

WESTERN Wanderer

Tuatapere | Clifden | Orawia | Blackmount | Monowai | Colac Bay | Orepuki

Cover Photo: Waiau Area School Pet Day 2027 - Working Dog Display

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Every Week Reminders in the grey area

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		Bootcamp at WAS Gym Mon-Fri 6am		Tuatapere PlayGroup 9:30am - 12.30pm OP SHOP open @The Den 2pm - 4:30pm		1
StoryTime @ Waiau Memorial Library 10am	Waiau Valley Preschool Music 63 Main Str 10:00 - 11:30am Walking Group 10am Cnr Half Mile/Erskine St	Tuatapere PlayGroup 9:30am-12:30pm				
2	3 Dwaili Wool & Craft 10-3pm The Den Melbourne Cup Day	4	5 Guy Fawkes	6 Gumboot Friday Mental Health Awareness Day	7 New Zealand General Election Day	8
9	10	11 Dr Elder Bursary Fund Applications close!	12 Book Club 10:30am Tui Base Camp Sewing & Patchwork 10-3pm The Den Live Music King Leo & Son 7pm Tui Base Camp	13	14 Community Market Last Light Lodge 10am - 1pm Kids Craft @The Den 1-4pm	15
16	17 SDC Book Bus 1-1;30pm Orepuki Community Centre AGM Tuatapere Reserve Pest Control Group 7pm, @The Den	18	19 Tuatapere & District Promotions Inc Meeting 7pm WTCC	20	21	22
23 WTCC Waiau Christmas Lights Competition Registration opens See details Page 30	24 Wool & Craft 10-3pm The Den	25	26 Sewing & Patchwork 10-3pm The Den	27	28	29
30 Humpridge track CHARITABLE TRUST Community Enhancement Grant Funding Applications close today!	Coming up ...	Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board Meeting 3:30pm WTCC Tuesday 1 December	Dr Elder Bursary Fund Applications close Friday 11 December	Voting for the Waiau Christmas Lights Competition closes Friday 11 December	Orepuki Promotions Group Craft & Pre-Loved Stall Orepuki Hall 10am - 4pm Sunday 13 December	SDC Book Bus 1-1;30pm Orepuki Community Centre Tuesday 15 December
		Waiau Area School End of Year Prizegiving WAS Hall 7pm 17 December Last day of Term 4 for WAS Students Friday 18 December	Orepuki Promotions Group Pot Luck Dinner 6pm onwards Orepuki Community Hall Saturday 19 December	Annual Tuatapere Christmas Parade Tuatapere Domain Wednesday 23 December 6pm onwards	Christmas Day Lunch Tui Base Camp 25 December Reserve your spot now Details inside!	Waiau A&P Show 2027 Tuatapere Domain Saturday 13 February

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

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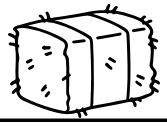
WESTERN SOUTHLAND HEALTH SHUTTLE
- **OTAUTAU MEDICAL CENTRE** (03 225 8099

AGM NOTICE

TUATAPERE RESERVE PEST CONTROL GROUP
TUESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2026, 7PM ,
@THE DEN

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WESTERN HEALTH SHUTTLE

Managed and funded under Otautau Community Health Trust & Otautau Medical Centre

To Make a Booking

Contact the Otautau Medical Centre,
03 225 8099 between 10am and 3.30pm.
Please give at least 24 hours' notice before your appointment.

PLEASE NOTE

If you are needing to book the St John shuttle from Invercargill to Dunedin, contact **0800 103 046**

If you require the Western Health Shuttle to transport you to Invercargill to meet the Dunedin St John shuttle, follow the above.

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.

NEW ZEALAND FIRE SERVICE Whakaratonga Iwi

INDOOR BOWLS - MONDAY NIGHTS



7.30pm, Waiau Town & Country Club
Ph: Christine 027 549 8720

LINE DANCING - MONDAY NIGHTS



7:30pm, RSA Hall
Main Street, Tuatapere

KEEN TO GIVE SQUASH A GO?

Enquires please contact:
Rebecca Robertson
027 424 6129



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OP SHOP

At The Den

Erskine St. Tuatapere

OPEN **Fridays 2-4.30**

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**

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

THE DEN

Erskine Street
Tuatapere

To enquire, call
Helen Todd
022 1039 327

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

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Don't Forget!

There is **NO** Western Wanderer printed/delivered in **January**.

If you have an event or notice for January please send to us by November 20th to include in December's Issue. Thanks!

yourwesternwanderer@gmail.com

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**

Wed & Fri 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**

Waiau Valley Preschool Music

Music & Movement

Where: 63 Main Road, Tuatapere

When: Tuesdays

Time: 10:00 - 11:30

Donation: $2 per family

Come along and enjoy some fun and music.
Bring some morning tea for the children to have after the session.
Hot drinks and biscuits will be provided for the adults.



For further information or to enrol contact Nette on 0274 407 517

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

DO YOU HAVE AN EVENT NOTICE FOR THE COMMUNITY?

DROP US AN EMAIL AT yourwesternwanderer@gmail.com

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

TUATAPERE HEALTH & GIFT SHOP

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- 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

Tina Colyer - ph: **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



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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 along to the Library every Monday for Storytime. Bring along a little friend for Ratty to play with, he loves to play Hide and Seek.

WAIAU MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Library Hours: Fridays

10:00am - 11:30am
2:30pm - 4:00pm
7:00pm - 8:00pm

We have free WiFi

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

NEED A JP?

The following Justices are available by appointment:

Tuatapere:

Karen Hammond 027 885 6381

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Blackmount:

Nicky Baker 027 643 5880

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SENIOR CITIZENS GROUP

Senior Citizens is a group of over 50s that meet every **Friday afternoon at 1pm** at the rooms 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**



Waiau Valley Presbyterian Church
Main Road, Tuatapere

We meet every **Sunday** at **10.30am**

Need to know more? Phone or message **Cedric** on **022 027 3834**

WESTERN SOUTHLAND CATHOLIC MASS

every Friday at 4.30pm
Senior Citizen's Rooms
(behind RSA Hall)
Father Hamish Wyatt (03) 2369084

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



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

TUATAPERE & DISTRICT PROMOTIONS INC

Next meeting
Thursday 19 November, 7pm
Waiau Town & Country Club

COMMUNITY OUTLOOK ARTICLES

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

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

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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!

If you'd like to get involved, or just see what we're about, we'd love to hear from you. New faces are always welcome!

Get in touch:

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Secretary - Maurice Green - 027 246 4857

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DR ERIC ELDER BURSARY FUND

Applications for the above Bursary open **October 1, 2026.**

The Dr. Elder Bursary is valued at **$2000.00** and is open to all persons wishing to undertake Tertiary Studies for 2027.

For an application form email Dale Egerton at **dreldertrust@gmail.com**

Completed application forms can either be emailed to **dreldertrust@gmail.com** or posted to:

Mrs. Dale Egerton
58 Half Mile Road
Tuatapere. 9620

Applications close 11 December 2026

Any enquiries please phone 027 3106 199
Thank you.
Dale Egerton, Secretary





TUATAPERE TE WAEWAE Community Board

Chairperson:
Anne Horrell

Contact: 021 2169 808
or email:
altonlea.horrells@xtra.co.nz

With the warmer weather it's great to see the influx of visitors in our little corner of Paradise. Thank you to all of those in our Community Board area who provide wonderful opportunities for visitors and locals to enjoy good food and beverages, shopping opportunities, accommodation opportunities, laundry opportunities and opportunities to simply admire, explore and learn. I would like to give credit to Suzi and her team of volunteers at the Archives Hub who are always busy helping people from near and far to connect with their history, as well as researching and providing valuable historical information of our various communities, clubs and facilities. Thank you for your great work.

Congratulations to the "Artists of Southland" group for yet another very successful weekend exhibition (17-18 October). It was wonderful to see the good representation of local artists, including art and craft work from students of Waiau Area School and Hauroko Valley Primary School. It was great to see the good turnout of people who attended a meeting at the Waiau Town & Country Club on 7 October showing concern for the further of our Waiau River. Thank you to the three groups who share guardianship for this precious asset of ours for co-ordinating the meeting. The Rivercare groups will come back to the community with the collated results from the community's input.

The Southland District Council Book Bus Service to Orepuki continues to be well utilized. The next visit will be on 17 November 1-1:30pm. The tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board provided a submission to Southland District Council (to be included in a Council submission) regarding the proposed Jericho Wind Farm. The CB appreciated the input from a Blackmount resident living nearby.

You will be aware that the historic Tuatapere Railway Water Tower has been removed. A recent assessment found that the supporting structure was no longer sound making it unsafe to remain in place. The Tuatapere Railway and Heritage Trust will restore the tank and repurpose it as part of the Railway Heritage Precinct project. Restoring the tank to its original condition and reinstating it in its previous location would be at a huge cost to ratepayers. The Trust has access to a wider range of fundraising opportunities and has some great ideas for its future use. We know that the tank is an important part of Tuatapere's railway heritage. The previous location had been the water tower's home for a very long time, though records and photos show that it is not the original site. However the Community Board see it as appropriate that a commemorative storyboard be installed in the car park area with new plantings and picnic table re-installed.

Further research has highlighted that the preferred option accepted by the community for the Tuatapere Railway Station's future, from a survey in 2022, stated "include acquisition of the land behind the railway station to link the Goods Shed, investigate relocating the heritage water tank, relocate the water tank, install rail tracks, source a suitable historic engine and carriage and provide an interpretation and landscaped grounds." You will have observed that most of the above have taken place by the Tuatapere Railway and Heritage Trust. Next year we have a budget allowed for Main street development and beautification and in that we will be very pleased to have further input from our community.

The Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board held a formal meeting on 6 October. The items on the agenda included:

- **Freedom Camping Report**. The report included a "summary of the freedom camping bylaw review and recommended options for freedom camping sites within the Community Board area to be endorsed by the DB ahead of Council's meeting 28 October 2026." Considerable consultation has taken place between SDC and the CB, as well as with the Orepuki community in regard to freedom camping. At the

meeting the CB endorsed the following proposed restrictions to be included in the draft Freedom Camping Bylaw for public consultation:

- **Clifden Bridge** - restricted freedom camping - self-contained and non self-contained freedom camping, for no more than two nights in any 30 day period.
- **Gemstone Beach** - freedom camping prohibited.
- **Tuatapere** - freedom camping prohibited.
- **Monkey Island** - restricted freedom camping for self-contained and non self-contained campers for no more than 10 nights in any 30 day period.

- **Community Partnership Fund**. The CB received 6 applications for the August 2026 funding round. The CB discussed the various requests and decided on the following allocation of funds:
  - **Borland Lodge Adventure & Education Trust** towards the cost for an upgrade of office IT system - allocated $1500
  - **Southland Locator Beacons Ltd Charitable Trust** towards the cost of storage drawers/signage wrap for vehicle - allocated $1000
  - **Tuatapere Senior Citizens** towards the cost of replacing curtains - allocated $1500
  - **Tuatapere Bowling Club** towards the cost of rebuilding and refitting - allocated $2000
  - **Tuatapere Volunteer Fire Brigade** towards the cost of purchasing a rescue training dummy - allocated $3475.98
  - **Tuatapere Community Support worker Trust** towards the cost of a Community Christmas Lunch - allocated $1000

- The Community Board received a report of matters from the Council table by Councillor Michael Weusten.

- The Community Partnership Leader provided a report which included:
  - **Monkey Island Shelter and Orawia Hall**. "Consents have been issued for both of these projects and staff are in the process of creating the procurement documents."
  - **Spatial Plan**. "The Board has been actively involved in a series of workshops to help shape the Tuatapere Spatial Plan, alongside community drop-in sessions that provided residents with opportunities to share their ideas and aspirations for the future of the area.
  - **Reserves Management Plan Review**. "The Board recently workshopped the Reserves Management Plan which is due for review. The review aims to better understand how reserves are currently used, what the community values, any challenges that need addressing and opportunities for the future."
  - **The Railway Station Refurbishment**. "The Tuatapere Railway Heritage Charitable Trust report for August period highlights another productive month, with significant progress made on the Railway Station refurbishment project including the installation of heritage room lighting, completion of the veranda over the station's double doors and the first stage of garden development and planting. The Trust also secured a number of valuable railway heritage artefacts from the former Otautau Railway Hotel, helping to further enhance the site's historical displays."
  - **An ongoing Tracker** was provided showing the number of building consents, requests for service and a local project update. Service contracts include Water and Wastewater Services Operation and Maintenance (continuing to operate well). Mowing activities have commenced following the winter months.

- The Chairperson informed the Community Board on activities she has been involved with since the last formal meeting followed by reports from Community Board members on their various portfolios.

Best wishes for the rest of Spring!

The next formal meeting of the Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board will be held on **Tuesday 1 December** at **3.30pm** at Waiau Town and Country Club. All welcome!



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Hauroko VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

We've reached Term 4, and we are heading for the finish line while remaining focused on core learning. We continue to provide our learners with a wide range of opportunities and experiences to enhance our programmes, which makes for an engaging Term.

Thanks to the Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa Fund, Active Southland, and Sally's leadership, we have secured outdoor raincoats, overpants and gumboots for our learners. This means we now have the wet-weather gear to keep our kids warm, dry and active outdoors. Now our learners can get out and about for play and lunchtimes. This is a real game changer for our school and another great way we are supporting active, healthy and happy learners!



Well done to Layla, Jackson, Cohen and Oscar for taking on the Southland SMAC Maths challenge representing HVP! They worked together to solve up to 40 fast-paced maths questions within a time limit. It was certainly challenging, but our learners embraced the experience, working collaboratively, sharing their thinking and having plenty of fun along the way. A fantastic opportunity to stretch their mathematical thinking and teamwork skills!



Check out our 5- and 6-year-old learners getting stuck into PMP - Perceptual Motor Programme! This developmental, movement-based programme supports the development of foundational physical, cognitive and social skills through purposeful movement and play. We now have all the equipment and, importantly, the space to make the most of it, so we can provide PMP twice a week for all our Kōwhai learners. It's fantastic to see our youngest learners building confidence, coordination, and movement skills.



Our Year 4–6 learners headed to Invercargill to experience the NZ Science and Technology Roadshow. This premier mobile, hands-on programme brings science and technology to life, giving our learners the opportunity to explore a range of fascinating topics through interactive experiences led by skilled and knowledgeable educators. It was a fantastic opportunity for our learners to be curious, ask questions and engage with science and technology in a fun & practical way.



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Orepuki Promotions Group

Contact Trudy 027 6222 485

The Orepuki Bowling Club opened its doors for the season on Sunday 12 October. The sun was shining and the women were outnumbered but a great day by all accounts. All members and anyone thinking of having a go,including the fairer sex, practices are Wednesday evenings from 7.30pm.

DOC has had a busy month along the beaches near Orepuki, with a whale washed ashore and a penguin needing protection. Out came the trusty orange cones! One wonders, though, whether the high tides and that notorious rogue seventh wave were factored into the plan. Luckily, a good Samaritan rescued the cones before they became ocean-going traffic markers. It seems even the cones needed protecting!

Coming up in November is Melbourne Cup Day scheduled for 3 November. The local establishment is offering prizes for the best dressed. Then Election day will be marked at the Orepuki Community Hall in advance the following day, on Wednesday 4 November between 11.30am and 4.30pm. Give the electioneers something to talk about and arrive to vote in your best outfit from the night before.... and the community gardens are ready for planting. If you go by the moon that is the middle of the month and again at the end!

Hold this Date

19 December from **6pm** onwards
is a Pot Luck Dinner in the
Orepuki Community Hall
to help celebrate Christmas.
It is a time to catch up with old friends
and make some new ones.
More details will be posted on the
Orepuki Pin Board nearer the time.

As the year draws to a close, take care on our roads and beaches. Traffic increases, and weather, tides and cliff edges can be unpredictable. Stay alert, and help our check conditions and avoid unnecessary risks that could put you or our emergency volunteers in danger. Thank you.

Tuatapere Reserve Pest Control Group - November 2026

Hi from us as we transition from spring to summer.

Trapping is busy in the reserve. Our 77x Fully automated traps have been munching through the rats and mice after a boomer spring. This has got to be a huge advantage in what householders are seeing in those populations domestically. Possum numbers are down throughout the reserve, with most kills being young ones, trying to establish their own territories after being kicked off mothers.

The struggle for our reserve is real, it's really an ongoing thankless task, we snap them, they reinvade from neighbouring areas of forestry blocks, we snap them again. Rinse and repeat.

Financing the 'Struggle for the Reserve' is an ongoing mission. The three governing bodies for the reserve have put the screws on financially. DOC who govern 75% of the reserve, have absolutely NO financial input into pest destruction, which is quite frankly dismal and frustrating for us as a Trust, trying to procure funding, to protect a virgin tract of podocarp forest that they have jurisdiction over and should be protecting. SDC, who govern the Domain part of the reserve, do not rate for pest control, so the only avenue for funding from them is to apply for community funding, alongside sports clubs etc, which seems ridiculous and minimal. Environment Southland,(who do rate for pest control) have supplied 40 x Automated traps in 2024 and have helped with purchasing lure bait for them. This year we applied for $10,000 for traps, maintenance etc, but were only successful in obtaining $2000, which will be spent on four new Automated traps to plug up big holes in existing lines. So basically we are short of funding for the coming new year and would appreciate any donations from local persons or organisations to continue our essential work.

Our bank account details are as follows and please flag your name or business details, & you can give us a ring just to say, so that we can issue a receipt. All donations are tax deductible.
TUATAPERE RESERVE PEST CONTROL GROUP(CT)
Account Number: 06-0925-0911252-00
Glenys Steele ph 027 430 7731



A special thanks to Robert Orchard of Inspire Real Estate in Tuatapere. Robert pledges to support our group and donates $100 per house sale made. He has stated that he would like his contribution to go towards fuel running costs for our trappers, and this is gratefully received.

Our Trust is now into its fourth year of operation and we are very proud of the results we have achieved. We thank all peoples who have contributed to our work over these years and encourage anyone interested to come join us. Good attendance from public and interested groups at our upcoming AGM would be appreciated. TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2026, 7PM - THE DEN.

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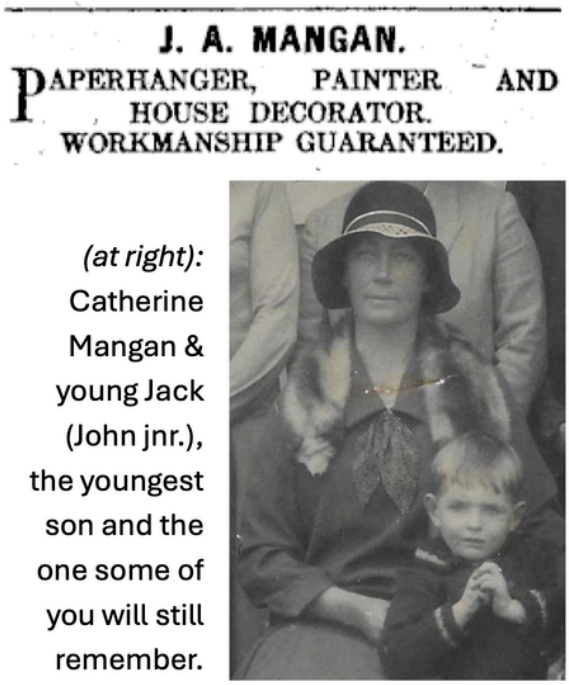
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Early Tūātapere, had many settlers who had been pioneers in Orepuki/Longwoods (Pt 3):



(at right): Catherine Mangan & young Jack (John jnr.), the youngest son and the one some of you will still remember.

JA "JACK" MANGAN SNR. - PAINTER:

John Anthony Mangan, born c1885, married Catherine Mary Hannan in 1912, at Orepuki. They went on to have 6 children at Tūātapere, the first two were twins. Their 5th child James Mangan sadly died at a few days old. John Mangan was a founding member of the Tūātapere Golf Club, and was quite the golfer. His son Walter J Mangan was also a notable junior player. An advert for Jack's painting business at Tūātapere in 1926, can be seen on the left. Prior to this Jack was on the Orepuki Electoral roll, as a Painter during 1911-1921. Jack lived and worked in Invercargill from 1905 in his early days as a Painter, even doing a stint at Bluff. The family moved to Tūātapere in 1922, where Jack snr. lived out his life. On passing away in 1971, Jack snr. left his Tūātapere property to sons John Garfield (Jack jnr.) & Julian Allan of Nelson (where he had died). The two Jacks had prior gone into sawmilling in Tūātapere with Dowling & Co.

CC NICHOLAS - GROCERY & GENERAL STORE KEEPER:

Eldest son of James Martyn Nicholas, of Sea View, Colac Bay, Charles was for many years, the Manager of Orepuki branch of McGruer Taylor - Drapers. But after George Charlton snr., left his store and moved to the new town of Tūātapere on purchasing the Sneyd's new store, Charles Christopher Nicholas moved too in 1919, and went into business with Charlton at that point, the business being advertised as Charlton & Nicholas. They were brother-in-laws, having both married Pearson girls from Orepuki, CC Nicholas marrying Elizabeth Grier Pearson in 1902. They had only 2 children before he sadly passed away not long after in 1922. His obituary shows he was much esteemed in both of the communities he had lived and worked in. It is of note that Charlton's Store still stands (see here at right).





More Orepuki connected Tūātapere businesses and families have been featured in the last 2 editions:

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This is our fifth year preparing and serving our school lunches. We have recently been verified by the Ministry of Primary Industries to continue to serve daily lunches to our students. Our next verification will be in 18 months.

Our Free Lunches in Schools programme continues to be environmentally friendly. The lunches are served using crockery and cutlery. Any kitchen or food scraps are fed to our onsite chickens.

We continue to keep up-to-date with the Nutritional Standards ensuring the students are served the correct portions of lunch with the four categories being served. These are fruits and vegetables, protein, grains and the right amount of fat. This ensures our student lunches comply with the requirements as set out by the Ministry of Education.

Both hot and cold lunches have continued to be served. In the Winter, Soup and Garlic Rolls have been popular with fresh Salad Sandwiches in the Summer. Pizza, Burgers, Nachos, Butter Chicken, Sliders and Wraps are still some of the favourites. We look forward to continuing our lunch programme next year.









Paws, Claws and Big Applause - WAS Pet Show!

What a fantastic day we had at the Waiau Area School Pet Show! The sun shone as calves, lambs, dogs, cats, fish and guinea pigs joined their proud owners to impress the judges. The animal fancy dress added an extra splash of fun, with some wonderfully creative costumes!

Nathan Parris treated us to a brilliant working dog display, with plenty of laughter as Mr H and Mr Bennett donned inflatable cow costumes to be rounded up! Thanks, Nathan—and our two very entertaining "cows"!





The creativity continued with fabulous art and craft entries and plenty of activities on the deck. Nail painting, jewellery making, beados and rock painting kept little hands busy, while Room 3's competitions had everyone guessing—from the guinea pig's weight to how many slugs were in the jar and identifying dog breeds! The gumboot throwing competition added to the excitement, with competitors giving it their best toss.





A delicious barbecue lunch kept everyone fuelled for the fun, with an ice block providing the perfect finishing touch. Our fantastic prizegiving brought plenty of smiles, with some very happy winners taking home amazing prizes.





A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the day such a success, especially **Loretta Tilby and Helen Hammond**, whose hard work and organisation brought it all together. What a wonderful celebration of our students, their animals and our school community!





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Waiau A&P Show, Feb 13, 2027
Produce Section Entries

The 2027 Waiau A & P Show is just around the corner! It's time to get thinking about those entries in the Produce Classes so we thought we'd give you a super early "heads-up" on the general sections and classes that you can enter. We would love to have more entries than 2026!

Our Conditions of Entry haven't changed from last year - they are much clearer on expectations and rules for each section so be sure to check those out!

Entry forms are required for every section you enter - it helps us to keep track of everything and ensures the day runs as smoothly as it can. 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 the Showday website soon plus other places in Tuatapere (TBC)

Please make sure that you check the Full Produce Schedule as it details clearly what your exhibit entries must have in order to be considered for judging on the day. It also tells you what you need to provide and what we will supply.

SECTIONS & CLASSES YOU CAN ENTER
TUATAPERE DOMAIN - 13 FEBRUARY 2027

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) - Pool Party 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 - three (3) 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 large than 30x30cm
Class 704 11-15 Years - Decorated Biscuit (1)
Class 705 11-15 Years - Miniature Garden - no larger than 20x20cm

Adults: $1 per entry Children: 50 cents per entry
Drop your entries off on the day to the big white Product Marque 8:30am - 10am! No Late Entries!

Colour In Competitions (Free to Enter)

PreSchool | 5-7 yrs | 8-10 yrs | 11-15 yrs | Adult
(We've included the colour in sheets in this WW issue)

You will be able to download entry forms, schedule etc from the Showday website soon.

Waiau A & P Show - Produce - Conditions of Entry

- **All entries** are to be **home grown or homemade** (unless otherwise stated in category criteria) AND must be bona fide property of an individual exhibitor.
- All articles and garments must be unused.
- 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 MUST be clean and free of labels.
- 2027 Waiau A&P Show Produce Section Judges or Stewards are not eligible to enter.
- Enquires 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 Entry forms will be available to download from the showday website soon plus other places around Tuatapere (TBC)
- **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.
- **Important NOTE: Entries may not be removed until after Prizegiving 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.
- The Association reserves the right to verify suitability of exhibits in classes. Where appropriate, exhibits may be transferred to another class or disqualified. Classes may be merged if there are insufficient entries at the Head Steward or Judge's discretion.

POINTS / SPECIAL PRIZES / PRIZE GIVING

- Prize giving will be at the Produce Marque at **2:30pm**.
- Points will be awarded for placing in each class: **1st**=3, **2nd**=2, **3rd**=1, **HC**=0
- Most cumulative points overall - **Silver Tray**
- Most cumulative points in Baking/Preserves - **Dorothy Muir Memorial Trophy**
- Best Overall Exhibit - **Buffalo Lodge Trophy**

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Waiau A & P Show 2027
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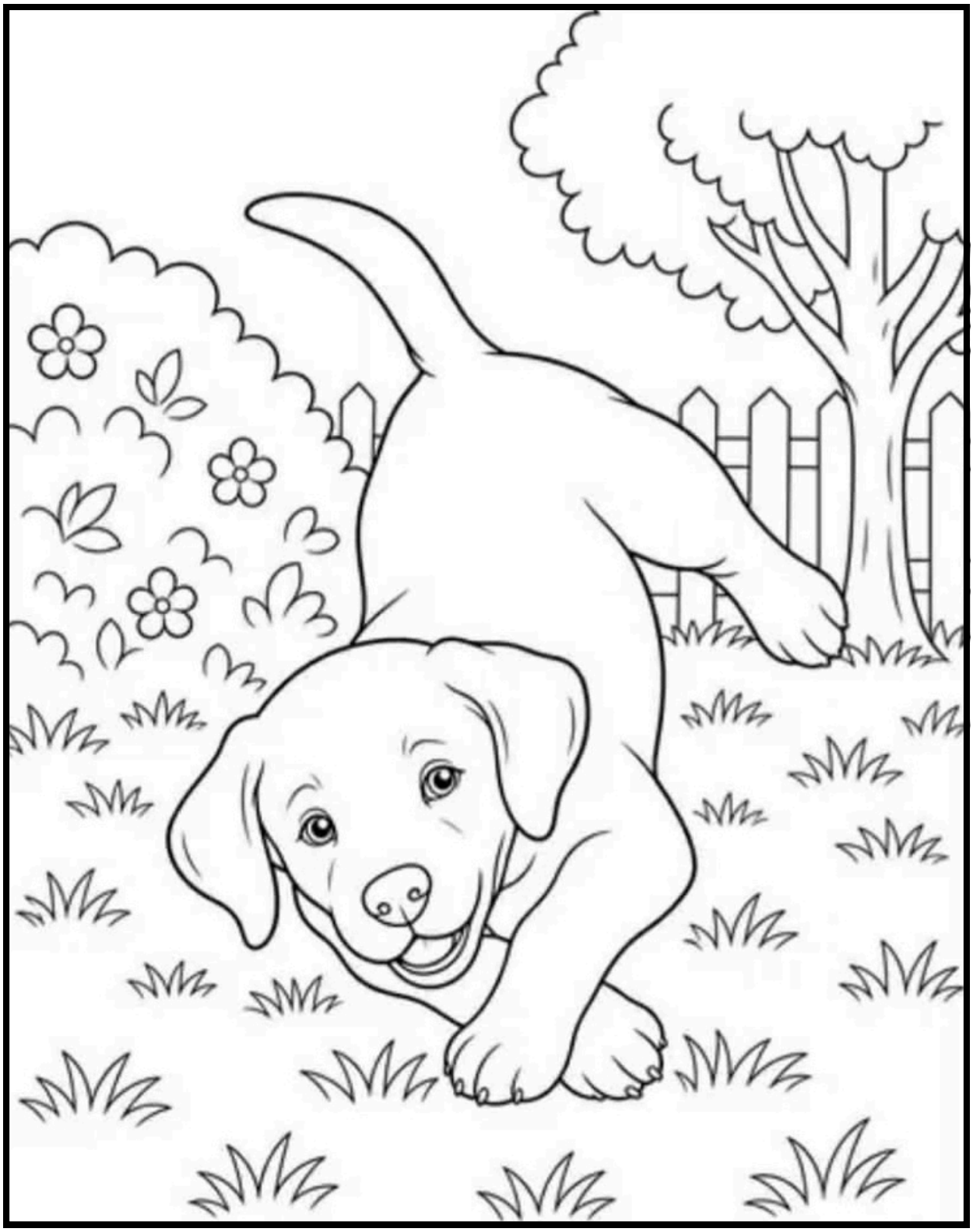
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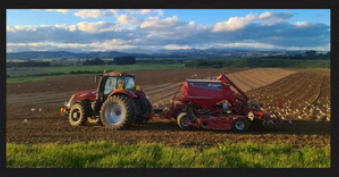
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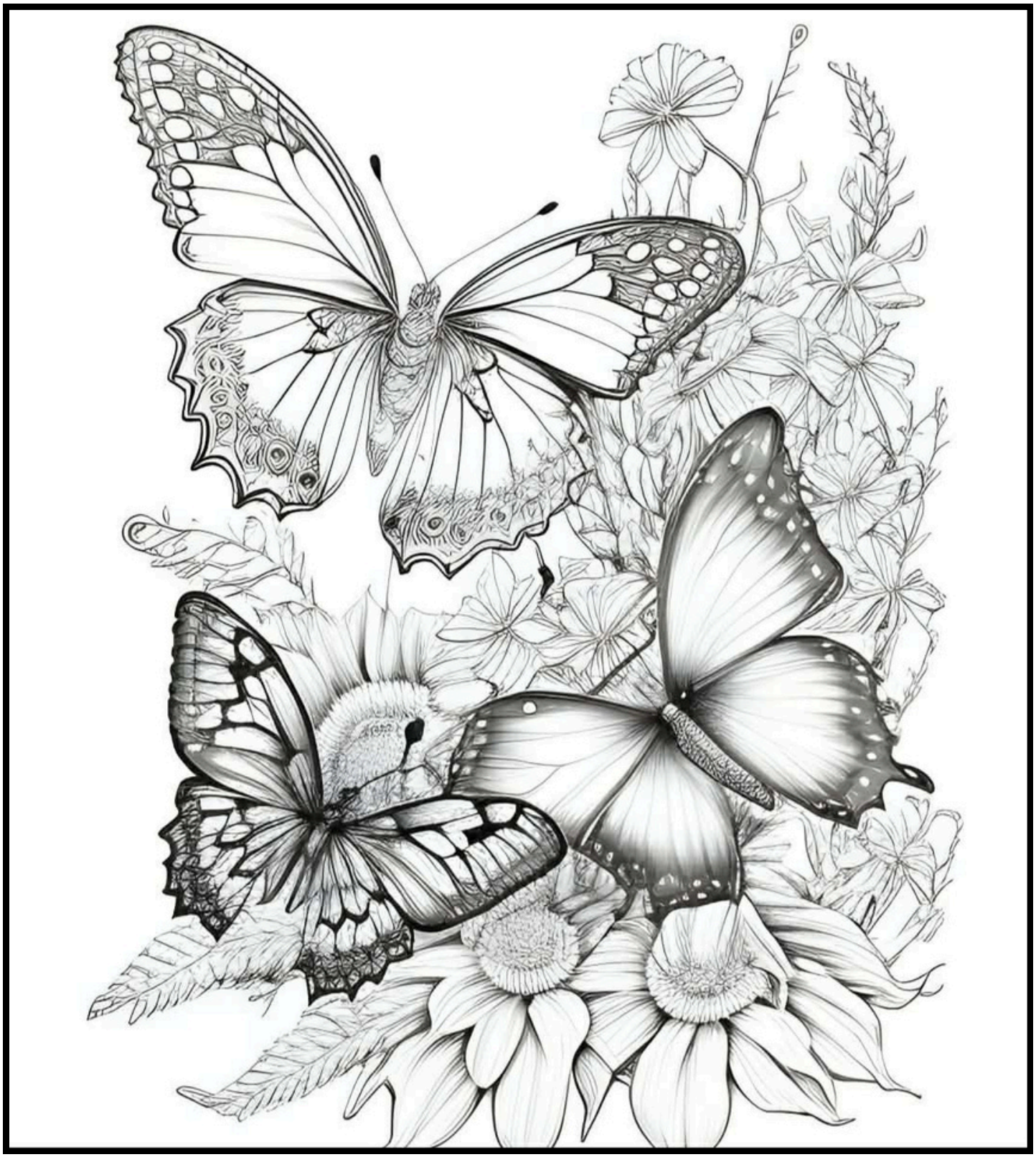
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