

It's time to get digging to support some of our local community members this winter!

Thanks to Trees That Count, Aotearoa New Zealand is celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by planting 100,000 native trees across the country and 5,000 of these are being planted on 11 different properties throughout the catchment. This is the first major planting for the Motueka Catchment Collective and the landowners invite you to celebrate the jubilee and help get some locally sourced native trees into the ground.

We would love to see you there!

If interested, please register using the link below so we can let you know if dates or times change. Bring your own spade.

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As the first of the 11 community plantings, the Ngatimoti community did us proud restoring an area of rehabilitation following remedial rock wall work to protect the highway. Twenty-five people planted the 400 trees in a couple of fun hours. Followed by a community dinner.



The next planting event was at Mytton Heights, just out of Motueka, on 25 June. This was a planting on mulched gorse and was followed by a free lunch and a relaxed talk about carbon forestry (large and small) by Carbon Crop. This was also an opportunity for people to discuss their own projects and see if a carbon income from their restoration project would be possible. There was also be a speaker on the Nelson/Tasman Climate Forum.

Here's some of the invitations to the planting events that will be going on in our own Tapawera area. We hope you'll be

able to make it to at least one (or more!) to support our local farmers:

Martin and Jill Bonny. Thursday 30th June, 12.30pm. 297 Tapawera-Baton Road

"Welcome to the planting to extend the vegetation buffer around Scarecrow creek. Jill and I have followed her father (Harry Hancock) in his love for planting natives and a few exotics. Tapawera Area School will be running a free sausage sizzle. Please bring a spade if you've got one!"

Peter & Susan, Jonathan & Abby Fenemor. Saturday 9th July, 10am. 203 Tadmor Valley Road

"Looking forward to seeing people of all ages come along to our farm and give us, the Fenemors, a helping hand to plant some native plants around a newly formed pond and a wet area. So bring your gummies, a spade, and your enthusiasm, and we'll see you at 10 am on Saturday 9th July. Keep an eye out for the direction signs."

Hamish and Jan Barker. Saturday 23rd July, 10am. Sunday Creek Road

"Hi everyone,

We would like to invite the community to assist in planting native Jubilee trees to expand a patch of existing native bush. It will be held on our farm in Sunday Creek Road on Saturday 23rd of July from 10am. Keep an eye out for signposts for directions.

It is winter conditions here so bring sturdy footwear, a spade and some energy!

Thanks, Hamish and Jan Barker"

Judith and Kim Rowe. Tuesday 26th July, 10am. Upper Stanley Brook Road.

"Come and join us for planting and lunch and if you would like to, go for a 30 min walk through our QE2block, one of the most significant areas of lowland bush in the top of the south."

If you have any questions, contact Kate on richkate73@gmail.com or Annette of NZ Landcare Trust on annette.litherland@landcare.org.nz who together are the main organisers of this planting initiative on behalf of the Collective.



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Tapawera Mountain Bike Trails

Wondering what happened to that idea of putting some mountain bike tracks up the hill behind the village? Yes, there was that guy from some mountain bike outfit who run a short introduction to track building. I think they even walked up to the start of the area for a bit of a look around. Seems nothing has come of that.

You may have had a similar conversion if you are at all interested in the concept of tracks near the village.

Well, it hasn't gone away. Admittedly it was a very shaky start. Both the community champions and MTB Trail Trust had to 'regroup', for one reason or another, late in the year. For the Trails Trust it was the very sad passing of Alan Eskrick. He was passionate about providing the opportunity for others to enjoy the outdoors, particularly when it involved mountain biking.

Some background about how things fit together with regards tracks in the Moulder block. The land manager is One Forty One and they were supportive the idea. However, with liability issues and safety being to the forefront they prefer to work with a group that has been there and done that. This is where the MTB Trails Trust, a registered charitable trust, comes in. We are a small group of five trustees, all volunteers, who not only ride mountain bikes but also build and maintain tracks with community support.

If you think about it as the Trust being the umbrella organisation who guide and support the community in achieving the objective. In Tapawera's case, the building of a climbing track to get where you need to be to let gravity help you back down again. Ideally there will be a mix of track grades to suit differing riding abilities.

It looks like nothing has happened out there. Sure, there has been no ground broken but plenty has happened behind the scenes. A detailed Lidar contour map of the block has been obtained. Plans have been created for the concept and several field trips undertaken. These trips are vital to confirm the planning decisions in terms of the feasibility of the chosen route. Indeed one track change did come to light and that is in the process of seeking the approval of effected land owner(s). It is not wise to start any track until all these things have been sorted.

Well that is about it, we are getting closer to kick off and you guys, through your 'community champion', will be first to hear when your help will be required to make this project take off.

Dale Peterson
Chairman
MTB Trails Trust



Tapawera Netball Club June

Tapawera Hop Bar Hotel Team

We played Garin with some excellent teamwork and superb shooting and secured the game-winning 29-3 with Katie Hicks as POD.



Waimea 9B was our next challenge; with a couple away with COVID and a couple still recovering, it was a mixture of a team. Thank you to Tanika Oakly for coming to help us out also. Unfortunately, Katie Gillespie from the Tapawera Blue team didn't have the connections needed to win the game but was close, losing 10-13. POD went to Shakaia Kennett-MacDonald.

Nayland was next. Still battling for numbers following covid, we managed to secure a new player Liv Richardson; she fitted in well, earning POD for a 40-13 win.

The last game of the round was against Waimea Gold. It was a slow start, but working as a team, they secured a 26-14 win. Kara Page was POD.

We are now looking forward to the next round.

Thank you to all the supporters on the sidelines, our sponsors Tapawera Hop Bar Hotel, and the girls for their continued effort.

Emma Bannister Coach

Tapawera Blue Team

During the first round, we have had a few ups and downs with illness and injuries, and luckily we managed to find someone to fill in every time. Even with those challenges, we have managed to win consistently, starting round two up a grade in collegiate 8. We still have plenty to work on, but it's a good feeling to see the results of our hard work.

I thank Tania Higgins and Susan Fenemor for their support and help with my learning to coach.

Jeannie Gillespie Coach

Many thanks to Tania Higgins, for her input with our Facebook page but before that getting the season up and going with setting up Sporty. Next sorting out the team uniforms. Very versatile is Tarns. That's why she's Vice President!

Many thanks to Gary Oldham for his creativity in making our new Netball Club logo, through his business Gazza Sign Art.

Yours in Netball
Susan Fenemor
President/Life Member



We Got It!!

Tapawera has secured a place on the Community-Led Development Programme (yes!) which will mean access to more funding for community-led projects and initiatives (double yes!!). This great news comes on top of a very positive community planning afternoon last month where the Tapawera Community Plan took more shape. We're already working on gathering a team of locals to progress Community-Led Development in Tapawera with the Department of Internal Affairs. This will take time but we'll be in touch the whole way through and as soon as we're ready to receive project proposals we'll let you know! In the meantime if you want to know more about Community-Led Development in Tapawera contact one of the Tapawera Connect co-ordinators.



Get in touch!

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or speak to us in person when you see us around.

yes!

We meet every Tuesday at the cafe from 10am

Notes from the Community Planning Meeting

The meeting was held on a wintery Sunday afternoon at Shedwood Hall on the 19th of June.

Thanks to all those who came along to share their ideas and participate in some inspiring discussions!

A huge thank you also to Eva from the Department of Internal Affairs and Kindra Douglas from Inspiring Communities who facilitated the discussion, to Latisha and Chevy from Burning Edge cafe who provided the delicious food, to Gazza who put together the sign, and the photo display, and to the Shedwood Hall committee for maintaining and managing the hall for us to use!

The meeting started with the exciting announcement that we have been successful with our application to be on the Community Led Development programme which is a partnership with the DIA (Dept. of Internal Affairs) where they will provide funding and mentoring to help us achieve our community goals.

We also shared the great news that the Richmond District Council has indicated that they wish to support work towards a new community hub facility for Tapawera! The first step in this process would be to complete a feasibility study which would involve looking at all the possibilities, talking to as many people as possible to assess the needs and wishes of the community, and coming up with a couple of proposals based on this research for our community to choose from.

Then it was into action! Kindra invited us to indicate where in the circle we feel we fit...for example are you a project champion, actively engaged in leading an initiative, a supporter, or just happy to observe from the periphery. Not surprisingly in our small and proactive community, lots of people were right in the middle keen to help get things done! But we also saw how those in the supporting roles, and those on the periphery are important too...like an onion with lots of layers!

Then it was on to generating some ideas...what would we like to do to work towards our shared community vision?

There were a lot of great ideas. We broke into groups and brainstormed the top four:

Creating Space for Connection and Belonging: (Events, Village Centre, Festivals)

How about a local kai (food) festival? Showcasing what is already available in the community and our local history and stories, with music!

The Cycle Trail:

Lets leverage off this and build on what is already there. Develop a full loop, create 10 year goals, include local history and information along the trails and enhance local facilities to compliment this.

Community Hub

This should include health and support services (Midwives, Plunket, counselling etc), a larger meeting room and smaller meetings room/s, Digital/Internet access and workshops, a licensed kitchen, community garden, be an access point for sharing ideas, a visitors centre...

Food Security/ Food Sovereignty

Helping people through education, mentoring, support who want to grow their own food/share/sell it.

Fruit trees in multiple places, connecting growers with youth and others to harvest and use excess produce, promoting local food shares, workshops on preserving and storing.

How to share/sell our local produce and food products (understanding regulations etc).

People put their names down beside the projects they are keen to be involved in.

As these ideas are developed, our project champions will publish information and there will be lots of opportunities to get involved.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or suggestions, or want to be put in touch with a project lead to support any of these ideas.



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On the Beat – June 2022

Kia ora Tapawera,

I trust you are all looking forward to the winter season quickly

approaching us. I for one can't wait to get back up to the slopes on the Rainbow ski field. Hopefully it is a great season. It is hard to believe we are in June already. I travelled down to Murchison to help my colleague last night and it was several degrees below zero.

With winter upon us I would like to remind you to take care on our roads. It's a good time to have your vehicle checked and remember to always drive to the conditions. It's better to take an extra 5 minutes to get to your destination than not at all.

I have attended two vehicle rollovers in the last month and both times the drivers were in breach of their licence. It is nothing short of miraculous that both times neither driver or passengers were injured. Both drivers have learned a valuable lesson that thankfully has not resulted in the loss of life or serious injury. If you have a young person on a learner or even restricted licence please make sure they are following the conditions of their licences. Having these conversations and conditions in place will without doubt save lives.

I have recently received some reports of people unlawfully on properties. Whilst on some occasions these may have innocent explanations, some certainly do not. If you find someone on your property it is paramount to keep yourself safe and secure. Secondly, it is vital that you contact Police as soon as practicable. Whilst the person may leave the property, we have a far greater chance of catching them if we are called as close to the incident as possible. Delay in contacting us can significantly reduce the chance of us locating the offender. If you are having issues we recommend looking into decent CCTV and security lights. We are more than happy to discuss this if you have any questions.

Whilst I am on the subject of contacting us, I may sound like a broken record, but we constantly get asked how people can contact us. If something is happening now and time sensitive call 111 immediately. You will not be criticised for calling 111 if it is time sensitive and you need Police assistance. Alternatively, you can call 105 to report crime that has already happened. Yes, I know you may be on hold for a while but unfortunately this does happen with the volume of calls we get. If you want to make contact with us at Wakefield, we do not have a direct station phone line.

However, you can email us both at the following email addresses. Emails are jamie.white2@police.govt.nz and matthew.berquist@police.govt.nz. It is important to email both of our email addresses. If you have our work phone numbers, please be aware that we generally do not answer

them when we are not working. If we are on leave, we generally do not check our phones and your matter may go unanswered until we are back from leave. I prefer that you text me if you cannot get hold of me rather than leaving a voice message.

Some of you will be aware I am on Facebook. I do keep an eye on the local pages and whilst I don't mind being tagged in things or being messaged, please be aware that this is not the appropriate way to make contact with Police. I do respond to messages on occasion but would prefer that you make contact via phone or email rather than Facebook. I do not monitor Facebook, will generally never see it if I am working and prefer not to have to take work related messages when I am on leave.

Well that's it from me I am being called out to a job.

Take care, look after each other and until next time be safe.

Constable Jamie White
Wakefield Police



TAS News for May/June

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Principals Comment *Kia Ora*

*What a busy two weeks we have just had. It is excellent for our students/parents/whanau to get together for more events. Four students attended Murchison Area School trials to hopefully be selected to represent the **Top of the South / Canterbury Area Schools** at the Nationals in Whangarei. All four were successful. Congratulations: Flynn Morgan- Rugby, Volleyball, Ki-o-rahi Ryan Jones -Rugby, Volleyball Rosa Cameron- Volleyball, sub for Netball Sarah Jones- Football, Ki-o-rahi We now need everyone to support them in fundraising on their way.*

*Our recent **Art Expo** was a great success. Thank you to the parents and whanau who came in to support our students and see the incredible pou prototypes that they have made. Your voting has helped guide us in the finished designs. We are working on an unveiling on Jul 7.*

*Over the last few weeks, students have been **practicing earthquake drills** in class. We held a whole school one, and it went very well. It is always good to reinforce the correct procedures and routines because we never know when.*

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TAS News cont.

*Congratulations to the whole school for dressing up in **Pink** last Thursday **regarding anti-bullying**. Our student leaders arranged for the entire school to have lunch, which was a great idea (shame about the rain!) The students put some lovely positive messages up around the school.*

*Our Primary students had a great day flying their fish kites for **World Fish Migration Day**.*

*Next week **Year 11** heads to **Christchurch** for a **Careers** trip. I hope you have a great week.*

I would like to remind parents/whanau/community that vehicles should not be brought onto the school grounds during school time. Students may not be aware of cars while they are out playing or changing over classes. This is a Health and Safety issue.

*Congratulations to our senior **Badminton Team**, who recently attended the Secondary Schools Tournament in Motueka. Our girls, Cheyenne, Sarah, Rosa and Amelia, **won Division 2**, and our boys, Ryan, Cain, Findley and Elliot, came second.*

*I welcome **Renee MacDonald** (Sports Co-Ordinator) and **Gemma Walsh** (Trades / Gateway / Careers / Star Co-Ordinator) to our staff.*

***Covid** is still around the area. This week we have four students away with it and others isolating. Remember to stay home if you are feeling unwell. The school have RAT tests if you need them.*

*I would like to **thank all of the parents** and whanau who have come to support our students either on class trips or celebration events so far this term. We have also held some parent education seminars, i.e. John Parson (**Cybersafety**) and an NCEA evening - thank you for your support. Tomorrow, we are holding our first Celebration Assembly at 2.30 pm in the Hall. You are very welcome to attend*

*Ngā Mihi
Angela Sloane
Tumuaki/Principal*

Other School News

We have applied for items again for clothing items for those in need through **The Kids Can Charitable Trust**. The jackets are unique.

Thanks to **Brooke Walker**, our **Enviroschools Coordinator**, for inspiring and supporting the fish migration study that inspired students and staff by sending the survey

with a fish kite parade. Room 6 and 7 spent some time with **Richard de Hamil** learning about Māori fishing technology.

Our fantastic **student librarians** are doing an excellent job of helping with the Book Fair, and that's when they aren't busy stocktaking, Grace McGaveston, Keetah Jones, Ella Walker, Atlanta Linstead and Lily Ashton.

Senior students learnt about what it means to belong to the **Defence Force**. Different experiences in the Army, Air Force and Navy were shared with the students.

Country kids go to town and not for shopping!!



Travelling shows come to the school whether speakers like the armed forces or shows with a message, Elgregoes Magic performance is always a crowd pleaser.



Pre Calving & Pre Lambing

Drinks & Nibbles



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TAS News cont.

In Science, every student in Year 9 to Year 11 has their **sciPad books**. A great teaching tool and resource for each year group. Shery Culling, Science Teacher.
Several people have commented on how great it is to see the students wearing their **orange bus vests** - as they are apparent, especially on the misty mornings and dull afternoons.

Term Jul 3 25 – Sept 30
Term Oct 4 17– Dec 9

The Jam Fellas have numerous types of Jams etc., For Sale at the School Office and the Op Shop
Prices from \$2 - \$6 a jar Fundraising of the year Golden Bay Trip

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Principals Comment

Kia Ora

*Our Year 11 students had a beautiful careers trip and fun activities last week in Christchurch. **Thanks to Mrs Mytton, Mrs de Kriek and Jeannie Gillespie** for taking them. The students I spoke to on Friday afternoon said it was awesome. Thanks to Mrs Mytton for organizing the fundraising **Book Character Dress Up Day** it was a great success last Friday. Students (and parents) made a great effort with their costumes. Thanks to the Library staff for all your support.*

*Last Thursday, we had the **Attitude Workshop for Yr 7 – 13**. The team's presentation is about inspiring our young people to make good decisions about their health and well-being.*

*Our students (Yr 11 – 13) who do Star, Gateway and Trades courses will participate in a **Safety Matters Course** on Jun 13 at school.*

Welcome to our new students, Sam Waby, Mackenzie Booth and Jakoby Hughson and their families.

Covid absences still affect our school with some staff and students away from it or isolated. Please remember to stay home if you are feeling unwell.

*Ngā Mihi
Angela Sloane Tumuaiki/Principal*

Book Character Dress-Ups Classroom winners of the Book Character Dress Up Day were Mia Barker, Sequoia Hesketh, Logan Walsh, Joseph Butcher and Jordan Hook. They each won a \$20 book voucher. **Logan Walsh** won overall.

The **Year 11 students and staff** attending Christchurch visited Canterbury University, Lincoln University, Ara, the New Zealand School of Tourism and Yoobee. They also went to Ten Pin Bowling, up the Gondola, to the Mall, to the Museum, and the new movie, Maverick - a great film - well worth a watch! Finishing with a night at Hanmer Springs and visiting the hot pools.

Uniforms for Tapawera Area School are available online. Search Schooltex uniforms and type Tapawera Area School in the search tab.

The **food tech** room has been pumping out some fantastic food this term!

Year 8s 'Healthy KFC' popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy.

Year 9s mac and cheese loaded with cauliflower and broccoli. Plus boil up.

Year 11 Hospitality class finished their frying and grilling unit with chicken goujons and tartare sauce!

The **Year 7 art** class focused on the elements of line and colour and learning the principles of layering. They are a very talented bunch of artists creating some beautiful Art.

Art Exhibition of Pou Designs

The primary syndicate have been working with the creative Tim Wraight. Tim helped students a few years ago with the Early School carvings. Now he and the students are designing and creating pou for our school grounds. The 12 double-sided pou will be responses to our stunning Tapawera natural landscape, looking to reflect this place's rich culture and heritage.

On Thursday, May 19, we had an art exhibition to celebrate the children's work at the final stage of the design phase. Also, as the pou is a significant permanent creation and will become a long-term part of the Tapawera Area School landscape, we asked for feedback from our community on our designs before we enter the next phase: the creation of the pou!

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Students making shapes for the school pau with master carver Tim Wraight from Marahau

Some of the things our community said:

I would especially like to see kowhai/the native flowers and trees that grow in our area incorporated in the final designs.

I'm excited to see the final art; it sounds like a beautiful concept.

Cool to see the rivers and mountains represented, which are pertinent to our area.

Such a great and exciting opportunity for children to learn about pou and carving/designs.

The silhouette style leaves by Kasey is striking. Charlotte's is fantastic; it could be either tree or leaves, so it makes you look longer/think more. Hannah's weaving design is a good representation of the skill and ingenuity of the people. So many more!

The koru design (room 3 artwork) at the centre of the children's artwork, with all the significant features radiating out, is very creative! This shows how our surroundings and meaningful places are intertwined and interconnected.

They incorporate the traditional black, red and white, which stands out to me.

Great work from all the children.

I'm impressed with the creativity and skill!

Such a great idea; the kids have all done a fantastic job!

Year 9 **Social Science** have been learning about significant places in and around Tapawera, next NZ and did it through Slides. Next, they learnt how to map the 7 Continents, 5 World Oceans and some Commonwealth Countries. While Year 10 did mapping on Australia and then produced a Slideshow on an Australian state of their choice.

We invite the community to keep in touch with what's happening within the school. Either by joining in with:

- the school email tree for the school newsletter
- or following us on Facebook
- or download the App called Skool Loop.

As told by Susan Fenemor Teacher



Library News

As we get deeper into winter with those long evenings we all need good books to read and here's where you'll find them.

The Library here at the school is a Community Library too. We do have so many great books whether you prefer thrillers or romance, autobiographies or non-fiction subjects. Also a good range of the type of magazines that don't date. Gardening or baking never goes out of fashion does it and we have a huge amount of hunting magazines.

If you can't make it to the library during school hours then just call me on 0272625289 and we can arrange a time to open. This also goes for the school holidays when the library is closed. The closed dates are from the 8th July until the 25th July

We had our Book Fair at the end of May with a fantastic response from the parents. Books and items were purchased to the value of \$2335 giving the library a commission of \$670 to use on books from the Lucky Book Club. Thanks everyone.

We had our Book Character Day on the 3rd of June and the students outdid themselves with their costumes. There were winners in every junior class chosen by their classmates and an overall winner. These all received book vouchers. Once again thank you to the parents and guardians who helped with the costumes.

Remember you can check out our catalogue on our website at nz.accessit.online/TPW00 (the last two digits are zeros) The students really enjoy using the search engines on the webpage computer here and entering their membership numbers to check out their own accounts. You can do this at home too, just call or email and ask for your children's number or your own.

If you are new to the community come in and see for yourself what a great library we have in Tapawera. You'll find us behind the tennis courts at the school. Our hours are Monday Wednesday and Thursday 9.30-3.15 and Tuesday and Friday 10-2.30. phone 5224337ex 213, email library@tapawera.school.nz, webpage as above.

Happy Reading folks.
Laree for the library team



The Motueka Catchment Collective has received funding for 8000 native trees from Trees That Count.

5000 of these trees will be planted at 11 community plantings across the catchment to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. These public gatherings are great opportunities to not only help provide a living tribute to a remarkable woman who has served for 70 years, but also to meet up with the local community whilst supporting the Motueka Catchment Collective with positive actions on the ground.

All are welcome as we would love you to be involved. Come prepared for planting and bring your own spade!

Please use this link to pre-register your interest in participating in one or more of the community planting events. This will allow us to provide you with the physical address, more information on the individual project and to contact you if the event needs to be delayed due to rain etc.

You can also use this link to become part of the Motueka Catchment Collective and learn more about what we are doing.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FKR25B8>

PLANTING EVENTS

Greenhill Road
Saturday, 18th June, 1pm

Mytton Heights
Saturday, 25th June, 10am

Tapawera-Baton Road
Thursday, 30th June, 12.30pm

Brooklyn
Monday, 4th July, 11am

Tadmor Road
Saturday, 9th July, 10am

Stanley Brook
Saturday, 23rd July, 10am

Woodstock
Saturday, 23rd July, 10.30am

Upper Stanley Brook Road
Tuesday, 26th July, 10am

Clarke Valley Road
Saturday, 13th August, 10am

Shaggery
Sunday, 14th August, 10.30am

Herring Stream Road
Saturday, 27th August,



Correlations and Filters Zafir Ivanov 2022

Warning: this article contains speculation, simplification, and very likely over-generalization. I think this kind of warning should be kept in the forefront of our minds when reading or listening to big claims. What follows are a couple of related ideas that have been joined together as if one explains the other. I think they might, this does not mean that they do.

You have probably heard multiple times that correlation does not imply causation. An often-used example is the rooster's crow is strongly correlated with sunrise. Correlated is another way of saying that two different things are observed to go together. It would be silly to conclude that the rooster's crow causes the sun to come up no matter how often they are observed to coincide.

In Michael Shermer's 2008 article, Patternicity, he makes a case for our brain being a pattern-recognition machine, looking for causes for things that are seemingly correlated. An organism that notices patterns in its environment is better able to make predictions, which will alter its likelihood of survival and reproduction. For example, believing a rustle in the grass is a snake when it is only the wind blowing, compared to believing it's the wind when it's really a snake. Believing every movement of the grass could be a snake is better for survival than once incorrectly dismissing a snake as the wind.

We look for links between events and sometimes find what looks like meaningful patterns in meaningless noise. In statistics this is called a type 1 error; mistakenly thinking that we have found something that is not there. A type 2 error is the opposite, missing something which is there. If the cost of a type 1 error is less than the cost of a type 2 error, then natural selection will favour type 1 errors. We may tend to be wrong more often to increase the chance of being right sometimes. We might believe things that are false because evolution favours belief over scepticism. I think of this as a water filter, if a filter is too fine the flow is too restrictive and blocks easily, if the filter is too coarse it will let through a lot of contaminants. Choosing the right filter depends on where you are getting your water from and what you are using the water for.

Throughout most of history our survival was dependant on reacting quickly to a new piece of information. Before modern times, jumping to a conclusion might have been more beneficial than slowing down and coming to the right conclusion. I think we have brains and strategies for decision making that are not well suited to modern life. Most of the threats and big problems that we face are not like a rustle in the grass. We have gone from an environment where very small amounts of information could be of life and death importance, to an environment where unlimited information is mostly of little importance.

Since the invention of the printing press there has been an

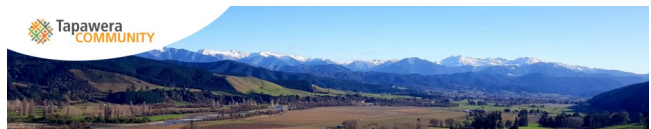
ever-expanding pool of information to draw correlations from. There has also been an increasing number of people who are prepared to state that they have figured out a causal link between correlations. I think for the most part these people are making type 1 errors. With the advent of the internet and the inception of social media, these assumed correlations can spread faster than omicron. Like choosing the right filter for the job, information used for important decisions, or coming from suspect sources needs to be scrutinized carefully. Please remember very few ideas come with an appropriate warning of speculation, simplification, and over-generalization; perhaps more should.

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McLeod, S. A. 2019, What are type I and type II errors? <https://www.simplypsychology.org/type-I-and-type-II-errors.html>

Feedback, criticism and related thoughts can be sent to noideaisabovescrutiny@gmail.com



August Informer/ Tapawera Community Website

There will be no Informer in August as the editor will be away and unable to do it. However any notices can be published on the Tapawera community website <https://tapaweracommunity.nz/> (in August or at anytime), and there is lots of information on the website including details on upcoming events, a digital version of the Informer, Covid Support information and listings of many groups and services. If you'd like to add a notice to the website, please email Phoebe at tapaweraconnect@gmail.com.

Tapawera and Districts Community Council

Tapawera and Districts Community Council (TDCC) holds its Annual General Meeting at 7.00pm on Tuesday August 16th. The meeting will take place in the Tapawera Community Centre and will be followed by the normal monthly meeting.

All are welcome

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KORERO for our DIABETES PATIENTS...

If you have Diabetes and we had an email address on file for you last year, you would have been emailed a survey about our Diabetes Annual Review (DAR). The DAR appointment is a free appointment for patients with Diabetes to check in about Diabetes management and make any changes needed to reduce the risk of future complications to diabetes.

The survey we sent out was part of a larger focus on our diabetes care at Wakefield Health Centre as a Continuous Quality Improvement project.

We had wonderfully detailed responses from many of our patients about the appointments involved in this and several staff discussions about our process and the patient responses. If you would like to see the results, you can see these displayed in the health centre, with details of the whole project. (We realise it's not quite so easy as wandering in to take a look these days but hoping that time does change this ☺ soon and if you are wearing a mask, and have no respiratory symptoms, you can pop in for a look at this in the entranceway). Thanks to all those who contributed their feedback.

We have made (and are making) some changes to the process as a result of this, one of which is shortening the process from 3 appointments to 1-2. We would also like to follow your lead in what you would find valuable to discuss in the appointment, recognising that having Diabetes can be tough and we are not always in the right frame of mind for detailed lifestyle discussions, while for others or at other times, it may be just what we want! We hope to make the process more comfortable and more valuable to you. We hope the reminder letter is a bit more friendly too ☺.

If you are coming in for an annual review in the next few months, you might be asked to do a quick and anonymous point of care survey to indicate how satisfied you were with your review appointment by circling a Red, Yellow or Green face ☺ +/- leave suggestions if you would like to. This is part of our ongoing monitoring and improvement of our service so thanks for taking part if you are asked to.

If you would like to join the Diabetes patient advisory group (a small group of our patients with Diabetes who can meet on an evening to discuss how we can improve our Diabetes care further) – now planned to meet in our next improvement cycle (around September), or you would like some information about the new medications available for Diabetes or any other suggestions please email to

NEW DIABETES MEDICATIONS:

There are some new medications available for Diabetes which we are seeing some great results with. Both the new types can also encourage weight loss, which is a great benefit compared to some other diabetes medications which can have a side effect of weight gain.

These medications may be funded for you if your Diabetes is not well managed and you have other risk factors for Diabetes complications, for example Māori/Pacific ethnicity or heart or kidney disease. If you think this might be you, or you are interested in some more info please ask us.



Rural Support Trust

Matt Chisholm Mental Well Being Event.

8th July Tapawera Rugby Club Rooms. 11:30 am-2 pm

Further detailed information will be in other local media in the next few days.



We had our first really threateningly nasty weather event in several years for our June meeting which was held at Willowbank Heritage Village, Wakefield. There was even a slip closing the highway between Kohatu and Wakefield somewhere, apparently, earlier in the morning. Thankfully that was all cleared up before we all set off. The weather and lots more cases of COVID and other nasty viruses circulating kept our numbers down.

Still, we actually saw some gaps in the cloud cover, allowing us to arrive and enter the venue and later look around the Village without getting drenched, or leaving a wet wake everywhere we went.

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Christine, our host, welcomed us into the old church building, that was a perfect meeting room. She was resplendent in period costume; giving us the history of how she bought the property 20 years ago and initially set up an Antique Shop. Many of our members remember the shop very well, and how they regularly stopped and shopped. From there, she and her (now late) partner started to develop the Heritage Village; creating small buildings as themed stores, school room, etc, all fitted out with Christine's amazing collection of antiques from both NZ and Switzerland. She is Swiss and used to go home most years to visit family and while there, she would help her father do 'house clearances' and she would often fill a shipping container to bring home wonderful objects of furniture, etc to sell in her shop. It really is a wonderful testament to hard work, creativity and passion for 'by-gone' days. (It took most of us back to when we were young, growing up and even visiting the grandparents).

I think I'm safe to say that we all enjoyed our time there, despite the weather and would definitely recommend a visit for an affordable family day out to one of their many open days that resume on a monthly basis in Spring. The whole venue can also be hired out for private events. Some of us thought it'd be a great location for a relaxed, fun wedding. The wedding couple could probably dress up in period costume, along with guests, and have photos taken around the Village with an amazing variety of props!

Next month's meeting will be held on Thursday, 14th July, at 11am at The Villa, Wakefield.

They are allowing us to use the large room at the front of the property for our meeting and lunch. We will be served shared platters, subsidised by the Club. If you want to come along and join us you need to contact Linda O'Leary by Friday 8th July and deposit \$5 towards the cost of the food into our bank account - Garden Club 11-7400-0745898-11 include 'Villa&surname' as the reference (or get it to one of the Committee members prior to this date). You will need to purchase drinks separately. As usual we will have a raffle and auction. Chairs will be limited, so it might well pay to bring one.

Following the meeting, our member Mahala White, who lives nearby the cafe, has offered us to visit her garden. More details will be provided at the meeting. Here's hoping for some sunshine.

Janine Leeden

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Senior Wellbeing Update July

Amazingly July is our first anniversary of Tea and Talk in Tapawera, so time for celebrating! We had a great number at last month's get-together, which was really encouraging. Maybe it was the draw of our guest speaker – Peter Phillips, speaking about his experiences as a JP over many years. Peter had us all listening closely to ensure we didn't miss out on the opportunity to score a Turkish Delight!

16th June was Elder Abuse Awareness Day, with Age Concern marking the whole month of June to highlight and educate about the sad reality of this problem in our communities. This month, on Tuesday, 26th July at 10-11.30am at Memorial Hall Mal Drummond from Age Concern's Elder Abuse Response Team in Richmond was our guest speaker. He is the amazing staff member who deals with this issue and is very experienced, wise, understanding, approachable and compassionate.

Don't let the miserable winter weather get you down. Come along for some fun, friendship and festive fare....(I had to keep with the 'f' theme...). There will be treats to take home with you to help you through the rest of the week. I look forward to seeing you all then.



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Federated Farmers

Contact: Brent Hodgkinson
 Ph. 5224381

Golden Bush Garden Club

Meet: 2nd Thursday of month
 Contact: President, Kathy Whyte
 5224550, or Shirley Percy 5224924

Golf

Meet: every Sunday, Ladies 9 hole
 every Tuesday
 Contact: Gary Oldham ph. 0278080578

Historical Society

Contact: Barbara Carleton ph. 5224317

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 Susan Fenemor ph. 0275224009 (text
 during school hours)

MENZSHED

Contact: John Wilmshurst ph. 5224616

Netball

Contact: Susan Fenemor ph.
 0275224009 (text during school hours)

Ramblers

Meet: each month
 Contact: Shirley Percy ph. 5224924

Shedwood Hall bookings

Contact: Tania Higgins ph. 5224587

St Andrews Church Stanley Brook

Services every Sunday. Cup of tea
 afterwards.
 Contact: Lee Winter ph. 5224160

St John Ambulance, Tapawera

St John: ambulance – dial 111,
 Contact: 0800 785 646 ext. 3227

Tapawera Community Centre

Bookings: Carolyn Ellis ph. 027 823
 7247, email tapaweraTDCC@gmail.com

Tapawera Creative Fibre

Meet: every Wednesdays, Memorial
 Hall, Tapawera
 Contact: Dallas Robinson ph. 5224984

Tapawera Dentokan Jujutsu Club

Contact: Tony Hammersley ph. 5224609

Tapawera Food Bank

Contact: Suzzi Lankshear ph.
 0277491063

Tapawera Music/Country Music Club

Meet: Alternate Sundays, Tapawera
 Hotel 7:30pm
 Contact: Elaine Douglas ph. 5418612

Tapawera Op Shop

Contact: Lisa Carleton ph.0274461017

Tapawera Playcentre

Meet: Mon & Thur, 10am -12:30pm
 Memorial Hall ph. 5224456

Tapawera Rugby Football Club

Bookings: ph. Judy Benjamin 5224445

Tapawera Connect

Contact: Phoebe Quinlivan ph. 021 211
 6730 or 522 4929, email:
tapaweraconnect@gmail.com

Tapawera Sport & Recreation Society

Contact: Judy Benjamin ph. 5224445

Tapawera Volunteer Fire Brigade

Contact: Dean Millar Chief ph.
 0279651399; Ted Oakly Deputy Chief
 ph. 0210704033

Tapawera & Districts Community Church

Service: St. Peter's Tapawera. 2nd &
 4th Sundays at 3pm
 Contact: Church Office 03 541 8883
 Vicar: Rev. Don Moses ph. 541 8883

TAS / Community Library

Mon, Wed & Thurs 9:30am-3:15pm,
 Tues & Fri 10am-2:30pm. Contact:
 Lareen Bonnington ph. 5224149
 Library ph. 5224337/ext. 213

Tapawera & District Community Council

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of month,
 7:30pm Tapawera Community Centre

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Contact: Bruce Whyte ph. 5224550

Toy Library

Open Monday & Saturday 10:30am-
 11:30am Contact: Jan ph. 5224102

Visual Arts Society Tapawera

Contact: Dallas Robinson ph. 5224984

**What's on
July**

- 8 Rural Support Trust Matt
Chisholm Mental Well Being
Event. Tapawera Rugby Club
Rooms, 11:30am-2pm
- 9 Planting event, 203 Tadmor
Valley Road, 10am
- 14 Garden Club, The Villa,
Wakefield, 11am
- 19 TDCC monthly meeting,
Community Centre, 7pm
- 20 Articles for Informer close 5pm
- 23 Planting event, Sunday Creek
Road, 10am
- 23 Pre Calving & Pre Lambing
Drinks & Nibbles, Tapawera
Rugby Club rooms, 7pm
- 26 Planting event, Upper Stanley
Brook Road, 10am
- 16 Aug TDCC AGM and monthly
meeting, Community Centre,

**GP & Nurse at
Tapawera Clinic**

(during school term time):

GP clinics – Mondays
9am – 12 midday

Nurse clinic – alternate
Tuesday mornings - phone
541 8911 for dates

- * *Do you have an event you
would like listed in What's On?*
- * *Or a community group or
organisation you would like
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