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# WESTERN WANDERER

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#### Waiau A&P 81st Annual Show

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Satuday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2020
Waiau Domain - Elder Drive Tuatapere from 7.45am
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Happy Snapping!

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## A Note from Tuatapere Promotions

Paula McKenzie, President

Hi All,

I trust you have all recovered from the Dec/Jan festivities and have settled well into your diets!

It has been a quiet Month for Promotions on all but one front. We unfortunately received a letter of resignation from our editor Loretta Tilby in the week leading up to Christmas. Loretta stepped up to the mark just over five years ago when the previous editor (Gail Palmer) fell ill and has been managing the editorial role by herself since. Thank you so much Loretta for all that you have done during your time as editor. I don't know how you managed! How does the saying go ... "If you want something done, ask a busy person"?

As I mentioned in the last Wanderer, The Promotions Group has taken over the management of the Western Wanderer from Helen McKay and her team. Loretta has decided to step aside at this time as have Elaine and George Charlton who have been organising the distribution and delivery of the WW around the area for as long as anyone can remember. It has been an eye opener learning just how many people have been involved in ensuring that the WW wheels have kept turning over the years. Our challenge over the Xmas break has been to keep those wheels turning!

A group from within Promotions put their hands up for the challenge and the result is before you. I can't thank you enough for all the hours you have put in over the last few weeks. You have been amazing.

I see that several events have been added to What's On on **www.onnaturesedge.co.nz** . Also remember that the Western Wanderer is available via email through this web site. If you do need a hand, don't have a computer or would like someone to show you how to add your event, feel free to contact us. All too often we see two events clashing. It would be great if groups put their events up on the community calendar and therefore avoid the double ups.

The middle pages of this issue contain a welcome note and the important contacts in the community. There is also an updated list of clubs and organisations. They are in the middle section so that they can be removed easily and kept for future reference. If you notice an error or your group has been missed out please contact us on **thisistuatapere@gmail.com** and we will update our master file. We are hoping to send out an updated list on a regular basis. Also if you know of someone new to the district please let us know so that we can give them a welcome pack.

#### **NEW EMAILS**

We have two new emails for the Western Wanderer:

**For Articles/Contributions/Editor:** yourwesternwanderer@gmail.com **For Advertising & Account queries:** yourwesternwanderer.ads@gmail.com

#### **NEXT PROMOTIONS MEETING**

Our next Promotions catch up is

Thursday 20th February 7.30 at Tui Base Camp Bring your brilliant ideas along and join us!

## **Councillor Report**

George Harpur, Councillor

Hi and welcome to the year of 2020 and I trust you have all enjoyed your Xmas break and are ready for a prosperous year ahead.

The Waiau A & P Show is on the 8th of February - a great day out! Coming up soon will be the first Rugby games so come along all and support your local interests. Unfortunately the New Years Day sports did not have a lucky draw with the weather and we had a less than desirable result, never the less well done to the organisers in all these events. Take note that many of these people are getting past their use by date due to ageing and we seriously need some younger blood to show some realistic interest, without this some of our codes may be doomed with the possibility of a short term future.

Another rather disturbing issue related to some comments we heard whilst on a recent break was how the appearance of Tuatapere had deteriorated over the last few years. Unfortunately I could not disagree. Not only is the northern entrance to the village resembling a bomb site (apart from one or two proud and loyal locals) but our own council lawn mowing effort is in urgent need of some form of new future rules. Your new Community Board is aware of this and are in the process of consulting with SDC over this issue. The Future of the whole Southern Scenic Route and the tourist gain with the new great walk and other attractions in the Lower Waiau region may well be dependent on the appearance and loving care and attention given by the residents. Who can criticize people for driving straight through if they are not impressed with the state of our maintenance in our patch? Our businesses need their custom, we need our businesses, let's give them all a fair shot at providing work and a future for our region.

Very soon there will be a survey circulated regarding the future of our Railway Station and I am sure there will be various ideas for discussion arising. I seriously recommend to all concerned to fill in this survey and return as there is serious cost to some options of which will be borne by you the ratepayer. This should happen after the February meeting of your community board.

Well that's all for this the first edition for 2020. Cheers to all.



## **Tuatapere-Te Waewae Community Board**

Margaret Thomas, Board Chair

Greetings to you all. On behalf of the Tuatapere-Te Waewae Community Board I would like to wish you all a happy and prosperous new year.

Your board members are Anne Horrell, Blayne de Vries, Maurice Green, Keri Potter, Alistair McCracken, Margaret Thomas and Counsellor George Harpur.

Our next formal meeting is on February 17 th at 5.30pm at the WTCC. Our area now extends from Cosy Nook to the Blackmount Hill. Please feel free to contact me if you have any issues - (03) 226 6104 or arpad@xtra.co.nz

Congratulations to the Tuatapere Domain Board. The grounds look amazing considering all the bad/wet weather we had. The Waiau River was very high for several weeks and this did cause some flooding in the Domain. We look forward to the Waiau A and P Show in February.

The new toilets at the Clifden Historic Bridge are open. Further work still needs to be undertaken including the completion of the landscaping.

The walking tracks around the town have had plenty of use over the holiday period. Runners, walkers and cycles. When did you last walk any of these tracks? The swimming pools in our area have been open over the summer. Great on hot days.

Schools will be re- opening for the new school year. Children will be walking on footpaths and riding bikes. All motorist need to be aware of the speed limits on our roads near a school. People who drop the kids off need to park on the same side of the road as the school is on. This way the kids don't have to cross the road.

Stay safe when travelling.

## **Tuatapere Community Garden**

Margaret Thomas

If you are a gardener, you will know how hopeless the growing season has been. It rained for weeks and now we are very dry.

A little reminder – please do not go to the garden and just help yourself to the produce. Please contact Isobel Green (03) 226 6065 or Trudy (020 4016 6125.

They would love to have you do some work in the garden in exchange for the produce.

Unfortunately the crop of garlic had to be harvested early because people were helping themselves to it.

We really encourage and look forward to people joining us.

## **Our Community Notice Board**

#### **CLIFDEN PLAYGROUP**

45 Otahu Eastern Bush Road. Every Wednesday 10am - 2pm. All mothers and children welcome. Bring something small for children's shared morning tea! Any queries to Lynley Patterson 027 429 7436

#### **CLIFDEN RURAL WOMEN**

Hi all,

The next general meeting of CRW is on Thursday February 13th, 7:30pm at Tui Base Camp.

You are most welcome to come along and see what we get up to!
Lynley and the team.

#### **PUKEMAORI BOWLING CLUB**

Practices - Thursday nights at 7:00pm Anyone interested in having a roll is very welcome to join us!

## TUATAPERE BUSHMAN'S MUSEUM

Orawia Road. If the Bushman's Museum is not open when you have visitors who wish to view, you can contact:
Linsday Faulkner (03) 226 6650 to arrange a suitable time.

## TUATAPERE COMMUNITY WORKER

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday

10am - 3pm

Contact: Keri Potter 027 757 5983 Location: Medical Centre Building

Room 5/69a Orawai Road,

Tuatapere 9620

#### **WAIAU MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

Library Hours: Fridays

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

#### **TUATAPERE PLAYGROUP**

23B Orawia Road.

Our sessions are every Friday 9am-12pm. All parents and children welcome! Come and enjoy organised activities, shared morning tea and a coffee. Any queries please contact: Gemma Bennett 022 040 3368

#### **TUATAPERE MAINLY MUSIC**

A pre-school music and movement-based playgroup.

Mondays during the school term at the Tuatapere Presbyterian Church Hall.

Music session starts at 10am followed by a time of morning tea and play.

\$2 per family.

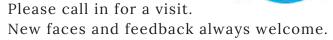
Morning tea is provided for all.

New families welcome!

Find us on Facebook:
"Tuatapere Mainly Music"
For more information contact
Heidi 022 315 3326

#### **TUATAPERE TOY LIBRARY**

Open Friday Afternoons 2:30pm till 4:00pm 18 Orawia Road, Tuatapere (next door to Tuatapere Service Station)



General enquires please phone Minessa 027 311 2112

## TUATAPERE RSA MEMORIAL BURSARY TRUST APPLICATIONS

Applications are open and available for pick up from the Health & Gift Shop at the Medical Centre in Tuatapere.

Applications close March 30th 2020 and the recipient will be notified before ANZAC day. All enquiries to:
John Munro (03) 226 6341

## **Our Community Notice Board**

#### **FROM JOHN MUNRO**

A HUGE thank you to everyone who took park in our awesome Christmas parade on December 23rd! How awesome!

The weather was dry. The parade huge. The entertainment was wonderful. Thank you to our local shops for going the extra mile; the police who came to help out; Ernie mason for running the merry go round; the lions club and RSA for the Christmas gifts and lollies; the face painters, bicycle judges and contestants! It was such a treat to see such life and happiness in our town! Well done. Everyone take a bow. I'm already looking forward to the next one.

Remember write your ideas for the next parade down and put it up on the calendar for November this year, that way you will already have your cool idea!

## WESTERN SOUTHLAND HEALTH SHUTTLE

A St John Health Shuttle service is available in your community to provide transport to Invercargill for health related appointments.

We travel from Otautau, Ohai, Nightcaps, Tuatapere, Riverton covering all of Western Southland.

We also connect with the Invercargill-Dunedin shuttle. The Western Southland Health Shuttle operates Monday - Friday (excluding Public Holidays).

Bookings are required by 3pm the day prior to transport.

Ph: 0800 103 046 to book.

Please book as soon as you receive your appointment.

#### **TUATAPERE AMBULANCE**

#### Did YOU Know?

The Tuatapere Ambulance is a funded service by the Tuatapere Lions Club, for the residents of Tuatapere & District.

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



At the moment St John have a new system in their Ambulances and we are experiencing some 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

#### **TUATAPERE MERRY GO ROUND**

We are still looking for a person (or a group) who is willing to be trained on setting up, running & dismantling the merry-go-round. We are in danger of having it put into storage or worse, sold. Please give it some serious thought and get in touch with John Munro (03) 226 6341 if you are willing to commit to running this awesome community asset.

#### TUATAPERE COURIER SERVICE

Riverton Pharmacy Tuatapere Health & Gift Shop

As an additional service we have extended our pick up times for prescriptions for our Tuatapere customers. We now have two courier drops: 1:00pm and 4:45pm. The Health & Gift Shop will now be open & prescriptions will be available from 12:30pm - 5:30pm.

If we can help in any other way, please contact Riverton Pharmacy (03) 234 8515

## **Our Community Notice Board**

#### **WEEKLY EVENTS**

Monday Mainly Music

TuesdayFire Brigade PracticeWednesdayEastern Bush PlaygroupThursdayBowls Practice (beside

Waiau Area School) Cards at WTCC Swimming Club

Rugby Practice (starting

March)

**Friday** Tuatapere Playgroup

Do you have a regular event happening in the district?
Let us know so that we can add it here for you! Email us at yourwesternwanderer@gmail.com

## WESTERN SOUTHLAND WOOLCRAFT GROUP

Spinning, Felt, Weaving, Knitting, Crochet 1st Wednesday of the month.

10am - 3pm.

Tuatapere Presbyterian Church Hall

Cost - \$2 BYO Lunch

Other crafts welcome!

For more information please contact

Helen Todd 022 378 9743

## TUATAPERE VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

We're on the lookout for members to join this well rewarding organization.

Due to retirement and relocation of members, 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.

#### TUATAPERE VALLEY SCOUTS

We wish to thank the many businesses around Tuatapere that contributed prizes for the Christmas Raffle.

#### The winners were

1st prize: Charles M (Invercargill) 2nd prize: Vicki U (Tuatapere) 3rd prize: R Jamieson (Otautau)

The Scouts now have some tables that are

available for hire.

Contact either Suzanne 021 0833 4323 or

Quinton 027 223 4842

#### T.P.C MARKET DAY

**Where:** Tuatapere Presbyterian Church Hall **When:** Every 3rd Saturday of the Month!

#### **Next Market Days**

Saturday 15 February Saturday 21 March

Book a table for \$5 - this helps build the maintenance fund for the church.

Contact: Jackie Howden (03) 225 5161 or Vicki Unahi (03) 226 6172

## TUATAPERE & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB PROJECT

#### SUPER DIRT

Super dirt bags are now weighed so more in each bag!

\$8 per bag - ready for your garden!

Super dirt can be collected at
Cracks Yard
Grove Burn Road,
in the mornings Monday to Friday.
Weekends by arrangement.

Delivery by arrangement but not guaranteed

Phone Trevor (03) 225 5864 or Stephen (03) 226 6817

## **Community Notice Board**



Thanks Loretta for all the years of patient, unselfish and dedicated hard work you have given as Editor of our Community Newsletter – the "Western Wanderer".

Loretta unhesitatingly stepped up to the mark and without any formal training has kept us ticking along.

Thanks again Loretta – from the rest of the team, Ngarita, Helen, Lyla, Elaine & George

#### **TUATAPERE ENVELOPES**

Envelopes printed with the "Tuatapere on Natures Edge" Logo are now available again.

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

Cost \$3.00 per 10

#### **COUNTRY CORNER CRAFTS**

CRAFT CENTRE "SUMMER HOURS"

10:00am - 4:00pm

#### **CLOSED TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS**

Come in and browse and see what we have to offer.

Hats, scarves, children's knitwear, cards, jewellery, woodware, sewing, jams, pickles, sauces, etc.

Tuatapere souvenirs "On Natures Edge" logo are always available.

Is anyone interested in joining to see their crafts? You are more than welcome to contact us.

If anyone wants to volunteer their time and work in the Craft Centre - let us know! It's a great way to meet people!

If you wish to view the shop and it is closed, please ring
Louise Greber (03) 668 6001 or
Lyla Shorriff (02) 226 6187

Lyla Sherriff (03) 226 6187 and they will open it for you.

#### **SENIOR CITIZENS**

Senior Citizens is a group of over 60s 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. Contact: Olive Bennett Ph (03) 2266 477

## TUATAPERE VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE SKY TOWER CHALLENGE

It looks like we have a lot of interest for the 2020 Sky Tower Challenge so we will be busy over the coming months raising money for the Leukaemia Foundation to assist people in their fight against blood cancers. We are still collecting old car batteries. Please phone and we will collect. Jason 027 232 6482; Loretta 027 462 9527; Andrew 027 225 4777

#### **CATHOLIC MASS TIME CHANGE**

In Tuatapere Catholic Mass is now at 5:00pm every Saturday evening at St George's Anglican Church, corner of Orawia Road and Birch Street.
All welcome! For those who want to make contact with our Parish Priest, please phone Fr Jacob on (03) 225 8158

#### TUATAPERE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - SUNDAY SERVICE

All Welcome! Come and join us! Morning Service: 10am Contact: Chris Howen (03) 225 5161 **Church & Hall Bookings/Hire** Contact Vicky Unahi (03) 226 6528



## On the Community Beat

Graham Parsons, Tuatapere Police

This is an amalgamation of December and January events since I did not put out a December report.



The school holidays are pretty much finished and students will be heading back to school. With students catching buses and crossing roads remember to take notice and slow down to the correct speed of 20kmph if passing a stationary school bus putting down or picking up passengers. With the start of a new school bus route up the Lillburn Monowai road this year, if you travel this road in the mornings or afternoons being a windy narrow road take extra care with the bus operating.

There have been a number of crashes over December and January across the area from Blackmount, Clifden through to Orepuki. Although none of them resulted in injuries, there was certainly potential. A fairly common theme in a number of them was the driver's being distracted causing vehicles to get into the road verge followed by an overreaction resulting in a loss of control and crashing. In other driving matters a local man was prosecuted after being found driving while disqualified.

There has been a steady number of dishonesty offences reported from theft through to burglary. A large 20ltr drum of oil was stolen off the back of a ute parked at an address at Clifden. At a farm address on the Ohai Clifden Highway an offender has stolen an expensive container of Solvo poison and sabotaged a nearby farm tractor by putting herbicide from a nearby drum into the fuel tank. An unlocked car was entered outside the Orepuki tavern and a bag containing personal items plus a Samsung cell phone was taken. A local Tuatapere person reported an overseas scammer had fraudulently accessed their bank account and transferred out thousands of dollars.

On the week of the 20th of January the Waiau Star club rooms at the Tuatapere Domain were broken into. Entry was gained by smashing a window in the changing rooms. Anyone with information around this crime or knowledge as to who was involved please contact us. A boat owner reported that someone had climbed into his boat while it was parked behind his vehicle outside the Tui Base Camp (or what was the previously Café 99) in Tuatapere. They have stolen a set of keys for the boat that were in the boat ignition. In a separate matter Police are investigating a cell phone that was reported stolen from the females changing room at the Tuatapere swimming pool.

A complaint has been made and under investigation regarding unlawful hunting in the Jericho forestry block at Blackmount. Police were called to an Orepuki farm property following a dispute involving some ex workers. Police were also called to deal with a complaint of a similar nature on a farm near Tuatapere. Police attendance was sufficient to resolve these matters.

Cannabis Season - It is that time of year again were those involved in the cultivation of cannabis outdoors for the drug trade are moving around and active. You may notice unusual or suspicious activity or come across these individuals while out and about particularly near bush or forestry country and river margin areas. If you see any people, vehicles or activity that may be relevant give us a ring and let us know. While the status of Cannabis is very topical at present there is no doubt from those of us on the coal face regarding the social harm this drug causes along with many other illegal drugs on the market. If you can assist us with getting some of this stuff of the street you are doing a service for the community.

Lost and Found - A 20 metre flounder net was lost after it fell off the back of a vehicle near the Waiau river mouth on the Papatotara road. An iPhone was lost at Gemstone beach at Orepuki. Another iPhone was lost near Garden Bay at Orepuki. A further Huawai cell phone was lost in the Domain area of Tuatapere. A small cargo type carry bag possibly a contractor's lunch bag was located on Gully road near Tuatapere containing a Samsung cell phone. A knife and leather pouch was located on Grove Burn Road near Tuatapere. If you have lost any of the items found or located the lost ones get in touch.

If you wish to contact us to discuss any matters outlined or other general inquires we can be contacted at the Tuatapere Police Station on 03 226 9003

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## Waiau Squash Club 🔎



Howdy from the squash club!

Another season gone, and pretty soon another season will begin. If you are keen to have a hit we would love new members. Please contact our 2020 Club Captains. Our inter-club teams for the season have to complete by February 28th so don't hesitate to give them a buzz:

Sam Egerton - 027 250 5477 **Ladies:** Nic Mitchell - 021 815 531 Men:

They will be able to help direct you to a good time to have a hit!

We recently held our AGM, numbers were small but we managed to fill all our positions,

thanks guys.

**President:** Kate Gray Secretary: Debbie Fowle **Vice:** Jayne Blair-Edie **Treasurer:** Kate Egerton

Kate Egerton is taking the Treasures job over from Christine Egerton who has stepped down. Christine has been involved in our club for over 20 years and has played a huge part in our redecoration and moving our club forward, so much so that we made her a Life Member a few years ago. On behalf of the club Christine we thank you for all your hard work, it doesn't go unnoticed! Hopefully this doesn't mean you're stepping down from the court as well!

Our Club Champs were held earlier in the year. On behalf of the club we say a huge congrats to the winners! There were some great battles on the court!

Mens A Grade: Sam Egerton Ladies A Grade: Michele Ridder Mens B Grade: Richard Bennett Ladies B Grade: Michele Ridder

Mens Most Improved: Roger Paterson Ladies Most Improved: Michele Ridder

Ladies Masters: Michele Ridder Mens Masters: Sam Egerton

We also had our annual Tournament earlier in the year. It is a great event for the town and our meal on the Saturday is talked about all over Southland. We would like to thank our members for all their help over the weekend. Without you guys we would be lost. Also a special thanks to "Helen, Nic, Kate and Izzy" for fine tuning everything - it ran like clockwork.

But the biggest thanks have to go to our sponsors. We can't thank you enough! So thanks to:

- Pikoburn Stud
- Tuatapere Service Station
- Josh Gill Contracting
- Phillip's Contracting
- Fowle Contracting
- Tuatapere 4 Square
- Summer Rain Photography
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Based at Belmont Station - McLees Road, Western Southland.

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3.30pm The David Gray Memorial Hill Climb - give it a go, or watch from the car park.

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Need more info? www.blackmounttrailride.co.nz or email blackmounttrailride@gmail.com

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## A Piece of History

with Des Williams

We're excited to bring you a new feature addition to the Western Wanderer starting next issue.

Des Williams, Author of 'Hole in the Bush' will be a regular contributor!

Below is a poem he wrote for the WW!

#### A Southland Breeze

There are some who crave to strike it rich With money, they'd buy a flash new place And traverse the tropics on a super-yacht I'd settle for a Southland breeze in my face

With the mansion there'd be European cars And many friends with whom to touch base Meeting for coffee in designer-brand clothes I'd settle for a Southland breeze in my face

Of course, there would be no need to work On social media they'd be setting the pace Posting new selfies while on public display I'd settle for a Southland breeze in my face

At shows or ballet, they would be front row 'Look at me displaying my style and grace It's important that nouveau support the arts' I'd settle for a Southland breeze in my face

The life of leisure would be a constant chore Mingling with the in-crowd a perpetual race High class restaurants to frequent each week I'd settle for a Southland breeze in my face

I'll take the coast down at Gemstone Beach Rain drops in the air (just the faintest trace) Weather coming in from off the South Pole What I call a 'Southland breeze' in my face

## Want you car washed and dried, windows cleaned?

Price arranged on request!

Contact: Rex Hibbs
Flat 1/26 Orawia Road
Tuatapere



## Aunty's Cookbook

#### **Quick & Easy Guacomole**

4 ripe avocados, seeded and peeled

2 Tbsp lemon juice

1 clove garlic, crushed

1 tomato, finely chopped

1/4 cup finely chopped onion

1/4 tsp ground cumin

3 drops hot chilli sauce



Using a fork, coarsely mash avocado with lemon juice and garlic. Stir in remaining ingredients to blend. Serve with tortilla chips, or crackers.



10 minutes



6-8 people



Are you a whizz in the kitchen? Have you got great recipes to share? Would you like to be the regular contributor to Aunty's Cookbook section? Send us an email: yourwesternwandereregmail.com & let us know!

#### Wanted to Buy

Possum Fur, Hard deer, Antler, Deer Velvet

> Phone Leith 027 496 3721



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Freephone: 0800 550 800 (outside Invercargill city only)

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Hours: Monday to Thursday 9:00am to 4:30pm Friday 9:00am to 1:30pm

We have staff solicitors available to represent people in district court (Invercargill and Gore) - if you meet our criteria.

We also provide a free legal advice service with our roster of volunteer lawyers - appointments are necessary. Our Case Workers provide free information and support to people with problems ranging from employment, tenancy, personal debt, education systems through to legal systems and WINZ.

We run outreach clinics fortnightly in Gore as well as in Western and Northern Southland. Ring for an appointment.

Under special circumstances we can also do home visits.

Our services are proudly funded by the Solicitors Trust and administered through the Legal Services Agency and by public donations.

Diggin' in the Cabbage Patch

#### **GREAT TIME TO PLANT**

Basil, beetroot, beans, carrot, celery, coriander, courgette, cucumber, leek, lettuce, mesclun, parsley, parsnip, potatoes, radish, rhubarb, silverbeet, tomatoes

#### THIS MONTH'S TIPS

- The best times to plant are early in the morning or late in the day, so the plants aren't exposed to the hot sun straight away. Always water plants well before and after planting.
- The better the soil, the better your plants will grow.
- In the hot house, tomato plants may be growing well now and more fruit sets will be appearing. Fruit will be ripening from now until late autumn. For the best flavour, leave the fruit to ripen on the plant. Continue staking, keep pinching out new laterals that appear and keep plants well watered.

#### SPOTLIGHT ON: SILVERBEET

Silverbeet grows year-round, thriving in both the heat of summer and cold of winter, and is equally happy in containers and garden beds. Another bonus is that you don't need to grow too many plants as a few will feed a family for months.

In the garden choose a position in full sun. Silverbeet is tolerant of a wide range of soils, but does best in one that is fertile, well worked and retains moisture.







PLEASE HAVE YOUR ARTICLES, NOTICES, OR UPDATED ADVERTS FOR THE WESTERN WANDERER IN BY THE **20TH OF EACH MONTH.** 

PLEASE SEND TO: yourwesternwanderer@gmail.com

We're aiming to have the Western Wanderer printed and available the first week of every month.

#### TUATAPERE HANDYMAN SERVICES

**Barry Bennett** 

(03) 226 6730

- Painting Interior/Exterior
- Waterblasting
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- Spider & Fly Spraying
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WELCOME TO

# Tuatapere

The Tuatapere and Districts Promotions Group welcomes you. We hope you enjoy living in our community.

Here are some details that will help you find your way around our local services, including council, regulatory and community.

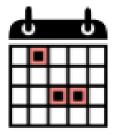
However, if there is something else you need help with, please contact community worker Keri Potter on 027 757 5983.

Also interesting and worthwhile are www.onnaturesedge.co.nz and the Tuatapere and Districts Community Facebook page & the This is Tuatapere Facebook page

## Tuatapere and Districts - What's On?

Want to know what's on?

Got an event, meeting, sporting event, workshop, entertainment that you want everyone to know about?



Add it to What's On!

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Visit www.onnaturesedge.co.nz

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If you notice an error or your group has been missed out please contact us on **thisistuatapere@gmail.com** and we will update our master file.

We are hoping to publish an updated "pull-out" on a regular basis.

If you know of someone new to the district please let us know so that we can give them a welcome pack.

#### **Rubbish and Council Regulatory Information**

- Rubbish and recycle bins are emptied alternately on Wednesdays, red-top bin is for general household rubbish and yellow-top bin is for recyclable material. You can also dispose of recyclables at the Recycle Centre at the end of King Street.
- ★ Southland District Council, 0800 732 732, www.southlanddc.govt.nz, for all queries regarding buildings, noise control, dog regulations, water, sewerage and stormwater.
- ★ Local Authority representatives, Southland District Councillor George Harpur 027 652 6728; Tuatapere Community Board Chair Margret Thomas (03) 226 6104.

#### **Community Services in Tuatapere and District**

- ★ Emergency calls police, fire brigade, ambulance phone 111
- Non-urgent police inquiries (03) 226 9020 (if station is unmanned, calls will be diverted to Invercargill)
- ★ Tuatapere has an active St John Ambulance service supported by the local Lions Club. The Ambulance service is free to Tuatapere residents. Both the Tuatapere Ambulance service and Tuatapere Fire Brigade are always looking for volunteers. If you are interested please contact: Jane Norman (03) 226 6502 (ambulance) or Brendon Diack (03) 226 6551 (fire).
- ★ Medical Centre, (03) 226 6123, 69a Orawia Rd, opposite the Tuatapere swimming pool. Prescription medication can be picked up from the pharmacy depot (03) 226 6999 at the rear of the medical centre. Physiotherapy is also available, contact the medical centre.
- ★ The St John Western Southland Health Shuttle service is available (by donation) to everyone in Western Southland for any health-related appointments. For bookings, phone St John on 0800 103 046 prior to 3pm the day before your appointment.
- ★ Postal Services: Chambers Garage, 45 Half Mile Rd, 03 226 6654, open Monday-Friday 9am-5pm. Postal delivery within the town boundary, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- ★ Justices of the Peace: Mr Don Egerton (03) 226 6114, Mrs Ngarita Dixon (03) 226 6613
- ★ Victim Support: Pat Murdoch (03) 226 6350
- ★ Tuatapere Plunket Society: Kelly Turner (nurse) 027 687 7921 Plunket Group, Alice 027 270 0363
- ★ Independent Midwife: Isobel Devery (03) 226 6822 / 027 226 7020
- ★ Meals on Wheels, enquiries to Lynley at Waiau Health Trust (03) 2266 123
- ★ The Waiau Memorial Library is a free community service. Open Friday 10am-11.30am, 2.30pm-4pm, 7pm-8pm, Jan Laurie (03) 226 6398

#### **Churches**

- ★ Tuatapere Presbyterian Church, Chris Howden (03) 225 5161, Sunday service 10.30am
- ★ Tuatapere Catholic Church, Anne Horrell (03) 2266627 Saturday service 5.00pm held in the Anglican Church
- ★ Tuatapere Anglican Church, Les Smart (03) 226 6456 first and third Sunday of the month at 10 am

#### Education and Childcare

- ★ Waiau Area School (03) 226 6285
- ★ Hauroko Valley Primary School (03) 226 6753
- ★ Tuatapere Playgroup, Friday 9am-12pm, Gemma Bennett 022 040 3368
- ★ Clifden Playgroup, Wednesday 10am-12pm, Lynley Patterson 027 429 7436
- ★ Mainly Music, Monday 10am-12pm, Heidi Berkelaar 022 315 3326
- ★ Tuatapere Toy Library, Minessa Erskine 027 311 2112
- ★ Just 4 Kids Daycare, Eileen Forde 027 209 1822, Krystal Malsen 027 945 9621, Yvonne Nimmo 027 415 7816

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- ★ Appliance Repairs: Roald 021 024 88737 (summer season)
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- ★ Veterinary Clinics: Otautau Vets Ltd (03) 225 8134, VetSouth (03) 225 8206

#### Food, Takeaways and Beverages

- ★ The Tuatapere Four Square Supermarket, groceries/takeaways, open seven days 7.30am-9pm, (03) 22 66898
- ★ The Hungry Hippo (03) 226 6417
- 🖈 Orepuki Beach Café Orepuki (03) 234 5211
- ★ The Last Light Lodge & Café (03) 226 6667
- ★ The Waiau Hotel (03) 226 6409
- ★ Waiau Town & Country Club (03) 226 6489
- ★ Tui Base Camp Motels, Backpackers and Holiday Park (03) 226 6250
- ★ Bucket Honey Café 022 088 7993

#### Sports, Clubs and Organisations in and around Tuatapere

A&P Society - Isobel Devery 027 226 7020

Axeman's Athletic Society - Christine Egerton (03) 226 6113

Bushmans Museum - Lindsay Faulkner (03) 226 6650

Baths Committee - Kaylene Bennett 027 432 7156 / kaylene@beachvalley.co.nz

Book Club - Carole Campbell

Cemetery Trust - Maurice Green (03) 226 6065

Civil Defence - Geoff Evans (03) 226 6258

Clifden Rural Women - Lynley Whyte 021 211 5553 / whyte.5@farmside.co.nz

Community Gardens - Isobel Green (03) 226 6065

Country Corner Crafts - Lyla Sherriff (03)226 6187 Louise Greber (03) 668 6001

Fire Brigade - Brendon Diack (03) 226 6551 / 027 231 9708

Golf Club - Carol Erskine (03) 226 6602 / 027 459 9654

Hauroko Valley Primary School - (03) 226 6753 / office@haurokovalley.school.nz

Locator Beacon Trust - John Munro (03) 226 6341/027 412 2925 locatorbeacons@gmail.com

L Clarke Fit - Lorelee Clarke 021 888 415 (fitness classes)

Waiau Valley Netball Club - Debbie Chandler 021 259 9620

Orawia Embroidery Group - Faith Black (03) 225 5822

Senior Citizens - Friday afternoons - Olive Bennett (03) 226 6477

Southland Locator Beacon - John Munro (03) 226 6341 / 027 412 2925

Spinning & Weaving - Lyla Sherriff (03) 226 6187

Squash Club - Kate Gray 0274139124

Tuatapere Bowling Club - Ian Van Dam (03) 226 6447

Tuatapere Community Worker - Keri Potter 027 757 5983

Tuatapere Highland Dancing - Isobel Devery 027 226 7020

Tuatapere Hump Ridge Track Office - (03) 226 6739 / Cedric Wedderburn 022 027 3834

Ladies Bowling Club - Olive Bennett (03) 226 6477

Tuatapere & District Promotion Inc - Paula McKenzie 027 434 6777

Tuatapere Lions Club - Jimmy Harris (03) 226 6507 Maurice Green - (03) 226 6065

Tuatapere Pipe Band Hall - Helen Ogle (03) 226 6017

Tuatapere Playgroup - Gemma Bennett 022 040 3368

Tuatapere RSA - John Munro (03) 226 6341 / 027 412 2925

Tuatapere Scouts - Quinton Erskine (03) 226 6969 / 027 223 4842

Tuatapere Tennis Club - Debbie Fowle 027 525 5052

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Waiau Area School - (03) 226 6285 / admin@was.school.nz

Waiau Community Theatre - Sue Edgerton 022 164 1971 / Anne Horrell (03) 226 6627

Waiau Memorial Library - Jan Laurie (03) 226 6398

Waiau Small Bore Rifle Club - Quinton Erskine (03) 226 6969

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Waiau Star Rugby Club - Blayne de Vries 027 631 7273

Waiau Junior Star Rugby - Loretta Tilby 027 462 9527

Waiau Swimming Club - Kaylene Bennett 027 432 7156

Waiau Town & Country Club Card Group - Lindsay Faulkner (03) 226 6650

Western Southland Gun Club (Clay Targets) - Des Chambers (03) 226 6654

Wine Club - Lynette Chambers (03) 226 6654

We aim to have everyone on this list but we have to start off somewhere.

If we have missed your sport, club or committee please don't hesitate to let us know and we will add you! **thisistuatapere@gmail.com** 

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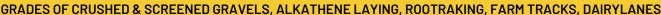
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#### **Conditions of Entry**

Animals are to be handled by a person 16 years & under No ponies, horses, calves, sheep or lambs are eligible for this section as there are classes for them in other sections at this show.

Class 1 - Best Small Dog Class 4 - Best Caged Pet Class 2 - Best Large Dog Class 3 - Best Goat Class 5 - Best Piglet Class 6 - Most Unusual Pet



## Clifden Rural Womens Branch

Lynley White, President



Warm Greetings for 2020. Our members have had a busy couple of months.

In November we turned on morning tea for the students who cleverly designed our bookmarks for our International Day of Rural Women event we hosted. We appreciated their help and were thrilled with their designs. Each of our guests were given a bookmark as a momento for the day.

Our group visited Guytons Food Forest Garden on the outskirts of Riverton and were shown around by Robert and Robyn. This was unique, farmland turned into a lush fruit laden forest. We sampled many edible plants and learned of the health benefits associated with them. We finished the morning with lunch at the Orepuki Cafe.

We have again presented a Collins Dictionary & Thesaurus each of the students that are graduating from their schools - Riverton Primary, Hauroko Valley Primary, Waiau Area School, Takatimu Primary, and St Patricks.

This is a tradition that we have continued on from Western Southland Rural Women NZ. Sadly for the students at Otautau School our offer was declined.





Our Branch has sponsored one local girl so she can continue with tertiary studies and training for her chosen career. We wish Cadie all the best.

Clifden Rural Women are delighted that the toilets at the Clifden Bridge are open and looking amazing with the planter boxes and plantings. We are proud to be associated with this.

In November I was privileged to travel and attend the Rural Women NZ Summit and AGM in Wellington. It was a fantastic event, the AGM Business Policy Workshops, NZI Rural Women NZ Business Awards at the Beehive, as well as meeting many other RWNZ members from all over NZ. A team of 12 members from our Region One attended so we tried to ensure that we spread out over all the workshops - Technology, Education, Health, Environment & Social Tips and Support for our Rural Communities in an Adverse Event.

Coming up is a bus trip to the Catlins, joining with other RW Branch members. This is instead of the annual bus trip that visits our forest at Castledowns.

This year our Clifden Branch celebrates 90 years!

Our next meeting is 13th February at Tui Base Camp at 7.30pm.

New members always welcome!

#### **WAIAU HEALTH TRUST - FEBRUARY 2020**

#### **TUATAPERE MEDICAL CENTRE:**

Meningococcal Disease Vaccination is now free for 13 - 25 year olds

Meningococcal disease is a highly contagious disease carried in the nose and throat. The groups with the highest rate of this disease is Children under 5 years and Adolescents aged 15-19 years.

The Government has announced that anyone aged 13 to 25 years who lives in boarding school hostels, tertiary education halls or residence or military barracks are eligible to receive the meningococcal ACWY vaccine free of charge until December 1, 2020.

From December 1st, 2020, only those persons entering into their first year of living in these institutions will be able to be vaccinated for meningococcal ACWY free of charge. Meningococcal ACWY strains account for 59% of cases for 2018. However, Meningococcal B accounted for 44% of cases and Group C for 9%. There are vaccines for these strains available for purchase from the medical centre.

If you have any questions regarding the above, or would like your child to be vaccinated, please phone the Medical Centre and speak to one of the nurses.

Please remember when booking an appointment with your Practitioner, if you have several things to discuss please book your appointment time accordingly. This will mean you don't have to come back another time or to avoid other patients needing to wait unnecessarily.

#### Women's Health Evening

We are planning an evening of valuable information for women of all ages (young to not to old) on **24th February 2020** at the Waiau Town & Country Club. Please note this date in your calendar and await further information!

## <u>Please remember to report to reception on arrival at the clinic to avoid any unnecessary wait times.</u>

Homebased Maternity Support Services continues to be available in our area.

Kate Egerton is the new co-ordinator in this role, should you have any questions please phone the Medical Centre and ask to speak to Kate or Jo.

Jo Sanford Manager

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

District Nursing Available as required by referral



## PERSON OF INTEREST

## Where are you from? Where are you now?

I was born at Tuatapere (one of Dr Elder's 4000 deliveries) and spent the first 18 years of my life there, attending primary school and then four years at Waiau District High School, completing a sixth form year. In January 1968, a month after my 18th birthday, I travelled north by train and inter-island ferry to attend Hamilton Teachers' College. I didn't stay at College long enough to become a teacher but, apart from a few years back in the South Island in the 1970s, I have remained in Hamilton.

## When you lived in Tuatapere, what did you do?

I grew up on the family sheep and dairy farm on Jenkins Road, one mile (1.6km) from the Main Road turn-off. From about the age of 13 I was helping Dad milk the cows morning and night and then for the last year or more through 1966-1967 I worked after school and late night Fridays as 'shop assistant' at the Southland Farmers Co-Op store, when Ian Buchanan (RIP) was manager.

### What do you do now?

I am owner/editor of Shearing magazine and Last Side Publishing Ltd. The magazine is published in April, August and December each year. I also publish small print run books for people who want just a few dozen or a few hundred copies. I've also written several books of my own and compiled (with help from many others) The Hole in the Bush for Tuatapere's centennial in 2010. My main working career was with the Department of Lands and Survey (until 1987) and then with the Department of Conservation until my retirement 20 months ago. I was DOC's Waikato journalist/media advisor for 20 years or more.

### What would people remember the most about you?

There would be very few people left to remember a small, dark-haired boy, rarely seen without a rugby ball in his hands or in a carry bag. Usually on his way to the Domain or school grounds to practice goal kicking! (Maurice Green could tell a story here ... but don't let him!)

### What's the best thing about Tuatapere?

Tuatapere is a mere shadow of the thriving sawmill-based community that I grew up in during the 1960s, but it will always be my home town. I come back to reminisce as often as possible about the Britonia theatre, Friday night shopping on Main Street, rugby at the domain, Len Egerton's pies, New Year's Day sports, swimming in the mighty Waiau River, great teachers at the school ... Not too many people left now that knew me back when, but the memories remain.

## What's the funniest/weirdest thing that happened to you while you lived here?

There used to be a sawmill about 300 metres from our farmhouse, known as 'Templer's Mill'. The mill burned down one night when I was maybe seven or eight years old and I still vividly remember the ash and burning embers blowing across the top of our house. And especially the noise made by the burning corrugated iron as it twisted and buckled in the heat, the roar of the fire itself and the 'popping' lead-head nails. Fifty years later (here in Hamilton), my daughter came home late one evening and said she could hear a 'strange noise' outside. I went outside to listen and said almost immediately, 'That sounds like Templer's Mill burning down.' Within a few minutes came the sound of fire engines and next morning we learned there had been a major fire at the local High School, about one kilometre away. Not funny, but weird maybe, that the noise of the Templer's fire should come back so sharply to my mind after all those years.



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Summer is finally here (?), lets hope the good weather lasts!



The T20 and other sports have kicked off, keep an eye on our FB page to keep up to date with the entertainment on offer.

The new menu and cafe offerings have been hitting the customers spot. Did you know the sausage rolls, cheese rolls and pies are just a few of the things on offer that are made in house?

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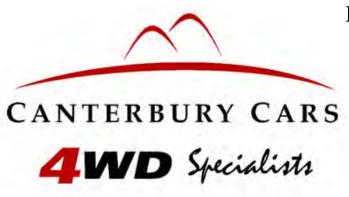












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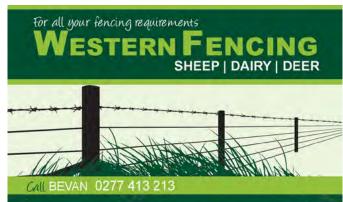
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