



WESTERN *Wanderer*

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<i>Every Week Reminders</i> Bootcamp at Orepuki Hall - every Mon 6am & 5:30pm		Bootcamp at Waiau Area School Gym every Wed 6am & 5:30pm		Bootcamp at Orepuki Hall every Fri 6am & 5:30pm	Central & Western Archives now open every Sat 10-4pm (Summer Hours) Pop Up 2ndhand Shop @The Den every Sat 10am-1pm	
		1	2	3	4	5
		Wool & Craft 10-3pm The Den	Book Club 10:30am Tui Base Camp All Welcome! Sewing & Patchwork 10-3pm The Den END of TERM 1 for WAS & HVPS	GOOD FRIDAY Good Friday Service 10am Tuatapere Presbyterian Church		EASTER SUNDAY 
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Target Shooting Southland RSA Hall 7pm			Community Market 10-1pm. Last Light Kids Craft Group 1-4pm @ Den	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	SDC Book Bus Orepuki Community Centre 1-1:30pm Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board Meeting 3:30pm WTCC	Wool & Craft 10-3pm The Den	Sewing & Patchwork 10-3pm The Den		Duck Prep Masterclass (4pm) & Duck Calling Comp. (7pm) Register at Tui Base Camp WAS PTA Fundraiser JINGO - WTCC 7pm	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Tuatapere Reserve Pest Control Group Meeting @ The Den 7pm				ANZAC DAY  Colac Bay Community Day 1pm Rifles Hall	
27	28	29	30			
ANZAC Public Holiday Observed		Wool & Craft 10-3pm The Den	Tuatapere Amenities Trust Funding Applications close	<i>Coming up ...</i>	45° Fibre Deep South Fibre Festival 2 May Gore TCC	Pink Ribbon Breakfast Tui Base Camp 17 May Pink Ribbon Breakfast Waiau TCC 23 May 

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

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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

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 Feb 2026 and these may be collected from the Tuatapere Service Station or email kimr@flintoffs.co.nz to obtain application form.

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.

Completed application forms need to be submitted by 30 April 2026

Tuatapere Lions Club Annual Peastraw Drive



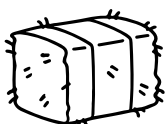
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Sammy 027 4382 248



WAS PTA PRESENTS YOU

JINGO

MUSICAL BINGO

18TH APRIL | 1:00PM
WAI AU TOWN & COUNTRY CLUB
41 KING STREET TUATAPERE

\$5 PER GAME
4 GAMES \$20

**AUCTIONS
RAFFLES
SPOT PRIZES**

WĀNANGA AT TUATAPERE

WE ARE EXCITED TO BE RUNNING SPECIAL POUNAMU
TOKI MAKING WĀNANGA SESSIONS ON:

**22nd April & 29th April, 2026
3.15pm - 6.15pm (both days)**



These hands-on wānanga will be facilitated by Deep South Pounamu alongside Southern Māori, offering a meaningful creative experience for the whole whānau.

Limited spaces available for these small-group sessions where participants will:

- Learn about the significance of pounamu.
- Be guided step-by-step in carving their own toki.
- Connect through creativity, culture, and kōrero.



Ages 8+ welcome – perfect for families wanting to share a special experience together.

Cost: \$100 per person – and you'll take home your very own beautiful handmade toki.



All materials and guidance provided.
To secure your spot or for more information, message or call Andrew Pardoe-Burnett on
03 226 6285 or 022 475 9607

Join the Orepuki Community Fitness Collective!

Get Fit and Ready for Winter Sports!

Are you looking to boost your fitness this winter? The **Orepuki Community Fitness Collective** is here to support you! We offer affordable, low-cost fitness classes tailored for all ages and abilities. Whether you're an experienced athlete or just starting your fitness journey, we've got something for you!



Why Join Us?

- **Affordable Access to Fitness:** Enjoy low-cost \$5.00 a class that makes fitness more accessible for everyone in Western Southland.
- **Structured Group Exercise:** Our organised fitness classes focus on your own individual fitness journey, while building connections and friendships.
- **Personalised Support:** Receive tailored guidance to help you set and achieve your own fitness goals. Our supportive environment celebrates individuals achievements.

Winter Sports Benefits

Get ready for winter sports by improving your strength, endurance, mobility - movement for life.

Class Schedule - Every Week

- **Mon & Fri:** 6am at Orepuki Community Centre
- **Tues, Wed & Thurs:** 6am at W.A.S Gym

Join our vibrant classes where you can engage with friendly faces and enjoy a welcoming atmosphere.

Progress to Date

We've seen fantastic growth, increasing from 7 to 14 regular participants!

Get involved today!

Help us expand our community and enjoy the numerous benefits of movement.

INDOOR BOWLS - MONDAY NIGHTS

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



LINE DANCING - MONDAY NIGHTS

7:30pm, RSA Hall
Main Street, Tuatapere



COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Orepuki Community Promotions Meeting

7th May - 7pm
Orepuki Community Hall
All welcome!

Community Trust South's Grants Manager, Dianne Williams, will be



visiting Otautau, Ohai & Nightcaps on Wednesday 8 April. If you are looking for support with your community project, then make a time to meet with Dianne while she is in the area.

Call 0800 500 185 or email info@communitytrustsouth.nz to learn what support might be available!

COMMUNITY MARKET

Saturday 11 April
10am - 1pm
at Last Light Lodge



Second Hand Pop Up Shop

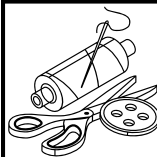


Every Saturday 10am-1pm

'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.

KEEN TO GIVE SQUASH A GO?

Enquires please contact:
Rebecca Robertson
027 424 6129



COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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 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

A free and confidential service.

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
"Tuatapere on Natures Edge"

Logo can be purchased at Country
Corner Craft Shop 1A Orawia Road.

Cost \$4.00 per 10



Tuatapere's own Crafters Collective

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ENQUIRIES

LOUISE GREBER (03) 668 6001
MAX MALSEN (021)422 800
LYLA SHERRIFF (03) 226 6187

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

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TUATAPERE LIONS CLUB



Come join us!

Are you keen to lend a hand and have a good yarn while you're at it?

The Tuatapere Lions are a friendly bunch who like helping out around the community & having a bit of a social get-together along the way.

From local projects to lending a hand where needed, we're all about neighbours helping neighbours.

You don't need any special skills - just a willing attitude and a bit of community spirit!

New faces are always welcome!

If you'd like to get involved, or just see what we're about, we'd love to hear from you.

Get in touch:

President

Shirley Crack - 027 321 1564

Secretary

Maurice Green - 027 246 4857

NEED A JP?

The following Justices are available by appointment:



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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GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

3rd April at 10am
Tuatapere Presbyterian Church
Main Road, Tuatapere
All welcome

Waiau Valley Presbyterian Church Tuatapere

Main Road
We meet every Sunday at 10.30am
Need to know more?
Phone or message
Cedric on 022 027 3834

WESTERN SOUTHLAND CATHOLIC MASS

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

Tuatapere & DISTRICTS LIONS CLUB PROJECT



SUPER DIRT
Bags@\$8.00 ready for your garden
Super Dirt can be collected from
Rabco's Yard, Groveburn Road
Phone Shirley or Stephen
(03) 226 6817

Get your car washed, dried and windows cleaned. Price arranged on request!
Contact: Rex Hibbs Flat 1/26 Orawia Rd,
Tuatapere

TARGET SHOOTING SOUTHLAND



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

Starting Wednesday 8 April, 2026

Tuatapere meet on a Wednesday nights
7:30pm, in the RSA Hall.

Contact: Kevin Daly (03) 234 5162 or
Quinton Erskine (03) 226 6969

TUATAPERE HEALTH & GIFT SHOP

(part of Riverton Pharmacy - beside Medical Centre)

69a Orawia Road Ph: (03) 226 6999

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

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First prescription drop-off from 1:30pm

Second prescription drop-off 4:30pm

WAIAU MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Library Hours: Fridays



10:00am - 11:30am

2:30pm - 4:00pm

7:00pm - 8:00pm

We have free



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

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

In the Garden



Autumn is a great time for planting, as the soil is still warm and there's usually plenty of moisture around. This gives plants the perfect chance to settle their roots over winter, so they're well established and ready to flourish when spring arrives. April can be a great month to get plenty of plants into the ground.

Planting - Beetroot, bok choy, broccoli, brussel sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, kale, leek, lettuce, mesclun, onion, parsley, radish, and spinach.

Harvesting - Beetroot, bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, carrot, cauliflower, kale, leek, lettuce, mesclun, onion, parsley, potatoes, radish, silverbeet, and spinach.

Now is the time to work organic matter such as compost, well-rotted manure, or sheep pellets into the soil before planting to replenish nutrients used by previous crops. Compost also helps retain moisture in the soil, which is especially useful during dry periods. Products like Tui Compost and Tui Sheep Pellets are options, but similar composts and pelletised manures from brands such as Yates, or Living Earth work just as well and are widely available in garden centres.

Beans - Tie up floppy plants and keep them well watered. With good care they should keep producing for another month or so.

Brussels sprouts - Stake taller plants to prevent them from toppling over in wind.

Carrots - Thin rows of carrots so the remaining plants have enough space for the roots to develop evenly.

Sweetcorn - Once plants have finished producing, pull them out and add the stems to your compost heap or green waste pile.

Tomatoes - Remove plants at the end of the season and place any green fruit on a sunny windowsill to ripen (this can take a few weeks).

Feeding plants - Established plants benefit from a monthly feed with a seaweed-based tonic or liquid fertiliser. Options include products from brands such as Tui, Yates, Seasol, or similar seaweed tonics.

Pest control - To control slugs and snails, use slug bait or traps (Tui, Yates, or Quash). If aphids or whitefly are still a problem, treat plants with an appropriate insect spray, insecticidal soap, or neem-based product.

ADVERTISE for 2026 in the WESTERN WANDERER

With a loyal local audience your advertisement will reach the heart of Western Southland, ensuring your business stays visible and valued

Advertising with the Western Wanderer is an excellent way to showcase your services while supporting a not-for profit publication dedicated to connecting and strengthening our community

We have a range of sizes to meet your advertising budget and needs!

Don't miss out—secure your advertising space for 2026 today! Contact us for our sizes & costs at yourwesternwanderer@gmail.com

Having a weekly meeting, gathering or even just for a coffee call?
Ring Coke 021 351 181



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18 month old Brown Shavers
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True Southland Free-range



The next lot of chickens available will be available at the beginning of June, and every two months after that.

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Phone Leith
027 496 3721



Loretta's House Cleaning Services

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Please contact Loretta
027 462 9527



Waiau Town & Country Club
Members and their Invited Guests

Phone: **03 2266 489** | Address: 41 King St Tuatapere
 ✉ waiautcc@gmail.com | 📘 facebook.com/waiautcc

🚐 Courtesy Van Available

Club Opening Hours

Mon - Thurs 4pm till close
 Fri 3pm - close
 Sat 3pm - close
 Sat bottle store from 2pm
 Sun 3pm - close

New Members Always Welcome!
 Just pop in or call the club for a nomination membership form.
 Annual membership is \$50 p/p or
 \$30 p/p for pensioners.

Bistro Hours **Thursday - Sunday**
5 - 9pm*

🍴🍷🍴 (*Bistro may close from 7:30pm onwards if not required)

We are the perfect place for your functions/birthdays!

Keep an eye on our Facebook Page for more details on upcoming events ...

We can cater! Call us to discuss options! 03 22 66 489



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

What a great afternoon for Tuatapere when the New World Sausage Capital Event came to town on the 26th February. The attendance was fantastic - about 450 people! A specific Thank You is included in this edition.

The Waiau A & P Show was another fun day in Tuatapere on the 14th February. Congratulations to the committee and all of the placegetters and participants. Congratulations to all of those who participated in the Tuatapere Swimathon on 27th/28th February; an amazing effort by many! A special mention of Kaylene Bennett is deserved for the co-ordination of this very worthy event. Thank you to those who organised the Wool and Craft Day at The Den on the 18th March. Life continues to be busy in our little neck of the woods!

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MISSIONS
 "BRIDGE CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES UGANDA"

We warmly invite you to come along to one of our services. It would be great to see you

Sunday Service
 10am Truro St, Orepuki

Steve & Sharon Calder
 027 321-1108

- Waiau Memorial Library has a new red door (and hand rails)! Yay! After a bit of a journey of hiccups the new door looks great and should last a long time. Thank you all for your patience, especially the Library team, during this project.

- The new playground toilet not only looks attractive in its setting but is also now open! The project has included the toilet block installation, sealing of a car park-including disability parking, power connection, signage at Half Mile Road and the signing off by the building team at SDC.



- The Southland District Council Book Bus continues to get good support from the Orepuki people. It's a nice bonus that Coke with 'The Shot' Coffee Cart is in attendance. The next visit is Tuesday 14th April 1.00pm-1.30pm.

- The Tuatapere Heritage Railway Trust has installed an engine at the precinct joining an impressive team of carriages. The Railway Station project continues to get enthusiastic responses from both locals and visitors. Well done to all concerned!
- There are pieces of carpet available at the RSA Hall for anyone who would like these. Contact Wayne Edgerton: **021 02511631** or Anne Horrell: **021 2169808**
- Southland Reorganisation Public Engagement Survey. The Local Government Commission is looking at whether changes are needed in Southland's local government structure. To this end representatives of the Local Government Commission addressed and consulted with those who attended a public meeting at Waiau Town & Country Club on Wednesday 18th March. The Local Government Commission is seeking and encourages feedback from the people of Southland. Please go to the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q7FMZS8> Their plan is to review the initial feedback and return with options going forward.
- An extraordinary meeting of the Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board was held on Monday 9th March at 10.30am at the RSA Hall Lounge. The one item on the agenda was 'offer to gift the Orepuke firefighting tanks property to Council'. The property at 35 Oldham Street has been owned by the Orepuke Fire Brigade Social Club Incorporated. The Brigade had written to Council offering to gift the land to Council. The tanks remain the property of the Orepuke community. The Community Board accepted that this proposal be recommended to the Council. It has since been passed by the SDC.



NEXT FORMAL MEETING

Tuesday 14th April, 3pm
Waiau Town & Country Club
ALL WELCOME!

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WAI AU HEALTH TRUST - April 2026

Practitioner / Nurse Availability:

Monday-Friday NP Amanda McCracken – 9.00am-12.00pm / 1.30pm-4.30pm

Monday – Virtual GP Danuta Amelung – 9.00am-1.00pm

Alternate-Tuesday's- Virtual GP Danuta Amelung – 9.00am-1.00pm

Thursday-Virtual GP Rob Pfeifer– 9.00am-1.00pm

Alternate-Tuesday's GP Murray Allen-9.00am-12.00pm / 1.30pm-4.30pm

Monday – Friday: Registered Nurses -- 9.00am-12pm / 1.30pm-4.30pm

We are closed for Easter on Friday 3rd April and re-open Wednesday 8th April 26.

Ka Ora is on call during this break, as normal please call 03 2266123 and you will be looked after by their team.

Phoning early helps us fit in urgent patients, plan our day, provide timely care, and manage our team's workload. Our hours are 8:30am–5:00pm, and staff are unavailable outside these times. Thank you for helping us provide the best possible healthcare

Flu Vaccines 2026:

Flu Vaccines are now available at the practice. We will be having walk-in clinics on the following dates:

Thursday 2nd April – 1.30pm-6.00pm (TUATAPER E clinic)

Friday 10th April – 9am to 4pm (TUATAPER E clinic)

Flu Vaccines are available outside of the above clinics also-please phone to make an appointment. In many cases it is free. The cost of an unsubsidised flu vaccine is \$40.00

Day Activities Programme:

We run a programme for over 65 years of age where you can come along and share your day with other people of similar age. The group share morning tea and lunch play games, share stories and generally enjoy other people's company. The attendees really enjoy these days to get them out of their own environment where they may be experiencing loneliness or would just like to have some time out. If would like to know more please contact me.

Kind Regards

Jo Sanford (Manager) 027 295 0429



Waiau Health Trust
69a Orawia Road, Tuatapere
Approved Registered ACC Provider
Monday to Friday
8:30am – 4:30pm
Ph: 032266123

Practitioner Hours
Amanda McCracken (NP)
every weekday

Telehealth-Tyto Video Consults every
Monday & Thursday

Physiotherapist
Monday
Phone for an appointment

Podiatrist
Visits Tuatapere regularly
Phone for an appointment

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

Homebased Maternity Care
We are offering this service in the
patient's home. Please contact Jo
Sanford on 032266123 for enquiries.

Day Activities Programme for
the Elderly
Every Tuesday and Wednesday
Please phone for further information

District Nursing
Available as required by referral

Meals on Wheels please contact Jo
Sanford on 032266123 for enquiries



45° Fibre

Deep South Fibre Festival

10am Saturday 2nd May 2026
Gore Town & Country Club
2 Bury Street
Gore, NZ

- * Woolcraft
- * Fibre
- * Displays
- * Traders
- * Food carts
- * Devonshire teas



Family Friendly
People Coming Together



COME AND VISIT DAY FOR THE WESTERN SOUTHLAND WOOL AND CRAFT GROUP

Group Secretary, Ann Sutherland

We had a very successful turnout on a beautiful day on Wednesday the 18th March.

There was not much space for more people to visit us at our home at the Den in Erskine Street, Tuatapere.

Much chatter and advice abounded on projects on the go, a show and tell with newly made projects, and a display area of the years members achievements.

We loved the variety of projects on the go, a family felted sheep wool rug, embroidery, amigurumi, tapestry, spinning and learning to spin. Also to see were diamond dots, crochet being worked and knitting needles furiously clicking.

A scrumptious shared lunch and shared recipes followed and much more busyness and chatter. It was a joy for us all.

Thank you to all who attended and see you next time!



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Things are ticking along in our reserve, the Automated traps in place are working well & we will soon be able to report overall numbers since installation, after our audit.

Our team of trappers remains a steady half dozen, thank you all and interest is welcome.

We reluctantly say a farewell to our founding member Tony Shore from active trapping and monitoring work within the Reserve, Tony will still enjoy our reserve, but not quite so robustly. A huge thank you goes out to both Tony and Maria for their devoted work within our beautiful Reserve since commencement of our Trust.

Tony your wealth of knowledge will still be called upon from time to time, we are sure.

The Happenings:

TrailCams ordered through 2040 Ltd- Joint TrailCam Project WAS- due for delivery Mid April- Funded by Hump Track Charitable Trust Community Enhancement Grant & Syd Slee Trust. (huge thanks)

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The Life Education Trust bus with Harold and Teresa, joined us for 2 sessions. Our Year 0-3 classes focused on emotions, while our Year 4-8 classes explored identity & resilience. Visiting the mobile classroom is always a highlight, thanks to its interactive, engaging learning. Photo of Year 8 students farewelling Harold.



The WAS & HVP Interschool Athletics was a great day, seeing our students in action. Thanks to Gemma and Richard for their miharo mahi organising the Junior and Senior events. Thank you to all supporters. Several students qualified to represent HVP at Western Southland Athletics in Takitimu, with the following now progressing to Southland Athletics – an impressive achievement: **Track:** 100m – Memphis, Ilyssa, Angus D, Dusty. 200m – Memphis, Lauren, Layla, Ilyssa, Angus D, Dusty. 800m – Memphis, Lauren, Della, Finley, Ilyssa, Angus D. 1500m – Lauren, Jack M, Finley. Relay – Memphis, Lauren, Layla, Griffin, Ilyssa, Angus, Dusty. **Field:** Discus – Aoife, Brenna, Isaac. Nerf – Connor, Flynn, Dusty. High Jump – Connor, Dusty. Long Jump – Ilyssa, Angus D, Dusty.



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On day two, we travelled to Te Anau for specialist instruction at the Fiordland Climbing Wall, rotating through volleyball skills, mini golf, and climbing. This relationship-building two-day overnigher was a great success, with students confidently sharing their thinking and learning about mana whānau.

What a wonderful opportunity!



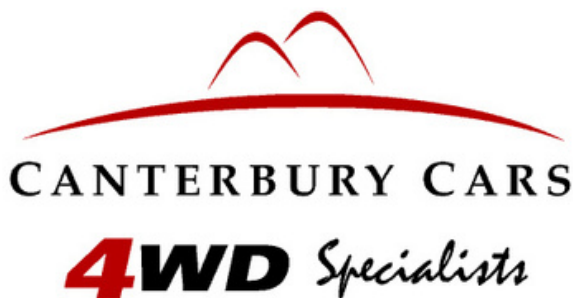
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We are now over halfway through Term 1, with lots of learning happening both inside & outside the classroom. There is so much to share – we look forward to catching up again with highlights from the Blackmount Trail Ride, Technology, the EPRO8 Challenge, and more. Thanks for joining us on our school's learning journey. Ka kite.

First bridge across the Waiau at Tūātapere, 1915:

As ferry punt trips hit 90 per day, with traffic piling up on both sides of the Waiau, the first bridge at Tūātapere finally opened on St Patrick's Day, 17 March 1915. We celebrated this milestone in history last month at CWA by creating a new folder on earlier punts & puntsmen operating them.

By the end of 1909, the Waiau Bridge League, supported the bridges erection. Finally in mid 1911, a tender was accepted for building the bridge, with a £150 deposit to be forfeited if contract not signed or works completed. But nothing much more happened. The end of 1912 rolls around, leading to the locals belief that no bridge will be erected in the next 3 years. All along, the first European settler West of the Waiau, Hugh Erskine, was instrumental in having the bridge built. At this point, he is recorded telling the authorities, give him the land and he would build it himself! The Minister of Public Works was invited to visit as the non-completion of the bridge was causing woes to settlers, and it should have been finished next month but now it is not even started! It was 1914 before there was any real work begun on the bridge, with it finally opened 17 March 1915.



One of the last punts - 1915



Tūātapere Bridge Building Committee -1915

Bridge Building Committee photo names: Back Row - Mr de Malmanche, H Adamson, R Diack, Joe Coughlan, James King, Robert Scott, Peter Hamilton, John Horrell. Middle Row - Mr White, John Henderson, JC Thompson MHR, GE Charlton, JA Hanan MHR, TB Handley, Mr Fowle. Front Row - Hugh Erskine, Hugh McFeely (teacher), G Baker (WCC County Engineer), Hugh Mason.



Above: old bridge when the new bridge was built, opened 1970; Photo by Bill Howden

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The term has sped by, and we have packed in so much learning!

Some highlights from the term have included a visit from Teresa and Harold from the Life Education Trust. They taught us how to be happy and healthy inside their amazing classroom truck.

We have enjoyed our specialist art sessions with Mrs Wilson over in the art room, this term we have been focusing on basic visual language features like shape and colours as well as practicing our cutting and tracing skills.

We trained hard for our mini-Olympics at our school Athletics Day and had a fabulous time displaying our running, jumping, and throwing skills on the day. We hope you enjoy reading some of our stories about this...

I went to the Athletics Day. I went over the high bar. I was running fast in my new shoes. I threw the foxtail high. **By Eli**

I went to the Athletics Day. I liked jumping over the bar. I ran super-fast in the race. **By Manakai**

I went to the Athletics Day. I was racing fast in the sack race. I threw the foxtail up high. I had a fun day. **By May**

I went to the Athletics Day. I did high jump and running. I was balancing and I had a sausage for lunch. **By Ruby**



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OREPUKI FITNESS COLLECTIVE WELCOMES NEW CONCEPT 2 ROWING MACHINE!

The Orepuki Fitness Collective is thrilled to announce the recent purchase of a **Concept 2 Rowing Machine**, made possible through a successful funding application to the **Tuatapere Hump Track Charitable Trust**.

This acquisition marks a significant milestone for our community fitness initiative, enhancing the range of equipment available to our members.

Empowering Our Community

The addition of the rowing machine is not just about upgrading our facility; it's about empowering our community. Rowing is a fantastic full-body workout that improves cardiovascular fitness, builds strength, and enhances endurance, making it an ideal addition to our diverse fitness offerings. With the new equipment, participants of all ages and fitness levels will have the opportunity to incorporate rowing into their routines.

Gratitude to the Tuatapere Hump Track Charitable Trust

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Tuatapere Hump Track Charitable Trust for their generous support. Their commitment to promoting health and wellbeing in rural Southland has made it possible for us to provide quality fitness resources that are accessible to everyone in our community.

What This Means for Our Members

- **Expanded Workouts:** The rowing machine allows for varied workouts, keeping fitness fun and engaging.
- **Inclusivity:** This equipment caters to different fitness levels, ensuring everyone can participate and benefit.
- **Community Connection:** As we continue to grow, we are excited to see our members come together, fostering friendships and support within the collective.

Join Us!

We invite all community members to come and try out the new rowing machine during our regular classes. Whether you're a seasoned athlete or new to fitness, the Orepuki Fitness Collective is here to support your health journey.

With sessions held on **Mondays and Fridays at 6am** at the Orepuki Community Centre, and **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 6am** at the Waiau Area School Gym, there's a spot for everyone. Join us in celebrating this exciting addition to our fitness family!

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New World Sausage Capital Event **THANK YOU**



A huge Thank You to you, our amazing community and the wider district for your great support of The New World Sausage Capital Event held on 26th February!

This day was a great chance to showcase our beautiful part of the world.

● **Specific Thanks To:**

- John Munro as MC & Mike Goodwin as photographer/videographer.
- Tui Base Camp for the storage of items (including sausages) prior to the day, support in the lead up and on the day & the announcement of place getters.
- Tuatapere Four Square for support and advice in the lead up to the event-as well, of course, having the prize winning sausages available for purchase.
- Waiau Area School & Hauroko Valley Primary Principals, Teachers & Students for overall support and the amazing Art, Stories and Poetry.
- Waiau Area School senior students-Kathryn, Annaleigh, Lexi & Trinity for looking after the Colouring- In Competition and the Sausage on Spoon races.
- Louise and Lyla for the judging of the children' s work.
- Waiau Star Rugby Club for the assistance on the BBQs; use of the rooms.
- Rouyden Brown, our piper and our two drummer boys, Jackson & Hadlee.
- Chris Johnston for the immaculate state of the Domain.
- Dave Fletcher for his help on the day with bins and other things.
- Western Wanderer Team, Carole and Karen of Tuatapere & Districts Community Page, Joan of Tuatapere Area Notice Board Page, Orepuki Pin Board Page and local shops for happily sharing advertisements for the event.
- Nicol Horrell for the loan of hay bales.
- Last Light Lodge for the beautiful red and white flowers in bottles.
- Craft Shop ladies with craft items and yummy fresh pikelets/scones.
- Rural Women with delicious baking.
- Those with stalls of crafts and other goodies; the tasty food and coffee carts.
- Paula for putting up the Event sign & Rex for help with the T intersection sign.
- Those who parked up their cool classic cars and The Steampunk Girls.
- Waiau Town and Country Club with the Chocolate Wheel.
- Those who were happy to be interviewed and/or photographed.

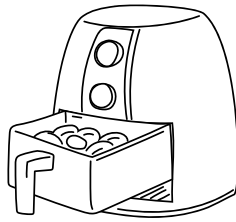
The message that came through clearly on the day was that the production of a finalist sausage was down to team work. I feel that the same can be said in the preparation and the success of the event being down to great team work.

The marketing team-Mango Communications- were also amazing to work with. It reminds me that the original quality award winning sausages produced here in Tuatapere were a team effort of Leo Henderson and Len Kitto of LL Butchery. We have them to thank for putting us on the map sausage wise!

Many thanks again to you all for your support, attendance and participation on the day of the Great New World Sausage Capital Event.

Anne Horrell

Budget-Friendly Recipes



AirFryer Series

Over the next few issues we'll be sharing two easy air-fryer dinners you can make in about 20 minutes, using ingredients commonly available in supermarkets. These are simple, budget-friendly, and great for weeknights.

Air-Fryer Sausage & Veg Tray

Ingredients

- 4 sausages
- 1 cup broccoli florets
- 1 carrot, sliced
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- Salt, pepper, and mixed herbs

Method

- Toss vegetables with oil and seasoning.
- Place sausages and veg in the air fryer basket.
- Cook at 190°C for 12–15 minutes, shaking halfway.

Handy Tip: Air fryers cook best when the basket isn't overcrowded, so spread food out for crispier results.



Air-Fryer Chicken Quesadillas

Ingredients

- 2 flour tortillas
- 1 cup cooked chicken (roisserie chicken works well or use your leftover roast chicken from the night before)
- ½ cup grated cheese (Edam or tasty)
- 2 tbsp salsa
- ¼ capsicum, sliced

Method

- Lay one tortilla flat and add chicken, cheese, capsicum, and salsa.
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Colac Bay & District Progress League Inc.

Submitted by Deen McKay

Planning is well under way for a special “Moment in Time” event at Colac Bay, set to begin respectfully at **1pm on 25 April, Anzac Day**. The gathering will recognise and honour two of the Bay’s own heroes – John Daniel Hinton (Jack), who was awarded the Victoria Cross by King George VI in 1941, and George Tasman Dawson (Tassy), a lesser-known but remarkable figure. In 1913, Tassy most likely saved the lives of 10 fellow bushmen through his own courageous actions. He is one of only 22 recipients – out of 2,191 across the Commonwealth – to have received the Stead Gold Medal and certificate. since its inception in 1890. It is a rare and proud distinction for a small village to have produced two decorated heroes – one recognised for military service and the other for civil bravery. Celebrations will be centred at the heart of the community, the Rifles (formerly Drill) Hall, which this year marks its 125th anniversary – providing even more reason to bring people together.

Following the official proceedings, the Southland and Otago Axemen’s Association will present a woodchopping display, a fitting tribute to the district’s once bush-clad landscape. Vintage car and horse-drawn cart rides will also be available, offering visitors the chance to view points of interest around the Bay. Mr Whippy, afternoon tea and a sausage sizzle will round off the afternoon as locals and visitors alike reminisce and celebrate Colac Bay’s rich history. Organisers are currently researching memorabilia/photos to display on the day. Anyone with items of interest to share are encouraged to contact Faye 0211295455 or Deen on 027 334 4462.

Alongside this commemorative event, another significant project continues to gain momentum – the “Save the Surfer” campaign. Led by a dedicated sub-committee, the initiative has successfully secured well over the \$100,000 required to begin the procurement process with the Southland District Council for the design, creation and installation of a replacement for the ageing Surf Statue. The Surf Statue has become a powerful symbol of Colac Bay – a tribute to both the local and global surfing community. Originally an ambitious project by members of the former Progress League some 25 years ago, its replacement is another significant undertaking. This progress has only been possible thanks to generous local support and strong collaboration with Council, both strategically and financially.

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One entry comprises of:

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

- Donations of straw will be gratefully received.
- A Lions Member will contact farmers approximately 1 week prior to the competition.
- The auction of entries will be at 3pm.
- We hope to sell 200 bales baleage, 200 conventional bales and 50 large bales of hay.

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

Several competitions during the day include:

- The Best Swede)
- Best Fodder Beet) Generous prizes for each event
- The Best Turnip) PLEASE HAVE ENTRIES IN BY 1PM
- The Best Chou) FOR JUDGING

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

4PM Prize presentation for competition entries and spot prizes

The judging will be done during the morning of the 5th of June.

The Lions Club will be providing food and refreshments at a very reasonable cost.

You are all invited to turn up early and participate in the scrumptious light meal that will be available at lunch time.

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

With over 100 sponsors for our competition day we have a fantastic prize list.

We remind people that they **MUST be present at prize giving to participate in the "spot" prizes** at the conclusion of the major presentations.

***Over the years the patronage from farmers has increased to almost 100% support,
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For any further information please contact the Committee:

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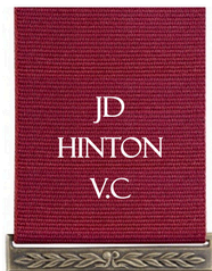


COLAC BAY CELEBRATION DAY

Saturday 25th April 1pm

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Naming of Parks honouring JD Hinton VC. & GT Dawson
Then a glimpse of Colac Bays history & time of reminiscing

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Colac Bay's Heroes & celebrating
Colac Bay history