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I hope everyone had a great Easter and break away, just like to thank everyone again for all their patience and support while I get my head around the wanderer.

Cheers. Loretta.

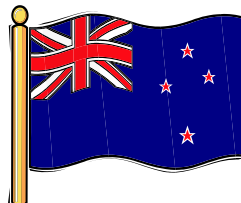
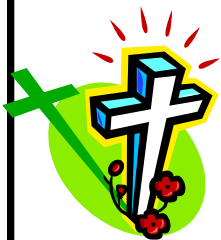
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25th April Anzac Day

Local Anzac Day services will be at Orawia at 7 00 am followed by a cup of tea and a small bite to eat at the Orawia community hall which will then be followed by the Tuatapere service at 10 am which will also be followed by a cup of tea and a bite to eat at the RSA hall where we will have a guest speaker present, please come along and pay your respects to our fallen soldiers and past and present service members.

See you all there.



COUNCILLOR'S CORNER:

Hi and welcome to the April edition.

We have had some great days but the days are pulling in and with daylight saving now gone autumn is with us, so fill up the wood box and keep warm.

Locally you will note both the RSA Hall and the Library have had a paint job and along with the old railway water tank and the nice tidy gardens and lawns, and the well kept domain, the town is looking very good.

We have a couple of rough patches in our towns roading system, namely on the Clifden road and up the Half Mile road that need the sealing levelled out. As these are Transit NZ roads we can only report it and hope some action will happen.

We also have an issue with the senior citizens crossing to the west side of Orawia road, this is also being looked into, maybe a zebra crossing. Tree topping has also taken place at the pensioner flats in order to let in some light and allow drying at the clothes lines and the garden area. Best look after this area as you never know when one may need one of these units.

District wide we have the 10 year plan, this is your opportunity to comment or submit on this document as it is you it will effect, be it negative or positive. We must realise that we are not only ratepayers but in effect we are shareholders in a company worth some \$1.8 billion. Your input is important to both the short and long term future of our area. Think about this and the time and effort your local councillors put in. Our time varies from three to ten days per month, up to some fifty days per year, our reimbursement maybe as little as \$22 000 per annum. As elected members we will continue to do our best for our local areas and the Southland District Council. Compare this with some other company directors who may spend a few days per year for a far greater reward. On the flip side we have many hundreds of volunteers who work for no return, thanks to them all.

As a result of funding secured by Venture Southland many of our rural RSA memorial sights have had a spruce up to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of Gallipoli. Local Anzac Day services at Orawia at 7 00 am followed by the Tuatapere service at 10 am, come along and pay your respects to our fallen soldiers and past and present service members. See you there.

Your councillor, George Harpur.

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Orawia Road Tuatapere.**

News From Your Community Board

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We are delighted with the completion of the painting of both the RSA Memorial Hall and the Memorial Library. Both look great!

The contractors are to be commended on the high quality job and the extra mile they have gone with finishing touches.

Chairman of the Board, Justin Lewis, has asked that you, our community, consider the contents of the Southland District Council Long Term Plan. "The Long Term Plan is out for consultation and there is a really short time frame between when it is prepared and when consultation closes. Informational booklets will be sent out to ratepayers and there has been a special website set up to present the plan and allow for feedback: abettersouthland.co.nz".

You are encouraged to view the contents of the Long Term Plan and to have your say on items of importance to you!

We, as a Board, understand that the disposal of large amounts of green waste is an issue for our ratepayers. Until a better solution is found (and we'd like to find one!) the closest disposal sites for us are Otautau or Riverton. It is certainly not desirable that deposits of green waste are dumped on the sides of our bush roads or in bush verges around the township.

Thinning of trees and foliage has taken place at the Orawia Road flats due to an increasing problem of shadowing of residents' flats and of their vegetable garden. Hopefully this will ensure greater exposure to warmth, especially with the winter coming on.

Activity in this regard has also taken place at the Tuatapere Domain (at the side of the back rugby ground) and in the vicinity of the squash courts.

Congratulations and thank you to Robin Faulkner for the contribution you have made to Tuatapere and district, throughout your career as local electrician. We have been so fortunate to have had access to your excellent service for many years and we'd like to wish you and Margaret best wishes in your retirement. Robin has also served his community as a highly valued member of the Tuatapere Community Board.

Anne Horrell

Community Notice Board:

TUATAPERE BUSHMAN'S MUSEUM

advises that if the Bushman's Museum (Orawia Road) is not open when you have visitors who wish to view, you are able to contact Lindsay Faulkner - (03) 226 6650 and arrange a suitable time.

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parents dress for a party.
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dad donning his tuxedo, she
warned, "Daddy, you should-
n't wear that suit."
"And why not, darling?"
"You know that it always
gives you a headache the

Tuatapere Ambulance

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If you receive an account from St John for this service please forward it to:

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Tuatapere & District Lions
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PUBLIC NOTICES

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It has been decided that the Tuatapere and Orawia
Netball Clubs will become one!
Both of these clubs will close at the end of the 2015
financial year and make a new club, ready for
the 2016 season.

We would like your help in choosing a
new name and club colours.

If you have any helpful suggestions for name and col-
ours please email Wendy or Trudy before 30th April.
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Future Happenings at the Club:

Thursday Nights: Cards "500" starts 7.30pm sharp

Friday Nights: Lucky Members Number Draw - 8pm

Sunday Opening: Opens from 3.30pm

- ▶ Courtesy Coach Van is available 4pm pick up contact the club to book
- ▶ New members invited. Get all the benefits of being a member e.g. cheaper bar and bottle store prices, also you can gain entry to associated clubs anywhere in N.Z.

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Sunday

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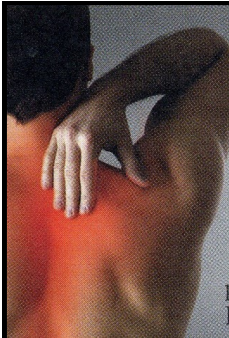
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books, magazines,
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We have picture books (for pre schoolers), easy readers and young adult books.

We usually have a book exchange approximately every four months with the library in Winton - this allows us to change our books and provide a continuing supply of new titles.

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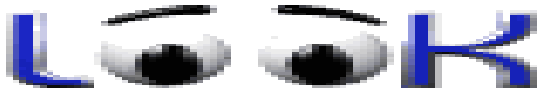


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Editor-Loretta.



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barking, and
I saw a little boy staring in at
me "Is that a dog you got
back there?" he
asked "It sure is,"
I replied.
Puzzled, the boy looked at me
and then towards the back of
the van.
Finally he said, "What'd he
do?"

**Change of date for close off
date for Wanderer!**

Hi all sorry but the close off date for
the Wanderer as from April edition
will be the 1st Friday of each month,
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13 March Episode 1: Cape Reinga	10 April Episode 5: Whanganui
20 March Episode 2: Bay of Islands	17 April Episode 6: Kapiti
27 March Episode 3: Waikato	24 April Episode 7: Southland
3 April Episode 4: Pakiri	

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VENUE: Colac Bay Tavern

DATE: Friday 24th April

TIME: 8.30pm

"Violence prevention through education awareness and empowerment of young people"

Lesley Elliott is coming to Tuatapere to speak

"As a legacy to Sophie it is the aim of the Sophie Elliott foundation to raise the awareness of all young people, their families and friends of the signs of partner abuse."

8th May 7:30pm in the Waiau Area School hall, an important message to all families.

From Lesley's viewpoint the content is appropriate for Year 12/13 or above but she is comfortable speaking to girls and boys from Year 10 upwards.

Gold coin donation at the door, please bring a plate to share for a country supper

Please register by the 1st May by contacting Alison: -

Text: 0272114923 **Email:** ionefarm@outlook.com **ph:** 03 226 6035

For more information about the Sophie Elliott Foundation visit <http://www.sophieelliottfoundation.co.nz/>

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EATING IN THE FIFTIES

Curry was a surname.

A takeaway was a mathematical problem.

A pizza was something to do with a leaning tower.

All potato chips were plain; the only choice was whether salt on or not.

Rice was only eaten as a milk pudding.

Calamari was called squid and we used it as fish bait.

A Big Mac was what we wore when it was raining.

Brown bread was something only poor people ate.

Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking.

Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.

Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and regarded as white gold.

Fish didn't have fingers in those days.

Eating raw fish was called poverty, not sushi.

None of us had ever heard of yoghurt.

Healthy food consisted of anything edible.

People who didn't peel potatoes were regarded as lazy.

Indian restaurants were only found in India.

Cooking outside was called camping.

Seaweed was not a recognised food.

"Kebab" was not even a word, never mind a food.

Prunes were medicinal.

Surprisingly, muesli was readily available, it was called cattle feed.

Water came out of the tap. Suggested bottling it was scorned

*The one thing that we never ever had on our table in the fifties

Was Elbows!*



Friday 1st May - 6pm
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next : 5th June

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**ATTENTION ALL COMMUNITY
GROUPS**

We would like the community groups of Tuatapere to send us an update of what's been happening with them. It will also be a great way to get the word out to what we have around the community to the new families that don't know the area,

Really hope to hear from anyone for May's Edition, Loretta.

Welcome to Target Shooting in

Southland

The Southland association is made up of five districts, Southern, Invercargill, Northern, Eastern and Western. The Western district has two clubs, Nightcaps and Tuatapere.

All Clubs run through the winter months usually starting about the middle of April and have available gear that the beginner can use, along with people who are willing to coach you and lead you through your first shot or get you set up if you haven't shot for a while. Nightcaps meet on a Monday night and the contact person is Raeleen Sinclair 2257834, and Tuatapere meet on a Wednesday night and the contact person is Kevin Daly 032345162 or Quinton Erskine 2266969.



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5.30pm – 9pm

April- May Special

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***All organisations booking quiz nights over the winter months
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Upcoming events

Karaoke night

Ladies cocktail night

Whiskey tasting night

Sea food festival night

Please let Brenda know if you are interested for more details

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Waiau Town and Country Club
Duck Calling Competition
Friday 24th April 2015

PRIZES 7.00pm PRIZES

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- Quoitz on ducks
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Please contact the secretary Margart Faulkner 2266 650 or the president Wendy Knowler 2266 755

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Cheese Roll day will be **Thursday May 14th at the RSA Hall from 9:30am**, we would like to warmly invite everyone in the community who wishes to help us out as this is a big day for our mums. Forms are now out please contact **Marilyn Parris 02102260635 or Helen Hammond 0210629698** for more information or if you have not heard from your usual Plunket Mum to place your order by May 7th.

The next **Cake & Coffee** evening will be **7:30pm Wednesday May the 20th at the Last Light Lodge**. Come join us for a chat, especially if there is anything you would like to see Plunket do in the community this is a great opportunity to let us know your thoughts.

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2. Have our parade on the 23rd of December, one day before Rivertons parade.
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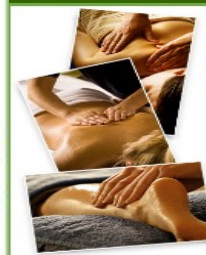
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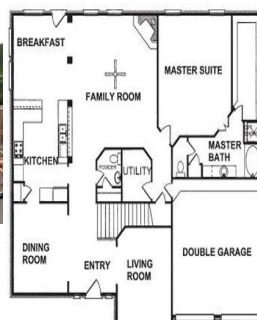
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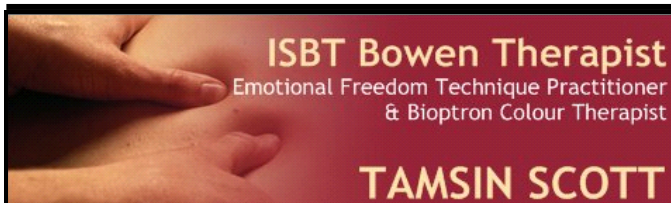
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HALF MILE CHALLENGE = Thank you to everyone who has taken on the challenge of the Half Mile Challenge, we had over 30 participants in the first week and had over 50 registered in the second week! Some people have bettered their initial time by more than 2 minutes already and there has been a fantastic atmosphere at the start/finish line! Still time to enter, and come along to join in the comradeship, the last challenge night will be Wednesday 6th May.

Coming up the PTA will be selling Disaster Plasters, a box of 50 band aids that are latex free, the children will be going into a competition with the amount of boxes that they sell - these are great quality! More information to come!

Thank you very much, your support is very much appreciated.

**Next PTA Meeting - Monday 20th April
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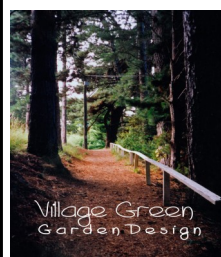
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"Why does this centenary matter?"

The First World War was a major global event of the 20th century; 65 million troops were in the field, 37 million people were killed or wounded. There was a significant national and local impact of the war. New Zealand's 1914 population was just over 1 million. 103,000 soldiers served overseas, of whom 18,000 died and 41,000 were wounded or became sick. Every local community was involved. The war had a considerable impact on our emerging sense of nationhood.

Southland at Gallipoli 1915: Arthur Ryan

29 years before the fictitious American Private First class James Francis Ryan parachuted into German-occupied Normandy, 8/474 Private Arthur Ryan landed for real with the 8th Southland Company of the Otago Infantry Battalion at ANZAC Cove, Gallipoli. I will therefore discard Hollywood's depictions of combined amphibious operations in preference to the true-life experiences of Arthur Ryan and his fellow Southlanders during the Gallipoli Campaign.

Arthur Ryan enlisted in Invercargill on 18 August 1914. He was not quite typical of the men of the 8th Southland Company. Aged 23, he was one of the younger volunteers whose average was 25; at 5 feet 11 inches was taller than the average of 5 feet 8 inches, and he was one of the few Roman Catholics amongst the majority of Presbyterians. He had also travelled to enlist from Tuatapere, some 80 kilometres from Invercargill. In common with his fellow volunteers he was an unmarried labourer, with limited military training, and bad teeth! Arthur was tall, with a dark complexion, brown eyes and black hair.

At the end of 25 April 1915, Australian and New Zealand troops had pushed as far inland as they could manage against the increasingly fierce Turkish opposition. That evening, with the decision made to stay on the peninsula, General Hamilton's order was clear-dig in. And for the Commander, sitting off shore in his warship, it seemed a straightforward matter of consolidating the beachhead.

For the Southland soldiers, however, the reality was that they now had to construct trenches with little more than a garden tool-the field engineers and the picks and shovels were still far from the front lines. It would take weeks before some of the scrapes and holes were developed into proper trenches and bivouacs. Men also found it virtually impossible to construct effective latrines, or to bury the dead, with such small digging implements. With so many thousands now at ANZAC Cove, and with inadequate sanitation, dysentery soon became rife. By August 1915 the disease took a heavy toll on the Southland Company. Water, of course, was always in short supply on the peninsula. On 25th April, 8th Southland troops were handed cut down kerosene tins full of fresh water to carry with them, but few made it to shore.

From the brief active service entries for Ryan, we can trace his 4 and half months of service at Gallipoli. He landed with the 8th Southland Company at ANZAC Cove at 2.30pm on 25th April. Unable to deploy in a Brigade or in Battalions, smaller infantry units were soon set the task of consolidating the beachhead-turning the tenuous toe hold into a fragile foothold.

For Ryan and the 8th Southland Company, who landed at 2.30 in the afternoon of 25 April, wounded Australian soldiers quickly assured them that they had a job to do-inland from the beach! On 2 May, after the Company had its first wash in a week, the attack on Dead Man's Ridge, between Pope's Hill and Quinn's Post, saw the unit encounter destructive machine gun fire. The Company dug in 30 yards from the Turkish lines and established two short trenches. Sergeant-Major Fred Rogers described it at the time as 'mad, rotten or senseless-or anything rotten you could call it', and the unit was quickly reduced to a fighting strength of 40. They held on for 3 days, cut off from supplies and fighting off Turkish attacks, while given up for dead.

The Company was then taken to Cape Helles, to assist in the attack on Krithia. In the dying hours of the day, the Company advanced towards the Wellington Battalion, past the dead and dying Auckland troops, who had been cut down by machine gun fire while advancing over open ground. The Otago Battalion suffered 102 casualties, one of whom was Private Ryan, shot in the left arm.

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When Ryan re-joined the Company on 22 June, they were garrisoning Courtney's Post, with the rest of the Otago Battalion. Here Ryan contracted influenza-or was it a mild case of undiagnosed trench fever? Like many of the company, his health was now severely compromised by the awful combination of disease, diet and the ever present threat of attack.

Ryan returned to duty on 1 August, in time for the August assault on Chunuk Bair. By 11 August, only 4 Sergeants and 25 Other Ranks were left of the original 227 who had enlisted 12 months previously. Lance Corporal Ryan was sent to hospital on 7 September 1915, by when strength of the 8th Southland Company was 46 All Ranks. Within days the 8th and 10th Companies were combined into A Company with a strength of 93 officers and men.

This was the end of Ryan's war-no rescue, no great crusade, just fortitude and endurance in the face of an untenable situation. Diagnosed with rheumatism in September, Ryan was invalided home to New Zealand in 1916. He was still alive to claim his medals, but his fate thereafter remains to be confirmed.

Spielberg's Private Ryan wanted to know if, with his life and family after 1944, he had earned the sacrifice made by his fellow soldiers to rescue him. It is easy to discount this as fiction. Instead, on behalf of our Private Ryan and his comrades, I offer this parting thought from Fred Waite's history of the New Zealanders at Gallipoli.

"One and all made their willing sacrifices for the common good. And that is the message of Anzac to the people of New Zealand: place the interests of the community before the interests of self, follow in the footsteps of the early pioneers, and make New Zealand a sweeter place for the little children." Major Fred Waite, D.S.O., *The New*

Zealanders at Gallipoli, Auckland, 1919.

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Bryce Horrell

LIONS 50 YEARS OF SERVICE!

Tuatapere and districts Lions Club recently celebrated 50 years of service to the township and wider community with a function at the waiau hotel.

In attendance was district governor Les and Elizabeth Glassy past district governors Kevin Wall, Ross Cockburn, Sandra Carmichael and Les Johnston,. Other guests included present members and Noeline Campbell and Joyce Erskine plus well wishers.

The club was chartered in 1965 after consultation and encouragement by Invercargill Host members Bill Thompson and Ray Carter who addressed a meeting of local personalities who could foresee the benefits of such a club to their community.

Twenty four residents made up the charter of the club and it was with pleasure that the present president Quinton Donald welcomed back three original members Denn Dickens (charter president) Bill Howden and Les Scott.

Throughout the evening some of the club's many worthwhile projects were recounted from photos by Bill Howden now on DVD including the clubs involvement in providing a free ambulance service to the district. (mentioned was also made of the wonderful service provided by the dozens of volunteers who man the ambulance).

The swimming baths, shifting of the old Merrivale school to become the play centre, scrap metal drives, the Lions caravan providing food for the toheroa Hinters (before restrictions came in), Backwaters Music Festiveal, the profits which were held in trust for the travel costs for young people of the district, Hay drive and our contribution annually to Hospice are but a few of the benefits the club has provided.

During the evening the three charter members cut the anniversary cake made and iced by Leonna Devery.

PDG Sandra presented Lion John Knowler with a Melvin Johns Foundation plaque recognising his contributions to Lions and the wider community—also a membership attainment award was presented to Lion Quinton Donald in recognition of the new members he has brought into the club.

Entertainment included Les Scott's hilarious recount of his and Geoff Erstine's trip home with the new ambulance from Oamaru and the problems they encountered. Tail twister Jimmy Harris and Don Egerton with a no nonsense approach saw a sizeable donation given to the Day activities programem centre,

Sincere thanks must go to Quinton and the staff at the hotel for a lovely meal. The club members are united in their resolve to carry on into the next fifty years and uphold the Loins motto.

"We Serve"

Graham's Police Report

Round up for March

Due to being away on some leave I was unable to submit a report to the Wanderer for the February edition. This report will cover a summary of incidents that have occurred over the last two months. After a quieter January period there has been an increased demand on Police time and the number of investigations undertaken over the last two months.

February

There was a serious family violence incident which occurred in the Merrivale area involving a person being stabbed in the leg with a carving fork causing a minor wound along with wilful damage occurring to property. A 22 year old man who had been living locally at the time was arrested and charged with this matter. In another domestic incident both the male and female party were charged with causing wilful damage to various buildings by smashing a large number of windows at a property where they had been staying on Peace Street, Tuatapere.

Another local man was summonsed to court for careless driving after being involved in a vehicle crash and issued with a further speeding infringement after Police received a separate driving complaint regarding excessive speed in Orepuki Township.

A 19 year old man who had been living in the Merrivale area has been charged with six charges of burglary relating to the theft of petrol and some other miscellaneous items from a number of farms in the Merrivale and Orawia area.

During February Police executed a search warrant for Cannabis at an address in the vicinity of Tuatapere and located a medium sized cannabis growing operation. A 34 year old local man has been charged with Cultivation and Possession of Equipment for Cultivation.

Around late February about 85 new plants recently planted out were stolen from the rear of the Orepuki Tavern. Police have also received a complaint of unlawful interference of a boat trailer parked at an address in the Lillburn Valley. Police are still further investigating ongoing problems with continuing complaints received over a locked boundary gate in the Rowallan area where the locks have been interfered with.

The Invercargill CIB was called to assist local Police with an Arson investigation of a dwelling house being set on fire on Grove burn Road, Tuatapere on the 14th of February. The occupant was away at the time and while the local fire brigade did a fantastic job saving the house from complete destruction the house was severely damaged due to both fire and smoke.

In late February Police responded to what was initially a search and rescue at the Waiau River Mouth when a man's kayak was discovered overturned. Regrettably this did not end up well and a short time later a man who had been staying in the area was discovered dead on the beach side of the river mouth after a helicopter was called in to assist with the search. The matter has been referred to the Coroner's Office.

If anyone is looking for a small blue child's bicycle one was handed into the Police Station on the 20th of February and still waiting for an owner to appear.

March

Police had to deal with a further serious domestic assault matter at Orepuki in March which has seen a 30 year old dairy farm worker arrested and charged. Police have dealt with two other minor domestic disputes during the month in Tuatapere which only required Police attendance.

Two vehicle crashes were dealt with during the month one involving an alcohol impaired driver crashing his vehicle near Scott's Gap and will be prosecuted for drunk driving. In the second matter a car was involved in a minor injury crash on Orawia Road with a mobility scooter crossing the road. The operator of the scooter received minor abrasions and received medical attention. In other driving related matters a 54 year old man has been summonsed to court for drink driving after being stopped near Tuatapere. A 19 year old man had his vehicle impounded and charged with driving while disqualified after being caught driving in Tuatapere.

A farm in Orepuki has become another victim in an increasing number of fuel thefts that have been occurring at rural properties over the last few months. Over the space of about 2 weeks they had a substantial quantity of diesel removed from their farm tank. A cautionary note to people who have their own fuel tanks you would be well advised to take adequate prevention measures to prevent this type of theft, ensure your tanks are locked up and located in positions that can be monitored easily. It is the type of theft that often occurs without people being aware it has taken place until much later when the tank runs dry, leaving you with no fuel, out of pocket and very little evidence for the Police to work with investigation wise. If anyone has been the victim of this type of offending recently and they have not reported it to Police, if you can do so, this enables us to have an accurate picture of what is occurring.

A local youth became the victim of theft while swimming in the river near the Tuatapere domain with an offender stealing his cell phone which had been left unattended on the bank.

Police have received three separate complaints of unlawful hunting relating to activities that have occurred on three separate farms in the Lillburn Valley area and one on the Papatotara Coast Road. With the roar upon us and increasing numbers of hunters about please make sure you respect land owners rights and don't let buck fever lure you into trespassing and hunting unlawfully; there can be serious consequences for offences including prosecution and losing your firearms licence. If people experience any problems with unlawful hunting please contact us so we are aware where the problem locations are.

Tuatapere Police are also currently investigating an arson complaint received from early March relating to a hut in the Rowallan area on private land located at the rear of a farm which was burnt to the ground.

If you have any information regarding any of the investigations currently being dealt with by Police feel free to drop in and see us or give us a call at 03 226 9020.

Graham Parsons