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Rest In Peace Gail.



On the 26th of Janurary 2015 Gail passed away surrounded by her family and close friend. Gail was my neighbour for the past two and half years and its best that I could have ever asked for she became like a second mum/ nana to us. You will always be in our hearts and we send our condolences to Leanne, Steve and Rick of their loss, your mum was one of a kind.

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COUNCILLOR'S CORNER:

little extra, we are open to suggestions.

Hi and welcome to the first edition for 2015. What a great start weather wise with some very hot days so far and a mix of some scattered showers, all good. The year started with a reasonable crowd at our annual sports day, great weather and a good mix of events although we feel we need something different just to add a

On the local scene things have been a little quiet, we need to be a little more proactive and entice more of the steady stream of camper vans and tourists to stop a while and enjoy the excellent facilities we have to offer; once again constructive suggestions would be welcome. In most cases our sections are neat and tidy but alas I noticed a few that needed a little love and care, do we want people to say, what a dump let's get out of here or wow this is nice, let's stop for a coffee. After many years of lawn mowing I am still alive so I see no risk attached to this chore.

Another activity of public bad taste is the dumping of rubbish at the extension of Birch Street, I concede that green waste disposal is a matter of concern but dumping in the middle of our town is not acceptable to either the law or your local community board, more particularly when the offending vehicle was noted.

On the council scene we have started back at work and I am pleased to say our new CEO has some good ideas. At a recent workshop we discussed ways of streamlining some of our functions in order to cut costs and achieve more desirable outcomes. Roading will always be a challenge particularly up some of our local valley roads where in some cases up to 30 loads of logs per day are being experienced and are forecast to continue for the next five or six years, this is not a healthy environment to live in particularly in this hot dry weather.

With the national economic impact of this activity we are working on ways to minimise if not eliminate this problem. Road foundation strengthening and maybe some form of medium term dust suppression may be the answer, we must also point out that to the best of my knowledge Lakes Houroko and Monowai would be the only two major lakes in New Zealand not accessed by sealed roads.

Well it looks like 2015 has started with some of the same issues as 2014, on your behalf I will be batting for some satisfactory outcomes.

Cheers and good luck to all for 2015 from your

Councillor George.

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<u>News from your Community Board December</u> 2014

Well, here we are with a new year and, already, we're one month down! We hope everyone has enjoyed the warm summer (hopefully not over yet!) and managed to have some relaxing time-throughout this busy time for farmers, contractors, local businesses and tourism operators.

The Board wish to express sincere condolences to Gail Palmer's family and friends. Gail was an inspiration to us all and we are very grateful for the generous contribution of time and commitment she gave to our community. Best wishes and thanks to Loretta, who is taking over and continuing the great job as editor of this, the Western Wanderer.

Tuatapere has been buzzing over the past couple of months. Congratulations to the Athletics and Axeman's society, along with the Tuatapere Domain Board, for the excellent presentation of the grounds and a successful New Year's Day Sports event.

The number of competitors and supporters who were involved in, yet again, another successful 'Stump the Hump' event is due to the great preparatory work done by the Hump Track management and trustee team, along with wonderful volunteer support on the day. Alongside this, the Tuatapere Summer Fun Day, where local arts, crafts and business people shone, resulted in enthusiastic, busy foot traffic in our little town and resulted in a lot of complimentary feedback. Well done to all involved!

It was a proud day for those in attendance on Wednesday, 11 February as we gathered to witness the official opening of the 'Tuatapere on Reflection' information station at McCracken's Rest at 11am-the ribbon cut by our Southland District Council Mayor, Gary Tong. Due credit for this is to Ngarita Dixon and her team of Tuatapere and Districts' Promotion Group, who persevered to have an idea, initiated by Helen McKay, come to fruition.

The day of the 11th continued to be momentous as we all gathered again for another ribbon cutting- this being the new 'Registration and Information Board' at the cemetery. Mayor Gary Tong was again in attendance and the ribbon was cut by two long serving trustees-Bill Howden who has served for 39 years and Herb Horrell, who has served for 46 years. The attractive information kiosk and the presentation of the cemetery itself is thanks to the Cemetery Trust (Chairman John Knowler), who preserve a very important part of our town. Special note must be made about the upkeep of the lawn and gardens by Maurice and Isobel Green and the contribution of Les Kollat, who has dug approximately 400 graves (almost half of the cemetery plots) with his own digger! We have amazing people in our community! Good to see the newly purchased digger housed in its purpose built shed!

The RSA hall and the memorial library are set to be painted prior to the 25th April (Anzac Day), when we commemorate 100 years since the Gallipoli campaign. It will be good to see these local landmarks looking their best for this special occasion.

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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Roger Paterson on 225 5515 (or 021 2599 287),

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Alternatively, catch us at Sports Day, Waiau Area School, Feb. 20th.

Junior rugby training is likely to begin early March.

Tuatapere Ambulance

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The Treasurer, Tuatapere & District Lions PO Box 47 TUATAPERE



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Tuatapere RSA Memorial Bursary Applications It is time again to apply to the above for the 2015 Bursary. Forms can be collected from the Tuatapere Health and Gift shop and must be filled out and returned to John Munro 16 King St Tuatapere no later than March the 30th 2015.

Enquiry's to John Munro 027 412 2925

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Come to the next meeting and present your ideas or offer your help for our on-going projects. Everyone most welcome. For further information: Contact Ngarita Dixon (226 6613).

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Competition and display-only entries of flowers, vegetables, photography, baking, as well as children's art along with craft stalls and a pop-up café will be in The New Life Church. We NEED your entries - schedules will be available from PGG Wrightson Otautau or phone 03 225 8530 or e-mail Faimie@xtra.co.nz

We are still looking for stall holders of any kind. Stalls (tables supplied) are free, but you need to book your space.

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Graham's Police Report

Round up for November

Round up for January

January has been a quieter month Police wise with no reported vehicle crashes and only one domestic incident. There has been a rise in petty theft from vehicles in Tuatapere with three reported incidents all involving insecure vehicles. While vehicle theft is not generally a big problem in this area there will always be opportunists out there if you leave your vehicle insecure. There have also been some recent problems with people smashing over road signs in various locations. If you come across anyone doing this call Police and take their vehicle details. If you have any information regarding who has been involved in this recent activity we would like to hear from you.

Another rural crib has been broken into during January in the Lillburn Valley with various miscellaneous items stolen. This is on the back of a number of cribs being broken into prior to Christmas down at Fishing Camp road on two separate occasions. One of these had a 12ft Starcraft aluminium dinghy with mercury 7.5hp outboard stolen which had not been previously reported until recently. With an increase in this type of offending, if you have a crib or hut which is un-occupied please ensure it is adequately secured and don't leave valuables for the taking.

A report was received of wilful damage to the Lake Hauroko Tours boat Namu while it was unattended in the Lillburn Valley. This occurred between Christmas and the 5th of January, anyone with information that may assist in identifying the culprits please contact the Police. Police are also looking into a complaint of wilful damage involving padlocks and chains being cut and tampered with on two gates providing property access in the Rowallan area.

During January two people have been dealt with for driving over the alcohol limit. One person exceeded the new level and was issued with an instant fine; the second person was over the higher level and has appeared in the Invercargill Court.

A farm worker who had been residing in the Tuatapere area for the last two months has been bailed to appear in court for Dangerous Driving, Sustained Loss of Traction and Wilful Damage. This relates to an incident outside the Waiau Hotel around midnight on the 27th of January. The man had been drinking at the Hotel prior to closing and following a minor incident with another patron decided to engage in what can only be described as a disgraceful display of driving. The driving involved multiple skids and donuts, driving on the wrong side of the road, down the footpath and ultimately led to him smashing into a parked rental vehicle. The car was being used by an American tourist staying at the Hotel for the night, hardly the type of memory we want our visitors to take home with them. The culprit was not dealt with on the night but following inquires he was identified, located and arrested.

Graham Parsons Tuatapere Police

TUATAPERE AMENITIES TRUST SECRETARY/TREASURER

The Tuatapere Amenities Trust was set up from a Grant given by Meridian Energy when the water flow to the Waiau River was reduced.

The purpose of the Amenities Trust is to allocate funds to non-profit groups in the Tuatapere area on an annual basis.

We are currently seeking someone to join our team as Secretary/Treasurer.

The person we are looking for will have good communication and people skills and be an experienced, organised Secretary/Treasurer. The position will include financial bookkeeping.

This is a paid position and involves a small time commitment, with approximately 1-3 board meetings per annum, on a 'as required' basis.

The applicant will need to be able to liaise with the audit reviewer on an annual basis and have the communication skills to enable an understanding of information from investment advising professionals. For a detailed Job Description please contact:

Mrs Ngarita Dixon 03 226 6613.

Applications for the above position need to be submitted, in writing, by Friday 20th February. 2015.

Please apply in writing to:

Mrs Ngarita Dixon Chairman Tuatapere Amenities Trust 15 Bridge Street Tuatapere

Welcome to Target Shooting in

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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.



TUATAPERE GOLF CLUB NEWS

Welcome to our update to keep the community informed about what's happening at the club.

Men: If you are interested in playing competition the men's is on Saturday's teeing off at 1pm, for more information phone new Men's Club Captain Colin Flynn 2255230.

Women: Carol Erskine is our Club Captain. If you are interested in playing or would like to know more about golf give Carol a buzz 2266602



Christmas Party: Our Christmas Party was held on the 13th December thanks to all who played and attended. It was awesome to see so many little ones in the club house. A special thanks to everyone who helped on the day & a special thanks to 'Santa' for making an appearance!

Coaching: We are in the process of getting a coach to once again come out. This will be offered to members, but also non-members so if you are keen on coaching get in contact with Debbie Fowle 2255052, more details to follow.

Juniors: We also as a club are very keen to develop any children who are keen on golf, if you have a child keen to have a hit please give Debbie Fowle a ring. We would be keen to offer some coaching and encouragement to develop their golf skills.

Also our club rooms have recently under gone renovations and look awesome, we would be happy to hire them out for functions; for more information phone our President Peter Gow: 2255003

Lions Day Opening Tournament: This was held on Friday 6th Feb thanks to all those who played in trying conditions! A special thanks to the Waiau Valley Lions for once again hosting such a great day, and congrats to our own **Colin Flynn & Christene Dennison** for taking out the honours for the day.

John Barrett Memorial Trophy: This is played for annually now to honour the passing of John Barrett, a member of our golf club who sadly passed away last year. John was a very popular member of our club keeping us all entertained. **Stan Hammond** was the winner of the day and it was fantastic to see John's wife Carmel & John's family attend the day.

Events to come: It will be a busy few months within the golf club with Mens Pennants, Club Champs Matches for Men & Women, Interclub with Queens Park, Mens Annual Tournament & a Laing Shield Challenge for the Men. We will let you know the outcomes of these events.

<u>UPDATE FROM TUATAPERE PLAYCENTRE!</u>

Hey all we are still on the lookout for a paddock to use for a MX Stubblecross Fun Day Fundraiser, for the 3rd Saturday of February or March. Anywhere between here and Invercargill would be brilliant. There will be no jumps added to it either. Please contact Brooke Gardyne on 021 156 3170 if you are able to help us out.

We are also after two 2nd hand highchairs for the playcentre as we have a few more babies now so if anyone can help us out that would be brillaint, please contact Brooke Gardyne on 021 156 3170, otherwise pop down Wednesday mornings between 9 and 1, would be great to see some new faces.

TUI/ORAWIA NETBALL NOTICE 2015

The Tuatapere and Orawia netball clubs are working together this year to put forward teams in as many grades possible,

to compete in the Central Netball Competition, played in Winton.



Could all players wishing to play in either Orawia or Tuatapere teams, please

register by contactiong either Wendy Adams on 03 2266383 ,cel 021 02749936 or Trudy Slee on 03 2255 8899 with your name, date of birth and year at school if applicable by 1st of March 2015.



We will then have our first trials on the 6th and 7th of March. We would also like to hear from any interested coaches and managers for all grades.

Over the last couple of years, there has been a lot of discussion about the possibility of our two clubs combining. If there is no

objections to this, we will be looking at going through the process in the 2015 season, with a view of starting with a brand new club at the start of 2016,

There will be an opportunity for people to have their say on what they think netball in the Waiau Valley could look like in the furture, at a meeting on the 30th of March at the Waiau Hotel Lounge Bar at 7.30pm.

We look forward to seeing you all at the trials, Lets make this a truly memorable season for our two clubs.



Playgroup is up and running for 2015, we meet on Tuesday mornings 10-12, there will be a craft activity followed by music and movement with our new playgroup co-ordinator Ebony Hunter. Please bring a healthy plate for a shared morning tea for the kids, morning tea will be provided for mums. All welcome including those of you with small babies.

The first week in March is our annual appeal week, we would really like the help and support from the Tuatapere community. We will have plunket mothers or fathers that have offered there time to go door knocking. And can't wait to see the smiles of our community.

The next meeting will be 7:30pm Wednesday March the 18th at the Last Light Lodge, come join us for a chat and cake/dessert. We would love to meet some new faces with fresh ideas, if there is anything you would like Plunket to do in the community this is a great opportunity to let us know your thoughts.

There will be PEPE parenting courses running in Western Southland from March onwards", they will be Your growing baby, Your moving baby and Your active toddler. For more information please contact Judy Cook (Pepe Facilitator 03 2142544) or Jaimee Chamberlain 027378233



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Update from Waiau Health - New Year - New You

It might seem like Christmas and New Year were a while ago, but as we settle back in to our regular routine it is important to take stock and check in to see how we are going with our health and maybe make some resolutions to make change. A few things to think about for New Year – New You....

Eating...We are what we eat and gradually over time we can get into an unhealthy cycle of making poor food choices, overeating, under eating, bingeing and crazy diets. Nowadays we receive so much information about food that sometimes we are just plain confused about what we should eat. Although we would like to be making healthier food choices we may need help knowing what these are. Here's a couple of things that might help:

We have organised a **dietician** to hold another group session on healthy eating in April. This is 2 half day sessions, totally free of charge. Be quick though, there are only 10 spaces – contact Tuatapere Medical reception.

Weight Watchers is coming to Tuatapere! Thanks to Shona Tuuta for organising this and the considerable effort put in to convincing the Weight Watchers organisation that it will be worthwhile to form a branch out here. It is really important that if you think this will be helpful for you that you support it right at that start to make sure we demonstrate this will work in Tuatapere. Contact: Shona Tuuta 027 228 9810

Move...Movement is not only good for the body, it is also great for the mind and an essential part of mental well being. So for your health's sake, move!

The most important thing is to make a commitment to exercise regularly, start your routine, commit to it, and make it a habit. The easiest way to do this is to enjoy what you are doing. So first choose an activity that appeals to you and is something you are able to do. Whether this is walking, dancing, running, swimming, or even starting with standing exercises during ad breaks, the most important thing is this is doable, and you enjoy it.

Why not team up with someone you don't catch up with often enough and do this together. By enjoying what you are doing you will find starting the habit is easy, and once you've got that sorted it is easy to build on it.

WOF Health Check

It is important to check in and have your annual WOF Health Check. It doesn't matter when this is, but it often helps to do it at a regular time like in the New Year so you can remember and do it regularly.

So take the first step on the journey to the New You, you will thank yourself for it.

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Gail was over the moon to open this special parcel and had a smile from ear to ear .

Tuatapere woman Gail Palmer has been blown away by the package of Shortland Street goodies she received this week. Palmer said she did not expect anything after her story <u>recently featured in The Southland Times</u>.

Diagnosed with terminal cancer, Palmer said doctors told her she wouldn't be around for Christmas, but she has defied the odds so far.

Her sister-in-law Lavina Palmer had joked that Palmer would be around to see the start of the new season of Shortland Street, which prompted the gift from the popular New Zealand soap opera.

The package included a book on Shortland Street, a first-aid guide, pens, a drink bottle, band-aids and a coffee cup.

"I think it's amazing. It's going to be so amazing to read this book celebrating 15 years... even Tem's in it," said Palmer.

She said people from around the world had responded to the story. One of her best friends from school, whom she had not heard from in 17 years, had called her to pass on her best wishes after reading it.

"It's blown me away, really - the whole thing has," said Palmer.



On Wednesday the 21st of January Gail received an Honoured Recognition from the Lloyd Morgan Lions Clubs Charitable Trust. This is the special article that was in the paper.

The Tuatapere Lions have given terminally ill woman Gail Palmer an award for her service to the community.

Gail received an Honoured Recognition from the Lloyd Morgan Lions Clubs Charitable Trust. It was presented to her by the Tuatapere Lions on Wednesday.

She was presented her certificate and pin by Tuatapere Lions president Quinton Donald in her home while surrounded by family and friends

Also present was John Munro who was representing the Southland Locator Beacon Charitable Trust.

Palmer had been the editor of the Western Wanderer, a monthly paper in Tuatapere for nine years and for 14 years ran the base in Tuatapere for emergency locator beacons.

Donald said the idea to honour Palmer with an award for her commitment to the community came up at a recent directors meeting.

It was members of the public at the meeting that suggested to the Lions that they should give Palmer an award, and the Lions agreed it was a good idea, Donald said.

"Everybody voted in favour."

Past district governor and Lloyd Morgan trustee for the 202F district Sandra Charmichael said honoured recognition was available for award to Lions, Lionesses, Leos, and to other members of the community, to recognise outstanding service





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GUEST SPOT!

This month's feature is the report of an interview, written by Charles Horrell for a school History assignment in 2011. He interviewed Nina Templeton, who had lived in Tuatapere for most of her long life. Nina was born on 7 March 1914 and died on 22 October 2013 in her hundredth year. At the time of the interview Nina was 97.

Interview - Mrs Nina Templeton

I interviewed Mrs Nina Templeton, a 97 year old lady, whose husband worked at Port Craig from the age of 15. Mrs Templeton, herself, visited Port Craig as a young woman. It was in 1935, when she was 21. At the time, the operation at Port Craig had ceased but everything was left just as it had been. It wasn't until 1939 at the start of World War Two that the settlement was deliberately demolished when it was thought that the settlement's location could be a target for enemy ships. I have recorded the interview and written as detailed an account of the information as possible.

Mrs Templeton's Recollection of Port Craig:

She could hear the whistle when they blew it for different things. At this time, she lived with her parents and brothers and sisters "down the Pap", which was down the Papatotara Rd. This is to the west of Tuatapere and close to the mouth of the Waiau River. She said she knew the whistle was from over the hill - but how many hills she didn't know!

Her Dad used to go down to Birch & Co. (Waiau mouth) to collect the men and women when they came out from Port Craig. He'd collect them with his horse and dray. The people would have walked from Port Craig. He'd take them out to the train at Tuatapere.

When her brother got old enough to drive the cart, (he was 14) he took over carting the people. They got a new cart - a spring cart. Later on, Mrs Templeton's Dad got a little truck to cart the people. She remembers the people coming out quite clearly, because they'd go past her gate and at that time she and her siblings were not allowed out the gate!

Nina married Jimmy Templeton, who had started work at Port Craig when he was 15. His brother also worked over there. He told his wife about the settlement and about how big it was. They had a hall for dancing in and a school and a cookhouse, boarding houses and things like that. He (Jimmy) told Nina about the meat they used to get. One of the jobs of the young lads was to take the meat up to the cook house from the boat, which came occasionally to bring stores and to take people out. Jim-my said that sometimes the mutton was so black-if you poked your finger in it, it left a hole there. And he would not eat it for tea that night! If you had something like chops for tea and some people left one on their plate, the remains were scooped up and used in a casserole for another meal!

Jimmy was there until he was well into his 20's. Nina didn't have anything to do with Port Craig at that time. "I mean, we were girls and girls were kept out of all these things. The boys knew more about it". After Jimmy and Nina got married, the mill closed and people had to carry their possessions out - or what they could carry. The boat had stopped by this time.

Nina and Jimmy walked into Port Craig a couple of years later, after the operation had closed. "What a walk!" They got a ride Nina and Jimmy walked into Port Craig a couple of years later, after the operation had closed. "What a walk!" They got a ride to the 'Waik' and walked in from there. There was Jimmy, Nina, her brother, her sister, her friend, two kids and a dog. When the tide came in, they'd have to go in to the bush. They were up to their ankles in mud because the track hadn't been used for some time. Sometimes, when the tide started to come in, they'd hop the rocks. At Port Craig every house (approximately 50) still had its pots and pans and bedding and furniture all still there. All they had to take in was a change of clothes and food. She did the cooking. Everything was as it had been, including the billiard room. They went for long walks around to Sand hill Point etc. They were all fit and healthy and up at daylight (summer). They walked up the tramline to the Percy Burn viaduct. "We were all young, fit and happy."

At the Percy Burn, Jimmy said he'd go over the viaduct first as no one had been over it for a while. Jimmy went first, then Ni-na's brother and then her. They went one at a time, in case it was shaky. There was only a thin plank and rail to hold onto – but, Nina said, "I was brave as Ned Kelly!" When you looked down it was a long way down to the gully. "Down from the Percy Burn you looked down and down forever into the gully!" At the base of the viaducts vegetation was always cleared so that the

foliage wouldn't cause decay in the wood. At Port Craig there were about 50 houses with a cook house. "They had had a big staff!" There were gardens with flowers still growing, though the lawns hadn't been cut. The manager's house was impeccable - the windows were clean, the house tidy, the lawns were cut. "You'd think there was a woman living in the house!" said Nina.

They went in to Port Craig for four days. The mill was intact and trolleys were on the side of the tramline. It was an experience. "It was really a wonderful experience." Nina said. Jimmy told Nina a story. There were about eight 15 year olds. These boys were not allowed to go into the huts with the men

when the men were smoking and drinking beer. On one occasion, when the boys had to stay out, they climbed onto the roof of one hut and poured water in the chimney onto the fire. The men all piled out of the hut and the lads went scampering into the bush

Nina told me how the people at Port Craig had to make their own fun, as there weren't shops or anything to go to. There were quite a few young people in there - a lot of families. There were no refrigerators or electric lights, only lamps. Myrtle and Fred Fluty (who made the Bluff Paua House) got married at Port Craig and so did Jimmy's sister (who married a

Sangster). There were a lot of marriages. The houses were nice. They were set in good sections providing privacy, with gardens and lawns. After they'd all left, the manager used a scythe to cut all the lawns. The wharf was completely intact. "There wasn't even a shiver in it." There were seals on the rocks that the men wanted to kill -

The wharf was completely infact. "There wasn't even a shiver in it." There were seals on the rocks that the men wanted to kill-but Nina wouldn't let them. All the ropes down the wharf were still there - no rust or anything. When they walked out a chap was meant to meet them at the 'Waik' but he didn't turn up, so they had to walk all the way to Birch & Co. They were tired and hungry. Nina was the only one with a mug, so they got her down and tried to get it off her. "All in good fun!" When they got to Birch & Co, the others all fell asleep and Nina went to her friend Molly's, who put on afternoon tea. "Molly was a great one for doing afternoon tea!" Nina wasn't sure how far it was that they had walked. "Girls don't remember these things like men do. We had a whale of a time. I've never forgotten it." Jimmy and Nina lived at Birch and Co for 22 years - from 1942.

Jimmy had originally gone into Pt Craig because they were looking for young ones to work. He worked on the tramlines and he carried the meat and supplies from the boat.

It was interesting hearing of Mrs Templeton's (Nina) recollections. Charles Horrell 2011

Lloyd's Lookout

by Lloyd Esler

I've done almost every inch of the Southland coast from Port Craig to the Catlins – Waiparau Head, in fact – which marks the Otago/Southland boundary at the end of Long Beach. Some of it is easy and some difficult. There are some magnificent bits of coastal scenery accessible only by a hike or a scramble.

I've got to catch up on the bit between Cosy Nook and Wakapatu sometime. I'd appreciate a bit of local knowledge there and if anyone is organising a coastal walk I'd like to tag along. The Fieldclub does a fair length of coast each year and we'd be keen to get around that bit. It gives us the chance to look for bird nesting colonies, seal rookeries, unusual plants and strange bits of debris that the sea pushes ashore.

We are fortunate in that the coast is legally accessible with a strip a chain wide (66 feet or 20 metres) above high tide. In most places this has been surveyed to provide landowners with a fixed boundary but the intent of the strip is to give walking access all around the coast. It can be a bit tricky where the coast is cliffy or where there are electric or deer fences right down close to the shore.

The land is crossed irregularly by unformed roads. These are usually farmed as part of the adjoining farmland but they are public roads and accessible. I usually let farmers know if I am going to follow a paper road and they may suggest an alternative route if there is lambing, electric fences or some other obstacle.

The paper road can be formed into a driveable road at the expense of a developer who wishes to put in a subdivision but it remains a public road. Councils can put a paper road up for sale to an adjoining property owner if there is no possibility of it ever being formed but councils are reluctant to do this as sometimes the road will be required in the future for alternative access to the coast or for a development of some sort or as the route for a walking track.

Occasionally there is a grumpy farmer but it's not his land, and his cows are probably right down to the high tide mark anyway, grazing on public land. Google Earth shows property boundaries and it's a useful tool for planning an excursion. You'd be surprised how many paper roads and marginal strips there are. It's not so easy to find out the owners' names and numbers though, so you often have to make calls to people with a bit of local knowledge.

What sort of cars would be suitable for a paper road? - an Austin A4, a stationery wagon and a Cardillac I suppose.

On the subject of stationery... I escorted a group of Texas students on a South Island tour. They were keen and enquiring. "What do you think is your best quality?" one of them asked. That's a very American thing to ask. I've never been asked that before. That's the sort of thing you get kids to talk about. I don't need that at my age. I'm reasonably contented and well adjusted. I don't need compliments. I told her about George.

We had a group of kids for some extension work. They were aged about 7 - 9. One of them was George. A quiet lad, not conspicuous in any field and a bit behind reading. Sometimes you need to find a way to boost kids' self esteem. We sat in a circle and they talked about their good points. Their peers supported them and made useful comments – I think she uses good expression, she's a good friend, good at tidying up. That sort of thing. George was a bit stuck. He didn't have obvious talents and he was a bit hard to categorise. "He's a good stapler," said one of his friends.

George's eyebrows went up a little and he sat up straighter. He'd never realised. "It's true," someone else said, "the best stapler in the school."

George got a certificate for his bedroom at assembly and he wore a gold star. "Best stapler in the school," it said. He gained respect. The other kids had never realised before that they had such a rare skill amongst them. They watched him to see his superior performance on the stapler. Perhaps it was his stance, legs slightly apart, biting the bottom lip and squint-ing. Chunk, chunk.

He was given the class stapling jobs, other teachers got him in for tricky stuff. The school secretary had him in from time to time as well to work the big office stapler and he used the staple gun - no one else was allowed. He fixed them too, he had his own long nosed pliers for unjamming them, oil, and the care of boxes of staples of every size. George was made. "It's his staple diet," was the joke.

I don't know what happened to him. Perhaps he grew up to become a great stationer or an engineer, maybe he married an heirest to a stationery fortune, but it shows what happens when you find the right button and push it.

I'm still looking for contributions to my book on rabbits and possums. It's coming out in November. I need to get photos and anecdotes. Lloyd Esler 2130404

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