

Tarras Dog Trials -

Local results & Rocky Point Pottery Plates 2024

Top Local Heading Dog -Peter Withers & Shy combined 177 Points
 Top Local Huntaway Dog- A J Hawker & Spud combined 191.5 Points
 Top Open Heading Dog - Ed & Rick Aubrey tied with 184 points
 Top Open Huntaway Dog- Robbie Calder & Ned with 193 Points

Special Prize- Local Competitor -Zoe Keenan
 Raffle Winner- Anne Trevathan.

The 2024 Dog Trials were held on the 21st and 22nd March 2024 at the Chapman-Cohens Property on Phillips Road 68 competitors over 2 days With great weather and great food (Tarras School Fundraiser) competitor and Dogs were well looked after.

Many thanks to our Sponsors and all the locals who help out and contributed to a successful day - we couldn't do it without you!
 Nine Mile Polled Merinos, Landpro, Mainland Capital, Tarras Tailing , Green to Gold, Purina Proplan, Cromtrans UCT, Farmlands, PGG Wrightson, Vetlife AON Vetent, WS Hickey & Sons , RTL , Tux , The Fridge , liquorland Alberttown.
 And Rebecca & Gus Chapman -Cohen



ANNA VAN RIEL
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Become a more confident vocalist and have fun singing in parts

SAT 18 MAY 3-5PM
 TARRAS CHURCH
 27 CHURCH LANE, TARRAS

Tickets \$20
 Email anna@annavanriel.com for details and bookings.
 Participants are invited to bring a shared plate for a community gathering before the evening concert that follows this workshop.

Tarras Talk

Find us online at www.tarras.org.nz



ANZAC Service

25th April 10am

Officiating – Damen Plimmer
 Speaker – Mark Davidson

Help required with preparing the hall seating and ushers to offer service sheets, poppies and collect offerings. Also help with tea / coffee and ANZAC biscuits after the service. (ANZAC biscuits provided)

Rugby Tarras Game is 15th June - the Neil Purvis Memorial Upper Clutha vs Alexandra

Lilliput Library - Spread the Word!

Our Lilliput Library can be found near the Tarras school gate.

- You can:-
- **Take a book
 - ** Return a book or pass on to friends.
 - ** Add a new book

A Lilliput Library aims to encourage and foster a love for reading within the community.

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In 2012 Jim was recognised with a Queens Service Medal, for services to the community including raising more than \$200,000 for charity - in particular the Cancer Society and Age Concern. A conservationist, he has always been an advocate for the South Island high country. He has also taught outdoor and work skills, as a volunteer, at Mt Aspiring College. Read more here:

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/timaru-herald/news/7629669/South-Canterbury-trio-receive-their-honours>

Jim says he has no plans to leave Tarras, but you can never say never. He might move into a smaller unit when his 50 acres feels more like 500, but he can't imagine that happening any time soon. We hope not too Jim.

THE TARRAS CHURCH SERVICE IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 11AM

Upcoming service: 5TH MAY 2024

DUTY: LUCY ANNAN & BARB ANNAN

Services lead by Damon Plimmer – all welcome

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A STORAGE SHED FOR THE CHURCH GROUNDS - IF ANYONE HAS A SHED OR SIMILAR THEY NO LONGER REQUIRE, THAT COULD BE RELOCATED, WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU.

Please contact Felicity Hayman: 0274 372 137



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ANNA VAN RIEL
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 Original jazz, folk and blues

SAT 18 MAY | DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM
 TARRAS CHURCH
 27 CHURCH LANE, TARRAS

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Tarras Rural Women Line Dancing Session - where brain and feet don't quite meet!

This was a new experience for the twelve ladies who came to give it a go.

Our instructor Glenise Drake, took us s-l-o-w-l-y through the steps.

We had success with some dances and were rather pleased with ourselves.

Line dancing exercises the body as well as the brain.

It was actually darn good fun!

Tarras Talk is sponsored by: **TARRAS RURAL WOMEN**



Meet: Jim Morris

I met Jim at the recent Tarras CD Club dog trials and it was suggested I talk to him for this edition of TT. I asked this humble, soft-spoken gentleman what had made his life so interesting? He didn't tell me much, rather laughing at my use of the word - interesting, but Google (and some of his friends) did!! There is so much to this man, that TT does not have enough room to share it all. Hence links to articles about Jim, have been provided, should you wish to read more.

Jims family history is very interesting and you can read here:

<https://www.odt.co.nz/business/farming/mothers-war-sacrifices-cruellest-loss>

Ever since he was a young nipper, Jim has enjoyed writing poetry. Throughout his life, his love of the high country and the written word has taken him many places, and has included publishing a book entitled "Different Worlds" Backcountry Yarns. Jim has used sales from his book to fundraise for charities. Its available at the Tarras Merino shop, and its well worth the money. Jims words so accurately describe life on land. It's a 10/10.

Jim and Mary Ann moved to Tarras 7 years ago, in retirement. Together they own 50 acres of land, 40 of which is planted in lucerne and the remaining 10, has a variety of uses, including providing extra grazing for neighbour's stock. The move to Tarras was inspired by the number of people they already knew here. Jim reckons the climate in Tarras is spot on, but admits a little more rain would be nice. And he adds" the best thing about Tarras is how friendly the natives are". "What's the worst thing about Tarras" I asked him. Jim had to think for quite a while before coming up with - "that jolly main road". LOLs Jim fills his days helping his neighbours around their farms doing a bit of whatever needs doing. In his spare time (and I think the word 'spare' is used loosely), Jim likes to go to their crib in Ben Avon for a bit of a break, or else you can find him at Haast, fishing.

Originally Jim hails from the Canterbury region. At one time owning Manuka Point Station where he ran mainly sheep and beef. Jim has previously trialled his working dogs but not this year. In 1988 Jim bought the 25000-acre lease of Ben Avon in the Ahuriri Valley. Jim was on the station for 30 years before selling to The Lindis Group. Jim saw the Ben Avon run through land tenure review when it decreased in size to 6500 acres of freehold land, with the reminder placed into DOC estate. Jim has always adopted a low impact approach to farming, to limit any negative environmental impacts.

Jim has always had a love of Clydesdale horses. His grandfather, had a stud in Dargaville and Clydesdales were used on the property until 1960. Jim attended the Royal Highland Show in Scotland, the home of the Clydesdale, in 1995. Jim has owned and judged Clydesdales throughout the country and has also served as President of the Clydesdale Horse Society of NZ. You can read more here:

<https://www.odt.co.nz/news/dunedin/integrity-beauty-and-strength>

In 2005 Jim and Mary Ann Morris of Ben Avon Station were awarded the Canterbury Aoraki conservation Board award, Te Waka o Aoraki which recognises, and encourages, conservation efforts and achievements in Canterbury. Jim was awarded this for his involvement in the black stilt/kakī conservation. Read more here:

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/about-us/statutory-and-advisory-bodies/conservation-boards/canterbury-aoraki/te-waka-o-aoraki-trophy/>

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Kia ora,
Tarras is a great community to be a part of and we are a very fortunate school to have your support. This month we have seen endless offers of support and we're so appreciative:

Special thanks to Chrissy and Robbie Gibson for organising the 'Gift Lambs/Tag Fundraiser' at the A&P Show - we appreciate your efforts and are grateful to all the people who purchased tickets. We made \$1305.50 from this.

I'd like to sincerely thank all of the Community Members who prepared, baked and cooked delicious food for the 'Dog Trials'. We really appreciate your generosity and support - many commented on how much they enjoyed their lunch so thank you! Special mention to Jayne Rive for going above and beyond to coordinate the meals with her helpful crew of Dani Feary and Liz Carroll-Lowe. Also, thanks to Spin Lucas for helping to rally the troops to provide food. Thanks to Peregrine Wine for their generous donation of wine for the raffle and to Robbie Gibson for organising it.

From everyone's efforts with the meal and raffle tickets, we made just under \$2000! We're delighted! Check out our handy Fundraiser-ometer as we track towards improving our playground

- Phase 1 - new matting and edging to be completed in 2024
- Phase 2 - upgrade/add some new play pieces with the target to be completed in for 2025

We're grateful to the Rutherford family who's donation has enabled us to purchase more Reading books to be used as a Reading Intervention. Without all the donations we receive, we wouldn't be able to have these invaluable resources.

Lastly, we are holding a 'Learning Celebration' on Wednesday the 10th of April at 2:00pm. Come along to see all that we have been up to this term - we'd love to see you.

We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable Easter break.

Ngā mihi nui,

Alice

PS: If you are wanting to read our fortnightly newsletter, download the app 'SkoolLoop' and find 'Tarras School'. Under the newsletter tab you'll be able to see what else we get up to!



Tarras talk by email!

Anyone in the community who would like to receive Tarras Talk via email to send their email address to Tarras Rural Women: tarrasruralwomen@gmail.com

Have news for Tarras Talk?

Please continue to email tarrastalk@gmail.com by the 30th of the month. If you too would like to be included in the reminder email, send me an email and I will add you to the list.