



## Your Flood Stories

As part of the recovery after the floods we are keen to collect your thoughts and experiences about the events of June/July 2025.

We have created a short questionnaire, see [tasman.govt.nz/share-your-storm-stories](https://tasman.govt.nz/share-your-storm-stories)

The questionnaire gives you the opportunity to reflect not only on your own circumstances, but those of your wider area, networks, communities of concern, social groups, workplaces, schools and so on.

The responses to the questionnaire will be collated into a book, which will be a tangible reminder of how the wider community came through one of the biggest weather events in 150 years.

Your answers can be as brief as you like, or longer if you have more to say. I hope you will take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire. If you prefer pen and paper you can ask at your local library for a printed copy.

### And a little more story-telling...

As we move into the last days of spring, we have been told by a few people that they would like to write down their own story of the floods, maybe for themselves, or for their children and grandchildren, or to add to the historic record.

We know there are many stories to be told, some small snippets, some longer and more involved – all important.

But how to start? The blank sheet of paper, the blank screen, can be pretty intimidating.

Come along to Motueka Library on Friday November 28<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm for a chat about stories, have a cuppa and biscuits with Janine (Motueka Librarian) and Katie (Flood Navigator), and get some tips to help get you started with your writing.

You can bring a laptop or tablet, or pen and paper, and begin your story writing in the session if you feel like it. If you prefer to just chat and pick up ideas, that is fine too.

It will be a calm, safe, and friendly space and everyone is welcome.

## Do you have photographs to share?

I will have more information about where and how to send any photographs you may wish to share in a couple of weeks' time.

Ka kite koutou, keep well everyone.

Katie Sellars  
Flood Navigator

*Manaaki whenua, Manaaki tangata, haere whakamua  
Care for the land, care for people, go forward.*



## Rugby Club Renovations

Recently I have had people asking various questions about the upgrade to our clubrooms and how things are progressing so thought it timely to give a progress report.

The initial reason for starting renovations was plumbing that is well past its best by date. The clubrooms as they are have been there since 1984. Traditionally when something needs fixing, such as a leaking pipe, a committee member will go down and fix it the best they can. With problems continually cropping up it was decided that we needed to completely redo our plumbing. When we looked at what was required to do this it was decided we may as well go all out and completely renovate one end of the clubrooms.

As would be expected with a project such as this there have been a few unforeseen hurdles but we have worked our way through them. Plans have been drawn up and consent approved. In short we are swapping the kitchen and toilets around. The kitchen will be a commercial kitchen with an outside servery and more windows out toward the main field. The bar will basically remain where it is and access will be improved.

We are now at the stage of applying for funding. We have had estimates done and are working on a budget of \$350,000. Naturally we are looking at ways we can do it for less and make our dollar go further. Any offers of help with labour or services would be greatly appreciated as this will help keep our costs down. I'm going to be cheeky here and say that if anyone wants to donate to the cause we certainly won't turn you away.

I hope this clarifies things a bit. If you have any questions please feel free to ask and I'll do my best to answer them.

Tony Firth  
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## To the Tapawera Community

Some of you may have either been refused admission to our AGM on 11 November or heard about members of the community along with three TDC Councillors being refused access. I write this letter to explain and clarify my reasons for refusing admission to these people at the AGM. These reasons were explained to TDCC members at the AGM however if you were not present you may have only heard an explanation from others and that explanation may contain inaccuracies.

The message that I sent out to recent membership applicants earlier this week (copied below) explains my position on access to our General Meetings.

*Dear TDCC members*

*Your application to join TDCC has now been approved by the committee, your membership is confirmed.*

*I know some of you turned up to the AGM last week and may have been disappointed to be refused admission.*

*Our constitution (section 3.1) only permits members to attend General Meetings which of course includes the AGM - despite what some people claim, our AGM (in fact the AGMs of most Incorporated Societies) is a private event only open to its members. I invited John Gully to attend as an independent scrutineer for the voting. I expected all members would be happy to have him attend the AGM as an observer since he is our Ward Councillor. I explained this to the members at the start of the AGM and said I would ask him to leave if any member did not want him present - no-one requested he not be present. The other TDC councillors who turned up at the AGM were not invited and given that they were not TDCC members they were not entitled to attend the AGM hence they, like you, were also refused access.*

*Our constitution requires all membership applications to be approved by the Committee. I was away tramping from late morning Friday 7th returning home evening Monday 10th, by which time there was insufficient time to get committee approval for your application before the start of the AGM.*

*Normally we only deal with membership applications at our monthly meetings (we are all volunteers and I believe it is unreasonable to expect the committee to be available 7 days a week) however given the interest in the AGM I was prepared to email the committee with applications for approval.*

*I emailed the committee with all applications that I received until late Friday morning when I left to go tramping. Regrettably yours arrived after I left home.*

*Best regards  
Steve Udy  
TDCC Chair*

While it may have been useful for Deputy Mayor Maru and Crs Greening and McNamara to be independent observers of our AGM proceedings, it would have been complicated and inconsistent allowing them access while denying access to the several membership applicants waiting outside. Several members at the start of the AGM questioned why John Gully could be present while other non-members may not be. John's presence was planned and, although he was not entitled to attend, his roles as scrutineer and our Ward Councillor presented, I believe, a strong argument for him to remain - this was accepted by all meeting attendees.

Steve Udy  
TDCC Chair

## Tapawera Memorial Recreational Management Committee

invites the public to attend our last meeting of the year for 2025.

Date: Wednesday 3rd December 2025

Time: 7pm

Location: Memorial Hall

As you may be aware we look after the Memorial Hall and the grounds of the Rugby Club, MenzShed, Toy Library and Shearing Pavilion.

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## On the Beat – November 2025

Kia Ora Tapawera community,

Well, it has been a long time since Matt or I have written one of our 'On the Beat' articles and I thought it was high time for an update. I am writing this on my last day before commencing some annual leave for the month of November. Myself, my wife and three kids are about to embark on an overseas trip to visit my sister and her family in Cambodia. I am certainly looking forward to taking a break and spending some quality time making memories with the family. In the meantime, a reliever will spend some time in my absence.

In other news, we have recently welcomed Sergeant Craig Clayworth to the rural policing team. Craig has been appointed to a newly established position as rural supervisor. The rural sergeant position oversees the supervision of both Wakefield and Murchison stations. The position also encompasses the role of workplace assessor. Craig will be based out of Wakefield station. Previously, the rural supervisor has been based from other stations and has not been a dedicated rural role. It will be fantastic to have another Police member based in the area. Please make Craig feel welcome if you meet him out in the community. We will complete another article in time fully introducing Craig.

I recently spoke at the Wakefield 'Live Well Stay Well' group on Scams and Cyber Security. It was timely considering Fraud awareness week is in October. Unfortunately, we are still seeing locals fall for online scams that result in the loss of thousands of dollars in some instances. Part of my presentation covered off various types of scams and signs that you might be facing a scam. Some scams are very obvious, but others are becoming more sophisticated, particularly with Artificial Intelligence becoming more prevalent.

Facebook marketplace seems to be quite the pitfall for a lot of people. Facebook is wrought with scams and there are some obvious signs of it being a scam. The main telltale signs to look out for in online scams are as follows:

- Urgency or pressure to act quickly
- Requests for personal or financial information
- Prices or products that seem too good to be true
- Requests for a deposit to be paid down to secure items
- Newly created profiles that have little to no information i.e. Facebook marketplace
- Poor grammar and English
- Offer to deliver the item for a fee

You can pretty much guarantee it will be a scam if one or more of these factors are present. Remember to 'trust your gut' and if it seems off it more than likely is.

Two tips I gave to ensure you are not an easy target for scammers is to use a password manager and to enable two factor authentication. It can seem quite daunting at first, but I encourage you to start with the major things like your bank accounts and email accounts. If you want some further information on this see some helpful links below:

Visit Own your Online at <https://www.ownyouronline.govt.nz>. This is run by the National Cyber Security Centre and is full of helpful information on scams and cyber security. It includes an email checker in the "How exposed am I?" section where you can check to see if your email address has been exposed in any data leaks threatening your online security. Netsafe also has some very useful information.

1. If you have been the victim of a scam or online fraud please take the following steps:
2. If you have lost money to a scam, report it to your bank ASAP.
3. Change your passwords!!!
4. Report to the 105 Police non-emergency phone line or present to a Police station.
5. Contact the National Cyber Security Centre – <https://www.ncsc.govt.nz>
6. Contact Netsafe — <https://netsafe.org.nz/>

I have been able to assist people in recovering money on some occasions and at times prosecuting offenders. Unfortunately, if the money does go overseas there is a small chance of getting your money back. However, reporting these scams helps give a more accurate picture of the volume of scams happening and assists in intelligence and work done to combat scammers in future.

If you would like me to come and speak to your local group and present on scams and cybercrime, please get in touch. I hate seeing people scammed out of their hard-earned money and I am only too happy to assist you in preventing that from happening. I have a powerpoint presentation that I can go through to educate you on scams.

If you would like to get in touch with us at Wakefield Police, there are several ways to do so. You can report on the non-emergency 105 line, present at a station or email us. Our emails are listed below:

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Sergeant Craig Clayworth – [craig.clayworth@police.govt.nz](mailto:craig.clayworth@police.govt.nz)

Well, that's all from me and we will try to be a bit more regular with updates in the future.

Until next time, stay safe and look after one another.

Constable Jamie White  
Wakefield Police

# TAPAWERA CHRISTMAS

*Celebration week*

**SHEDWOOD HALL**

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## Tapawera Community Connection Update – December 2025

Do you want to connect to others in our community? Read on for information on what's been happening in our town and more fun ways to get involved.

### Tapawera Christmas Week

Tapawera Connect is thrilled to support Lisa Carleton in creating a dedicated Christmas week from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December. See the poster in this month's Informer for more details but it includes lots of fun free, or low-cost, events for all.



I encourage everyone, including local businesses, to enter a decorated Christmas Tree into the competition. This will be judged by the public and will form part of the display. Christmas trees are to be delivered to Shedwood Hall on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> of December and collected Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> of December.

### Workshops

#### 2026 Workshops

After our survey polls earlier this year, I'm delighted to share that we now have a draft 2026 calendar of community workshops, either free or heavily subsidised.

See the proposed calendar below and don't hesitate to let me know if you are interested in any, so I can make sure you are kept up to date with the details.

Proposed Month	Workshop
February	Basic First Aid – Three steps to life (Free)
March	Preserving
April	Dehydrating Food
May	Chainsaw Safety / Repair
June	Basket Weaving
July	Bread Baking
August	Basic Car Maintenance
September	Wood Carving
October	Art Workshop - TBC
November	Candle or Soap Making

*If you would like to run any of the above workshops for us, please get in touch with me, as dates and times are currently flexible. Also let me know if you are interested in running a workshop not already included above.*

### Fermentation Workshop



The fermentation workshop, held in November was a great success, with the attendees having a laugh while making Sauerkraut and learning how to create delicious kombucha and coconut yoghurt. I personally was astonished at how easy these items are to create and the health benefits they provide.

### Hub Fundraising Link

Our dedicated Tapawera Hub fundraising page on the community website and donation portal is now live! You can donate to this wonderful community asset directly from the website, automatically receiving a donation receipt to claim your tax rebate from IRD.



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## Share Your Storm Stories

It's been nearly six months since the floods in our area. For some it's a fading memory, and others are still dealing with the consequences daily.

Katie from the Tasman District Council would like to hear your story. She will be at the

**Tapawera Community Centre**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 10am - 2pm.**

Otherwise, feel free to use the QR code to take you to the questionnaire.





## Tapawera Community Connection Update – December 2025 cont.

### Flood Stories

TDC Navigator Katie Sellers is producing a book around the experience of locals in the Tasman District during the two recent flood events. We would love to hear your story and if you have any positive feedback from such a devastating time. See the advert in this Informer issue for a link to an easy to fill out form or drop into the Community Centre between 10am and 2pm and we can help you. This needs to be completed by early December.

### Support

Christmas and the holiday period can be a wonderful time to connect with family and friends, but it can also be a very stressful time, often with additional financial pressure.

Remember, the Community Centre is now being staffed from 10am to 2pm on Monday to Friday, so if you or any one you know needs any assistance or support, come and see us and we can point you in the right direction. Our office will be closed from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> of December until the 5<sup>th</sup> of January, but for emergency support advice please try the **Community Centre Phone number: 027 436 1937**

**Della Webby**, CLDP Community Connector.  
[Connect@Tapconnect.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:Connect@Tapconnect.onmicrosoft.com) Phone: 027 479 4420

## Join the Tapawera & Districts Community Council (TDCC) Committee

One of the best ways to connect with TDC and make sure that new councillors understand the issues and opportunities facing the Tapawera area is to **join the TDCC Committee**. TDCC meets monthly with our local councillor and carries real weight with Council as a community organisation.

We advocate for local improvements, like reducing the speed limit outside the school, urging TDC to fix potholes, the Dart River crossing, culverts, and more. We also work with TDC on ways to both save and make the best use of ratepayers' money to support our community — for example, through the development of a new community hub.

### TDCC gets things done.

TDCC owns and manages the **Tapawera Community**

**Centre** on behalf of the community. The Centre provides space for local midwives, health services, and community groups. It also houses the **Op Shop**, and revenue from the Op Shop helps fund local initiatives — including recent Tapawera School sports events and the “Spring Show.”

We regularly donate funds to good causes, whether it's the rescue helicopter or a new wood chipper for the Community Garden.

The **Kahurangi Gateway**, along with the coffee and food stalls in the village, also operate on TDCC land and access our water and power.

We're also working with groups like **Tapawera Connect** and the **Historical Society** to help make the centre of the village safe, welcoming, and interesting for everyone.

If you'd like to support your community, consider becoming a **member of TDCC** and joining the committee. Under the new constitution, you need to be a member to either join the committee or nominate someone to it.

Membership is **free** and open to anyone living in the area. You can find a membership form on the **Tapawera Community website** under the TDCC tab:  
<https://tapaweracommunity.nz/wp/tdcc/>

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### Nominations and constitution

Every two years, the TDCC holds a **nomination process** for committee members and officers. Like all incorporated societies across the country, TDCC has had to revise its constitution to bring it into line with the **Incorporated Societies Act 2022**, which came fully into force on 5 October 2023.

The terms of TDCC's revised constitution were largely dictated by the conditions for incorporation under the new Act. The full constitution and the nomination form can be found on the **Tapawera Community website** under the **TDCC tab**: <https://tapaweracommunity.nz/>.

Please print and fill out a nomination form. The instructions are on the form.

All completed nomination forms and accompanying documents must be received by the Returning Officer no later than: 5:00 p.m. on the 15th of December 2025....  
Via.....

Email to: Attn. Returning Officer  
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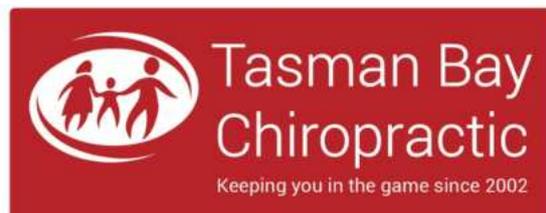
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# VAST

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V.A.S.T Exhibition to showcase Artists of Tapawera in all Media

Open to all media, metal, wood, fibre, painting etc

### Conditions of Entry

- ❖ Primary / Secondary School students free entry
- ❖ Entry limited to Residents in the Tapawera and Motueka River Valley, Lake Rotoiti through to Glen Hope areas and Invited Artist(s).
- ❖ New & emerging Artists welcome, a membership fee of \$15 per year allows exhibiting
- ❖ Responsibility for the Artworks Insurance and protective wrapping lies with the Artist
- ❖ Artists need to be available for the roster while the exhibition is open
- ❖ All items ready to display, and to be delivered to the Hall on Friday 22nd Jan between 10am and 2pm. Works to be collected after 4pm Sunday 1st Feb
- ❖ Works previously exhibited at VAST not accepted. Number of works may be limited due to area available.
- ❖ Additional artwork will not be allowed into the exhibition after opening unless prior arrangement has been made. Sold and uplifted artworks may be replaced.
- ❖ Commission rate on items sold is 10%
- ❖ **Please** include your artist profile, business cards and title cards for your work.

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## Tapawera Creative Fibre

Our group will have our Annual Meeting next week, we are looking to make some administrative changes to lighten the load on the Chairperson, share some activities around and generally make things a bit easier.

We have three days of Creative Fibre left, our last day will be the 10th of December where we will meet at Vicky's for a shared lunch and great conversation. Thank you Vicky. The year has truly flown past.

Members have started gathering raffle items for our open day next year. On that day members of other Top of the South Creative Fibre Groups and other Craft Groups gather together in Tapawera to catch up and have a fun day.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy festive season with family and friends.

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.



## Golden Bush Garden Club



December 2025

We had a wonderful new venue to explore for our November meeting at Sally Briffault's property in Tasman. There was much anticipation to view Sally's reasonably new garden, especially as her son, Joel, is a favourite nurseryman of many members in the Mot Valley. There is always something new and exciting being developed and Sally's garden did not disappoint either. The weather on the other hand was quite disappointing with heavy rain overnight and all through the morning causing many members to forgo the journey over the Tasman. Our meeting was held indoors and the plentiful plant auction in the garage. Our two raffle winners were Rose Kemp and Lyn Petersen. The rain did pass eventually leaving plenty of Thyme to explore. Sally also set a precedent for baking 3 lovely cakes for us to share at morning tea Thyme!

Our committee met after lunch, planning activities for 2026, and there are some exciting places on the list. We are always a bit light on Winter options, so we'd still love to hear of possible locations during the duller, colder months of June/July. While there were several new options presented at the Motueka Toy Library Garden Trail, most those were offered for either Autumn or preferably Spring, which we already have organised for 2026 and it's a bit tough thinking two years out!

Our December Christmas 'Share Lunch' meeting on Thursday 11th will be at Linda and Paul Milsom's property,

2717 Motueka Valley Highway, Woodstock, starting at 11am. (We'll check out if Linda got around to planting ALL the plants she won at last month's auction). In December we have our hamper raffles, so if you have any large baskets to offer up, as well as 'in date' non-perishable groceries to donate, bring them along to be made up into hampers. Each item donated gets a free raffle ticket. This is always well subscribed with (I think) 9 generous hampers being drawn last year. BYO chair, cup / plate and cash for the raffle / auction, as well as a plate of lovely finger food to share, and enjoy this piece of paradise sitting up high above the river. This is always a really special meeting as we round off the year and start thinking about 2026.

Cheers, Janine



## Tapawera Netball Club November News

**Upcoming Important Dates:** Our AGM is coming up on the 17th February, 7pm at the School Office, everyone is invited so come along and get involved in the club.

### Season Dates:

- **Senior Trials:** Wednesday 11th February, 7pm & Sunday 15th February, 9am
- **School Aged Trials:** Wednesday 4th March, 3:15pm

If you don't want to play but would like to help coach or manage for the upcoming season, we would love to hear from you.

**TAPAWERA NETBALL CLUB PRESENTS**

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**Rural Mums  
Christmas Party**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025  
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7.30pm

Let's celebrate Mumma's!! Come along and socialise with other local Mum's, have some yummy food, play some games and have fun!

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RSVP by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
Email: ruralmumstapawera@gmail.com  
Message: Abby or Lissie

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**

**Rural Mums Children's  
Christmas Party**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Memorial Hall  
10am-12pm

RSVP Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025  
Email: ruralmumstapawera@gmail.com  
Message: Abby or Lissie  
Please let us know your child/children's age



## Senior's Activities 2025

Janine Leeden - 0277525975

This year has sped by with not as many exciting adventures as anticipated, but lots of opportunities to connect with other locals for support and encouragement.

At our Tea and Talk meetings we've had informative, educational visits from a variety of professionals working hard in our region and determined to bring more services out to Tapawera, with the right venue.

We had Chris Dunne from NT Hospice, talking to us about palliative care both at the Hospice and in the community, enabling choice and dignity at the end of life. There were lots of questions answered and reassurance that dying happens to us all and generally is peaceful.

Naomi Johnson, Community Educational Co-ordinator from NBPH came and spoke to us about 'pre diabetes' diagnoses and how our diets, portion sizes and physical activity need to be reconsidered as we live more sedentary lives as we get older and retire from more active roles on the farm or full-time work, etc.

Tim Craig from St John came out in June, just days before our first flood event, and spoke to us about the ambulance service in our region, and the limitations we can face rurally with the number of ambulances on the road extremely limited across the region and priority given according to severity of incident. St John are fundraising for a new Richmond ambulance base that will future proof the service for our region. He also spoke about some of the long-standing volunteer services that were being cut to save costs. Some of us gave Tim cash donations, towards the new station, that we were told would be doubled by a philanthropic donor if given that day.

As both Chris from Hospice, and Tim from St John had spoken to us about their organisations access to patients Advanced Care Plans, it was decided to revisit the subject and have another day's workshop where we could work on completing these plans that we started looking at two years earlier.

Due to the two major flood events on 26/27th June and then again on 11th July, our plans for this workshop, and much else, had to be put on hold as employees of most agencies in the region were seconded to help deal with the State of Emergency and Recovery Period. To make up for that and to take advantage of some Flood Recovery Funding provided to Tapawera Connect, secured via DIA, to benefit especially Seniors and Youth, 30 Seniors enjoyed a 'Retirees Recovery Roast' at Kohatu Flatrock Café.

Everyone enjoyed the beautiful meal hosted by Deb and her two hard working staffers and everyone expressed the desire to do this again...monthly please?! Wouldn't that be nice! It was great to see so many local seniors join us for lunch and be a little bit spoiled, especially as so many have volunteered much over decades for this community.

In August we had to have a change of venue to St Peter's Church which everyone agreed was a more comfortable, welcoming venue. It was decided that going forward we'd use the church in future. It is so nice to be able to sit around tables, with lots of comfy stable chairs to cater for a good number of people. This does come with limitations, without a kitchen facility or indoor toilet facility, but as we come into warmer months again we can work around that. Thanks to the Wakefield Diocese allowing us to use this facility and for upgrading the access ramp at the rear of the church and doing some repairs on the flooring in the outdoor toilet to ensure safe entry/exit in due course.

In September Mary-Ann Hardcastle, ACP Facilitator, and the Wakefield Health Centre HIP, Nicole Wilcox, gave us the opportunity to learn about, start and even complete our own Advanced Care Plans and have them signed off with an extended session. This was a great financial saving as it generally requires a GP visit to sign off on this and the admin costs for uploading these Plans often runs into hundreds of dollars. ACPs are designed for all adults to complete so that if/when you are unable to speak for yourself in a medical situation, the professionals caring for you can access and respond to your personal wishes – e.g. 'do not resuscitate' etc. These can open up dialogue with family and loved ones so that they too know your wishes, relieving much angst. These are available in hard copy at the Community Centre and can be completed online as well, which is much cheaper as it doesn't have to be uploaded.

Our November Tea and Talk was our Christmas break-up party, with a shared lunch. As this happened after writing this article, any fun photos will have to wait to be shared in 2026.

I want to thank all my regulars and the new faces that have also eagerly joined in activities this year. We've had a marriage among the ranks, telling us that you're never too old for love and companionship. Back in March we said farewell to our amazing 93yo Gwen Harris who has kept us on our toes with her wicked sense of humour and fast pace for the last couple of years at Sit and Be Fit. Gwen thoroughly enjoyed coming along to get out of the house and share some laughs as well as her tips on rugby and horse racing. She has been greatly missed but we did celebrate a life well lived and her amazing example of taking every opportunity to make the most of life.



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### Senior's Activities 2025 cont

It's also been really encouraging to hear of people who were feeling isolated and lonely coming along and making new, or rekindling, old friendships; and even feeling healthier and stronger for making the weekly effort to join in our Friday exercise classes. These will continue at St Peter's church at 10am on a Friday except for 26th December and 2nd January.

Wishing you all a very blessed Christmas and New Year and here's to more fun and adventures in 2026. As the floods this year have shown, there comes a time when being part of a 'community' proves quite valuable and even lifesaving, whether physically, mentally or emotionally. Tapawera Connect Seniors is here to try to meet some of those needs and is always open to new suggestions. I look forward to seeing you in the New Year.



### Christmas and New Year

As in previous years we will only be closed for the statutory holidays. During the short week between Christmas and the New Year we will be running a skeleton staff at reduced hours and will only be accepting urgent appointments on the day.

### Health Improvement Practitioner

### Repeat Prescriptions – Christmas and New Year

With Christmas approaching, it is a good time to double check you have your long-term medications ordered in good time. Give us a call or order through MyIndici.

### A note of thanks

Thanks to all who have been responding with feedback in our prediabetes survey and our feedback form at the Tapawera Spring Show. It is really helpful in planning our services and making sure we are meeting health needs in the community as best we can. For those who have requested support through those surveys we will be in touch shortly. Ngā mihi nui, Dr Kim Hurlow



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The team here at Wakefield Health Centre wish you a healthy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.





# READY FOR ANY ROAD. READY FOR ANY CALL.

The Tapawera Volunteer Fire Brigade is fundraising for a new 4WD ute to better service our community. Our current vehicle is no longer fit for purpose, and upgrading will ensure we can respond quickly, safely and effectively to emergencies across our wider rural area.

Keep an eye on our Tapawera Volunteer Fire Brigade Facebook page for more information and updates!

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**ALTERNATE COLLECTION POINT AT  
THE TAPAWERA FOUR SQUARE**



## Learning to Love Our Native Plants: Baton Valley Workshop

In the last week of October the Motueka Catchment Collective, Landcare Trust and the Baton Valley Trust joined forces delivering two native plant workshops on the Baton House property at the top of the beautiful Baton Valley.

There was good demand for these field days, which comprised of an interesting morning information session and an afternoon adventure into the hills.



Baton House

The group discovered why our native plants are so special (about 85% of our plants are endemic i.e. only found in Aotearoa, shaped by 80 million years of isolation) and how they are largely NOT pollinated by birds hence their less showy flowers. We learnt about 'buzz pollination' – that's when a native plant only releases its pollen in response to a specific frequency of the beating wing of the native bee – wow! And heteroblasty – when the leaf size, structure and shape changes from juvenile through to adult forms. Who knew some orchids have an 'irritable labellum' which is spring loaded to capture their pollinator which they then release, and that the pollen of the fuchsia tree is blue?



Looking at the abundant flowers on the beech tree as we come into a mast year

We looked at the basics of taxonomy – the growth form of plants as well as etymology – how they are named. Did you know the horoeka, or lancewood, is an indicator tree for possum browsing? Lots of great learning!

After lunch on the Baton House lawn groups headed out to look at the wetland restoration, some spent time in the native revegetation block doing more plant I.D., and some also visited the newly established tōtara plantation and heard about the trials and tribulations of that project. All in all a fascinating day.

The tutor was Wayne O'Keefe who has recently come to Tasman. Originally from Wales, Wayne moved to Aotearoa in 2001 and quickly developed a passion for our unique biodiversity. He has worked in the community conservation space supporting and guiding conservation groups and landowners to achieve their conservation goals and is a self-confessed native plant geek. Wayne has held roles with the QEII National Trust, Trees that Count and is a current trustee of Tane's Tree Trust. His enthusiasm shone through and we look forward to more workshops with Wayne in the future.



Wayne presenting about native plants in the morning session



To check out Tane's Tree Trust go here – <https://www.tanestrees.org.nz/>

By Ange Palmer



  
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# Tapawera Community Craft and Market Day

Last Sunday of the month






Across the road from 4 Square  
 on the village green, 10am to 2pm.

Bring along your crafts/produce  
 /unwanted items to sell.





Enquiries to Amanda Beer on FB messenger or via the Tapawera and Surrounding Valleys FB page.



What a year it has been for Tapawera. Through everything that has happened, one thing has stood out clearly. We have an incredibly supportive, generous and proactive community, and we see every week how people step up for one another. It is something we can all be proud of.

The trust would like to take this opportunity to thank the Tapawera Connect Operations team, who work with passion and dedication to support our community:

**Della Webby**- Community Connector

Thank you for showing up unflinching and consistently before, during and after the floods. Your unwavering commitment to be there for anyone who needs help under any circumstances and your ability to calmly manage a variety of high-level tasks are such a huge asset to the community. The difference you are making, one person at a time, is almost impossible to quantify, but valuable beyond measure.

**Mark Soper**- Community Connector

You continue to work with so much energy and enthusiasm, supporting so many projects and ideas. Shedwood Bush is thriving, and so is the team working alongside you. The fruit trees, which will delight passing children and adults alike, are now in the ground and being cared for by a whole team of people. There is improved signage underway, seating and shelter planned for Shedwood, continual support and ideas for local businesses, a movie project in the pipeline, and so much more. Thank you for all that you do.

**Janine Leeden**- Seniors Wellbeing Coordinator

Your consistency and reliability, your humour and your passion are all such incredible qualities. Thank you for holding the space for the Welby Talking Cafes, the Tea and Talk gatherings, and the Sit and Be Fit exercise classes, which are all enjoyed by many and provide a reliable and stimulating connection for so many. You have supported many connections and friendships. We know this takes a lot of time behind the scenes to make it happen, and we are very grateful for all that you do!

**Josie Orr**- Youth Group Facilitator

Thank you for your consistency and reliability, and for always bringing the energy. We know this isn't always easy on a Friday afternoon after a busy week of teaching! The youth group has continued to thrive under your wonderful organisation, with an average of 20-30 youth attending each activity. It has been wonderful to see connections being made and maintained with Wakefield and Motueka Youth groups, too!

**Leigh Davis**- Youth Group Facilitator

Thank you, Leigh, for being there consistently for our rangitahi! Even after a full week of parenting and teacher aiding, you still mustered the energy to wrangle and support a rowdy bunch of teenagers! You have been an excellent role model with your warmth, level-headedness and

approachability. We are sorry to lose you in 2026, but we are stoked you will stay involved as a volunteer when you can.

**Abby Fenemor**- Rural Mums Coordinator

Thank you so much for the time you have dedicated to this volunteer role! You have been the glue that holds the group together. Managing communication with 40+ local mums is not easy!

You have facilitated many gatherings and wellbeing sessions, and supported social events such as the beautiful Honouring of Lost Babies evening, a Thermomix party, the Rural Family Fun day, regular drop-in sessions, and lots, lots more. From baking, getting sponsorship, setting up, packing down, and all with your own two little people in tow! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

**Rachel Moffitt**- Operations Manager

We would also like to welcome on board our new Operations Manager, Rachel Moffitt, who joined us in October and has been quietly getting to know the ropes and supporting the team behind the scenes. We're excited to have you working with us Rachel and you are already making a really positive impact.

A massive shout-out to all of the wonderful people who pour their hearts and time into the community projects. There are simply too many to name, but you know who you are. If you know someone who has been involved, give them a big thanks; a little acknowledgement goes a long way! Have a wonderful Summer, everyone!

## **Sell our Community Centre (aka Trec House) and the 'Gateway to Kahurangi'???**

Three choices: Save it, sell it, demolish it.

At the Tapawera Community Council's AGM, the out-going committee's motion was to sell the existing Community Centre, along with the Gateway to Kahurangi green space, with funds going to the Hub or other local initiatives.

The motion was withdrawn due to community concern, giving us an opportunity to explore options for the centre's future.

Have a say in what you think this central part of our village should be used for.

Public meeting, Rugby Clubrooms, 7.15pm, Tuesday 9th Dec.

Open to everyone from Tapawera village and surrounding valleys.

Please note, this is possibly the first of two public meetings; the second would be held after the new Tapawera & Districts Community Council has been elected.

Enquiries and feedback to:

Roy Bensemam 027 4482817

Hamish Barker 027 5719151

Trish Palmer 027 9198685 or email [dunrban@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dunrban@xtra.co.nz)

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026

10:00 AM

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Tapawera  
Community Church

Come and Join Us for the Service  
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All Welcome

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## From the Principal's Desk

Tēnā koutou e te Whānau ki te Kura o

Tapawera

We hosted the Education Review Office (ERO) here at Tapawera Area School in week three of this term. I am writing to extend a huge thank you to all our students and staff who took the time to meet with the review team. An ERO visit is a valuable opportunity for us to reflect on our practice, celebrate our successes, and identify our next steps for growth. It's an intensive process, and I was incredibly proud of how our whole school community came together to share what makes Tapawera Area School so special. Our students, as always, were our greatest ambassadors. They spoke with confidence and honesty, and truly demonstrated our school **FIRE** values of **Friendship, Integrity, Respect, and Effort**. The review team was able to see our ākonga (students) engaged in their learning, from our newest entrants right through to our senior NCEA students. I must also acknowledge our passionate and dedicated staff, who work tirelessly to provide the best possible learning opportunities for every child. We see this review as a collaborative process and a partnership. We had positive and constructive discussions with the reviewers, and we look forward to receiving their final confirmed report in the coming months. Once we have the final report, we will, of course, share the findings with our school community. Thank you again for your ongoing support. It is your partnership that makes our kura a fantastic place to learn and grow.

### Principal's Award

Assembly highlights from yesterday, where we acknowledged several successful learners. Congratulations to Oliver Snackers for receiving the Principal's Award as he has been demonstrating outstanding leadership, sportsmanship, and perseverance in his learning.



### Primary Athletics Day, Year 0-8

What a magnificent day we had on Tuesday, November 4th, for our Year 0-8 Primary Athletics event! The sun was shining and our students showed incredible dedication and effort across all events, including the long jump, sprints, obstacle course, high jump, and the Principle Challenge etc. Every student gave 100%, making it an awesome day that ran very smoothly. Our Year 9/10 Students ran the activities brilliantly and received fantastic feedback for their dedication and helpfulness. It was also brilliant to see so many Parents/Whanau coming out to support not just their tamariki but all the students participating.



### Junior TOSI Yr 7-10

The annual Junior TOSI Year 7-10 tournament was hosted by Collingwood on Thursday and Friday, October 30th and 31st. This tournament is between Collingwood, Murchison, Amuri and Tapawera, involving a team of 10 boys and 10 girls who had been diligently training every lunchtime since the end of Term 3. Coached by Steve and supported by Tegan, this year's team was notably young, offering a significant learning experience for several students attending their first sports tour. The core sports played included netball, football, basketball, volleyball, Ki-o-Rahi, and playball, complemented by minor sports like table tennis, bowls, a quiz, badminton, and squash. While the team had moments where they excelled, the overall event served as a crucial learning curve and a vital build-up for the Area School TOSI Tournament scheduled for Term 1 next year. The team extended their gratitude to Collingwood for hosting the successful tournament, providing excellent food, and to the billets who housed the students overnight.





### Year 7/8 Summer Tournament

Room 7 spent a day at the Motueka Rec Centre in week 5 competing in three different sports alongside several other schools in the Motueka cluster. They tested their skills at dodgeball, ultimate frisbee and capture the flag. Each team was grouped together with another school team and they had to work together to compete. It was an exciting day and lots of fun was had by all. Thank you to Tegan, Emelie, Judy and Mr Hooper for organising the trip and supervising on the day.



### Disco

What a fabulous night at the Hawaiian Disco! A huge thanks to our tamariki and whanau that joined us to dance the night away.

Thanks to the staff and organising committee for making it happen. It was great to have a chat with parents in the staffroom for coffee and biscuits too.



### School Counsellor

My name is Janey Clark, and I am delighted to be joining your school team as the counsellor. I also come from a rural community and am married with three children of my own, so am very familiar with the many issues that young people face.



As a counsellor, I see my main role as creating a confidential and safe space where your young people can talk about their concerns or worries. I also particularly enjoy supporting children and teens to recognise and grow their strengths, building on their self-confidence and self-esteem.

I look forward to meeting you and your children. Please feel free to get in contact with me if you think your child might benefit from counselling. Currently I am in Tapawera every second week but from the beginning of 2026, I will be in your school every Wednesday.

### Kaimahi Trophy - week 3 - Leigh Davis

The Kaimahi trophy is awarded to Leigh for making a positive influence on young people he is working with at our kura.



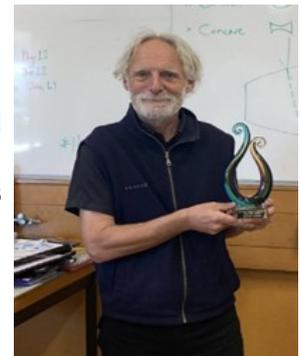
### Kaimahi Trophy - week 4 - Mark Stephens

The Kaimahi Trophy is awarded to Mark in recognition of his ongoing willingness to support our tamariki and his dedication to working closely with our Alternative Education Programme students.



### Kaimahi Trophy - week 6 - Gordon Baird

The Kaimahi Trophy is awarded to Gordon in recognition of his ongoing willingness to share his kind, caring nature and support to teach our tamariki.



### Dates:

- Friday 28th November Kapa Haka Festival
- Wednesday 3rd December Whole School Assembly
- Friday 12th December Big Day Out
- Monday 15th December Prizegiving 7pm**
- Tuesday 16th December Last Day of the year (12:30pm finish)

Save The Date  
Sunday 22 - Friday 27  
March 2026



We will need billets for approximately 120 students. If you are willing to host students during this period but have not undergone police vetting through the school in the past three years, please reach out to the office for the necessary form.



## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As someone who has recently moved to Tapawera, I wanted to share a few thoughts on what it's like to settle into a smaller community and find your place.

Moving from a bigger town, where I had friends, work, and a familiar routine, to a rural area where everyone seems to already know each other can feel a little daunting. There's a quiet here, the kind that's peaceful until you realise it can also make it easy to stay tucked away in your own bubble. It takes time, effort, and courage to step out, introduce yourself, and find ways to be part of something bigger than your own household.

That's where local organisations and community spaces make such a difference. They provide an open door, a chance to connect, contribute, and learn about the heartbeat of this place. I've learnt that whether it's helping at events, joining a committee, or just showing up for morning tea, these small acts of involvement are what keep rural communities like Tapawera alive and resilient.

I'm excited to now be part of the Tapawera Connect team because it gives me the chance to use my skills locally and be an active member of the community. I'm still learning the history of the area and getting to know the people and places that make Tapawera what it is. So, my role is to listen first, and aim to build on the work already being done.

As I get stuck in, I find myself wondering what truly connects this community. Is it our shared responsibility to support future generations? Is it the economic wellbeing of our district? Is it the river and our relationship with the land? Or is it the history and the way stories, skills, and local knowledge are passed down?



The projects we're working on, from youth programmes and community events to wellbeing initiatives and local collaborations, are about exploring those shared values and strengthening that sense of belonging and pride. It's a privilege to help shape something that advocates for a strong community while also finding my own place in it.

If you see me around or would like to chat about what Tapawera Connect is up to, please say g'day. I'd love to hear your thoughts and meet more of the people who make Tapawera what it is.

Warm regards,

Rachel Moffitt  
Operations Manager, Tapawera Connect

Dear Editor

On the 11th of November the Tapawera District Community Council viz TDCC held an open to those who had registered as member to speak of their views regarding the proposed selling of the 'Trek house'/Op Shop & Council Chamber TDC viz Tasman District Council. Since once the proposed Hub was built (A dream in itself & not the 'done deal' they say it is since the TDC seek to back a New shiny Hub.). That the Village already has a number of perfectly good meeting places already doesn't seem to register & the millions of rate payers money will they seem to think be a fine project plus paid staff to go with it (a nice little earner for them of course). I'm sure mostly. that they might mean well and some to my surprise are all for it & support it. To me it's just another needless vanity project in the game of "When I was TDC Councillor we built a mega dam". (That so far hasn't burst.) & \$600,000 of local & national \$ went to aid a private motor sport park when every member of the TDCC opposed it. But if & when this great 'Boon doggle' should occur then TDC who cover rates insurance & maintenance of the old historic Op Shop/Council Chambers are unlikely to continue doing that hence this move to sell it now anticipating the new marvellous still unneeded Hub. The subject of earthquake possibilities came up. I pointed out that since the in my view poor assessment recently that that building survived Murchison & the 1968 Inangahua Quake and no flash new Hub would fare any better should a really big Quake hit. We are on "The ring of fire". A big one might be just around the corner so to speak

That the Current TDCC are trying earnestly to deal with a very difficult task I have no doubt as to their integrity in this vexed matter, though the turning away those who wanted to come in caused much disquiet. And the final view was that another open to all meeting would be held. I did briefly speak to our new regional Councillor who platformed on reduced spending & I'm hopeful he won't develop the delusions of grandeur earlier TDC councillors had.

Maurice Taylor

**Book Discussion Group**

Meet: 4th Thursday in month, 10am  
 Contact: Adrienne Baigent 021408892

**Federated Farmers**

Contact: Harry Matthews - Field Rep -  
 0275078901

**Golden Bush Garden Club**

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 02102510945, or Shirley Percy 5224924

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**For emergencies Dial 111,**  
 Email [info@stjohn.org.nz](mailto:info@stjohn.org.nz)

**Tapawera & Dist. Community Church**

**St. Peter's Tapawera:** no services at  
 present  
 Contact: Church office 03 541 8883  
[wakefieldanglican.xtra.co.nz](mailto:wakefieldanglican.xtra.co.nz)  
 Urgent enquiries to Andrea 0024169386

**Tapawera Food Bank**

Contact: Suzzi Lankshear ph.  
 0277491063

**Tapawera & Dist. Community Council**

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of month,  
 7pm Tapawera Community Centre,  
 email: [TapaweraTDCC@gmail.com](mailto:TapaweraTDCC@gmail.com)

**Tapawera Community Centre**

Email: Jan Barker  
[janzmail001@gmail.com](mailto:janzmail001@gmail.com)

**Tapawera Connect**

Contact: Phoebe Quinlivan ph. 021 211  
 6730 or 522 4929, email:  
[tapaweraconnect@gmail.com](mailto:tapaweraconnect@gmail.com)

**Tapawera Creative Fibre**

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

**Tapawera Jujutsu Club**

Contact: Tony Hammersley ph. 5224609

**Tapawera Music/Country Music Club**

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

**Tapawera Op Shop**

Open: Tue 11am-2pm, Wed 10am-2pm,  
 Sat 11am-2pm, last Sun of month 10am-  
 2pm  
 Contact: Amanda Beer ph. 0278024612

**Tapawera Playcentre**

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

**Tapawera Rugby Football Club**

Bookings: ph. Judy Benjamin 5224445

**Tapawera Sport & Recreation Society**

Contact: Judy Benjamin ph. 5224445

**Tapawera Volunteer Fire Brigade**

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

**TAS / Community Library**

Mon-Fri 10:30am-1:30pm. Contact: Kelly  
 Library ph. 5224337/ext. 213

**TESSI**

Contact: Bruce Whyte ph. 5224550

**Toy Library**

Open Monday or via arrangement:10:30  
 -11:30am contact Jan Barker:  
 0273915424 or 5224102

**Visual Arts Society Tapawera**

Contact: Dallas Robinson ph. 5224984

**Yoga with Josie**

Wednesdays 6-7pm school music room  
 (school term only).  
 Contact: Josie Orr: 027 612 5813

**What's on  
December**

- 3 Share Your Storm Stories,  
Tapawera Community Centre,  
10am-2pm
- 3 Tapawera Memorial  
Recreational Management  
Committee meeting, Memorial  
Hall, 7pm
- 5 Rural Mums Christmas Party,  
Memorial Hall, 7.30pm
- 9 Tapawera Talking Café, 10-  
11:30am, School/Community  
Library
- 9 Public meeting re. selling  
Community Centre/Gateway to  
Kahurangi, 7.15pm, Rugby  
Clubrooms
- 9-12 Christmas Week, 12 noon-  
4pm, Shedwood Hall:
- 9 Free wreath making workshop
- 10, 11 Free Christmas decoration  
workshop
- 12 Free candle making workshop
- 12 Twilight market from 40m
- 13 Rural Mums Children's  
Christmas Party, Memorial Hall,  
10am-12pm

**GP & Nurse at  
Tapawera Clinic**

(during school term time):

**GP clinics – Mondays**  
 9am – 12 midday

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

**Wakefield Police**

Constable Jamie White –  
[jamie.white2@police.govt.nz](mailto:jamie.white2@police.govt.nz)  
 Constable Matthew Berquist –  
[matthew.berquist@police.govt.nz](mailto:matthew.berquist@police.govt.nz)  
 Non Urgent (CRL) – Call 105  
 Happening Now – Call 111