

# Tarras Talk

Find us online at [www.tarras.org.nz](http://www.tarras.org.nz)



## Skin & Bone

top shelf Dunedin swing band  
Tarras Community Church



Friday 14 March 7.30pm  
\$25 Tickets from Humanitix.com/nz

### Lilliput Library: Spread the Word

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

*Upcoming services:*

**2ND MARCH 2025**

DUTY: FELICITY HAYMAN & TRUDI PRYDE

**6TH APRIL 2025**

DUTY: BILLEE MARSH & CHRISTINA PERRIAM

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*Services lead by Damon Plimmer – all welcome*

### Lilliput Library:

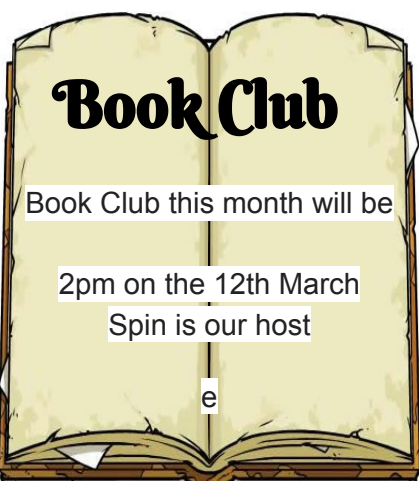
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## TARRAS COMMUNITY RESPONSE GROUP

*"If we as a community, don't step up to help each other, who will"* Kathy Grimes

**Update:** We look forward to meeting as a group, with all those who expressed interest in being actively involved, at our meeting last year. However, more are always welcome, so please join us on 13<sup>th</sup> March.

As you can see, we have adopted a logo for the group, to use in the interim. There will be some discussion on this and other news at the next meeting on

### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March @ Tarras Hall 7pm

We will have discussion on establishing community "hubs," each with its own coordinator, so if this is something that would be of interest to you, please join us. You know your community, so your input is sought on how these hubs would be most effective, geographically.

There are several other "roles" that would be needed, to coordinate community support in the event of an emergency. These will be outlined and discussed on the evening and you are invited to contribute to the draft options, that will be presented.

There is a good site that visually outlines some of the potential hazards in our area, with good indicators of how we could be affected. Please visit: [Otago Natural Hazards Portal](#).

If you would like to join the group, or send an apology for the meeting, drop us an email:

[tarrascrg@gmail.com](mailto:tarrascrg@gmail.com)

All Welcome!!!!

## TARRAS RURAL WOMEN

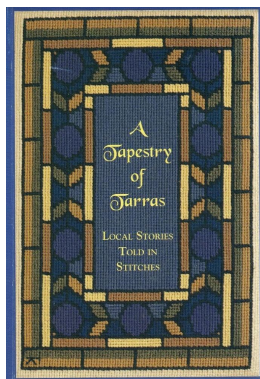
Join us for a visit to the Lavender Farm in Wanaka on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, meeting at Tarras Village for car pooling at 9.45am or meet us at the Lavender Farm.

For more information email:  
[tarrasruralwomen@gmail.com](mailto:tarrasruralwomen@gmail.com)



## TARRAS GOLF

Tarras team who won the first CO Women's Golf Interclub competition of the 2025 season at Tarras. Back from left-Margo Johnston, Jan Gibson, Avril Templeton. Front row-Margaret Sell, Alison Caughey, Jacqui Henderson



## Great Gift: limited edition

A Tapestry of Tarras  
Get yours before they go  
[tarrasruralwomen@gmail.com](mailto:tarrasruralwomen@gmail.com)

### 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](mailto:tarrasruralwomen@gmail.com)

## ANZAC DAY 2025

ANZAC Service 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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

# TARRAS SCHOOL

Kia ora,

We're delighted to be back at school for another year! The tamariki have come back all refreshed and ready to go and we've been off to a rather busy start! We've loved having Lisa join the team and are enjoying the small class sizes.

The tamariki competed in the Wānaka Challenge, showing great determination and enthusiasm, continuing to make us proud. On Friday we hosted Makarora School for a 'try'athlon. It was great to spend time with them, have a bit of fun and eat sausages off the BBQ. Currently we are busy practising for the Small School Athletics in Roxburgh - if there are any avid high jumpers that want to come down and teach, that would be great! 30kgs of Moorpark apricots have been turned into delicious jam - this is for sale on the stall and tastes delicious.

We'd like to welcome Lara and Hulk Almedia and their family to school. And next week we have Tyler and Bailee and their family joining us too. Welcome to Tarras School!

We had a really positive 'Friends of Tarras School' meeting last week - lots of great ideas and enthusiasm for the 2025 year and some new faces around the table. We appreciate everyone's support, whether it's joining the committee or helping out at particular events, it is very helpful.

I have been incredibly fortunate to be able to attend the Plain Talk Literacy Convention in New Orleans last week. As part of the recent settlement with the Primary Principals Collective Agreement, additional funds were allocated by the Government to "ensure principals can access coaching and support which enhances their leadership role and supports their professional development and wellbeing". The BOT and I chose to use these additional funds to attend the Literacy Convention, helping us to work towards achieving our 'Strategic Plan' goals.

It has been insightful and a real privilege to listen to renowned Doctors and Professors speak about Literacy; the Science of Reading, Best Effective Teaching Practises based on evidence, how to best support struggling learners and hear from practitioners with 40+ years of research and experience. You would have seen in the media the changes the NZ Government has mandated with relation to Structured Literacy, and with America's long standing evidence based approach, it has been invaluable to attend the three day conference. I look forward to sharing this new learning with the team and making slight tweaks to our teaching to continue to improve the quality of teaching and learning at Tarras.

February thanks goes to:

- Michelle and Reggie Dacombe and Ben Purvis for keeping an eye on the vegetable gardens over the summer break.
- The mystery people who are topping up the stall - thanks so much!
- Chrissy and Robbie Gibson for organising the fundraiser at the A&P Show.

Lastly, if you're considering enrolling your child/ren at Tarras School, you're more than welcome to organise a visit. It's a great way to see us in action and ask any questions you have. Please email [principal@tarras.school.nz](mailto:principal@tarras.school.nz) to arrange a time. Alternatively, you can complete the enrolment form found on our 'Tarras School website'.

Have a great month ahead.  
Alice



CREATING UNIQUE LEARNING EXPERIENCES.  
COMMUNITY, CURIOSITY, DIVERSITY, SUSTAINABILITY  
HAPORI, MAHIRA, KANORAU, WHAKAUKA

## Tarras Collie Club Working Bee

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March @1pm at Grounds Phillips Road

“Many hands make light Work”



Any queries to Ben Neilson-Vold on 027 629 5915

## Tarras Collie Club

Annual Dog Trials

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> & Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025**-Phillips Road Tux signs will be out.

Come on along and enjoy a morning tea or lunch /afternoon tea, grab some raffles – support the Tarras Collie Club and FOTS (Friends of Tarras School)

Coffee/Tea and cold Drinks available.

Hope to see you all there- Enquiries to Margo Johnston 027 5179896 or [tarrascdc@outlook.com](mailto:tarrascdc@outlook.com)

## Fire Restrictions

For the current fire restrictions and permits go to [www.firepermit.nz](http://www.firepermit.nz) or QR Code



## RECYCLE AT STORE



**Clean & Dry  
Bags / Film / Wrap**

[recycling.kiwi.nz/store-locator](http://recycling.kiwi.nz/store-locator)

## Stop Tarras Fly tipping

Many of you will have noticed the increase in the dumping of loads of rubbish, and also whole animal carcasses down by the Lindis River lately, near the one-way bridge at the end of Ardour Road. Thanks, to the great community minded individuals who removed the rubbish, but sadly offal is close to the camping area, that the feral cats are literally, making a meal off.

Do not go putting yourself, or anyone else at risk, but If you see anything you are concerned about, please notify the police and/or council. A photo of a car number plate could also be useful.

## Start Recycling Soft Plastics

PLASTIC BREAD BAGS  
and other soft plastics  
Can now be recycled at  
Woolworths Wanaka

## Keep Recycling Everything else

Tarras people are to be commended for their great efforts in recycling waste at the Tarras Recycling Centre. Recently this area was full to overcapacity, and made a mess of the land around it. There is no longer a local person overseeing this.

Central Otago District Council have contracted Envirowaste to maintain capacity at the centre. As this is relatively new, it may take some time to work out the correct frequency of their visits. In the meantime, if you see the bins getting too full, or bags and boxes of stuff being left outside, please phone the council who will arrange for an urgent clean up.

CODC Ph: 03 440 0056

