

Tarras Talk

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TARRAS COMMUNITY RESPONSE GROUP

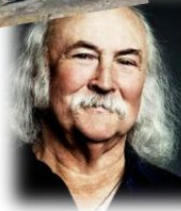
Earth records hottest year ever in 2024 and the jump was so big it breached a key threshold

Seth Ruvenstein

The last 10 years are the 10 hottest on record and are likely the hottest in 125,000 years, Burgess said.



Emergencies do not schedule appointments; You must always be prepared



"It can't happen here" is number one on the list of famous last words.

— David Crosby —

AZ QUOTES

Māori Point Wines Summer Events



Saturday February 15 - Wine Futures Event: *'For the Love of Wine'* from 1:30 - 4:30pm. Join us for an unforgettable afternoon of wine exploration, perfect for wine lovers of all levels. Enjoy exclusive tastings of future vintage Pinot Noir straight from the barrel, vertical tastings of our library wines, and guided vineyard walks. Spaces limited, all inclusive tickets \$30 - available on our website.

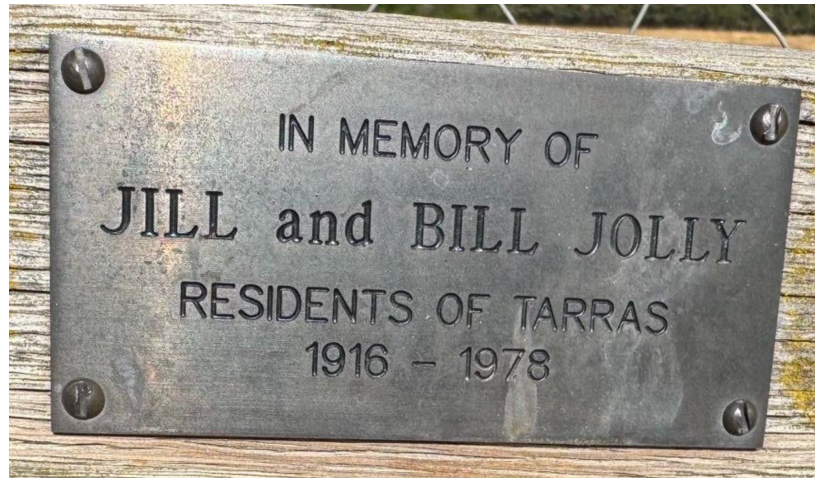
Friday February 21 - Happy Hour from 5-7pm at our tasting room. We will offer discounts on wine by the glass as well as speciality cocktails and free nibbles on the day.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Reporting by Tarras Chick

At the Tarras tennis courts, (old and new), you will find two seats that call out for you to sit, relax & watch the world go by.

Each bears a plaque that reads “Jill and Bill Jolly 1916-1978”. There is no doubting that the Jolly name is synonymous with Tarras, & has been for many generations. But who were Jill and Bill & why do they have memorial seats?



The Jolly farm (Kotiti) was drawn in the 1910 sub-division of Morven Hills by Bill's father, EA Jolly. Bill was the youngest of nine children & as none of his siblings were interested in taking over the family farm, Bill continued to farm it. Some of Bill's 6 sisters ran the Tarras post office at various times.

When World War 2 broke out, Bill was devastated to fail his medical to sign up due to flat feet, however it was ironic that he was able to go on to play rugby for Otago, the South Island team & play in the final All Black trial in 1939, that team was never announced due to the outbreak of the war.

Jill's father drew The Point in the same 1910 sub-division, & she lived there until her marriage to Bill. Unlike Bill, Jill did not go to the Tarras Primary school as there was no 'top bridge' across the river, so she & her siblings went to Cromwell instead, where they were weekly boarders. Jill attended Otago university, when war broke out she signed up with the Women's Land Army which was formed to manage the acute farm labour shortage due to male farm workers signing up to go to war. Jill's parents, Jack & Ida Lethbridge, became avid travellers & in 1929 on one of their adventures, they stood on the Great Wall of China. In later years Jill & Bill also enjoyed travelling & in 1965 spent 7 months in Europe.

Both Jill and Bill were very involved in the community & great supporters of the many club & organisations in Tarras at the time, particularly the Golf, Rugby, Tennis, Pony & Dog Trial clubs. In 1978 Bill & Jill retired to Wanaka where they built one of the first houses in Rippon Lea, sadly Bill died only a few years later & Jill continued to live there until moving to a retirement village in Mosgiel. When Jill moved from Wanaka she asked Tarras Rural Women to sell the contents of her house & for this money to be used in Tarras for community projects. Bill & Jill were survived by their 3 children, Pete is still farming Kotiti, while both Linda & Jacqueline now live in Auckland.



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



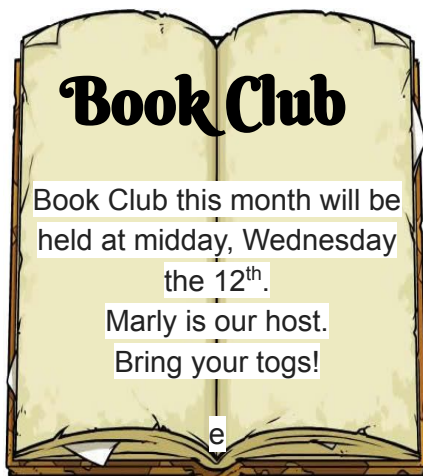
Skin & Bone

**top shelf Dunedin swing band
Tarras Community Church**

Friday 14 March 7.30pm
\$25 Tickets from [Humanitix.com/nz](https://www.humanitix.com/nz)

Lilliput Library: Spread the Word
The Library has been too popular over the holidays and is in urgent need of restocking. You can help by donating any surplus novels. Thank you!

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



TARRAS RURAL WOMEN

February catch-up & relax @ Maori Point Vineyard
2pm Wednesday 19th
Cheese boards & pizza available to purchase.
We look forward to seeing you.



Growing Native Forests

Workshop Invitation

Join us for an **informative and interactive** workshop designed to inspire and guide landowners, community members, and enthusiasts on the **journey to growing native forests**.

Date: 19 February 2025
Time: 1:00-3:00 PM
(followed by afternoon tea)
Location: Tarras Community Hall

Topics covered:

- Growing native forests – learn from experienced restoration experts
- Forever Protected in Central Otago - what's up with the QE11 National Trust?
- Managing the problem of animal pests



This workshop is proudly organized by Te Uru Rākau to support and encourage sustainable native afforestation efforts.

Please **register** for the free event, to help us plan for catering by **17 February 2025** under canopy.govt.nz → [Events](#)

Don't miss this opportunity to learn, connect and contribute to support healthy communities and healthy ecosystems.

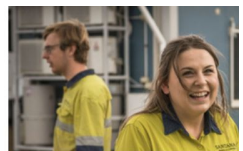


event registration

Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa
New Zealand Government

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Community drop-in sessions

Chat to the team about the project, what stage we are at, and share your thoughts.

Tarras - Community Hall

Monday 13 January: 5.30 - 6.30pm
Monday 10 February: 5.30 - 6.30pm
Monday 10 March: 5.30 - 6.30pm
Monday 14 April: 5.30 - 6.30pm

Cromwell - 15a Chardonnay St

Monday 20 January: 5.30 - 6.30pm
Monday 3 February: 5.30 - 6.30pm
Monday 17 February: 5.30 - 6.30pm
Monday 3 March: 5.30 - 6.30pm



CENTRAL OTAGO
FARMING FOR PROFIT

Unlocking potential: the power of data-driven decision-making

Tuesday 18 February 1:00 – 5:00 pm
Ida Valley Station, 613 Moa Creek Rd

Learn how the Paterson family has transformed Ida Valley Station into an efficient, modern farming operation. Discover how data-driven decision-making and innovative farming practices are unlocking new potential for success.

Event highlights:

- **Hill country development**
- **Maximising potential with Farmax** with renowned consultant Phil Tither (AgFirst).
- **Harnessing the value of EID** – explore how EID can help farmers unlock the full potential of their sheep flocks, with Paul Crick (B+LNZ National Farmer Council Chair) and Dayanne Almeida (Zoetic Genetics, NZ Sheep Technical Lead).

BBQ and refreshments to follow.

Registration required via the B+LNZ events page: www.beeflambnz.com/events.



Tarras Golf Club AGM

Tarras Golf Club AGM Tuesday 18th March 7pm at Tarras Hall.

All apologies to Elsie
tarrasgolfclub@gmail.com

Fire Restrictions

For the current fire restrictions and permits go to www.firepermit.nz or QR Code



For the last calendar year we were called to 57 events in total. As we roll through January we have already been called to 9 events from motor vehicle accidents, fires and broken powerlines.

I'm sitting writing this after an early morning call to a fire at the base of a power pole caused by vegetation arching on wires. As I drove home from this incident in the dark I noticed electric fences on a property shorting out and sparking, this is often more visible at night and is a risk of causing a fire.

Although we have had small amounts of rain we still have very high risk of fires given the amount of dry grass around and we remind you that there's a TOTAL FIRE BAN currently in place.

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

Upcoming services:

2ND FEBRUARY 2025

DUTY: SPIN LUCAS & DEBS PRITCHARD-JONES

2ND MARCH 2025

DUTY: FELICITY HAYMAN & TRUDI PRYDE

Services lead by Damon Plimmer – all welcome



Tarras Collie Dog Club AGM
4 February 2025 Tarras Hall 7pm

Apologies to tarrascdc@outlook.com

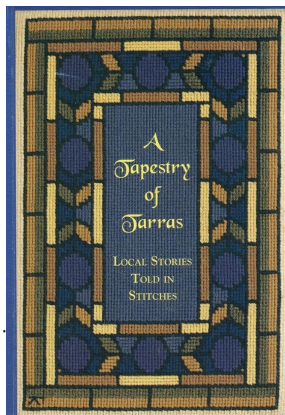
All sponsors, members, and interested parties are encouraged to attend.

<https://www.facebook.com/tarrascolliedogclub/>



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