



I've been Area Connector for Top of the South Neighbourhood Support for a little while now so I'm getting a clearer picture of ways Neighbourhood Support can support the Tapawera community.

Street Groups

Do you want to belong to a safer, more connected, more resilient neighbourhood?

Great, because Neighbourhood Support will soon be looking for village residents to become members of street groups. We will also be looking for people to be street contacts for those groups.

Neighbours who know each other and have a plan in place are far more likely to be able to quickly, safely and effectively navigate an incident or emergency than those who do not.

Later we hope to also be recruiting folk in the rural areas to become community connectors. Watch this space!

Step into Spring

Step into Spring is a festival promoting the benefits of walking for wellbeing and provides an opportunity for people to connect with each other and the environment. We hope Step into Spring will spark interest and support people in developing meaningful connections, while they explore their area on foot and help create safer communities.

It's a new initiative between the Health Action Trust, Top of the South Neighbourhood Support, Te Whatu Ora Nelson Marlborough and both Nelson and Tasman councils, which will take place next month across the Nelson Tasman region.

In October Neighbourhood Support will be running one or more events in Tapawera, most likely one during the week and one at the weekend. The focus is on participation and getting out to enjoy the (hopefully) fine Spring weather and have a free coffee or cup of tea together at the end of it.

Tapawera on Two Wheels

Feeling the days getting longer and warming up? Been thinking about getting your bike out and going for a Spring ride or maybe riding for the first time?

Tapawera on Two Wheels hopes to encourage people to cycle more in and around Tapawera.

The focus will be on participation and so the initial goal will be to encourage people, especially families, to take part with easier ride options initially centering on Tapawera.

This initiative fits with Top of the South Neighbourhood Support goals of encouraging positive interactions between people to build a sense of belonging and inclusion, and supporting healthy living, physical activity and mental wellbeing.

There are more things in the works but that's enough for now.

Ngā mihi

Gavin Scoble
Tapawera Area Connector
Top of the South Neighbourhood Support

Local TDC Elections Meet the Candidate at Tapawera



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Local TDCC Chairperson running meeting and candidates standing for Lakes/Murchison Ward, Stuart Bryant, Dean McNamara, Richard Osmaston, Sharon Rogers

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Another season has ended, whew, what a mission, but we have gotten to the end.

Covid once again played an essential role in netball; because of sickness, there were weeks that the coaches struggled as they headed into the weekend as to whether they would be able to field a team. Thanks to those who supported the call for help.

Another factor is we just don't have enough players interested in travelling for sport; combined with low female numbers in the year groups, we couldn't get any primary teams entered, a first since netball started here in the 1980s. The few players that we had been interested in, fortunately, were able to play for Wakefield School. Thanks, Lisa McGaveston, for teeing this up. Thanks to the families for keeping your child's netball skills going.

So this year, we were able to field two teams.

Wow, what an excellent end for one of our two teams; Tapawera Hop Bar Team went through 3 Collegiate Grades with minimal players of just seven and won the final. Well done, team.

Thanks to the coaches and their support team for your endeavours this year. May 2023 be better for you.

Tapawera Hop Bar Hotel Team

The final round of the season was a little testing, with games cancelled due to the state of emergency in Nelson. Tapawera Hop Bar Hotel played Motueka 9a. A close game throughout, but some excellent play from all to take the 25- 20 win securing a spot in the finals. POD Amelia Hook had great defence and energy throughout the game. We played against Motueka 10 in the final, and having lost to them, the girls were hungry for the win. Outstanding effort, taking the win 36-24 POD Liv Richardson. Thank you to our sponsors and to all who came to support us. Thank you to Renee for helping out and Karen for doing our scoring; you are amazing.

Emma Bannister- Coach

Tapawera Blue

The season started with a hiss and a roar, and we won the first round easily, which put us up a grade from Collegiate 9 to Collegiate 8. The next game was plagued by bad weather and illness, so we finished that round at 4th on the table. Round three was more challenging still, with all the interruptions to keep the team motivated. Then we lost Shanina Guyton to injury, and Levi Davies left school, leaving us struggling to find enough players each week. We recruited Jackson Bennett (luckily, his rugby season was finished), who was an excellent replacement for Levi in the centre position.

It was my first year coaching, and I have to say I appreciate the time all the coaches preceding me have put in; it's a big job! Belinda Grice, Julie Campbell, Rachel Taylor and Hayley Neiman, you were all fantastic and big shoes for me to try and fill.

Jeannie Gillespie- Coach

Team Trophies

Hotel Tapawera

Dempster Trophy, Most Improved: Shakaia Kennett-MacDonald

Fenemor Trophy, Most Valuable: Sarah Jones

Tapawera Blue Team

Tapawera Four Square, Most Improved: Maddy Pronk

Tapawera Hotel, Most Valuable: Kate Mytton

Club Trophies

Tony Bange Tray-Committee (President to decide this Year): Tania Higgins

Mytton Cup-Best Defence: Rosa Cameron

Bannister Trophy-Best Attack: Kara Page

Warnes Trophy-Most Committed Team: Hotel Tapawera

Susan & Peter Fenemor Trophy-Most committed family:

Gillespie Family

Umpire Pins-Students: Kate Mytton, Katie Gillespie

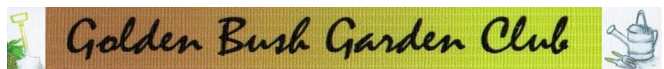
Round Table Overall-Contribution to the club: Emma Bannister



Winners of the Dianne Gregg Trophy for Collegiate 4

Yours In Netball

Susan Fenemor , President/Life Member



October Update 2022 - by Janine Leeden, Secretary

Hi everyone, Spring has sprung and we're currently enjoying a few days of dry, warmer weather to try and get the yard and lawn under control after so much rain. I hope you all came away unscathed after the dreadful storms that really hammered the Nelson and Blenheim region.

The signs of Spring always resonate 'new beginnings' to me, with baby lambs in the fields and bright yellow daffodils bringing a smile and touch of sunshine warmth to the soul. It reminds me of how privileged I feel to live in this beautiful region, where there are four definite seasons of the year, with some coming in one day..... As much as the Winter seems long, dark, cold and wet, for an ex-Qlder, by the end of July the stunning yellow show of the wattle shouts to me to 'hang on, Spring is just around the corner!'



Jujutsu Martial Arts Class

Tapawera

Now the COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted, the jujutsu classes are starting up again on Mondays from 3rd October 2022 in the school hall.

Previous students and new beginners welcome.

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\$2 per student for each class

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October Update 2022 Cont.

September saw us meeting at Ian and Charlene Storrar's in Stanley Brook where we were all welcomed by the daffodil 'guard of honour' from the street frontage, all the way down the driveway and all around their gardens. Such a stunning display, thanks for the invitation that we finally managed after two years of COVID interruptions! We also celebrated our 45th anniversary of Golden Bush Garden Club, with several founding members still regular attendees. We had a few of them cut the cake(s) that were beautifully made by Lorraine Signal and Judy Hodgkinson. Judy, Geraldine Carleton and Cynthia Midgley cut the cakes and Kathy Whyte was presented with the corsage from the cake for her many years of service.



This month we have been shocked and saddened at the passing of two well known GC members in Lee Waby and Nicky Bavin. Our hearts go out to their respective families and friends. They will indeed be missed in their communities and from our membership!

Our October meeting will be held at Penny Lane Plants in Wakefield on Thursday, 13th October with 11am start. We were there earlier in the year and all elected to revisit in the Spring to enjoy their amazing garden and potager in time to purchase lots of plants now we're in the mood for gardening again.

**Visual Arts Society of Tapawera
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IF YOU HELPED SOMEONE TO PLANT TREES THIS WINTER, YOU ARE AWESOME – THANK YOU!

Why we all benefit from planting trees – landowner or not

By helping our neighbours, friends, and family get trees into the ground this winter, our whole community will reap the ecosystem services they provide in the future.

Whilst they may not have been planted on every farm or by every stream (yet!), they will still help to store carbon, recycle nutrients, stabilise soils, reduce sedimentation, moderate erosion, and reduce flood risk. They will also give shade and will even provide habitat and food for our native birds, bees, insects and invertebrates!

Upper Motueka Catchment Stories – Jubilee (perhaps now memorial?) Trees.

Thank you so much to everyone who helped plant the 5000 Jubilee trees this winter.

Susan, Pete, Jonathan & Abby Fenemor

Trees That Count 2022 gave us a great opportunity which we gratefully accepted. As sheep and beef farmers, we had been conscious of the rules and regulations creeping in regarding waterways. As farmers who wanted to do our bit and protect our waterways, it was an ideal time to start.

We started with initial ideas and supportive input from Annette Litherland, NZ Landcare Trust and later, Kate Radloff, from the Upper Motueka Catchment Propagation group.

Over the Autumn months of 2022, the area was fenced off and later sprayed off towards the end of May to be ready for the planting date at the start of July. Since that date, when we put in over 14 species, 450 plants in total, we have added more flax, grasses, manuka and kahikatea plantings.



Judith and Kim Rowe

Brookfields is a working deer cattle and sheep farm and like the previous owners, have focussed energy into the significant natural areas on the farm and by enhancing the environmental aspect of the farmland. It comes at a cost in both time and money so we really appreciated the gift of nearly 500 trees to help enhance the farm further and we wanted to use them in both a functional and aesthetical site so not only do they work for us and the land but can be easily enjoyed by all on Stanley Brook Road.

On a reasonably dry, sunny morning it was wonderful to have Tapawera Area School children plus members of the community getting involved to plant these trees. Thank you, to everyone who came, I think we all went home with smiles on our faces, a great project, great people, a great shared lunch a great time watching the kids who were having a great time just running around in the paddocks afterwards with my dogs.

Today I went up with a friend to add few more tree guards for some extra trees, having been up most of the night watching the Queens final farewell, I was able to reflect on what we have done with our Queens Jubilee planting and think that the queen would be proud of our community effort, and I hope as people drive past they will remember our amazing legacy Queen Elizabeth has left us.

Thank you



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Cheryl Dean

I am feeling huge gratitude towards the Jubilee native planting initiative. Especially Kate and Richard who have helped every step of the way. Also, my Baton Valley community and all others that helped get these 450 trees in.

My involvement with our Motueka Catchment Collective led by Jo, and our small propagation group led by Kate has been such an inspiration. My ongoing mission is to riparian my whole Baton River boundary and begin a wetland restoration on my farm.

Big thanks to everyone who has helped so far with this project.



Jill and Martin Bonny

Goal: Protecting the stream and banks.

The fenced off area around Scarecrow Gully stream has been increased from the original 1 metre wide to include retired grazing areas which are flood prone and now future wetlands. Some of the 25-year-old poplar trees have been cut out to transition from poplars to natives over time if possible. Poplars have done a great job of stabilising the stream banks, but their size and age were becoming a problem. As time, energy and trees allows we plan to expand buffer zones on stream banks upstream from this QEII Platinum Jubilee 2022 planting.

Thanks to Kate and Annette and their mob of helpers for organizing trees and guards. Wonderful to have helpers planting particularly the Tapawera school children coming, their interest and energy in environmental issues is refreshing.

Hamish and Jan Barker

We were delighted to receive the trees from the Tree that Count for the Jubilee planting. This gave us the opportunity to extend an existing patch of native bush with a waterway and it is something we were wanting to do for a long time.

Our tree planting day went really well. It was a beautiful Saturday morning, which helped melt the frost and it became a beautiful afternoon. We had a good turnout of people which helped get the trees planted quickly and the BBQ lunch was enjoyed by all.

We are very grateful to Queen Elizabeth, Trees that Count and all the people who helped us.



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From the Motueka Catchment Collective:

We owe a big thank you to many, including the late Queen for sharing her presents; Trees That Count for being the main provider; Annette from Landcare Trust for getting the order in, plus so much more; Westbank Natives and Titoki Nursery for growing quality locally-sourced native trees; Jan from FuturEcology for getting the cardboard EmGuards to us in time; Waimea Nursery for the stakes; Marios for letting us use his space to store the trees; TET for looking after the financial side; Tapawera Area School and Brooklyn School for helping with the planting; the Tapawera Area Schools Tournament fundraising team for providing one of the sausage sizzles; Tapawera Connect, Tapawera Informer and MVA newsletter for event promotion; and those of you who helped with pickups and deliveries etc. Apologies to anyone who has not been mentioned as there have been so many awesome people involved!



Senior's Snippets with Janine Leeden

Tea & Talk continues on the last Tuesday of every month, starting at 10am – 11.30am at the Memorial Hall. \$3 koha appreciated.

On **27th September** our speaker will have been Mr Chris Allison from Health Action Trust who was speaking to us on Mental Health (Anxiety) and Sleep – something affecting most of us these days. With the ramifications of COVID in our homes and communities as well as the ongoing need for a better night's sleep, I'm sure we'll all benefit from what he had to share with us!

On 30th September I took a minibus of our Seniors into Richmond to the 'Positive Ageing Expo' to explore what events, activities and services are available in our region.

Age Concern is going to be hosting a large sit-down, catered afternoon tea on **Thursday 06 October 2 pm-3.30 pm for International Older Persons Day** at the Annesbrook Church in Stoke. Bookings are necessary and I have asked for 12 places at this point and again have been able to book a minibus through Wadsworth Motors. **I will need final numbers by Monday, 3rd October, so if you are keen, you need to ring me before that – 0277525975.**

Other things that I have been doing in my role as Senior Wellbeing Co-Ordinator, is to source and provide our local Seniors with:

- Free hearing clinic appointments (bi-monthly) with Sharon Webber, Hearing Therapist, who is able to meet with you to assess your hearing and guide you through available

opportunities to assist you with better hearing. For an appointment phone 0800 008011. (These are held at the Tapawera Health Clinic and are available to anyone over the age of 16).

- I've been keen to find a hairdresser who is willing, able and affordable to provide in-home haircuts for our Seniors. I'm delighted to have been pointed to another local lady who fits the bill. For more details in the short-term, contact me.

- Hopefully we are all aware of Vanessa, our lovely local vege lady who is now bringing fresh and affordable (as much as the market allows) locally sourced fruit and veges to the Village. This has proven to be a real bonus for our Seniors who all appreciate her service. She offers free delivery within the Village. Give her a call on 027 2633550.

- A local lady who has been trained in basic foot and toenail care and who is happy to visit people in their homes for a reasonable fee. Deb Cumming 027 2553111. (Deb has many years as a Support Worker helping many locals in their homes).

- **Every Friday morning at 10am-11am I am holding a 'Sit and Be Fit' class, utilizing the facilities at the St Peter's Anglican Church, 77 Main Road, Tapawera.** This came about after I received funding through the NMPHO as a new initiative for Rural Seniors. It comes under the umbrella of Angela Baker who runs and administers the Falls Prevention Service and helps set up these classes throughout Nelson/Tasman. This is designed to help us develop strength and balance to hopefully prevent falls, as well as for some fun social interaction to make us more resilient physically, mentally and emotionally in these uncertain times. Only 30 minutes of exercise followed by a cuppa – but no cake or scones! A \$3 koha will help keep us self-sustainable into the future.



Visual Arts Society Tapawera recently held its AGM, no changes were made to the current Office Holders.

Shirley remains as our President, Margaret remains as Treasurer and Dallas remains as Secretary.

The Art Exhibition Opening date will be January 27th 2023.

2023 will see in our 20th Anniversary and we are proud and pleased to have Kaye Register, one of our Founding Members, as our Guest Artist.

Our next meeting will be 10th October.

Dallas Robinson Sec.

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As part of the Whānau Power Kaupapa we are creating a "Firewood Bank" for our community!

What do we need support with?

- Chainsaws and Operators
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This is just to get us started but rest assured we have a full plan for sustainability, training and funding.

If you are interested in supporting this kaupapa (initiative) please Contact Cherie Tirikatene on 021733228 or email on cherie.tirikatene@seedglobal.org

Motueka Scottish Country Dance Club

ARE HAVING A CEILIDH!

When: Saturday 1st October 2022

Where: Lower Moutere Hall

Time: 7pm

Why are we having a ceilidh?

This ceilidh is to fundraise for the Lower Moutere Memorial Hall. On top of that, people had so much fun at the last ceilidh in 2020 that we are keen to repeat the event.

As well as the fun and informal 'called' dances (like barn-dancing), there is a variety of entertainment organised for the evening, musicians, storytelling, line dancing and Scottish dancing. There will be raffles so bring some cash.

The emphasis is on "FUN", and our ceilidh is suitable for all ages. No partner needed! The dances are mainly group

dances, informal, social, and relaxed, with easy to learn moves. There will be a walk through for each dance and calls throughout to help keep you on track. The music is lively and upbeat, no prior experience or ability is required so come along and join in the fun and laughter!

And supper! No Scottish supper would be complete without a traditional haggis, and along with plenty of other superb Scottish fare, there will be a vegetarian version of the haggis.

Tickets are available to purchase online www.trybooking.com/nz/LFT: \$20 for an adult, \$10 for age 10 to 18, children under 10 are free. Booking fees apply. If not sold-out prior, tickets available on the door (cash only): \$25 for an adult and \$15 for age 10 to 18.

In these covid times we appreciate that things can change, and we might have to postpone or cancel the ceilidh. Please check on the club's Facebook page for updated information.

Everyone is welcome, mark your calendar! Bring the family.

For more information, you can contact Fay on 03 5433650, Beth 021 2093236 or motueka@dancescottish.org.nz

A Well Deserved Thank You

I would like to send a big thank you to Friends of the School for organising and running the Plant Auction held on the 10th of September.

Judy, Kath and their team who worked tirelessly behind the scenes made the night a huge success.

There is a lot of preparation work that goes into this event beforehand to make it worthwhile.

Also the young lads, from school, that helped with the auctioneering and shifting of plants on the night. Thank you all.

The plants up for auction were of a very high calibre, good variety and plenty of them, especially the bedding plants!

It was great to see this event has been taken up again in Tapawera since Plunket have been unable to do it any more.

I am sure those who attended the event would agree with this message. Looking forward to next year's event.

Cheers, Janet Moffitt.



I live in &
 this
Ward

Three waters will reduce the number of highly paid employees in the Council.

I support the Government's Three Waters Reform Programme. If drinking, waste and storm water infrastructure was removed from the Council workload then they will have more time to focus on roading, waste management, building consents, stop banks and river system maintenance. Urban water infrastructure is ideally suited to a more centralised approach, 70+ local authorities do not need their own set of highly paid experts, better these experts are employed by more centralised entities where they will surely gain a wider breadth of experience and develop better solutions.

Toxins in drinking water supplies

We are currently undergoing massive change of land use and geofarming in this area. Given the huge number of tanned poles and the very young age (1-7 years) of the water in our very shallow aquifer I believe it is very important that the council be regularly testing the drinking water supplies in the catchment for contamination.

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I believe that a significant function of future Councils will be to monitor a wide range of environmental parameters. My strong Science background and lifetime in the Primary Industries allows me to bring perspectives to the Council table that will ensure that quality, unbiased, well evidenced conclusions are drawn from this data.

Unanimous Agreement - Mayoral candidates all say Lakes-Murchison Ward should have two Councillors.

At recent Mayoral and Ward Candidates Roadshow organised by the TDCC, all Mayoral candidates unanimously agreed that the Lakes-Murchison Ward is under-represented on the Council and should have two councillors. Currently the number of councillors for a ward is essentially based on population size. This sells the Lake-Murchison Ward short for while we are diminutive in population we are massive and varied geographically and huge in regards to environmental legislative liability. Local Government form and function is currently under review by Central Government. I believe one of the most important things I could do as your councillor is to ensure that population, geographical size and environmental legislative liabilities all be considered when the number of representatives on the Council are allocated. This ward must have two councillors, don't worry you won't have to pay for another councillor, Richmond can drop from four to three. In fact I believe all wards should have at least two councillors, voters should always have the opportunity to vote in one experienced and newer councillor with new ideas and energy.

We live in The Ward of Awesome and we can make it even better.

Authorised by Sharon Rogers, srogerstas@gmail.com

Power up the Dam.

At the Murchison candidates evening, most candidates did not support the Three Waters Reforms but when I suggested that the Waimea Dam should not be included as Three Waters infrastructure, irrigation and freshwater systems sit firmly with the Ministry for Environment not Three Waters, current councillors seemed to be very keen that it should be included. Drinking, waste and stormwater infrastructure are assets that we can loan against, but not nearly enough to prevent them from becoming liabilities in the future. A dam is an expensive asset but if it was generating power it would be an income making enviable asset.

If the Government did acquire the Council's 51% of the Dam would they take all of the debt for the dam or only the bit that pertains to the 51%. If they only take the 51% of the debt that would leave rate payers still footing a bill of between 30 and 50 million or more, for which we would have absolutely nothing to show for it.

Farmers as drinking water suppliers

If you are a water supplier to more than one household and are concerned that you might be liable for thousands of dollars of testing and treatment, then it is not the Three Waters Reforms you should be worried about but the Water Services Act and Drinking Water Supplier Regulations. Federated Farmers has made a good submission concerning this, suggesting that suppliers for fewer than 50 people should be exempt. I would submit that as those rural suppliers are essentially doing the Council's job, then the Council should pick up the water testing and facilitate subsidised schemes for treatment.

Flood Control

The key issue for the district is preparation for the predicted increasing frequency of extreme weather events. I would push for a more localised approach to river and flood system maintenance, along the lines of the old catchment boards. I would actually like to see more dams and water holding systems to both supply water during drought and high fire risk situations and to allow greater flood control.

Historic Rubbish Dumps

The historic rubbish dumps on our river beds must be identified, protected and then ultimately cleaned up. They are too dangerous to ignore.

More policy at Policy.NZ or email me.

Bike Bridge at Kohatu

The Cycle Trail Trust and Council have spent huge money to build a cycle bridge over the Baton River, claiming that this will benefit Tapawera. They have also advertised the cycle trail to and from the bridge as off-road in some publications and on quiet rural roads in others. Yes, the roads are relatively quiet but they are certainly not safe, blind corners, loaded trucks, no verges and heavy gravel on the sides of the road all create considerable hazards for cyclists. I have no doubt that there will be a terrible accident on this route and you can be sure when there is that landowners will be pressured to hand over land, this is very cynical bullying. The Baton cycle bridge was built to serve the commercial bike trail operators not Tapawera.

I would contest that the money would have been far better spent on a cycle bridge at Kohatu. If the mooted mountain bike trail in the Borlase Forest goes ahead then our kids could have had great access to it. I am also sure that local businesses would have benefitted far more from cyclists tripping down to the town from Quinney's Bush.

Given the financial incentives to take private land over public land for both the Council (land must be donated to the Council as an easement in perpetuity) and the Cycle Trail Trust (the Government pays them for private land taken for the trail) that it is about time that the Council had some policy as to how land is selected and procured for the trail. I also think there should be a register started where people interested in having bike trails across their land can register their interest and the trails be designed around that.

Borlase forest for the people

Through the process of running for Council it has become very clear that most candidates in other wards are primarily focused on increasing tourism in the region. They are very keen on making us a major cycling venue, which is fine and I certainly have no problems with mountain bike tracks in Borlase Forest. But I would like to see broader use of these areas for other recreational pursuits, some even for the people that live in the region since we are paying for them. In Borlase Forest I would also like to see, biking, walking, dog exercise areas, horse riding and motorbike trails, with different quadrants opened up the different uses at different times. Don't worry pig hunters there will be space for you. The current unofficial motorbike track at Noriss Gully is a terrible accident waiting to happen.

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We have new Young Adult books coming in all the time, these would appeal to adults too. We also have so many donated adult fiction that keeps our shelves interesting. If you are getting your garden ready for spring planting then our gardening selection covers everything from composting to orchid growing and when you need a sit down with your cup of tea and cake after that gardening then our baking shelves should definitely be checked out

You can view our whole catalogue by logging onto nz.accessit.online/TPW00 (last two digits are zeros), if you haven't logged in yet you should give it a try. You can see what books are on issue to your children and save them going overdue. You only need to ask us for their membership number.

We have our new Richmond collection in now and whether your taste is thrillers, historical novels, nonfiction or something else, there should be a book to appeal to you.

With the local elections coming up, you might like to come in and check your details are correct in the electoral rolls here.

Our chess club is going well and if any members of the community would like to play or help coach, we hold the club from 11am to 12.30 on Monday mornings. Just give me a call on the above number.

You can find us behind the tennis courts at the school. Open hours are Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9.30-3.15, Tuesday & Friday 10-2.30.

Phone 5224337ex213. Email library@tapawera.school.nz website as above.

Happy reading folks.

Laree for the library team

MENZSHED Tapawera

The boys at the Shed have been busy the last couple of months even though the weather has not been kind for some of our current projects.

You may have noticed that the "Welcome to Tapawera" sign on the village green is no longer there, no it didn't get washed away in the recent rain.

Sheddies are currently constructing a new sign (funded by TDCC), based on the old one, and it will be mounted on an old refurbished Railway gate adjacent to the information boards on the village green shortly.



Work in progress on the new sign.

Following a request to supply some pest traps, the shed has completed this order and with this robust design, has constructed a further number of traps for purchase by organisations or individuals, in need of some quality traps for large rodent or mustelid control.

The box traps are constructed from treated timber, with DOC approved BT200 traps, three entry points, bait/lure holder, easy opening lid.

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Kia ora Koutou!

The Kowhai is blooming and Kōanga (Spring) has arrived, with blossoms and new growth and baby animals. Spring is a new start and provides new energy - we have made it!! (Not always a big deal just to make it through Makariri/winter but having been through the last two years and then COVID the last 6 months or so, it certainly feels like a victory!). Kōanga is digging time, as all gardeners know, preparing, planting, smelling like dirt, cutting flowers, planting for a later harvest.

The air is fresh (if a bit pollen laden, sorry for those of you struggling with allergies!) and it is easy to look forward, and feel some optimism, and find some energy to make the changes we need for our ongoing wellbeing.

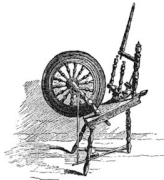
For us, it has been spending some time thinking about how we work towards equity, being inspired by whakatauki in our Māori language month, setting up our check-in kiosk (so test it out if you are visiting!) and planning how we can make sure some of our patients with more complex medical needs get the best care with a care plan. And we are planning for our first Māori advisory group hui at the end of October – if you are Māori and you would like to be part of this hui, please email through office@wakfldhc.co.nz.

We are already enjoying the effect of a slight reduction in colds, flus and COVID as the weather warms up a little - though there might be a little more spread with less masks worn in the community, so we continue to encourage people to wear masks in public IF you have to be out when you yourself have respiratory symptoms. Thanks for continuing to mask up when you visit the health centre, and letting us know if you do have any respiratory symptoms.

If you are one of the people who has got COVID, the flu or another nasty virus this winter, and subsequently picked up other viruses and are feeling run down, we hope that the warmer months will give you some reprieve and recovery time. We would encourage you to take the opportunity to think about how to support your immune system/body with your recovery – Are you sleeping enough hours and good quality? Are you taking time to relax and leave a margin of energy each day rather than use everything available (or more!)? Are you eating in a way that nourishes and equips your body for what is required of it? Is your lifestyle working for you mentally and physically? It's a good time to stop and take stock. If you want to learn some tools to assist you or set some goals to make some changes, we have an awesome health improvement practitioner, Morgan and also have a health coach, Claudia, starting soon. These services are free for your benefit. Our nurses can help with advice about eating and referrals for green prescription

service and smoking cessation and of course you can talk with your GP about any of this too. This is Kōanga, the digging season, now is the time to prepare the soil and plant the crops – to reap a harvest later!

Dr Kim Hurlow and the team.



Tapawera Creative Fibre

Spring has well and truly sprung, lambs are frolicking, daffodils are blooming, and pollen is flying. I hope you are not too badly affected by the incessant yellow around us.

We have had some very interesting learning days at craft group, a small group of members went over to Mahoe Hills to do a workshop on dyeing with natural ingredients, the day was enjoyed by all, and the results of their dyeing were many and varied, with interesting hues and some startling shades not quite planned for, all in all a workshop well worth doing.

In July Janet led a workshop in making wax wraps, a natural alternative to using cling wrap. Thank you, Janet, for an enjoyable day.

August saw us learning to crochet an Air Cell Blanket, Lynda, as ever is a great teacher, very patient and super knowledgeable. Thank you Lynda. The group then learned lock dyeing techniques from Anne Grassham. Many thanks Anne, an interesting and enjoyable day.

This month the Wool Spinners amongst us took part in a workshop with PJ from Inangahua, spinning Art Yarn. Unfortunately, I couldn't stay for the day, however I did enjoy seeing the results of the spinning, art yarn is quite different to the wool I usually see on group days. Many thanks to PJ for coming up to tutor our group.

Janet presented her knitted lace doily for show and tell last week, beautiful work and a real example of perseverance and patience. Well done Janet.

The group members are now planning, or executing this year's Group Challenge, to use items given anonymously in a stash bag by each member. The finished product will be presented at the end of November.

Tapawera Creative Fibre Group's AGM will be held on the 19th October.

Whichever craft you enjoy, you are always welcome to join our Group, we meet each Wednesday at the Memorial Hall, 10am to whenever, usually around 3pm. Come along and meet us, enjoy a cuppa and good conversation and fellowship that crafting always inspires.

Cheers Dallas



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Principal's Comment:

Kia Ora parents and caregivers

School Attendance - It's a team effort! You may have noticed an advertising campaign on TV at the moment around trying to encourage better attendance at school. The current attendance figures across the country is disastrous with lower than 50% average attendance at school in some regions. Research tells us that if a student is absent more than 10% of the time then this has a negative effect on their attitude and engagement at school and ultimately on their achievement. Needless to say for the Ministry of Education school attendance is their number one concern. Interestingly around the globe many education systems are facing the same challenge.

The root cause of this dramatic decrease in attendance is due to the past two and half years of lockdowns and sickness due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We know that regular attendance at school is habit forming. By getting our children into a regular attendance habit we are teaching them to value school and learning. As a school we have to do our part to ensure we are providing an environment that engages students and shows school is a good place to be. At Tapawera our attendance rates are better than the national average but currently it is not something to brag about. Compared with previous years our attendance is well down. Having only been in the school a short time I can definitely see that we have some real challenges with student engagement particularly from years 7 up. This is a common trend seen across the region. We need to work together with whānau to ensure that we get our students into regular attendance habits and that they value school and what we offer. This includes encouraging students to get back into their extracurricular activities and sports as it is often success in these areas that springboard engagement and success in other areas of schooling. I'll leave the final word on attendance to this cool little video that shares some good ideas about the importance of attending school: [Attendance Message \(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BIEPKH2IzXg\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BIEPKH2IzXg)

Farewell Mr Woodley: We recently held a special assembly to farewell Kelvin Woodley after 11 years as Principal of Tapawera Area School. Kelvin's contribution and passion for the school has been huge over the years and tomorrow's assembly will be a fun way to recall some of the special moments of his time here and to wish him all the best for his next venture. We encourage any community members to join us.

Principal Appointment Process The process to appoint a new permanent principal for Tapawera Area School is underway. The position has been advertised in the Education Gazette and Sherilee Swanepoel, the appointment coordinator, is currently carrying out

consultation with the school community, students and staff. You should have been sent an email with a link to a community survey. If you haven't received this, please see Susan in the office. Sherilee is also holding community consultation meetings. One was held yesterday and another is being held next Wednesday 7 September 2022 at 2.30pm – 3.30pm. We encourage you to come along and share your thoughts with Sherilee. This is a very important decision for the future of our school and we thank Sherilee and Andrew Murray, our Limited Statutory Manager for their hard work in developing a robust process.

Last word: Phones One thing that struck me over the last five weeks is the amount of time staff spend sorting out issues around students' phone use. The easy thing to do is to ban them but this is not practical and really in a 21st century school is not a constructive way to deal with the issue. Two weeks ago I put the issue to our secondary students and I have given them time to sort it out. Last week we met and the students outlined a plan to manage phones in the school better. They have drawn on our FIRE values and their plan relies on student self- management and respect for peers and their teachers. We have developed a practical three strikes plan for consequences if students break the student-developed rules. We hope that you can support us with our quest to manage this issue. Have a great weekend.

Nga mihi

Don McLean Acting Principal

Other School News

The annual **ski trip** was held recently. We had 35 students going and up to 11 parents.

Mr **Gordon Baird** is still waiting for surgery on his shoulder! He has been to the hospital 3 times, only to be prepared for an operation and then sent home.

School photos were held recently.

Primary students entered in the **Te Huinga Whetu 2022**.



Year 12-13 Outdoor Education Top of Codgers MTB Park by Nelson



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Looking for **Sponsors for The Rivers**-the school magazine. The sponsorship enables every child to get a school magazine.

Friends of the School had students step up and help out at Saturday night's fundraising event. Over \$3000 was raised with the **Plant Auction**. A huge thanks to families and community members who supported our school by coming to the plant auction. Special thanks to Judy Benjamin, Kath Christiansen, Jeanette Booth, Jo Hillerby, Vicki Smiler, Debbie Moleta, and Kate Radloff for their ongoing support and organisation skills in organising these events, and to Janet Moffitt the skilful auctioneer on the night.

Year 0 – 6 Trip to **Founders Heritage Park** and a session with Mr Science

“A Night at the Casino” – Tapawera & Murchison Area Schools Combined Ball 2022

When: Friday 28th October 2022 7pm-11pm. In an effort to make this occasion the best it can be the Ball Committee are at work fundraising and seeking sponsorship. If you are a local business owner and would like to sponsor a prize for the Ball, please get in touch with our head of communications- Rosa Cameron rosac@tapawera.school.nz , or liaison teacher, Erin Hume ehume@tapawera.school.nz

Friday 23rd September A bake sale will be held at school during lunch time and morning tea time. Our senior ball committee will have some delicious teats for sale.

- Brownie
- Lolly cake
- Ginger Crunch
- Lemon Bars (GF)
- Carrot Cake Muffins (GF)

I had the privilege of attending **St John Cadets** MAD Hui (Make A Difference) camp for Cadet of the Year Selections in Christchurch. I was one of 10 Cadets in the South Island to be shortlisted for this position. I have been shortlisted for National Squad Selections (St John Competitions) and I have applied for National Cadet of the Year. Sam Hatton

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- 17 October Start of Term 4
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Year 11 Outdoors Education Top of Mt Campbell in the Kauhurangi

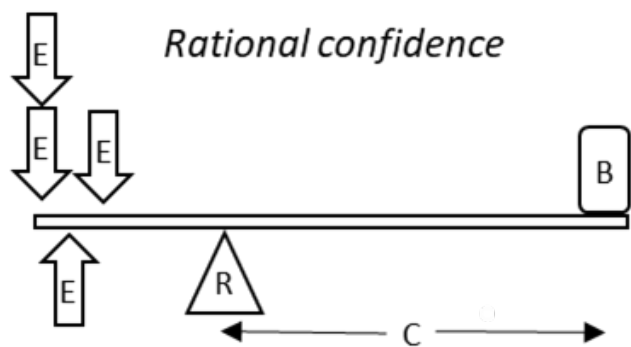
As told by Susan Fenemor

Rational Confidence or Dogmatic Certainty?

Many struggle to distinguish rational confidence and dogmatic certainty. We tend to rely on subjective cues ('Does this claim feel reasonable?') rather than objective standards ('Does the claim really meet shared criteria?'). Without shared standards, our thinking becomes ingrown and self-validating. The failure to understand reason's requirements fuels delusion, polarization, and ideological rigidity.

Fortunately, scientists have arrived at a reasonably objective standard. More precisely, we better understand how rational people update their beliefs in the face of evidence. This article is meant to communicate a working understanding of rational belief revision. It also flags common pitfalls of thought.

What Rational Confidence Looks Like



The diagram above represents the degree of confidence (C) a rational person will have in a belief (B) given awareness of evidence (E). In this case, a greater amount of evidence for (represented by three down- arrows) outweighs a single consideration against (the up-arrow). Together, they support a rational level of confidence in a belief.

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I have always loved and been around children from a young age. As a teenager I babysat cousins and children of friends. I am now the mother of my own beautiful son Carter. I am patient and kind with children and love to make learning fun.

I live on a rural property with my partner, Carter and our many pets, including cats, rabbits, cows and dogs. In my spare time I enjoy hunting, farming, sports and being with family and friends.

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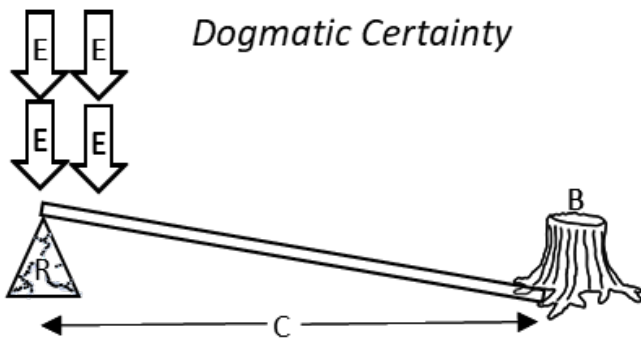


Rational Confidence or Dogmatic Certainty? Cont,

The lever pivots on “reason’s fulcrum” (R), which is the willingness to change one’s mind in the face of evidence.* Here, the lever is horizontal, the load is balanced, and the system as a whole is in equilibrium. Philosophers call this reflective equilibrium.

Being rational is basically a matter of maintaining reflective equilibrium. Usually, this means nudging the fulcrum to the left or the right to accommodate new evidence and keep the system balanced. The length of the lever’s right arm is the degree of confidence a rational person will place in belief, given the evidence. Simply put, reasonable people proportion their confidence to the evidence. As evidence for a belief accumulates, the fulcrum should shift to the left, increasing confidence. Evidence against should shift it to the right, reducing confidence.

What Dogmatic Certainty Looks Like



This second diagram represents the thinking of a dogmatic believer. Here, a need for certainty has shifted the fulcrum all the way to the left, leaving evidence no room to change the person’s mind. This is how certainty damages minds: it turns what should be a lever into a mere ramp. Imagine trying to dislodge a tree stump with a lever. In this case, deep roots (here representing emotional attachment to a belief) can prevent you from reaching reflective equilibrium.

Imagine the weight of evidence doing nothing to budge a cherished belief and instead damaging the lever or fulcrum: just so can dogmatic beliefs unhinge reason. (Psychologists call this “motivated reasoning” and stress that one form of it—“identity- protective cognition”—can fatally compromise your rationality.)

A truly rational person doesn’t cling to beliefs and ideas. They forswear wilful believing and commit to evidence-based believing. They seek understanding, avoid certainty, stay humble, and strive for reflective equilibrium. Only so can a mind remain open and flexible.

* This work is based on Andy Norman’s damaged fulcrum model of how ideologies unhinge minds (Mental Immunity, HarperCollins, 2021). Zafir Ivanov helped elaborate the model.

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Dance Club Ceilidh, Lower
Moutere Hall, 7pm
- 13 Garden Club, Penny Lane
Plants, Wakefield, 11am
- 18 TDCC monthly meeting,
Community Centre, 7pm
- 19 Tapawera Creative Fibre AGM
- 20 Articles for Informer close 5pm
- 25 Tea and Talk, Memorial Hall
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