

RURAL WOMEN NEW ZEALAND

You are invited to attend our very 1st Otago RWNZ Networking Group Meeting on Monday 12th March Heriot Community Centre Heriot at 10.30am for Morning Tea
 This is a 'new' approach for Otago and looking to the future of the organisation. With all RWNZ members within Otago being most welcome to attend.

In November 2017 the Otago Linking Committee ceased to operate.
The Otago RWNZ Networking Group will be led by the Otago members of the inaugural Lower South Island Area Committee.
 Gloria and her team in West Otago kindly offered to host the first day. It is planned to take these days around Otago and hopefully we will be able to have 2 to 3 days during each year.

The day will commence at 11.00 am with our Meeting (which will be brief)
Guest Speakers at 11:30 am
De Thomson – Regional Transport Advisor for Otago/ Southland; Ministry of Education (which entails being the liaison for schools and caregivers in these areas)
John Doesburg – Transport Contracts Manager; Ministry of Education holds relationships with the transport providers
 This team will provide a clear understanding of the eligibility criteria to school transport as well as route design guidelines.
Lunch break at 12:30 pm; with Meeting wrapping up around 3.00pm

Numbers attending needed for catering purposes. **Cost for the day is \$15 per person.** Please phone Gloria McHutchon at 03 204 0846 or email gloria_alexm@hotmail.com by March 6th. **The local ladies are happy to offer free accommodation to any long distance travellers, if that will help your decision to come or not! Again, please let Gloria know by March 6th.**
Please take the opportunity to attend this very interesting day and met the Otago members of the Lower South Island Area Committee, local member of National Board; as well as myself.
 Pat Macaulay - National Leadership Councillor for Lower South Island, Mobile 027 2016921, Landline 03 484 7006 or Email pat.macaulay@outlook.com

Please continue to email tarrastalk@gmail.com by the 25th 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.

We are still online at www.tarras.org.nz

Announcements

Congratulations to...

Arabella Chapman-Cohen on her appointment as Head Boarder at St. Hildas School, Dunedin.

And Happy Birthday to...

Holger Reinecke on his 50th Birthday in February
Doreen Still on her 80th Birthday on 19th March
Helen Pledger on her 70th Birthday on 26th March



TARRAS DOG TRIALS CATERING

- This year Playgroup are seeking donations of food from the community for catering at the Tarras Dog Trials on the 22nd & 23rd of March.
- **Meat, baking and bacon & egg pies** would be gratefully accepted.
- If you would like to contribute an item **please contact Clare** on 027 222 4022 by 12th March.
- You may still be contacted by a member of Playgroup if more food is required.
- This is Playgroups largest fundraiser for the year and all monies raised are going towards the maintenance of the Playgroup building.
- Your support of this fundraiser is much appreciated.

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

Book Club

Book club this month will be held at Anne Rive's house on Wednesday 14 March at 7.30pm. If you are unable to attend please can you return your book to Felicity as soon as possible."

TARRAS GOLF CLUB

Congratulations- The Tarras team of **Holger Reinecke, Dave Trevathan, Skip Johnston** and **Graeme Rive** on winning the Senior Men's section of the Trilogy Golf Tournament at Alexandra, Dunstan and Omakau on 3/4 February. They defended their title from 2017 when Colin Pledger was a team member.



TARRAS HALL

Here in Tarras we are very lucky to have a community hall with surrounding facilities. In the past we have always had a Hall committee who liaise with Central Otago District Council in co-ordinating an annual budget for maintenance and upgrades to keep this facility to a high standard for the whole of the community to utilise and enjoy.

This year we propose to change the structure of the committee to include the playground, rugby field, fire station, tennis courts, Tarras Golf Club, the recycling centre and of course the Tarras hall. To achieve this we invite anyone who uses and appreciates these facilities to come along and meet with us and maybe even join our new Tarras Hall and Recreation committee.

We do not want to put any pressure on anyone but more people means more ideas which is always a good thing. Who knows you may come up with a great idea for the area that people like the sound of and you can be proud to tell people that was your work.

We have also been given notice that our current cleaner will no longer be able to continue as our cleaner, Thanks Codey for your efforts there. Please be in touch if you may be keen to take on this role.

With all of this in mind Notice is hereby given that the Tarras Hall and Recreation committee will be holding it's AGM on Wednesday 28 March 7pm at the Tarras Hall.

Apologies can be sent to Jonny Trevathan @ jonnyt@xtra.co.nz

TARRAS COMMUNITY CHURCH

Our service this month will be on the 3rd Sunday: 18th March at 11am, led by Rev Damon Plimmer. Parish AGM immediately after service, followed by a picnic lunch (BYO) Tea and Coffee provided. All Welcome Duty: Felicity Hayman and Janette Emmerson

John Wekking Electrical
027 222 1003, A/H 03 445 1614
24 Sunhaven Cove
Cromwell

Domestic, Commercial, Industrial

Tarras Playgroup

We have started back 2018 with a great turn out. We have had Mary Heaney from REAP join us and do marble painting with the older children. The children are spending a lot of time outside, enjoying the sandpit and trampoline while the weather is still nice.

This term we have welcomed Billie Marsh and her granddaughter, Charlotte along. It is great to see extras popping in from time to time. Also, the addition of Lewis Rutherford and Lachlan Bennett.

We have our major fundraising event (Tarras Dog Trials) for the year coming up on 22 & 23 March. Due to the Otago Regional Dog Trials also being held in Tarras this year, we are needing to run the catering side slightly different than previous years with having two events only weeks apart. **Please see the note regarding this on the front page!** If you are still missing your bowl, plate, tray etc from Dog Trials last year, we have now collected these from the Tarras Store (where they have been for the past 11 months) and will bring the box along to the dog trials for you to claim them. Any left after that, will be donated to either the Hall, School or Playgroup. None of these are named. PLEASE NAME YOUR DISH. This helps us to return them to their rightful owner.

And, lastly HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Archie Orchiston who is now 2!

IMPORTANT CHANGES

Firstly, last week we held our annual AGM and following changes have been made to the office roles:
President: Michelle Dacombe
Secretary: Kimberley Glass
Treasurer: Stacey Bates

Secondly, from 1 March 2018 we will be now meeting on a WEDNESDAY morning from 9am to 12pm. We have made this change to help increase our roll even more with this day suiting more young families.

We are on the lookout for a small fridge/freezer for Playgroup. If you have one you are ready to move on, or hear of one available, please contact us or pop into Playgroup.

TARRAS RURAL WOMEN

Tarras branch of Rural Women
Wednesday 21st March
Movie night followed by a meal.
Details when schedule of films is out.

Tarras School

As we hit the halfway point of Term 1 we can look back at some great learning already.

Students showed us all what great impact having the school pool does. We attended a small schools swimsports competing against Millers Flat, Omakau and Poolburn. Our youngest students cheered our year 3 - 5's on to a selection of placings. Our fastest swimmers will now move onto the Central Otago Champs and maybe even the Otago swimsports in April.

We have started exploring Zero Waste and began close to home by examining our lunchboxes. The students were amazed that some food travelled from as far as India to be in our lunchboxes. It was awesome to see that students had food from their own gardens too, showing how low the carbon footprint can be for fresh fruits and vegetables.

Whilst we were looking at our lunch boxes we discussed recycling, and we found out a way to raise money for our school and recycle - best of both worlds! By signing up to an eco-friendly recycling company called Terracycle (<https://www.terracycle.co.nz/en-NZ>) we can get, from some companies, a reward of \$1 per 1kg for every kg over 2kg. We will collect and send off from school so don't throw all your waste away help us raise funds for fun resources. The following companies recycle your waste by melting the plastics down and made into new plastic products:
**Colgate (they accept any oral care brand. Send your floss containers, old toothbrushes, empty toothpaste tubes and boxes)
**GLAD (they take used and cleaned gladwrap, snaplock bags, ziplock bags and matchware containers)
**Fonterra (this is for the yoghurt pouches ONLY - anchor UNO or Fresh and Fruity)
**The Collective (any of their products including yoghurt pots, pouches and haloumi wrappers).
**Sealord (tuna pockets and tuna express packets)
**Coffee Maker Capsules (Nespresso and Nescafe are accepted)

Please ensure all recycling is clean before dropping off. Also if you have soft plastics that need recycling be aware that there are bins in most supermarkets now.

Reading has kicked off in a big way this year with all students completing reading and activities at home each night. If you enjoy having a story read to you please let me know and we can create some opportunities for our students to read to you. A date for your diaries is 23rd May. At 1pm we will hold a National Simultaneous Storytime, joining with other New Zealanders and Australians in reading the story Hickory Dickory Dash by Tony Wilson! Make some time in your day to come and sit down and listen to a story - all are welcome. Our library is awaiting some new furniture which has been purchased with the monies raised through our produce stall. One step closer to opening again.

FOTS are fundraising at the Wanaka A&P show by selling pulled lamb burgers. There will be sale specials on the Shrek Books too. Make sure you pop along and see us on 9th and 10th March. Our students will be there on Friday helping to drum up interest in our delicious fare.

Be sure to check out our website <https://sites.google.com/view/tarrasschool> or follow us on Facebook or Instagram - search Tarras School to find us.

We welcome Sam Thomas to our school team as our 2018 cleaner.

Nāku Noa
Rachelle, Melissa, Letitia, Pete and Sam

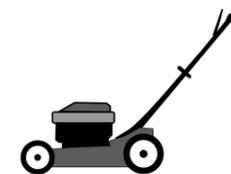


Roll as of 01.03.18 : 6

Wanted

A lawn mowing person to keep the grounds tidy at the church
8--10 mows per annum
Remuneration available

Contact Spin @ 4452885 or spin.ninemile@gmail.com



COMMUNITY MEETING

At the community meeting held at the Tarras church on 26 February 2018 it was unanimously agreed to accept the offer to purchase the Tarras church from The Otago Foundation Trust Board subject to satisfactory financing being obtained by 31 August 2018. It was also agreed that a charitable trust would be established to purchase the church and manage the property following settlement. Progress reports will be provided in the Tarras Talk. Thank you to all who attended the meeting or gave apologies. Any questions please contact Felicity Hayman on 0274 372137."