



Senior's Snippets September 2025 with Janine Leeden, 0277525975

Spring is just around the corner, thankfully, and we've been enjoying some beautiful sunny days to help deal with the winter / flood blues and to help with the clean up around the area. There has been so much activity around, especially down at the Community Centre, and amazing offers of help from both within the region and further afield. It is so heartening to see. It is also great to see so many availing themselves of the services on offer and even just coming down for a coffee and meeting up with others for a friendly chat.

Please be aware that while we move further away from the actual flood events, there is a lot of grief to still deal with. Losing land, stock, fencing etc is a trauma that you don't have to go through alone. It's been great to see organisations and businesses like Repost and 'rrt' Rapid Relief Team reaching out and offering free materials to help with the rebuild.

I've been approached to help set up opportunities/a space for Life Linc Counselling (a Charitable Trust that offers professional counselling in Nelson-Tasman since 1974) to meet with any interested locals. They've received funding to provide 6-7 free counselling sessions per person to people affected by these recent flood events. They are keen to empower individuals and strengthen our community and to ensure that the funding is not wasted. You may have met Karen, Deb or Michael hanging around near the Community Centre, or even wandering around the streets introducing themselves to people. If you are interested in setting up a time to meet with one of them privately, please call 03-5482400.

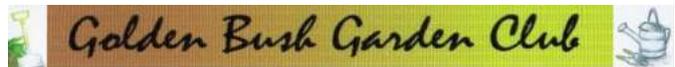
As some welcome relief from all that's been happening in our district, I've teamed up with Deb from Kohatu to organise a **'Retirees Recovery Roast' lunch on Monday 15th September at 1pm**. Tapawera Connect has organised some funding to subsidise the meal, **so you only pay \$5 (to secure a spot) for a lovely roast lunch, tea/coffee and cake**. Please get in touch with me, and pay, before Wednesday 10th September.

We're back into our **TGIF Sit and Be Fit classes at the church building, from 10-12am every Friday**. We start with 45 minutes of easy, fun exercises, followed by a cuppa and chat and sometimes competitive game of Mexican

Trains. \$3 helps cover morning tea and the hire of the venue. It's great to see some new faces turning up and sharing the laughs.

On **30th September**, Mary-Ann Hardcastle from NBPH and Nicole, HIP from Wakefield, will be joining us as we work on our much needed **Advanced Care Plans as our Tea and Talk** session. This was postponed from July due to the flood events. We will meet at our regular time of **10am** and then for those wanting to complete their plan with the girls we will share some light lunch and work into the early afternoon. **Memorial Hall, \$5 to help cover morning tea and lunch**. It's great that these ladies have availed themselves to help us get our plans across the line. To do it through a GP or solicitor it costs so much more!

Our September **Wellby Talking Cafe (for all ages) will be on Tuesday 9th September at the School / Community Library from 10-11.30am**. **\$3 will help cover morning tea**. Come along and meet up with some new friends, or familiar faces over a cuppa. **Stay and catch up with the girls from Richmond Library with their 'Digi Drop-in' or borrow some books**.



Club members met at the Wakefield Hotel for our August meeting and AGM.

A lovely meal was subsidised by the Club.

The raffle of a lemon tree and Camilia were won by Janet Moffit & Lorraine Signal. There were plenty of interesting plants in the auction, thanks go to Lyn Peterson who always brings a good selection to boost the sales.

Office holders and committee members remain unchanged. The subs increased to \$10 a year, are now due and can be paid online or direct to the Treasurer.

The September meeting will be held on 11 September at Shirley Percy's, 204 Tadmor Valley Road. There is plenty of parking on the verges, both sides of the road. Starting at 11am, please bring a chair, lunch and a cup. There will be an auction and raffle.

Spring is making its presence felt with crisper mornings and stunning days. Gardens are full of spring bulbs and daffodils with their bright colours.

The Spring Flower Show, held at the Brightwater Hall on Saturday 20th September from 9am, will be worth a visit.

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Dr Asanga Nanayakkara



We are delighted to have had Asanga join us as a registrar for the next six months. Many of you will meet him over the next few months and he has given a brief bio to introduce himself.

I was born in Sri Lanka and moved to New Zealand with my family at the age of six. I grew up in Palmerston North before studying medicine at the University of Otago. After graduating, I spent nine years working as a junior doctor in Auckland, including six years as a non-training surgical registrar.

I later chose to transition into general practice in 2024, seeking a better work–life balance and the opportunity to spend more quality time with my wife, Chnae, and our two young children (aged 5 and 2). Our family fell in love with the Nelson region during holidays here, and we decided to make it our home.

Since January 2025, I have been working as a GP registrar in Nelson and feel privileged to be part of this community.

Dr Anna Koop

Tot ziens



After 3.5 wonderful years in this beautiful community, it's time for me to say goodbye. I'm heading back to the Netherlands to be closer to my parents, and while it's the right decision for our family, it's certainly not an easy one.

I feel incredibly thankful for all the kind, open-hearted people I've had the chance to meet during my time here. Thank you for sharing your stories, your worries, your health and laughter with me. It's been an honour to walk alongside you during some of life's most personal moments.

I'm also deeply grateful for the warmth and support I received when our family grew with the arrival of our second son Arlo—it meant so much to us.

While I'm sad to say goodbye, I like to think of this as "tot ziens"—see you later in Dutch. You never know what life might bring, and perhaps our paths will cross again.

With warmest wishes and a heartfelt "bedankt", Anna

Anna will be leaving in early October and we, much like many of you, are sad to see Anna go. We appreciate all she has done here at Wakefield Health Centre and for our community, she will be missed.

We have a new doctor starting in January, also from the Netherlands, Dr Adeline Velu who will be taking over Anna's patients. In the meantime Anna's patients will be seen by our Practice GP team.

Unsung Heroes of the Vegetable World

Whilst crossing flooded paddocks recently to clear mud off fences I occasionally came across solid muddy balls that I eventually recognised as swedes. Not being a swede fan - childhood memories of having to stay at the table 'till you've eaten your veges' - I ignored them. However, I've just found a section in one of my favourite cookbooks that's made me re-consider swede's potential as a tasty veg, along with seven others in a very helpful list of 'Vegetable Underdogs - What to do with all the weird stuff'. (*Anna Jones, 'a modern way to eat'*)

Turnips, sprouts, celeriac, Jerusalem artichokes are among those included in her vegetable underdogs list. Each veg has a list of five different ways to prepare it, and a preparation tip for a good end result. For example, the tip for Brussels sprouts is 'Don't overcook them, that's why sprouts have a bad rep. You want them just soft and bright green.' If my mother had read that I'd possibly be a brussels fan today.

Back to swedes, with the underdog tip 'Roast (200°C) with salt, pepper, oil, caraway seed until soft inside and brown outside. Leftovers are good with pasta'. At our place that's two meals-worth. And it sounds like a nice addition to the range of roast veg, as does the following recipe.

Smoked paprika oven-baked fries

3 medium or 2 large swedes, thickly peeled and cut into long, 1cm thick chips
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 tsp sweet smoked paprika
2tb olive or canola/rapeseed oil

Preheat oven to 200°C.

Wash prepared chips in cold water, drain and pat dry.

Lie on a baking tray, season with salt and pepper and sprinkle with paprika.

Drizzle with oil to coat everything.

Bake 25 minutes until chips are golden around the edges and soft inside.

And I'm now off to find a swede...

Recipe source: *Anna Jones, 'a modern way to eat', 2014.*



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Winner: David Skinner

Congratulations to David Skinner for winning the draw! In an incredibly generous gesture, he's donated the jersey back to the club to inspire future generations.





From the Principal's Desk

Tēnā koutou e te Whānauki te Kura o Tapawera

We are sharing the results of our school's attendance data for Term 2, 2025. We believe that regular attendance is key to a student's success, and we appreciate your partnership in ensuring your child is at school and ready to learn.

In Term 2, 59% of our students attended school regularly, meaning they missed fewer than 5 days across the term. This is a slight decrease from the 68% regular attendance we saw in Term 1.

Reasons for Absence

The main reasons for absence in Term 2 were:

Illness/Medical: 56%

Explained but unjustified: 27%

Holidays: 11%

While we understand that sickness is unavoidable, we want to remind parents that holidays taken during the school term are recorded as unjustified absences.

Lateness

This term, 65% of students were on time to class. While this is a good result, we would like to see this number increase. Being on time for class ensures that students do not miss out on important learning and helps to establish positive habits.

How You Can Help

We can all work together to improve attendance at Tapawera Area School. Here are a few ways you can help:

Set expectations with your child about the importance of attending school every day.

Schedule appointments outside of school hours whenever possible.

Communicate with us if your child is going to be absent.

Encourage your child to get to school on time each day.

Check out our new signage

You will see more and more of these around our kura! They look amazing! Thanks to the PB4L team for making this happen.

Thanks to Garry from Gazza's Signart.



Cellphones

A reminder - please help us to follow ministry guidelines - **Phones Away At School During The Day**!

For **Year 0-10 students**, cell phones must be kept at home. If students require their cell phones for genuine reasons eg: it is needed for health reasons (for example, to monitor insulin levels) or to help a student with a disability or learning support need (for example, to assist with impaired communication). These arrangements need to be made before the cell phone is at school. Parents / Caregivers will need to email the principal (principal@tapawera.school.nz) stating the reason the phone is needed. An exemption will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Year 11-13 students are asked to regulate their cell phones by keeping phones off and away all day. It is important to note that if students do decide to bring a cell phone to the school grounds, they do so at their own risk. The school is not responsible for any loss or damage caused to any cellphone. If students require their cell phones to be used throughout the day for genuine reasons eg: it is needed for health reasons (for example, to monitor insulin levels) or to help a student with a disability or learning support need (for example, to assist with impaired communication). These arrangements need to be made before the cell phone is used at school. Parents / Caregivers will need to email the principal (principal@tapawera.school.nz) stating the reason the phone needs to be used during the day. An exemption will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Thankyou

We know the new gates can be a little tricky at first – thank you for your patience as we all get used to them! Think of them like a pool gate: place your hand over the top and **pull the knob upwards** to open. (See photo for a quick guide!) These gates are an important part of keeping everyone safe. We've had quite a few speedy little runners recently, and this extra security helps ensure no one makes an unexpected dash. Thanks for helping us keep our school community safe and sound!

New Road Signs for our School

30 kmph between 8am – 9.35am and 2.25pm - 3.55pm on School Days.



Cross Country

Congratulations to Jonah Davis, Jaxson Searles, Ben Dixon and Sabre Pehi-Rhodes who competed in the Nelson Cluster for Cross Country last term. They went and gave it their all. Special mention to Ben who came 8th in his age group and made it through to Nationals in Christchurch in September.

Bikes and Smoothies

The Primary School had a great surprise last week when Rick Field from EnviroSchools came by with all ingredients for healthy smoothies. Thanks to Connings and Oaklands who donated the berries and the milk.

The children had to become the engine to run the bikes to run the smoothie maker. What a fun way to learn about healthy eating.



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Kaimahi Award

We have been celebrating our wonderful staff and the fabulous contribution they bring to our team. This is a weekly award - that is presented at our staff briefing

Term 3 week 1 Kaimahi trophy recipient was Kellie Doreen.

We would like to acknowledge Kellie for all the organising with our successful Dance Week and Matariki events including her efforts with our school Kapa Haka groups. We appreciate what you do!



Kaimahi trophy recipient week 2 was Mikayla Eyles.

We would like to acknowledge Mikayla for her kind and caring nature at our kura. She is a great role model and works hard to get the best out of our students. She also works super hard in our community garden and the amazing assembly today organised by her class. Thank you!



Kaimahi trophy recipient was Ali McKee in week 3.

We would like to acknowledge Ali for her kind support with our learners and her caring, thoughtful approach. Ali, we deeply appreciate all that you do – your dedication makes a real difference.



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Joseph Butcher, Jada Jelinek



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Baton House Leaders

Lachlan Wills, Tamati Bright, Izak Walker, Serenity Kotara



Board of Trustees Election

By now you will have received the voting paper for five parent representatives on the Board of Trustees.

Voting closes on the 10 September 2025.

If by chance you have not received your voting paper via email (or if you do not have an email address, by post) please contact me so I can follow this up on your behalf with the Returning Officer.

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National Wild Goat Hunting Competition

The National Wild Goat Hunting Competition is a nationwide initiative to raise awareness of the environmental and agricultural damage caused by wild goats.

Running from 1 August to 26 November 2025, the competition encourages hunters and landowners across Aotearoa New Zealand to tackle the growing wild goat population.

Wild goats are prolific breeders and pose a serious threat to native biodiversity and farmland. This competition is a practical and rewarding way for communities to contribute to conservation efforts while enjoying the outdoors.

Already, ten landowners have registered their interest with the competition to get help reducing wild goat numbers on their land. Many are motivated not just by wild goat control, but by the opportunity to support conservation.

Doug Jacobs, an NZDA member, took part in the 2024 competition with a focus on hunting responsibly on private land.

"I put up a light-hearted post on our local rural community Facebook page," Doug says. "I mentioned the DOC/NZDA National Wild Goat Hunting Competition, my NZDA membership, and the protections that come with it. I also talked about the Landowner Assist process, which helps set clear ground rules between hunters and landowners."

The Landowner Assist process, developed by NZDA, with input from DOC, Federated Farmers, and Forestry Owners Association, provides a clear framework for safe and respectful hunting on private property. It covers access boundaries, carcass disposal, and meat handling ensuring transparency and trust. Landowners can view the Landowner Assist document online via the National Wild Goat Hunting Competition website to see how it works and what to expect.

Doug's post caught the attention of a landowner dealing with wild goats crossing over from a neighbouring property. "We met up and went through the Landowner Assist document together," Doug explains. "We covered where I could hunt, what to do with the carcasses, and how we'd handle the meat. It was all very straightforward."

The landowner later told Doug that without the professional framework provided by NZDA and the Landowner Assist documentation, they wouldn't have responded at all. That trust and clarity made all the difference.

Just a week later, Doug had four goat tails to submit for the competition, nine kilograms of salami on the way, and plans for a few hearty curries. "It was a rewarding experience," he

says. "Not just for the meat, but for the connection it built and the contribution to managing a local wild goat problem."

The National Wild Goat Hunting Competition is about more than just hunting. It's about protecting native ecosystems, supporting farmers, and encouraging responsible community involvement.

This year, the competition has the private landowner category open again. Landowners who register can be paired with vetted NZDA hunters and go in the draw to win over \$3,200 worth of prizes from Bushnell and Hunting & Fishing NZ Ltd.

The hunter categories also have great prizes up for grabs, including gear from Hunting & Fishing NZ, thermal monoculars from Nocpix, a tent from M.I.A, binoculars from Bushnell, freeze dried meals from Real Meals, a wild goat hunt with the NZ Hunter crew, and more. There's over \$70,000 worth of prizes, it's a great time to get involved.

"We want to see wild goat hunting become a regular feature in the hunting calendar," says Mike Perry, Wild Animals Manager at DOC.

Thinking of entering this year's comp? Entries are open from 1 August to 26 November. More information can be found here: <https://www.doc.govt.nz/news/events/national-events/national-wild-goat-hunting-competition/>

The National Wild Goat Hunting Competition is brought to you by the Department of Conservation and the New Zealand Deerstalkers Association. It is supported by Federated Farmers of NZ, Hunting & Fishing NZ, and Te Tari Pūreke Firearms Safety Authority.

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- Community Projects
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- Messages and Updates from other organisations such as TDC, Motueka Catchment Group, and Nelson Tasman Civil Defence
- and much more!....



A reminder from the Fifeshire Foundation:
 We are here to accept applications for those who have been affected by the floods. We can help pay for day to day costs, firewood, household items, repair bills, clothing etc.

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Community Hub Update:



It was great to see so many people engaging in the recent Community Consultation run by the Tasman District Council regarding the hub. Once again the results showed a very clear majority (over 80%) in favour of the new hub.

Visit the Community website (tapaweracommunity.nz/wp/) for survey data and answers to frequently asked questions such as, 'What will be in it?', 'Who will own it?' and 'How much will it cost?'. This will be updated as and when new information comes our way.

Printed copies are also available at the Community Centre, School and Community Library, Tea and Talk, Welby Talking Cafe, Sit and Be Fit, and on request (call Phoebe on 0212116730).



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Flood Recovery News:

Wow, the weather and the river certainly have a mind of their own! The recent floods wreaked havoc with so many of our local properties and fences. Our thoughts go out to the friends and family of Peter Lines who died clearing flood damage in Wai-iti, and to all of those affected by the flooding, especially those who lost their homes and land or sustained significant damage. It has been a stressful time.

It has also been a time of pulling together and supporting one another, and we have been blown away by the amount of support being offered to our community from community members, volunteers from far and wide (even travelling from Christchurch!), and organisations reaching out to support Tapawera.

There will be some specific shout outs to these individuals and organisations in the October Informer. Della Webby who has been the key point of contact throughout this time is on leave recuperating at the time of writing. A massive thanks to Della for the many many hours she gave to the immediate response and recovery. Della, you were the glue that held us all together. Thank you!

Huge thanks also to Jan and Naralee who came on board to offer the extra support needed to man the community centre and coordinate volunteers and flood recovery work out and about.

Spring will be an extra especially welcome sight this year as things dry out and green up again. Perhaps the river has carved out some great new swimming spots for us to enjoy too!



Della with one of the wonderful women from Rural Women St. Arnaud who delivered Baking to give out to families and volunteers clearing up after the flooding.



Della (Tapawera Connect) and Evan Baigent (Rural Support Trust) with two members of the Rapid Response Team who dropped in food boxes.



Natalie, Neil and Karla collaborated seamlessly, each contributing their unique skills to complete the task with precision and speed.



Conservation Week/Te Wiki o Te Taiao 2025

The Friends of Rotoiti invite the public to join them on the Rotoiti Village traplines.

Take Action for Nature- Wednesday 3rd September 9.00am

Ever wondered what it is like to volunteer and help support a predator trapping network?

Join the 'village trappers' from Friends of Rotoiti during their regular trap checks. No experience required. There are traplines to suit all fitness levels, ages and abilities.

To be followed by a hot drink and shared kai at the Nelson Lakes DOC Office.

Meet 9am sharp at the DOC Office. Bring sturdy footwear and plenty of warm clothing for all conditions. For more information contact:

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The Student Volunteer Army (SVA)'s assistance at Oxnam's created an inviting atmosphere, fostering a sense of community and collaboration.



Neil, Josie and Joey worked together efficiently, clearing the fence of debris with determination and teamwork.



Tapawera Creative Fibre

Group members have been busy with their projects, finishing up various items and starting new projects. Our Mystery Tour is postponed until we can sort a new date and

Etta ensures that the places we were to visit are able to be open to us again following the flood damage to their businesses and homes. We wish them well.

Kerri finished her crotched cardigan, a true work of art congratulations to her, Vicki finished a lovely boys jersey and Irene is busy making soft knitted toys to be given to children who need something to hug. Rosie is embroidering lovely coin purses, Janet is busy knitting and Lynda is spinning wool for socks, Catherine, as always, is busy with her various projects, and as for me most of my time is spent sewing.

No matter if you spin, sew, knit, crochet, or cross stitch, you are very welcome to join us at the Memorial Hall 10am – 3pm each Wednesday, or at 10 Totara Street 7pm – 9pm on a Tuesday evening.

Dallas Robinson



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

I attended the budding Councillors for TDC positions, quite a good assembly considering the cold night. Each in his ordered time put forth their experience and dedication to public good. John Wilmshurst doing a capable councillors time reckoning as each 'Would be' and the current Mayor put forward their thinking. I was able to speak to the 'Free Money for Mayor' and the current Mayor. There was an element of theatre, it reminded me of Shakespeare's Henry the Fifth orations on the fields of Agincourt. Each would be put forward their stance and background of worthy endeavours, some more in tune with my reckoning, others less so. But it can't be worse than the current state of overstaffing unelected 'Minions' as I call them (the tail should never wag the dog as is the case with our regional Councils). But overall there was little discord and we all got some ideas of the candidates' thinking. I didn't stay to the end but I doubt there was much if any appreciable discord, and I felt it worthwhile to attend such a meeting.

Maurice Taylor



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Letters to the Editor cont.

Dear Editor

I am extremely disappointed in the response from Phoebe Quinlivan in the August informer to Trish Palmer's and Susan Creedy's letters. I contacted Phoebe before the cut off date for submissions and would have liked a reply to questions asked. After a phone call with Phoebe she said she was working on the answers and they would be in the August informer but they weren't. It's all very well to say there are always grants you can apply for to help with running costs of the Hub. Before a project even goes ahead a detailed account of the running costs e.g. Who and what will be using the Hub, will they rent a room, will they be able to afford to rent a room? The proposed site will be a sitter for vandalism. Next to the shop's rubbish bins will not be a good look. Another white elephant, another noose around the Council's neck, as we all know nothing stays on budget. Phoebe admitted they can successfully run workshops, Tea and Talk, etc, with current buildings except for a drop in centre. A drop in centre for what?? Cups of teas and coffee. I don't want my rates paying for that. We want value for money. We struggle to pay our rates now, they will have to rise considerably. We have to have budgets and it should be the same for the Hub, but so far Tapawera Connect have come up with nothing. It is not good enough Tapawera Connect. Don't promise answers when you can't produce them.

Barbara Barker

Response to Barbara's Letter to the Editor

Dear Barbara,

Thank you for sharing your concerns. And thank you to Gill and Tim from TDCC for giving us the heads up on this letter so that we could reply. It is important that we hear all of the voices so that we can ensure we have taken into account all of the necessary considerations.

I am sorry you felt that the answers to your questions were insufficient when we spoke.

We felt it was inappropriate to publish 6 pages of hub Q & A in the last Informer when people were in the thick of recovery after the recent weather events, but you can find them now on the community website:
tapaweracommunity.nz/wp/.

There are also hard copies at the Community Centre, School and Community Library, and with Janine our Seniors Wellbeing coordinator should you wish to read them in hard copy.

I assure you that the future financial viability of the hub has been thoroughly explored, and this project would not be going ahead if it was not feasible. The impact on rates is a tiny drop in the ocean. Our current rates would not decrease if the hub wasn't to go ahead, rather the money would be reallocated to community projects elsewhere.

It is important to remember there are many organisations involved in this project providing input and ensuring the right decisions are made for our community. These include:

Tapawera Connect
Tapawera and Districts Community Council
Tasman District Council
The Department of Internal Affairs
RSL Consultancy based in Christchurch (for the feasibility study)
JTB Architects (for the site analysis)
And most importantly, the community themselves.

Consistently in all of our surveys, the Council's' formal consultations (of which there has been 2), and the feasibility study there has been an overwhelming majority in of support for the hub (always around 80%), so those who are against the hub are in the minority. If this was not the case, and the stats were the other way round, we would have dropped this project long ago.

Additionally, we received feedback from the Emergency Response Management Team:

'When it comes to the emergency response... it would have been better to have premises that were roomier without all the Op Shop paraphernalia. Rooms for privacy for anyone who was in distress, somewhere warm we could have bedded people down comfortably taking into consideration privacy and physical or mental issues or anxieties in general. A kitchen and bathroom that had hot running water. Especially when people came in drenched or muddy from the flooding. To be able to clean up would have been incredible. Dedicated storage for bedding and anything else that was needed. And it would have been nice to have been able to offer the helpers from away somewhere more pleasant to sleep.'

I hope that when the new hub is finished (mid 2027), you will come along and see what a wonderful place it is, enjoy connecting with friends, and maybe even make a few new ones!

Warm wishes,

Phoebe Quinlivan, on behalf of the Tapawera Connect Trust

(Lisa Butcher, Nicky McCormick, Sammy Batchelor, Michelle Vincent, and Kelly Russell)

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Tapawera Netball Club August News

What a busy final month of netball for the 2025 season! We completed club duty day,

thank you to Lane, Lissie, Tegan, and Khiana, we appreciate you all putting your hands up for this. We will be having our prizegiving on **30th August at 10 am at the Tapawera Rugby Club** rooms. Thank you to them for allowing us to have it there again. All players, please bring a plate of country food to share. We would like to send a massive thank you to our sponsors this year. Your support, not only for our club but also for our community, does not go unnoticed. Thank you to Blue Rock Hops, Fry Contracting, Tapawera Four Square and Bushend Farms. We look forward to celebrating the season with you all at our prize giving.

Tapawera Blue Rock Hops Team

Thank you to our sponsors, **Blue Rock Hops Ltd.** for their support of both **Glen and Sara, and Brian and Sarah Clayton.**



Coach: Belinda Grice
Grade: Senior 2

July 27th: Tapawera Blue Rock Hops vs. Prices We started well in the first half but were outplayed by a strong and physical Price's side. Player of the Day: **Shakaia MacDonald** for her excellent work at Centre with great feeding and movement. Final Score: 21–42.

August 3rd: Tapawera Blue Rock Hops vs. Richmond Classics A game of two halves – we started composed, lost ground in the middle quarters, but finished strong by winning the last quarter by 6 goals. Not quite enough to take the win, but a huge improvement from our last game against Richmond. Player of the Day to **Mel Heine** with her best game of the season, outstanding in defence and creating turnovers. Final Score: 23–26 to Richmond.

August 11th: Tapawera Blue Rock Hops vs Nelson Girls B Despite illnesses and injuries, we played well for much of the game, showing good lines and spacing. Consistency across all four quarters will be key moving forward. Welcome to Jada Jelinek, for stepping in at GK. Player of the Day to **Tegan Cornell** for strong post play and versatile feeding. Final Score: 29–44 to Nelson.

August 16th: Tapawera Blue Rock Hops vs Motueka High We started well but fell behind in the second quarter. The team fought back in the third, winning that quarter by 6 goals. Some excellent attacking play and a strong effort from everyone to finish the season on a high. Player of the Day went to **Shakaia** for another outstanding game at Centre. Final Score: 29–35 to Motueka High.

Tapawera Fry Contracting Team

Thank you to **Tapawera Fry Contracting, Kevin & Andrew Fry**, for sponsoring this team for a second year. We truly appreciate it!



Coach: Laura Fry
Manager: Shimiela Streeter-Mantell

July 27th vs. Tapawera Fry Contracting vs Richmond McCashins: We faced a fast and skilled Richmond team, with Morgan making her senior debut. Great teamwork and resilience saw the team finish a hard-fought game. Player of the Day went to **Shaye**. Final Score: 18–23.

August 3rd vs. Tapawera Fry Contracting vs Marist Gold: We played Marist Gold and gave it our all, but lost 7-33, with every player working hard across the court; Player of the Day goes to **Morgan Robinson** for her shooting, rebounds, and mid-court effort, and a huge thanks to our supporters and Shimiela for scoring!

August 10th vs Tapawera Fry Contracting vs Prices Kowhai: Short-handed with no subs, the team showed incredible effort and growth, battling hard in all areas of the court. Player of the Day went to **Karla** for her creativity, movement, and shooting. Final Score: 17–25 to Prices.

August 16th vs Tapawera Fry Contracting vs Marist Tuarua: Despite a full team, we struggled against a fit and fast-paced Marist side but gave it our all, showing great personal and team improvements this season. Player of the Day to **Lissie Anglesey** for her quick manoeuvres and teamwork. Final Score: 12–28.

Tapawera Four Square Team

This is a team that has been together for a couple of years and last year just grew from strength to strength. Thanks to our new sponsors, **Sharon and Murray Williams**, supporting us with your business, **Tapawera Four Square.**



Coach: Toni Derbyshire
Manager: Vanessa Webb

July 26th vs. Garin Kias: The Tap 4 Square team dominated from the start, with smooth attacking play and strong defence leading to a convincing win. Player of the Day went to **Jaidyn Webb** for relentless defence across the court. Final Score: 26–4.

August 2nd vs. Nelson College Shooters: A tight game with excellent lines, strong turnovers, and great work from defenders and midcourt. Tap 4 Square pushed hard to take the win. Player of the Day went to **everyone** – a team effort. Final Score: 18–15.

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Tapawera Four Square Team cont.

August 9th vs. Nelson Shooters - Semi

Final: Strong defence and smart court movement set up Ella and Atlanta in the shooting circle, leading to a comfortable win. Player of the Day went to **Atlanta Linstead** for excellent defence and adapting to a new position. Final Score: 19-8.



August 16th vs. - Final: Tapawera 4 Square played a tough final against Motueka High, showing fierce defence and strong court balance to secure the win. Grade Winners: Collegiate 10. Player of the Day went to the whole team for the team effort, for outstanding determination and teamwork. Final Score: 19-17.

Bushend Farms

Thank you to our new sponsors, **Phil & Jocelyn Riley**, for Your support at **Bushend Farms**.



Coach: Rochelle Holloway
Manager: Adrienne Doig

July 27th vs. Rai Valley: The team played a great game against Rai Valley, all working together for a win of 17-10. Strong long passes when the ball was ours and great interceptions of the other team's passes, bringing it back down to our shooters. A very proud Player of the Day went to **Natasha Owen-Wright**.

August 3rd vs. Nelson College: Amazing play from the team today with a win 20 - 7 against NCG, they all worked together, fast long passes down the court to Maddie and Harmony, our shooters who fired the goals in, plus great intercepting from our defence team. No individual player of the day this week, they were all fantastic absolute team effort.

August 10th vs. Waimea College: It was a full-on game from the start for our girls again played incredibly well as a team with defence intercepts and goal shooting. Alas, we didn't bring a win home; we were just beaten by one point, 15-14 by Waimea.

August 16th vs. Rai Valley: The girls played an awesome final game against Rai Valley, always an intense game but with lots of mutual encouragement from both teams. The girls worked as a team with great mid-court defence and shooting. Final Score

Tapawera Ferns Team

We are excited to have a year 3-4 team this year! We can't wait to see these new young players grow and develop their skills further.

Coach/Manager: Shaye

Our last game today was so much fun. Thank you to all our parents and supporters and a special thank you to Lynda Mitchell, who came to support and cheer on the girls every week. Player of the Day went to everyone.

We have a **Tapawera Netball Club Facebook** page where we will update you on how our teams do throughout the season. We also have a new email address, so feel free to reach out to us at tapaweranetballclub1988@gmail.com.

Lissie Anglesey
Club Secretary





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Hall Entries - Horticulture, Cooking, Handcrafts, Photography

1. One entry per person per class
2. Entries to be staged by **10am** in the School Hall - Judging will take place from 10 - 12pm. **The hall be open on Friday from 4pm – 7pm to take entries.**
3. Each entry is to be accompanied by a name inside a folded paper, with section and class number outside. Unnamed entries will be eliminated.
4. Entry must be all exhibitors own work - unless otherwise specified.

Section 1 - Horticulture

Pre-Schoolers

- 1/1 Arrangement in a jam jar
 1/2 Nature arrangement in sand (natural materials eg. weeds/stones/flowers)

	Years 0-2	Years 3-4	Years 5-6
Sandsaucer	1/3	1/8	1/13
Arrangement in a jar	1/4	1/9	1/14
Creation or arrangement using flax	1/5	1/10	1/15
Vegetable creation	1/6	1/11	1/16
Any other horticultural arrangement / item	1/7	1/12	1/17

	Years 7-8	Years 9-10	Years 11-13
Miniature Garden	1/18	1/21	1/24
Arrangement using flowers and greenery	1/19	1/22	1/25
Any other horticultural arrangement/item	1/20	1/23	1/26

	Adults		Adults
House plant (grown by exhibitor)	1/27	Posy	1/30
Best bloom - large (over 5cm)	1/28	An arrangement using flax	1/31
Best bloom - small (under 5cm)	1/29	An arrangement using flowers	1/32

Section 2 - Cooking

Pre-schoolers

- 2/1 1 cupcake or biscuit decorated (adult provide cupcake/biscuit and child to decorate)
 2/2 1 slice of pizza (adult provide base, child top with favourite toppings)

	Years 0-2	Years 3-4	Years 5-6
2 pieces of uncooked slice	2/3	2/6	2/9
2 Simple biscuits decorated	2/4	2/7	2/10
Any other cooking	2/5	2/8	2/11
	Years 7-8	Years 9-10	Years 11-13
3 scones	2/12	2/17	2/22
3 cupcakes decorated	2/13	2/18	2/23
A piece of pizza	2/14	2/19	2/24
Decorated cake (judged on decoration only)	2/15	2/20	2/25
Any other cooking	2/16	2/21	2/26

	Adults		Adults
Jar of homemade jam	2/27	3 pieces of shortbread	2/32

Jar of preserved fruit	2/28	3 muffins	2/33
Homemade chutney/relish	2/29	3 scones	2/34
Homemade sauce	2/30	Creative loaf of homemade bread	2/35
2 slices of your favourite fruit loaf	2/31	Decorated cake	2/36

Section 3 - Art Work

Examples of artwork;

2 Dimensional Artwork= Painting / Drawing etc.

3 Dimensional Artwork=Paper-mâché / Clay / Sculpture etc.

Pre-Schoolers

3/1 A painting or drawing (on A4 paper)

3/2 3D sculpture/creation (clay/playdough)

3/3 Any other item – whatever you've made that you'd like to show off!!

	Years 0-2	Years 3-4	Years 5-6	Years 7-8	Years 9-10	Years 11-13	Adults
2 Dimensional Artwork	3/4	3/8	3/12	3/16	3/20	3/24	3/28
3D item eg: clay	3/5	3/9	3/13	3/17	3/21	3/25	3/29
Item of jewellery	3/6	3/10	3/14	3/18	3/22	3/26	3/30
Artwork (any materials)	3/7	3/11	3/15	3/19	3/23	3/27	3/31

Section 4 - handcrafts and Hobbies

Pre-Schoolers

4/1 Creation from lego/duplo or similar (to fit on A4 paper)

4/2 Any other hand crafted item you want to show off!

	Years 0-2	Years 3-4	Years 5-6
A handmade card	4/3	4/6	4/9
Building construction i.e. Lego, Meccano etc (must fit on A4 paper)	4/4	4/7	4/10
Any other handcraft / hobby	4/5	4/8	4/11
	Years 7-8	Years 9-10	Years 11-13
A handmade card	4/12	4/18	4/24
An item made from wool	4/13	4/19	4/25
An item made from fabric	4/14	4/20	4/26
An article made from wood	4/15	4/21	4/27
An article made from metal or any other hard material	4/16	4/22	4/28
Any other handcraft / hobby	4/17	4/23	4/29

	Adults		Adults
A Handmade card	4/30	Scrapbooking page	4/39
A soft toy	4/31	A hand sewn article	4/40
A knitted article of clothing	4/32	A machine sewn article	4/41
An item made of crochet	4/33	Quilted article	4/42
An item made of lacework	4/34	Homespun wool/fibre	4/43
Cross-stitch	4/35	Creation predominantly in wood	4/44
Embroidery / Tapestry	4/36	Creation predominantly in metal	4/45
A woven article (any material)	4/37	Creation in any other material	4/46
A felted article	4/38	Any other handcraft or hobby	4/47

Section 5 - Photography

All photos to be mounted on card and given a title, not in frames and no larger than A4 size

	Pre-school	Years 0-2	Years 3-4	Years 5-6	Years 7-8	Years 9-10	Years 11-13	Adults
Print: Animal	5/1	5/6	5/12	5/18	5/24	5/30	5/36	5/42
Print: People	5/2	5/7	5/13	5/19	5/25	5/31	5/37	5/43
Print: Landscape	5/3	5/8	5/14	5/20	5/26	5/32	5/38	5/44
Print: Black & White	5/4	5/9	5/15	5/21	5/27	5/33	5/39	5/45
Print: Manipulated eg: photoshop		5/10	5/16	5/22	5/28	5/34	5/40	5/46
Print: AI generated		5/11	5/17	5/23	5/29	5/35	5/41	5/47

Section 6 - Animals

1. One entry per person per class
2. Animals to be onsite by 11am, judging will take place from 11:30 - 12:30.
3. Participants will need to be with their animals during judging, will have to answer questions about the care of their animals and will be asked to lead them.
4. Please note: Calves will be judged at home the weekend prior.

	Pre-school	Years 0-4	Years 6-8	Years 9-13
Lamb/Goat	6/1	6/4	6/7	6/10
Dog	6/2	6/5	6/8	6/11
Calf (judged prior)	6/3	6/6	6/9	6/12

Tapawera Spring Show Entry form - for animals only

Please hand in an entry form into the school office by Friday 19 September. Lambs, goats and dogs can also be entered on the day. Pamela Irvine will make contact to arrange visiting calves for judging at home.

Parent Name:		Contact Number:	
Child's Name:			
Entry Numbers:			
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Tapawera Community Centre

Email: Nicola Allan
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Contact: Phoebe Quinlivan ph. 021 211
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Tapawera Creative Fibre

Meet: every Wednesdays, 10am-2pm,
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 Contact: Dallas Robinson ph. 5224984

Tapawera Jujutsu Club

Contact: Tony Hammersley ph. 5224609

Tapawera Music/Country Music Club

Meet: Alternate Sundays, Tapawera
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Tapawera Op Shop

Open: Tue 11am-2pm, Wed 10am-2pm,
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Contact: Judy Benjamin ph. 5224445

Tapawera Volunteer Fire Brigade

Contact: Dean Millar Chief ph.
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**What's on
September**

- 9 Tapawera Talking Café, 10-
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- 9 Digi Drop-in Session, School/
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- 11 Garden Club, 11am, Shirley
Percy's, 204 Tadmor Valley
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- 15 'Retirees Recovery Roast'
lunch, 1pm
- 16 TDCC monthly meeting,
Community Centre, 7pm
- 20 Articles for Informer close 5pm
- 23 Elevate Physio with Celia,
10am, Memorial Hall
- 27 Mums group meet up, 9.30am,
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- 28 Craft and Market Day, Village
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- 30 Tea and Talk, Memorial Hall,
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