

Tarras Talk

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The 'Friends of Tarras School' are thrilled to invite all avid golfers and enthusiasts to participate in our prestigious...

AMBROSE GOLF TOURNAMENT

4 APRIL 2025 | 2:00PM - 7:00PM
TARRAS GOLF COURSE

\$200/TEAM OF 4

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TARRAS REFUSE STATION

CODC feedback over the last month:
We are noticing an increasing number of non-CODC bags, which means the waste is not paid for and all ratepayers have to carry the cost of this.

C'MON TARRAS, USE AN ORANGE BAG!

Rural Women AGM

Tarras Rural Women General Meeting

On Thursday 10th April @ 7pm at the Tarraa church.

All welcome

I DON'T HAVE KERBSIDE COLLECTION BINS, HOW DO I RECYCLE?

Throughout the District we have a number of rural recycling drop-off depots. These accept the same types of things that can go in yellow or blue kerbside bins for recycling.



Paper

Magazines | Newspapers | Junk mail
Must be dry.



Aluminium drink cans



Cardboard

Boxes | Egg cartons |
Clean pizza boxes
Must be dry and flattened.



Steel food tins



Rigid plastic bottles & containers # 1, 2 & 5

Any colour | All clean & empty | No lids

- Drink bottles | Meat trays |
Fruit punnets | Plastic jars

- Dairy bottles | Shampoo bottles |
Cleaning product bottles

- Ice cream containers | Margarine containers |
Large yogurt pottles



Glass Bottles

Place lids and caps in the red bin.



Glass Jars

Place lids and caps in the red bin.



TARRAS SCHOOL

Kia ora,

How is it the end of March already!? We've had another action packed month with lots of learning in and outside of the classroom. We participated in the Small School Athletics in Roxburgh. The tamariki all represented us well with a special mention to George Savage for placing second overall in the year 4 boys! We are currently participating in our 'SwimSafe' lessons at Cromwell - helping to teach us how to be safe in, on and around all water.

A very warm welcome to Bailee and Tyler Duffy, along with their parents, Matt and Sam to Tarras School. We've loved having you join our school and have enjoyed getting to know you all.

Property Update:

Last year, you'll recall we were fundraising for our playground (and still are). Two pieces of play equipment have been installed last week with more to come.



You may have spotted our front fence has been removed - yay! The very proactive Board of Trustees are replacing it with a post and rail fence; sturdier, higher and safer! We'd like to thank Dan Feary and his team for the removal of the old fence, PGG for their discounted timber and Precise Fencing (Ruben and Noah) for the very generous offer of building the new fence for us. We're so grateful to all of you for helping to keep us safe!



March thanks goes to:

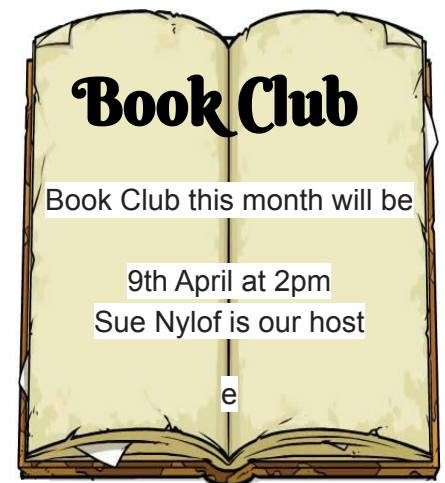
- Robbie and Chrissy Gibson for their organising with the A&P Show Ear Tag and Gift lamb fundraiser - this made a whopping \$4000 towards our playground upgrade. Thanks to Matt Walker, Potter Pledger and John Grant for their help; thanks to Jeremy from QT and Kerian from Aryburn for the generous prize and to everyone who purchased tickets.
- All the families/community members who contributed food towards the 'Dog Trials' fundraiser and to Jackie Purvis and Dani Feary for all their hard work running the kitchen over the two days. We really appreciate your time and organisational skills - it was a well oiled machine and a great day out in the community.
- Fern Fuels and all the contributing businesses who direct their fuel points our way - we've been able to 'purchase' a new TV for the senior class. Thanks to all of you...

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We always have so many people helping us in so many ways. Thanks and gratitude doesn't seem enough, but we are incredibly grateful and thankful!



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Tarras Community Response Group alters name

The recent meeting of the Tarras Community Response Group was very positive. The group identified the major challenge, as being the need to encourage the community on preparing for a major emergency. Providing an organised way to identify who needs help and who can offer it, ensuring that support reaches those who need it the most - this will remain a key focus for the group. Neighbourhood hubs are to be established throughout the Tarras area, with a coordinator from within that hub, making contact with each household.

These hubs will play a pivotal role in an emergency. Neighbours and community members often know who might need extra help, such as the elderly or those with special needs. The stronger the connections are within your community, the more resilient everyone will be in the face of emergencies. This will also be an important part of capturing information of resources and equipment that could potentially be used in an emergency.

Changing the name of the group was discussed to bring us into line nationally with other groups and as suggested by Emergency Management Otago. The group decided the name should be, taking immediate effect: Tarras Emergency Resilience Group. The Facebook page has had the name changed and the email address is now:

tarraserg@gmail.com although a redirect from the original address has been temporarily put in place to ensure no emails are missed.

The meeting also wants to remind people to register on the "Get Ready" website. <https://getready.govt.nz/> The meeting viewed Natural Hazards portal online & looked at local areas that could be affected by numerous natural hazards, including flooding, earthquakes, alluvial fans, liquefaction, and even tsunamis. Tarras is potentially impacted by any failure in the Hawea and/or Clyde dams as we could experience significant backwash. <https://www.naturalhazardsportal.govt.nz/s/>

Another meeting will be held within the next 4-6 weeks. Should you wish to be involved with the group, or as a neighbourhood hub coordinator, or if you would like a full set of minutes from the meeting, please email.tarraserg@gmail.com

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Craig Mace has been a Volunteer firefighter for nearly 28 years, mostly in Queenstown area but the last 6 have been with Tarras.

No sirens for rural areas, so members are alerted by pager & phone app AMS. (Availability Messaging System) AMS uses the device location to enable tracking Volunteers location when responding to an incident & determining who is available. Many of the Volunteers work outside the area, but there is never less than 2-3 who turn out at each call.

Tarras Station has a fire truck & tanker, the tanker being sought after, so sometimes Tarras is called in to provide support to other units in the area. In the first 12 weeks of 2025, Tarras Volunteers have attended approx 16 callouts. These take a variety of forms – several grass fires/motor vehicle accidents. When there is a grass fire in the wider region eg: Wanaka/Hawea area, Tarras can be called to take over from the urban stations after the first hour, so that they can return to their home station to be prepared for the next call.

Volunteer Support Officers do a variety of roles for the FENZ Volunteers including, picking up used equipment for cleaning & repackaging ready for the next callout. The station carries several prepared packages of equipment & clothing so that there is minimal sorting to do once back at the station.

People sometime refer to FENZ now as Fire & Everything Else NZ, as their mandate formally includes accidents/emergencies, plus they can be called to provide support to Police and St John.

Generally, whoever drives the engine is also the pump operator and this is a role Craig enjoys. The Tarras Station being a rural station, the fire fighters, have no breathing apparatus or cutting equipment. Luggate Station carries the latter. Cromwell as an urban station is expected to have an engine out the door within 3 minutes, for Tarras it is 10mins.

After every callout the crew debrief together. What worked/what did not, & talking about any issues it raised for them as a crew, or as individuals. Professional counseling support is made available to them as needed after some call outs, group counseling is mandatory.

Tarras talk by email!

Anyone in the community who would like to receive Tarras Talk via email to send their email address to Tarras Rural Women: tarrasruralwomen@gmail.com

ANZAC DAY 2025

ANZAC Service 25th April 2025

Anyone in the community wishing to help with organizing or new ideals please contact
Ang or Beau



AF8 Roadshow 2025

The Science Beneath Our Feet

Wednesday 2nd April, 6.30pm

Alexandra Community Theatre, Skird Street

We can't predict earthquakes, but we can prepare for them!

Join us for a public talk to hear from leading Alpine Fault scientists about the likely impacts of an Alpine Fault earthquake in your region, and how we can be better prepared for such an event. Bring your questions. First in, best seated.

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Community spotlight (continued)

All crew are trained in CIMS (Critical Incident Management Systems). This system is NZs official framework to achieve effective coordinated incident management across responding agencies eg: Police, St John

Tarras Volunteers train every 2nd Tuesday for 2hrs. Depending on seasons, the training maybe outdoors practicing pumping water from the river or in winter it is more likely to be classroom training. Tarras unit currently has 13 members, age from 16yrs to approx. 70yrs & a mix of genders.

There is much more to know about the Tarras FENZ operations & their crews, but one thing I do know is that they save lives, & help people at critical moments in their lives & for that, & more, we remain grateful to them – their commitment & passion for community is to be acknowledged, valued & praised. Thanks team!

THE TARRAS CHURCH SERVICE
IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY
MONTH AT 11AM

Upcoming service:

6TH APRIL 2025

DUTY: BILLEE MARSH & CHRISTINA PERRIAM

*The Parish AGM is at Tarras Church
after the 11am April service.*

*The parish picnic will follow in the
church grounds – all very welcome.*

THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE AT THE
TARRAS CHURCH ON EASTER SUNDAY.

THERE WILL BE SERVICES AT CROMWELL
AND WANAKA.

Next month's service:

4TH MAY 2025

DUTY: LUCY ANNAN & BARB ANNAN

Services lead by Damon Plimmer – all welcome

Community Facebook pages

Some great community spirit in keeping facebook pages active in our community

<https://www.facebook.com/tarrasotago>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/495149586007403>