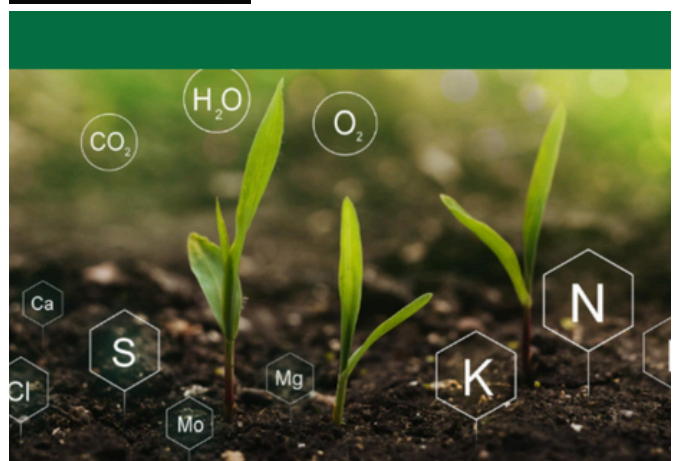


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A Season on the Field, Stage, and Snow

It's been a busy and rewarding few weeks for the tamariki of Hauroko Valley Primary School, with a series of exciting events that showcase not only their talents but also their teamwork, perseverance, and pride in representing their school and wider community.

Rugby Representation with Mana

A massive congratulations to our Year 7 & 8 girls (Lola, Ruby, Aydee, Ilyssa, Tori, Maddi & Cassie) who are representing both Hauroko Valley Primary and the Waiau Star Rugby Club with pride and determination. Again, we have collaborated with Otautau Primary and Waiau Area School to field a team of young wāhine toa. They bring skill and passion to the field, showing strength in every tackle.

Poetry Presentations – Tiny Voices, Big Ideas

Meanwhile, our youngest learners, from Years 0–3, delighted audiences with their poetry presentations. With courage and confidence, these budding performers took to the stage to recite their chosen poems, bringing words to life through expression and rhythm.

Year 4-8 Speeches

Our Year 4–8 speechwriters also took centre stage, sharing their carefully crafted, original speeches with clarity and conviction. These presentations were the result of weeks of writing, editing, and practising—an excellent example of literacy in action. Topics ranged from thought-provoking to humorous, and every speaker provided their audience with something to think about. Congratulations to Della in Year 5 & 6 and in Year 7 & 8, Angus and Tori. who move through to the Northern Western Final at Aparima 6.30pm, 27th August.





NETBALL TEAM SKIING



Netball Festival in Winton

Sporting excellence continued with one Year 5 & 6 and two Year 7 & 8 netball teams who competed in the CSNC Netty Festival in Winton. Representing Hauroko Valley with pride, our players showed great skill, teamwork and sportsmanship on the court. The day was full of fast-paced action, laughter, and determination, with students enjoying the chance to test themselves against other schools while celebrating the fun of the game. Thanks to Holly, Kaylene, and Cheryl, who coached, managed, and umpired our Year 5 & 6 team. Thank you to Alice, Kate P, Sienna, and Kenzie, who coached, managed, or umpired for our Year 7&8 teams. Such amazing support from our families and friends.

Snow Adventures in Queenstown

To cap off this action-packed season, students from across the school travelled to Queenstown for the highly anticipated HVP Ski Trip to The Remarkables. For some, it was their first time on the snow, while others raced confidently down the slopes. On skis, our students showed courage, resilience, and joy as they navigated a new alpine environment. The stunning backdrop of the mountains and the thrill of skiing made for a memorable day.

Proud of Our People and Place

At Hauroko Valley Primary School, we are continually inspired by the way our students rise to challenges, support one another, and represent our kura with pride. From the rugby field to the poetry stage, from netball courts to mountain slopes, our tamariki are growing as learners and leaders—grounded in community and ready for the world.

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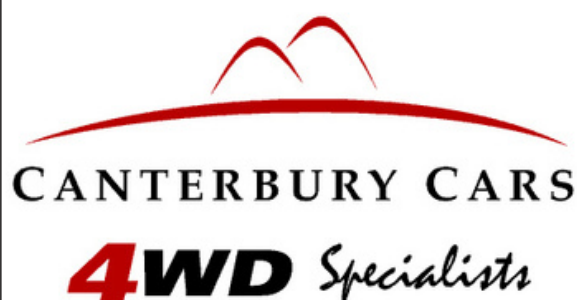
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CELEBRATIONS & COMPETITIONS at the CWArchives Community & Heritage Hub

In 1925 – Womens Division or WDFU was founded by Florence Polson, the then NZFU's President, Sir William's wife. WDFU's inaugural meeting was held on 28 July 1925. The Southland Provincial WDFU started in 1930, making them now 95 years old. In 1945, two major NZ farming groups merged, creating Federated Farmers of New Zealand. The 1999 a change in name and focus from WDFU, saw them rebrand as "Rural Women".

The Central & Western Archive – Murihiku Southland, focuses particularly on both the Western and Central Western districts of Southland, and into Fiordland. A lot of this land consists of the prior Wallace County District, which used to be controlled by the WCC or Wallace County Council, before the Southland Councils merged into the SDC.

Across this area, there were 26 Clubs in days past, now, only 2 are operational, this is Thornbury and Clifden. Our local Clifden Rural Women Club or CRW, are celebrating their 95th Birthday on the first weekend in November, and to support them in this and to acknowledge the huge role all the prior Womens' Division groups played in our district rural communities, we are also celebrating the 100 year Centennial of Rural Women.

To honour our Rural Women and their 100 years of supporting each other and various causes affecting rural life, we are going to be holding a series of competitions with associated displays, featuring the kinds of work that Womens' Division and Rural Women have undertaken over their 100 Years of operation, particularly focusing on the local chapters from our district, and mainly on Clifden WDFU now Clifden Rural Women.

COMPETITIONS/DISPLAYS:

Various art and craft forms practiced by the WDFU and early Rural Women, called –

"100 Years Ago Art & Craft", which is any type of art or craft that was around 100 years ago, and it must also be created in the same way, so hand or treadle sewing only please! More details are on Competition Entry Form, please contact us or call in to pick one up.

"100 Years Ago to Today Essay Competition", to recognize and celebrate the WDFU 'Cora Wilding' Essay Competition, a 1,000-2,000 word essay on something that has affected women for the last 100 Years, that you feel is still not resolved, with ideas how to do this. NOTE: can also be in the form of a 200-500 word poem, and if anyone would like to do a reading of their poem please feel free to arrange this for 11th or 12th of October. Items submitted for competition will be displayed until Xmas, and these can also be for sale.

More photos of Women's Division groups in our districts from days past. Can anyone please provide more photos from earlier days of various WDFU groups in our district?? Or information about people in these and what kind of events or help they gave locally. If you could contact us to pick up the material or drop it off to the CWA Heritage Hub or even email copies of anything you are willing to share with us, it would be appreciated.

It is recorded on the Rural Women's website, that the Women's Division members were chiefly wanting the WDFU to help them with remedies to their problems, which were: Improvements in living conditions and rural services and Fostering Community Spirit

Ellenor Catherine Watson (née Squires) of Merrivale, WDFU 'claim to fame' started off with her role as Ōrawia Branch President from 1943. She was Dominion President by 1960-63. We will have a display on Ellenor and her WDFU roles at the Heritage Hub.

Both WDFU Women's Division and the CWI or Country Women's Institute used to work together in districts where both groups were in existence. For this reason, we will also have local and district CWI displays on this weekend, to show the groups collaboration.



Wdff Float at the
Southland Centennial
Day, held in 1956



The Wdffnz logo

**Names of prior Wdff groups from the Western & Central Western
Districts. Researched and written by CWA – Community**

Aparima	Otahuti
Clifden (still operational, 95 years old)	Ōtautau
Colac Bay	Pahia
Drummond	Riverton
Eastern Bush	Scotts Gap
Fairfax	Te Anau
Feldwick	The Rocks
Isla Bank	Thornbury (still operational, 95 years old)
Longwood	Tūātapere
Manapōuri-Te Anau	Waimatuku
Nightcaps	Waipango
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Orepuki	Wrights Bush



Clifden Rural Women, enjoying their 90th birthday
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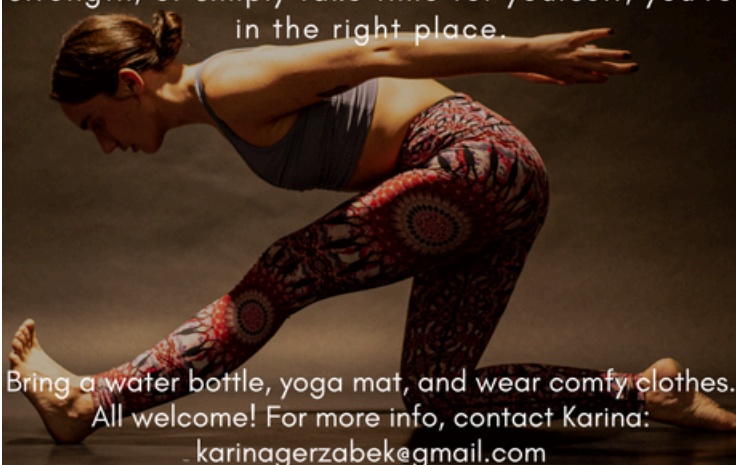
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CONTROL STATISTICS: Sept 2025

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Man-hours Volunteer =2070

We've had a busy month or two. We farewell the Edmondsons, thanking them for their tremendous contribution to our reserve over the year.

We welcome Clayton Roe, whose valuable trapping knowledge is greatly appreciated.

We acknowledge the ongoing Mahi by WAS students, led by Richard Bennett & other teachers, in undertaking weekly checking of our automated Y line. Thank you all.

THE HAPPENINGS

~ Cemetery block 3, perimeter trapping completed.(Kollats& Alton Road)Possums 65, 65%+Joey. Rats 5.

We thank Kollats for access permission.

~Blocks Maintaining within Reserve, lowering inward migration. Evident undergrowth flourishing.Great Birdsong.

~We've been nominated for ES Awards in the category 'Environmental Action in Biodiversity and Biosecurity '

~We were selected as finalists & were judged, interviewed & filmed in our reserve on 31/7.this space. We are off to the awards night in October!

We met with Dani from DOC and gave her an extensive tour of our 'exotic tree invasion ' and other aspects of our reserve, including one of our largest Totara trees. She loved our reserve and thinks we can get permanent safety signage supplied

~Safety signage: We note concern regarding evident traps on connecting Block 2 between the domain & Cemetery. We have moved many back.

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Editor's Note:

The Western Wanderer has always aimed to celebrate the stories, people, and community groups that make Tuatapere special. The following piece, submitted by a long-time resident, offers a reflective look at how our town has changed over the years, both the losses we've felt and the resilience we continue to show.

While some views expressed here may not reflect everyone's experiences, we hope it prompts appreciation for those who contribute to Tuatapere's future in farming, tourism, volunteering, and community leadership. As always, we're proud to showcase the good things happening in our backyard.

Hi to all,

Well, it's nigh on three years since you have heard from ex councillor George, so I thought a little catch up and a view of today's scenario as I see it would be in order.

As a follow up to the comments from JOB last edition (of which I do not totally agree with all of his comments) but in general he is on the right track.

During my time in business in Tuatapere it was not uncommon for meetings to be held at the local hotel where many a difference was negated and almost all of the export product was transported by local operators, I find it not to be that way currently. I pray it is not too late for some proactive dialogue to benefit the future security of our town and district.

Unfortunately, the wheels of progress are still stuck in deep reduction with the proactive elected sector of our public still competing with the negativity of much of the management sector of our council and other various committees. As I see it if a committee of people passes a motion in favour of a project it should become mandatory for all to get behind the job and progress it forthwith. My past dealings tell me that a project done now costs a lot less and appeals to the public, particularly if they have had buy in. Working together for a better Southland finished with the first capital in the eyes of the majority of the ratepayers.

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With our tri-annual local body election coming up in October there maybe opportunities for you to test your skills at community board or councillor level, you could learn how to run meetings, meet new out of town people, get horribly frustrated and why it takes a long time to get little done. After serving the community for some six terms age won. Remember our future is in our hands so do not be afraid to stand up and be counted as a nil reply is deemed as a positive vote.

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Submitted by Helen



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Managed by a panel of locals and Meridian staff we're working together to build strong, sustainable communities. Power Up Manapōuri provides grants for projects in Te Anau, Manapōuri, Clifden and Tuatapere.

How to apply

Applications are open until midnight on Sun 19th October 2025.

For more information and to apply:

- visit meridianenergy.co.nz/community-support/fund
- email community@meridianenergy.co.nz
- call 021 733 931

