



WESTERN *Wanderer*

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p><i>Every Week</i> <i>Reminders</i></p> <p>Bootcamp at Orepuki Hall - every Mon 6am & 5:30pm</p>		<p>Bootcamp at Waiau Area School Gym every Wed 6am & 5:30pm</p>		<p>Bootcamp at Orepuki Hall every Fri 6am & 5:30pm</p>	<p>Central & Western Archives now open every Sat 10-4pm (Summer Hours)</p> <p>Pop Up 2ndhand Shop @The Den, every Sat 1-4pm</p>	1
<p>2 Hauroko Valley Primary School starts Term 1 for ALL students</p> 	<p>3 Tuatapere TeWaewae Community Board Meeting, 3pm Waiau Town & Country Club All Welcome!</p>	<p>4 Wool & Craft 10-3pm The Den</p>	<p>5 Book Club 10:30am Tui Base Camp All Welcome!</p> <p>Sewing & Patchwork 10-3pm The Den</p>	6	<p>7 Kids Craft Group 1-4pm @ Den</p>	8
<p>9 Waiau Area School starts Term 1 for ALL students</p> 	10	11	12	13	<p>14  WAIAU A&P SHOW TUATAPERE Community Market 10-1pm at the Show!</p>	15
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<p><i>Coming up ...</i></p>	<p> Blackmount Trail Ride March 14th</p>	<p>Sewing & Patchwork 10-3pm The Den March 5th and 19th</p>	<p>Western Southland Wool & Craft Group "Come & Visit Day" March 18th</p>	<p> Annual Great Tuatapere Duck Races March 28th</p>	<p>Tuatapere Armed Services Memorial Trust Bursary Applications close 30 March 2026</p>	<p>Tuatapere Amenities Trust Funding Applications close 30 April 2026</p>

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

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD



**Saturday
14th February
Tuatapere Domain**

We'd love to see you there!

The Produce Schedule is in this issue.
Entry forms available online or fill in on the day
in the Big White Produce Tent!

Get your entries into the tent before 10am!

The Animal Farmyard is returning, along with
the Terrier Race and Bark-Off.

Plenty for the kids with the Big Dig,
Mr Whippy & some new activities!

Save the date and come along for a look!

Enquiries to

Isobel Devery 027 2267 020

Tuatapere Armed Services Memorial Trust Bursary

Applications are open once again for the
Tuatapere Armed Services Memorial Bursary
again. if you are in your second year of Tertiary
education and would like a helping hand with a
bursary, please get in touch with John Munro
who is the Secretary for this Trust.

Applications need to be in to John by the
30th of March 2026

The successful recipient will be notified early
April, and presented with the bursary at the
10am service on Anzac Day April 25, 2026.

For an application form please call or email John
at **027 412 2925** or jwdmunro@gmail.com

Western Southland Wool and Craft Group

Invite you to a

Come and Visit Day

Pop in and see what we are about

Stay for an hour or all day. We would love to see you if you
are interested in handcraft.

WHEN: Wednesday 18th March 2026

WHERE: Visit us at our home at the Den Erskine Street Tuatapere

WHAT TIME: 10AM TO 3PM

MORNING AND AFTERNOON TEAS WILL BE PROVIDED

SHARED LUNCH AT 12.00 NOON

So join us for a fun filled day of Craft

Further Info: Contact Helen Todd : 022 103 9327



We are excited to announce the recipients
of the November 2025
Tuatapere Humpridge Track Trust
Community Enhancement Grant
funding round.

After reviewing the applications by our committee,
we have selected three outstanding organisations
whose work aligns with our mission.

Congratulations to our grant recipients:

Tuatapere Community Baths Society

Waiiau Valley Netball Club

Tuatapere Reserve Pest Control Group

We are proud to support these organizations and
look forward to seeing the positive impact they will
make over the coming year.

Thank you to everyone who applied.

TUATAPERE HUMP TRACK TRUST AGM

Wednesday, 25 February 2026

7pm at the Waiiau Town & Country Club.



Summer Hours
10am-4pm Tues-Sat
(except Stat. Holidays)

Available for group bookings outside Public open
hours/Weekends.

If you and your family, or history group or society
would like to visit, just let us know in advance.

Email: CentralAndWesternArchive@gmail.com or
Phone/Text: **027-2114675**

TUATAPERE AMENITIES TRUST

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

2026 Funding:

Application forms will be available from 1
February 2026 and these may be collected from
the Tuatapere Service Station or email
kimr@flintoffs.co.nz to obtain application form.

**Completed application forms need to be
submitted by 30 April 2026**

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.

**Bootcamp @ Orepuki Hall
Mondays & Fridays
6am & 5.30pm**



**Bootcamp @ WAS School Gym
Wednesdays - 6am**



Anyone interested in joining is welcome to come along to a session and give it a go!

INDOOR BOWLS

Mondays 7.30pm
Waiau Town & Country Club
Ph: Christine 0275498720



KEEN TO GIVE SQUASH A GO?

Enquires please contact:
Rebecca Robertson
027 424 6129



Tuatapere Community Pool



PRICE LIST 2025/2026:

Family key \$200
Buddy Key \$200
Senior Citizens \$170
Access tag \$15

Contact Info to Purchase

Kaitlyn Mullally 027 304 1102
Minnessa Erskine 027 311 2112
or via Tuatapere community pool FB page
or email: Tuataperepool51@gmail.com



LINE DANCING
Mondays at 7:30pm
RSA Hall
Main St, Tuatapere

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Waiau Memorial Library



When: Mondays
10 - 10.30 am
Where: The Library
Who: Under 5's

If you're under 5 and love stories come long to the Library every Monday for Storytime. Bring along a little friend for Ratty to play with, he loves to play Hide and Seek.

COMMUNITY MARKET

Stall holders will be at the Waiau A&P Show Tuatapere Domain 14th Feb 9am til finish!
Back to Last Light Lodge - 14 March.

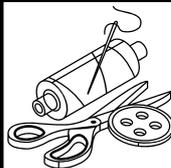


Second Hand Pop Up Shop



Every Saturday 10am-1pm
'The Den' Erskine St, Tuatapere
Ph: Helen 022 1039327

KIDS CRAFT GROUP



2nd Saturday of the month 1-4pm
\$5/family

@ 'The Den' Erskine St, Tuatapere
Learn new craft skills and have fun!
This is a Christian group.
For information: Helen 0221039327



Erskine Street
Tuatapere

To enquire, call
Helen Todd
022 1039 327

THE DEN

The Den is AVAILABLE for Community Groups to book - right next to the playground, with plenty of parking.

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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 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 **Brooke 027 551 5591.**

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 **Kenzie Johnston on 020 4191 7357**

WESTERN SOUTHLAND WOOL & CRAFT GROUP

Spinning, Felt, Weaving, Knitting, Crochet.



Other crafts welcome!

Held on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays of the month, in months that have 5 Wednesdays, at 'The Den', Erskine St

10am-3pm. \$5. BYO Lunch.

Any queries please contact **Helen Todd 022 103 9327**

SEWING & PATCHWORK GROUP

Come and learn to sew or share your skills OR just get on with your project.



Bring your lunch and sewing machine (if you can)

Meet at 'The Den' Erskine St, Tuatapere

1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month

Cost \$5 per day. 10am-3pm. Coffee & Tea provided

Contact: **Helen Todd 022 103 9327**

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.



DO YOU HAVE A NOTICE FOR THE COMMUNITY?

DROP US AN EMAIL AT
yourwesternwanderer@gmail.com

AND WE'LL ADD IT TO THE
NOTICEBOARD FOR YOU!

TUATAPERE COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKER

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Contact 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

Monday - Thurs 10am-3pm

Cellphone: 027 757 5983

E-mail: tcworker@xtra.co.nz

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

TUATAPERE ENVELOPES

Envelopes printed with the
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MAX MALSEN (021)422 800
LYLA SHERRIFF (03) 226 6187

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

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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:
027 246 4857

TUATAPERE SERVICE STATION:
(03) 2266 475

TUATAPERE FOUR SQUARE:
(03) 2266 898

TUI BASE CAMP CAFE-BAR-RESTAURANT
(03) 2266 250

HUNGRY HIPPO SHOP & TAKEAWAYS
(03) 2266 417

WAI AU TOWN & COUNTRY CLUB
(03) 2266 489

NEED A JP?

The following Justices are
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Tuatapere:

Karen Hammond 027 885 6381
Mon- Fri by Appointment Only

Keri Potter 027 526 3137

Blackmount:

Nicky Baker 027 643 5880

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Main Road

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Need to know more?

Phone or message

Cedric on 022 027 3834

WESTERN SOUTHLAND CATHOLIC MASS

Mass is held every first Sunday of the month at the Anglican Church at 11am. On Fridays, Mass (or Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion), is held at 1pm in the Anglican Church.

A timetable, as to what is happening each Friday, is available at the entrance to the Anglican Church.

We are very grateful to the Tuatapere Anglican Community for sharing their church facilities with us.

Fr Gerard Aynsley

Text preferred: 021580610

WAIAU MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Library Hours: Fridays

10:00am - 11:30am

2:30pm - 4:00pm

7:00pm - 8:00pm



Loretta's House Cleaning Services

Available for cleaning services whenever needed.

Please contact Loretta
027 462 9527



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(part of Riverton Pharmacy - beside Medical Centre)

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

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First prescription drop-off from 1:30pm

Second prescription drop-off 4:30pm

COMMUNITY OUTLOOK ARTICLES

The Community Outlook articles are always available on the On Natures Edge website!

<https://www.onnaturesedge.co.nz/>

SENIOR CITIZENS GROUP

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!

Please contact:

Olive Bennett (03) 2266 477 or

Alison Bennett 027 224 2724

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PLEASE HAVE YOUR ARTICLES, NOTICES, OR UPDATED ADVERTS FOR THE WESTERN WANDERER SENT IN BY
20th of February (for MARCH Issue) yourwesternwanderer@gmail.com

TARTAN TROUPE ENTERTAINS RAKIURA

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On 29th November Tuatapere Highland Dance School put on a fabulous afternoon performance at the Community Centre, which was organised by teacher, Teri McCracken.

There is nothing quite like the sound of bagpipes to evoke emotion - add to that a lone piper leading the dancers along Ayr Street towards the community centre dressed in their finery. Thank goodness I wasn't wearing mascara!

Eight talented dancers expertly performed the Highland Fling, Sword Dance, Seann Triubhas (which depicts kicking off trousers in favour of a kilt!), Irish Jig, Sailor's Hornpipe and many more. Two of the youngest performers danced to the Birdie Song with their duck umbrellas - very cute!

The whole troupe had incredible energy and stamina, the dancers and the incredibly gifted Bagpiper who blew us away with an afternoon of rockin' tunes.



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

Best wishes to you all for a wonderful 2026!

Since the last Community Board report we have had some very exciting happenings. This includes:

- The very successful fun filled Christmas Parade. Huge thanks to John Munro and his team for the best one yet!
- The New Year's Day Sports. Although it may not continue it went out with a Bang! Thank you Peter Templeton, Christine and Peter Egerton and your committee for the hard work and commitment over many years.
- Revitalize Concert Event at Blackmount. Thank you Tim and Helen for hosting this special annual gathering.
- Active Southland in association with Southland Plunket for a 'Get Behind the Tour' free community BBQ at Jack and Mattie Bennett Playground on Tuesday 20th January, 2026.

Congratulations and thank you to:

- Orepuki Promotions' Group for the 'Historic Water Tower Project'. It looks amazing!
- The Orepuki Community for supporting the 'Return of the Book Bus' to Orepuki. The next scheduled visit is Tuesday, 10th February at 1pm - 1.30pm.
- Grant Lightfoot of Orepuki with the successful innovative edible bale wrap (KiwiEconet)
- The Tui Trails working team who continue to do amazing work on our beautiful native bush tracks including:
 - Errol Templeton - our Tui Trails Leader who oversees all of our tracks,
 - The Periodic Detention Team--guided by Errol and Malcolm- who have done a fantastic job of tidying the Greenheart Reserve and Templeton's Track.
 - Glen and Alan (Alton Terrace Walk and McLeod's Track)
 - Geoff Smith (who actually 'rakes' Lillian's Loop-what a champion!)
- Tuatapere Presbyterian Church for the wonderful fund raiser calendar featuring beautiful photography of our Tuatapere Trails by Mike Goodwin.
- Tuatapere Medical Centre and Tuatapere Fire Brigade for hosting a meeting of stakeholders, along with Emergency Management Southland, to pave a way forward in preparing for an emergency event.

Other Community Board News:

- Jack and Mattie Bennett Playground Toilet. It's wonderful to see the beautiful toilet installed. We are very sorry for the delay in opening. This is due to the need for some on-site work requiring completion.
- Greenheart Reserve Survey. Thank you to those who shared feedback. The survey ran from the 17th November to 19th December and received 14 responses. Most people supported the current vision. Top priorities include improving the reserve's appearance, enhancing the stream, attracting native birds and insects, encouraging community use and increasing plant diversity. A more detailed report will be given at the next Community Board meeting at which you are welcome to attend (3 February, 3.30pm at Waiau Town and Country Club).

At the last Community Board meeting on Dec 2 2025:

- Blayne de Vries (Deputy Chair) completed his Declaration as a Community Board member (as he was absent from the 1st meeting of the triennium on 4th November '25)
- The Community Board accepted the information regarding Delegations to the Community Board and the information 'Financial Report for year ending 30/6/25'.
- The Community Board accepted the Draft Budgets and Rates in regard to the Annual Plan 2026/2027.
- The CB considered and discussed the Community Partnership Fund applications for the August 2025 funding round and allocated: \$1,060 to the Waitutu Incorporation;
- \$1,000 to the Tuatapere Reserve Pest Control Group; \$1,700 to the Orepuki Fitness Collective; \$3,000 to the Orepuki Cemetery Trust to assist with the installation of heritage information panels.
- The CB appointed Anne Horrell as a trustee to the Tuatapere Amenities Trust, Councillor Don Byars to the Waiau River Liaison Group and Derek Chamberlain to the Orawia Catchment Group.
- The CB approved the schedule of meetings for the next triennium.
- Councillor Don Byars updated the CB on news from the Council table.
- The CB Chair updated the meeting on the latest CB roles and responsibilities of all Community Board members for the next triennium and on activities by the Chair since the last report. Community Board members were given the opportunity to update the meeting on their specific portfolios.

Please support the New World Sausage Capital Event as advertised in this edition of the Western Wanderer to be held on **Thursday 26th February from 3pm to 7pm** at the **Tuatapere Domain**.

The next Community Board meeting will be held on **Tuesday 3rd February at 3.30pm** at the **Waiau Town and Country Club**. All are welcome to attend!



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'TŪĀTAPERĒ'S AXEMEN'S ATHLETIC SOCIETY' - 116 YRS OF BACKGROUND HISTORY

AXEMEN'S ATHLETIC EVENT HISTORY:

According to the "Grand Fiftieth Jubilee Souvenir Programme" published for the 1960's Sports Day, the sports day meet was the result of a wager between Bill Ackers and Peter Scott in a wood-chopping match. With support from others who matched their enthusiasm, a meeting was held in early 1910 to form what was then known as the "Tuatapere Axemen's Athletic Society." The fact that Tūātapere was itself hewn from the bushes with axes, meant there was instant, ongoing support for the sports meet.

The very first Tūātapere 'Sports Day' was held at West's Paddock on Easter Monday 1910. (Photo A).



This was the first of 3 different homes that this long-held event has had. Meetings were held in West's paddock up until 1919. In 1920, Mrs Lascelles provided a 'Sports Ground' for the event and from 1921, it was to move to the now Tūātapere Domain grounds, where it has been held ever since. Once again, initially the ground had to be cleared before events could be held there. It is recorded that "logs and stumps were roughly cleared". The inaugural meeting

was on the Easter Monday of 1910 and there were over 800 spectators who came by train for the event, the crowds can be seen in the photo above. Events this time were mostly just chopping and sawing, as there was yet enough clear space for things like track events or sprints. But in true bushman spirit, the distance running events "circled round stumps and other obstructions." Interestingly, in the first year, there were two events days held!

The second meet on 27 December 1910 was a well-attended day as too, with picnicking spectators everywhere, and more competitors and crowds coming from afar. The punt was kept busy all day ferrying everyone across the Waiau and back, as the bridge was not opened until 1915. The original pair of 'conspirators' could never have foreseen what a massive event this would turn out to be, and how long it would maintain a presence.

By 1911 the event was being held on Boxing Day but the running track was still very rough and in 1912 there was particular interest in the running events as big names were competing in them. By 1913 - from the year this group of photos are of, one of the main features of event day was the Invercargill Pipe Band and it was also the year that the most prominent axeman ever created in Southland made good his success. At this time Jack Pont was only at the start of his long and brilliant career, where he made a name for himself across Aotearoa NZ and in his home town of Tūātapere. At this meeting, he came third, while J Breen came second and William Johnson was the winner. (Photo B).

For the 1921 event at the newly cleared Domain, crowds descended upon the site in spring carts, milk carts, gigs and buggies, there being few cars back then. When parking did start to become

a problem in the 1930's, a bridge was built "over the Alton backwash so cars could be parked on the island," under the guidance of the committee, local sawmillers providing timber. However, this fix was short-lived, as in a flood the same year, it was swept away down the Waiau and was the end of parking on the island! Then in 1938, with international bush-craft competitors, the sports day had its biggest ever attendance. The Australian's also bought over their Jigger-Pole chopping, a firm favourite to the end.

The Sports Day continued to go strong, but then after 116 years, in 2026 the above event was held by the original Axemen's Athletics group for the last time. With NZ Racing moving Riverton Races to New Years, the same day as the Sports, the event was doomed. This history is in honour of all committee members and those who carried the final load. **Job well done, Peter Templeton and Christine Egerton.**

DOWLING FAMILY AXEMEN'S ATHLETIC EVENT HISTORY:

Tūātapere's first Dowling, Mick - was called the "main-stay" of this event in its written history. He was the groups first Secretary, the Handicapper, and the Starter, for Bushcraft events. Mick was also a well-known 'Sports Administrator' not just for the local group, but across all of Murihiku Southland. And on top of that, he was to compete as well, and quite successfully according to records. Hugh McFeely, the towns first teacher who arrived in 1910 when the Sports Day was first held, had this to say about him:

"The first athletic sports were held on the high ground near the river (by McLeods), and that noted bush worker, Mr M Dowling, by his untiring and efficient service as secretary, put Tuatapere sports on the map."

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Mick's dedication to the cause was life-long, and his family have followed on.

His son Robert was also involved for some years too, then his grandson Kevin became a champion bushcraft competitor, who among other wins, brought home a gold medal and two bronzes, from the 1996 Masters Games in Dunedin. Kevin's wife Dorothy also contributed, including the compilation of a book, "4 Generations of Bushcraft" which the CWArchives has a copy of in their history library.

Now Mick's great-grandson, Bobby is now a 12 Title World champion holder in the sport of bushcraft, according to his very proud father, with many more wins from Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia where he now lives. Growing up in Tūātapere, Bobby learned the art of Bushcraft off his father from age 8. He now mentors others in the sport. His older brother Peter also used to compete, so it's a real family affair. In 2010, Bobby won a world champion title at just 22, in double-handed sawing, at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. He is quite possibly the youngest in our country to ever do so, according to Tūātapere Sports Day's long-term commentator, Peter Templeton. And the wins just kept coming. We were proud, as a township, to host Bobby again at the last 'Tuatapere Axemen's Athletic Society' event.



Photos Left to Right:
Sports Day Committee 1910; Mick Dowling;
Bobby Dowling; Bobby Dowling (right) & Dad
Kevin (left)



NEW WORLD SAUSAGE CAPITAL EVENT



**Thursday 26th February 2026
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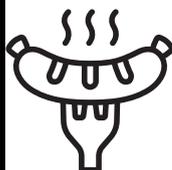
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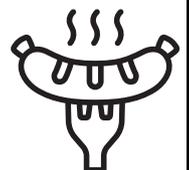
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TŪĀTAPERE RSA CHRISTMAS PARADE BRINGS THE DOMAIN TO LIFE — AND IT NEEDS THE COMMUNITY TO KEEP IT THAT WAY

Submitted by Mike Goodwin / Advento Photography

Tūātapere delivered a classic small-town Christmas celebration on Wednesday, 23 December 2025, with the Tuatapere RSA Christmas Parade drawing a crowd of more than 350 people to the Domain for the biggest night yet.

People began arriving from 6pm, making the most of the fine weather and the growing range of food and activities on offer. The parade itself got underway at 7pm, with the Domain staying busy well afterwards as families lingered, ate, caught up, and enjoyed the atmosphere until around 9.30pm.

This year's event had a strong mix of attractions and community fundraising. There were six food trucks, two coffee carts, Mr Whippy, and a variety of market-style stalls and pop-ups — including a Tūātapere 4 Square pop-up shop — plus games and activities for the kids. The free merry-go-round, run by Ernie Mason and his helper, proved hugely popular and ran steadily throughout the evening.

One of the standout crowd-pleasers was the free motor trike rides, with Rick Murphy and Mark Devery giving riders a lap of the Domain on their machines. The queue never really stopped, and it added a special “only in Tūātapere” feel to the night. Alongside that were the simple magic things that kids remember for years — free entry, free lollies, and Santa handing out free ice creams — the stuff that makes a small-town Christmas feel like Christmas.

The parade featured around 40 floats and vehicles, with a wide variety of entries including cars, trucks, floats, motorcycles, tractors, an Army troop carrier, and Santa arriving on a different “new ride” once again — a tradition that continues to surprise and delight local kids each year.

The fundraising side of the night was strong, with raffles and the ever-popular chocolate wheel running steadily. Debbie Kennard and Bidy kept the chocolate wheel spinning, with a great range of prizes up for grabs — including 1kg boxes of cherries. The funds raised go toward next year's parade and help subsidise doctor visits for elderly residents in Tūātapere, keeping the event's benefits within the community.

Behind the scenes, organisers and volunteers again put in major work to make the evening run smoothly. John Munro led the event organisation, supported by



Chris Johnston and the wider Tūātapere RSA team. Warwick Anderson played a key support role on the night by managing change and coins for the chocolate wheel and pop-up shops – effectively acting as the “bank” so stalls could keep operating smoothly. Local photographer Mike Goodwin (Advento Photography) attended to document the night and also assisted with event support and clean-up.

But here’s the point that needs saying plainly: nights like this don’t “just happen”. They happen because a handful of people decide to carry the load.

John Munro has a full-time job like everyone else, but still finds time to organise an event that gives the town’s kids something priceless – memories that stick for years. If we want to keep the parade free for families, with free rides and those little extras that make it special, then the community must meet the organisers halfway.

That support can look like volunteering, donating, sponsoring prizes, entering a float or vehicle, or simply backing the raffles and fundraising on the night. You don’t have to do everything – but if more people do something, the load stops landing on the same few shoulders year after year.

The Tūātapere RSA thanked the local businesses and individuals who contributed prizes and support, helping to make the raffles and fundraising as strong as they were. Main sponsors this year included **D T King and Co Ltd, Fowle Contracting, Brendon Diack, William Diack, John Munro, and Hungry Hippo**, along with support from **Lindsay and Dixon Sawmill, Tūātapere 4 Square, Tui Base Camp, PGG Wrightsons, Tūātapere Service Station, Robert Orchard Inspire Real Estate, Melanie Muldrew Real Estate, and others** who gave what they could.

With crowds increasing each year, organisers are keen to see even more community groups, businesses, and locals enter next year’s parade. The Domain’s layout continues to be a key strength – safe for children, easy for parade entrants, and ideal for keeping the community together in one place for the full evening.

*Planning is already underway to do it all again on **Wednesday, 23 December 2026.***

*If you can help in any way for 2026 – as a volunteer, sponsor, or parade entrant – contact **John Munro** at **027 412 2925** or **jwdmunro@gmail.com***



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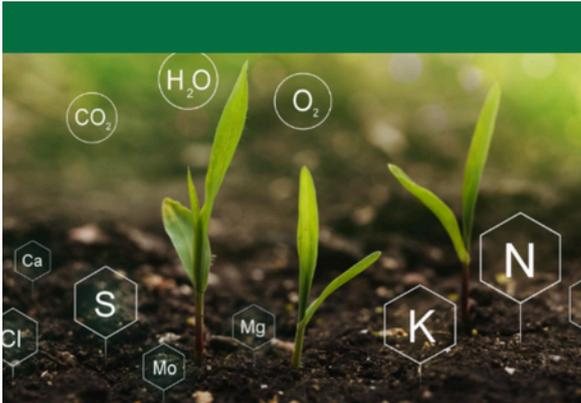
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Our **NCEA results** have been very pleasing. A big congratulations to all our students with their successes. All the very best to our 2025 leavers who are going on to bigger and brighter things this year. All the best with your future studies too.

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Strategic Goals: Sustaining community partnerships, Implementing the new Refreshed Curriculum, Embedding Structured Literacy and Numeracy programmes, continuing Culturally Responsive approaches and building on broadening our students horizons through our localised curriculum.



Photos: Top L-R: Emily Templeton & Elektra Harding recipients of the two Meridian Energy grants. Bottom: Students & staff enjoying our Tunatuna bike track at the playground.

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Term 4 was a memorable one, filled with a wide range of opportunities. Our end-of-year swimming sports provided a fantastic platform for swimmers to showcase their skills. Takitimu House claimed victory by a narrow margin, thanks to the outstanding efforts of Waiiau House swimmers. With this win, Takitimu also secured the trophy for 2025. Ka pai!



Carols in the Caves at Clifden is a cherished celebration for our community. For more than 25 years, it has been a much-loved end-of-year tradition, creating lasting memories for students, staff, and whānau. Our classes did a wonderful job sharing favourite songs. To conclude, Kōwhhai beautifully led us in singing 'Merry Christmas', including NZSL. We extend our sincere thanks to Mana for granting access to the caves, allowing this special Hauroko Valley tradition to continue.



Our prize-giving was to acknowledge and celebrate our students' progress and achievements in the curriculum, school values, sporting and cultural pursuits. We commend each of our learners for their efforts & successes throughout 2025. Congratulations to Cassie and Maddi, who were awarded the Hauroko Valley Primary Shield in recognition of their outstanding diligence, and incredibly valuable contributions to Rātā and HVP. We are also proud to announce that Boe was the recipient of the HVP Trophy for exceptional achievements in cultural and sporting events.



YEAR 8 LEAVERS

We are proud to introduce our Year 8 class of 2025—our graduates, who have completed their final year with us. Many of these students have been part of our school since they were just 5 years old, making this milestone especially meaningful. We celebrate Jonty, Cassie, Louie, Boe, Jack, Daniel, Fergal, Maddi, & Mac throughout their learning journey, and we are incredibly proud of the young people they have become. This time also marks a farewell to several valued families—the Horrells, Normans, and Reillys. Thank you for your significant contributions to our school community, Home and School, and Board team. Each of you has made a lasting difference, and you will be greatly missed. To our graduates, we leave you with this whakataukī: “E rere te huata, kapohia!” – When the spear flies, seize it. Make the most of every opportunity.

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TŪĀTAPERE SPORTS DAY FAREWELLS AFTER 116 YEARS

New Year's Day at the Tūātapere Domain has meant the same thing for generations: families on the grass, the smell of the BBQ, kids lining up for races, and the unmistakable crack of timber sports echoing across town.

On Thursday 1 January 2026, Tūātapere Sports Day ran for the last time – and it finished the way it always should: with people smiling, kids buzzing, and that proper old-school community vibe that makes a small town feel like the centre of the universe for a few hours.

A good day and a fitting send-off

The programme still delivered a classic Sports Day mix: timber sports, athletics, novelty events, kids races, lolly scrambles, bushcraft and axe throwing, plus all the essentials – BBQ, food, coffee and Mr Whippy. Entry stayed simple and family-friendly: \$5 for adults and children free.

The athletics schedule included sprints, distance running, jumps and throws – the kind of stuff that gets everyone involved, whether you're a serious runner or just keen to have a go. The timber sports lineup was strong too, with a full spread of chops and sawing events that kept the crowd interested all day.

And through it all was the familiar voice of Peter Templeton, announcing and calling the action like he's done for decades.

Why it's ending

As much as people enjoyed the day, the hard truth is this: events like this don't run on tradition. They run on people.

Organiser and long-time commentator Peter Templeton has said it's "a sign of the times" and that "everything's changed." In recent years, Sports Day has steadily shrunk as long-running parts of the event dropped away – clay bird shooting, cycling, Highland dancing and the pipe band are all now part of history.



Add to that the reality of Riverton races being held on the same day, and it becomes harder to hold crowds from outside the district.

But the biggest factor is the one nobody can dodge: volunteers.

Sports Day has increasingly been carried by the same small group – mostly older locals – and there simply haven't been enough new helpers stepping in to take over the workload. A public meeting held to discuss the future reportedly drew only a couple of people. That tells you everything.

Even on the final day, there were moments that quietly showed what's been happening behind the scenes. At one point, Peter was asking for help to bring him results from each event – and there was little response. Nothing dramatic, nothing nasty ... just the same problem that ends a hundred community events across New Zealand: everyone assumes someone else will do it.

A century-long story that started with an axe

The story of Sports Day goes back to 1910, beginning as a wager between two bushmen – Bill Ackers and Peter Scott – in a wood-chopping match. It grew from those forestry roots into an annual tradition that became part of the town's identity.

Back then, it was a time when the whole district turned out, and people came in however they could – by cart, buggy, and even by train. Over the decades, Sports Day adapted with the times, adding and losing events as the town changed – but the heart of it stayed the same: a community gathering built on participation.

That's why it matters. This wasn't just "something on." It was a living piece of Tūātapere's history.

The final Sports Day also came together thanks to local backing and sponsorship, with community businesses and supporters helping keep the day affordable and family-friendly.

A well-earned thank you

If there's one thing that should be said clearly, it's this: good on you, Peter.



Being involved for decades – and calling the event for more than 30 years – is a massive contribution. The same goes for the Tuatapere Axemen's Athletic Society committee and the helpers who set up, ran events, cooked food, cleaned up, handled entries, and did the hundreds of small jobs nobody sees.

The warning for the Christmas Parade

Sports Day ending is sad – but it's also a warning.

If we're not careful, the Tūātapere Christmas Parade will go the same way. The parade, like Sports Day, looks easy from the footpath. It isn't. It takes planning, safety, coordination, fundraising, and a stack of volunteers doing unglamorous jobs.

If we want community traditions to survive, the fix is simple – not easy, but simple: support the events, and step up to help run them.

Turning up on the day is great. But turning up when help is needed is what keeps them alive.



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Colac Bay & District Progress League Inc.

Submitted by Deen McKay

The Progress League would like to wish everyone involved in supporting community initiatives and especially the fundraising effort to replace our Surfer Statue a very Happy New Year - we hope you had a great Christmas too!

Thanks to your generosity, we now have just \$35,000 left to raise to reach the \$140,000 target set last year. This incredible progress simply wouldn't have been possible without you. We also acknowledge the important role played by SDC, who have been instrumental in helping us secure the first \$100,000. Through budget allocations and emergency funding, they will contribute a total of \$42,000 toward the project.

Upon reaching the \$100,000 milestone, SDC activated their contracting portal to call for registrations of interest and begin the procurement process. The registration period closed on 11 December. Three Progress League members are now working alongside SDC to review and shortlist prospective suppliers. Those shortlisted will then be invited to develop detailed proposals outlining how they plan to deliver the project. We hope this additional step will help us identify and reduce delivery risks early on.

This project is somewhat unique for SDC, as it involves a close partnership with a community volunteer group that will ultimately contribute around 70% of the total funding or \$98k. We're pleased to say that the Progress League and SDC are working together positively as we continue moving toward replacing the iconic Colac Bay Surfer Statue.

Look out for us in the New Year as we bring more fundraising fun your way to raise the final \$35,000.

Along with the Save the Surfer Campaign we have also been working hard in getting our constitution compliant with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 and the community's two bus

shelters have had a necessary maintenance round and face-lift. Thanks to Aotearoa Gaming Trust, Barry Michel Painting, Nathan Cleaver Building and the artistic brilliance of Deow! This work will undoubtedly be enjoyed by visitors over the summer break.



25 April (Anzac Day) 2026 we are hosting a Community Day to celebrate 125 years of service from the heart of the community - The Rifles Hall. Fittingly starting at 1pm after Anzac Day Remembrance Services we will also be commemorating our two Heroes' - George Tasman Dawson and John Daniel Hinton VC. More details to follow, in the meantime please save the date and spread the word!

Welcome new owners of the former pub (renamed as Colac Bay Bakehouse and Bar) - Lewis, Rosemary and family.



The locals have been patiently watching and waiting for the community's hub to open its doors - in the interim the freshly baked breads/pies/baking and takeaways are delicious! I'm sure these guys are going to be in for a very busy summer!

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Our Local Historic Notes

by George Charlton

In recent editions of the Western Wanderer George has contributed articles which are extracts from a booklet written by George's cousin Mary Bunting (nee McKay) called 'Dancing in the Shadows'; an ABC of Tales from Childhood. Mary was one of the children of George (Geordie) and Amy McKay who farmed and raised their family in the Happy Valley. George Charlton's mother Betty was George McKay's sister. The playing of bagpipes and Highland Dancing has been a huge part of the McKay family.

Mary McKay's Memories from Childhood are continued below.

JANUARY 1ST by Mary Bunting (McKay)

January the 1st, New Year's Day and Tuatapere Sports. One of the biggest most looked forward to days of my childhood. The Tuatapere New Year's Day Sports were a big event in Western Southland. They were held in the Domain on Half Mile Road just over the Waiau River Bridge. In my youth before being dammed for hydroelectricity at Manapouri the Waiau in full flow was a wonder to behold. The sheer volume and depth of the greens and blues of the mountain water spread from bank to bank was breathtakingly magnificent. It is a trickle today compared to then. Entering the Domain the Waiau kept you company glinting through the trees on the right as the gravel road wound through a canopy of native trees and ferns into the Domain proper. Once in the Domain you were surrounded by bush on three sides and the river on the other.

I remember sunny hot days of people, laughter, pipe bands, highland dancing, athletics and chopping. It was always a rush to get organised for the day after New Year's Eve. Lunch packed, dancing clothes ready then dressed in our red Wallace tartan sun frocks with a white trim made by Mum. Off we would go. Mum, Dad, Nana, Val, Jacqueline, Judy and I all piled in the car. Before we entered the Domain Val would get out with his bagpipes to join the pipe band for their entrance into the ring. They looked resplendent in red Erskine tartan kilts with their flowing plaids, black braided jackets, white spats and black shoes, black fluffy busby hats tall on their heads. Dave Jenkins the Drum Major would call the band to order then brandishing his staff he would lead them marching, pipes skirling, drums beating around the inside of the ring.

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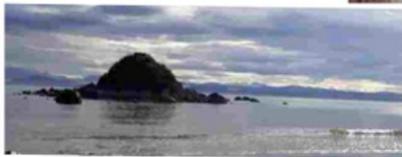
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At 12 o'clock the sports started with the loud speaker blaring into life, the commentator reporting on various events and results throughout the rest of the day. Clay bird shooting was held at the entrance by the river, "PULL" shouted the competitors as they aimed their shotguns at the flat round black clay bird fired from the trap out over the river. The dancing was on the far side of the Domain in the shade of a big tree. This was where we parked our car. A lone piper played through flings, jigs, swords, reels and hornpipes as we all waited our turn to dance. Athletes would be busy around the ring inside the seats competing in their various running and jumping events between bike racing and chopping competitions.

Wood choppers were in the centre of the ring near the dancing and between our events we would watch the sheer power and skill of these sweaty, black singlet wearing axemen with chips flying as they competed the underhand and standing chops. We loved to watch them compete in the jigger board class. Marjorie, Yvonne and Pearl's Dad, Avon, was a competitor as was our Dad's friend, Jock. We used to lean on the rail and shout as loud as we could with each blow their axe made. It was a busy hot day with lots of chatter, laughter and 'shouts' for the adults.

We would head home in the cool of the evening usually with Marshall, Iris and the Proctor's in tow. The children would tumble into beds topping and tailing, fighting over who would sleep with Pearl as she was the youngest. We would then go to sleep to the noise of our parents and their friends continuing to welcome in the New Year.

(Mary McKay's Memories from Childhood will be continued in the next Western Wanderer.)



Tuatapere Sports Ground, 1913

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- Any articles previously exhibited at any show are **not eligible** for entry.
- Exhibitors are asked to supply their own containers and plates unless otherwise stated. Containers/plates must be clearly named underneath and not visible please. Jars should be clean and free of labels.
- 2026 Waiiau A&P Show Produce Section Judges or Stewards are not eligible to enter.
- Inquires to Head Steward Anne-Marie Erskine 027 688 5828

ENTRIES

- Entries close on the day and need to be in the produce marque **BEFORE 10:00am. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** The marque will open from 8:30am.
- Entries are restricted to 2 entries per class. Please read the class details carefully.
- Exhibitors must complete an entry form for each SECTION entered.
 - Name & contact number must be filled out clearly on the entry form.
 - Conditions of Entry, Sections & Classes Schedule plus ability to enter online at <https://showday.online/show/waiiau>
- **All entries must have** a sticker with Class number and Exhibitor number displayed. Stickers will be provided upon entry fee payment.
 - You are responsible for ensuring your entry is labelled correctly and entered in the right class.
- Your name must NOT be visible anywhere on your exhibit entry.
- Entries may not be removed until after Prize giving and all entries **must be collected by 4pm.**

ENTRY FEES

- Adults - \$1 per entry | Children - 50cents per entry (*The colouring in competition is free to enter*)

JUDGING

- Presentation is part of Judging. The Judges will open, cut and taste all entries as appropriate.
- **Judging will take place at 11:00am and only authorised persons will be allowed into the marque during this time.**
- Each exhibitor is given a number when entering to place on their entries. The judges have no knowledge who the numbers belong to or who has entered entries.
- **The judge's decisions are final and absolute.** If entries are deemed to not be up to standard, certificates/prizes will not be awarded.

NOTE: This is not the full version of Entry Conditions

The Waiiau A & P Show Produce Section 2026

Please make sure you are familiar with the updated Conditions of Entry so you know the expectations and rules for each section/class. You don't want your entry to be disqualified from judging!

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Entry forms are required for each section. Entry forms will be available to fill out when you drop your exhibits off in the marque on the day or you can download the Full Produce Section, Entry Forms and Colouring In Competition sheets online at <https://showday.online/show/waiiau>

SECTIONS & CLASSES YOU CAN ENTER TUATAPERE DOMAIN - 14 FEBRUARY 2026

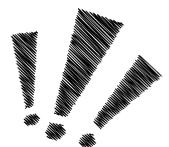
Section 1 - Vegetables



- Class 610** Three (3) Potatoes - white
- Class 611** Three (3) Potatoes - red
- Class 612** Three (3) Carrots - 5cm leaf stalks
- Class 613** One (1) Cauliflower
- Class 614** One (1) Lettuce
- Class 615** One (1) Cabbage
- Class 616** One (1) Cucumber
- Class 617** Three (3) Tomatoes - stalk on
- Class 618** Collection of Herbs - (1) sprig of each
- Class 619** Selection of Vegetables on a tray - (One (1) only of each vegetable)
- Class 620** Three (3) Onions
- Class 621** Three (3) Pods of Peas
- Class 622** Three (3) Pods of Beans
- Class 623** Three (3) Beetroot - 5cm leaf stalks
- Class 624** Three (3) Stalks of Rhubarb - tops/ bottoms removed
- Class 625** One (1) Sprig of Parsley - in a jar

Section 2 - Skite's Corner

- Class 626** Tomato (1)
- Class 627** Cabbage (1)
- Class 628** Lettuce (1)
- Class 629** Onion (1)
- Class 630** Carrot (1) - 5cm leaf stalk
- Class 631** Stalk of Rhubarb (1) - top/bottom removed
- Class 632** Marrow (1)
- Class 633** Unspecified (1)



Section 3 - Flowers

- Class 634** Cactus Dahlia
- Class 635** Pom Pom Dahlia
- Class 636** Dahlia Head
- Class 637** Best Perfumed Rose
- Class 638** Rose Head Floribunda
- Class 639** Pansies - three (3) - assorted colours
- Class 640** Hydrangea
- Class 641** Lily - truss
- Class 642** Unspecified Flower
- Class 643** Any Flower Arrangement - max. ht 18"
- Class 644** Annuals - three (3) - in a vase
- Class 645** Gladioli - (1) spike



Section 4 - Baking

- Class 646** Decorated Cake (1) - Circus Theme
- Class 647** Savoury Muffins - three (3)
- Class 648** Pizza - 25cm or bigger
- Class 649** Chocolate Chip Biscuits - three (3)
- Class 650** Truffles - four (4) - **on a plate**
- Class 651** Pieces of square - same type - three (3)
- Class 652** Homemade Confectionary - same type - four (4)
- Class 653** Gift Basket - three (3) varieties of biscuits
- Class 654** Gingerbread loaf - one (1)
- Class 655** Males only - Baked Item (1)
- Class 656** Afternoon Tea - **presented on a tray** - Five (5) items only - SAVOURY - two (2) different types; SWEET - two (2) different types.



Section 5 - Preserves

- Class 657** Preserved Apricots
- Class 658** Preserved Fruit - any other variety
- Class 659** Preserved Vegetable
- Class 660** Raspberry Jam
- Class 661** Apricot Jam
- Class 662** Jam - any other variety
- Class 663** Jelly - any other variety
- Class 664** Homemade Sauce - any type
- Class 665** Cauliflower Pickle
- Class 666** Pickle or Relish - any other variety



Section 6 - Handcrafts

(Inc. Sewing/Knitting/Crochet)

- Class 667** Handmade Card
- Class 668** Scrapbook Page
- Class 669** Patchwork Item
- Class 670** Machine-Stitched Article
- Class 671** Hand stitching - Cross Stitch
- Class 672** Hand knitted Baby's Item (up to 2 yrs)
- Class 673** Hand knitted Item
- Class 674** Facecloth/Dishcloth - Knitted/Crochet
- Class 675** Crochet Item
- Class 676** Toy - Knitted or Crochet



Section 7 - Photography

All photographs must be printed on photographic paper and be the standard print size 6"x4" unless otherwise stated. All photographs must be unmounted and not framed. No editing or photo manipulation allowed. Amateur Photographers only.

- Class 677** Landscape
- Class 678** Animal Study
- Class 679** Nature Study
- Class 680** Garden Scene
- Class 681** A Little Humour!
- Class 682** Action Shot
- Class 683** A Study of People
- Class 684** Local Event
- Class 685** Night Shot
- Class 686** Water Scene
- Class 687** Sport and Recreation
- Class 688** A Black and White Photo
- Class 689** Photos (4) of one event, mounted on an A4 Card
- Class 690** Under 14yrs - Beach
- Class 691** Under 14yrs - Creatures Big & Small
- Class 692** Under 14yrs - Black & White
- Class 693** Under 14yrs - Blue



Section 8 - Children (15yrs & Under)

- Class 694** PreSchool - Rock Painting - no larger than 20x20cm
- Class 695** PreSchool - Decorated Biscuit (1)
- Class 696** PreSchool - Flower Arrangement in a small jar
- Class 697** 5-7 Years - Lego Build on a base, no larger than 30x30cm
- Class 698** 5-7 Years - Decorated Biscuit (1)
- Class 699** 5-7 Years - Flower Arrangement in a small jar
- Class 700** 8-10 Years - Lego Build on a base, no larger than 30x30cm
- Class 701** 8-10 Years - Decorated Biscuit (1)
- Class 702** 8-10 Years - Flower Arrangement in a small jar
- Class 703** 11-15 Years - Lego Build on a base, no larger than 30x30cm
- Class 704** 11-15 Years - Decorated Biscuit (1)
- Class 705** 11-15 Years - Miniature Garden - no larger than 20x20cm

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