

### Tarras Golf Club News

Golf-at the Tarras Golf Club AGM on 12th March with 15 members attending the following were elected-

- President-Dave Allen
- Vice captain-Gus Chapman-Cohen
- Sec/Treasurer-Elsie Blackmore
- Men's Club Captain-Wayne Bosley
- Women's Club Captain-Jan Gibson



Opening day was held on 23rd March with 16 visiting men from Tapanui Golf Club. Results were-  
 1st Skip & Margo Johnston & Neville Anderson (Tap) nett 59  
 2nd-Doug Wilson, Jan Gibson, Dave Trevathan & Scott Stiven (Tap) nett 59.25  
 3rd-Alex Findlay (Tap), Jason Stuart (Tap), Bill McCall (Tap) & Wayne Bosley nett 59.5

Men's Club day is each Saturday with noon report.  
 Women's Club day is each Thursday with 9.30am report. New players most welcome.

### Lindis Pass Conservation Group

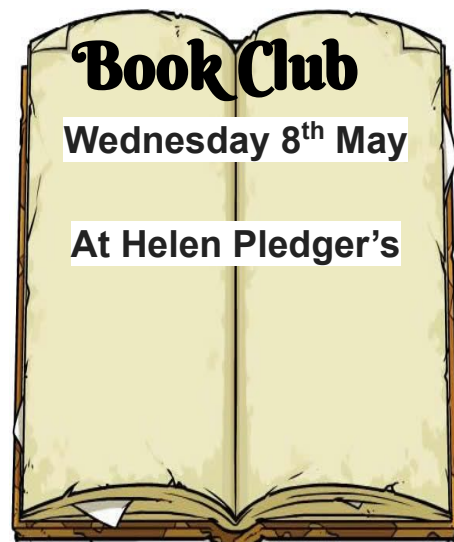
would love your company and help.

The May meeting includes a public walk to explore the Reserve, and planting.

**Workday: 4<sup>th</sup> May** (weather change day 5<sup>th</sup>)

For time, meeting place, weather change day, please go to:

[www.facebook.com/LindisPassConservationGroup](http://www.facebook.com/LindisPassConservationGroup)



### Book Club

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May

At Helen Pledger's

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

Upcoming services:

5<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024

DUTY: LUCY ANNAN & BARB ANNAN

2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2024

DUTY: MARY ANN MORRIS & REBECCA McELREA

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Services lead by Damon Plimmer - all welcome

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A STORAGE SHED  
 FOR THE CHURCH GROUNDS - IF ANYONE  
 HAS A SHED OR SIMILIAR THEY NO LONGER  
 REQUIRE, THAT COULD BE RELOCATED,  
 WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU.

Please contact Felicity Hayman: 0274 372 137

### Community Consultations

Have your say on Local council annual plan and Tarras Rates:

<https://lets-talk.codc.govt.nz/annual-plan-2024-2025>

Have your say on Council representation

<https://lets-talk.codc.govt.nz/representation-review>



Tarras welcomes CODC Councillor Sarah Browne:

Councillor Sarah Browne is the appointed Cromwell Community Board member for Tarras. Basically this means that Sarah is the first point of contact for Tarras residents, and a conduit to the Community Board for any issues.

Sarah is happy to meet if there is something she is able to help with.

Contact Sarah at [Sarah.Browne@codc.govt.nz](mailto:Sarah.Browne@codc.govt.nz)

# Tarras Talk

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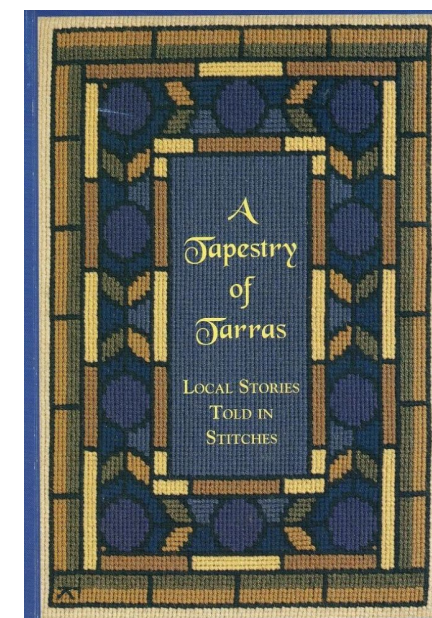
Tickets \$20  
 Email [anna@annavanriel.com](mailto:anna@annavanriel.com) for details and bookings.  
 Participants are invited to bring a shared plate for a community gathering before the evening concert that follows this workshop.

### Pink Ribbon Day

This month we will be raising funds for Pink Ribbon Day in support of Breast Cancer education, research and awareness. The details are yet to be finalised, but we will email out the details. All welcome!

**We only have 9 books left!**

**A Tapestry of Tarras**  
 Get yours before they go





### Meet: Paul Seeney

According to Paul, life started very young, in fact as a baby - that is the essence of Paul Seeney. A jovial greeting every day, for everyone, who enters Tarras Café. Who is the man behind this genuine smile. Paul born Hampshire UK. 2<sup>nd</sup> eldest of 5. 5yr apprenticeship as electrician. He set up own business with a friend, won a contract to install high end security equipment, in the Presidents Palace in Khartoum, Sudan where Paul lived for 18 mths at the age of 22.

Over next 10yrs, Paul's business undertook all types of contracts, including complete refurbishment of an Arabian stud farm - 17-bed mansion, 20 horse stables and farm buildings, along with apartments in London's Mayfair. Business grew to 12 electricians, 4 apprentices and 3 office staff. In his spare time, Paul loved to go shooting & fly fishing. Dad was a game keeper, so Paul and a mate set up an additional business, raising pheasants, and hosting shooting parties.

Later branched into temp lighting market. Basic equipment meant they turned to inventing it eg; illuminated dance floor with interlocking panels adjustable to any size, with lights installed in each panel, special light fittings (now industry standard). Won contracts for major sport & music events including Wimbledon Tennis, & Pavarotti at Leeds Castle! Organised themed parties eg: turn conference room into a Caribbean Island complete w sand, palm trees, parrots etc. (No parrots were harmed in the making of these events). LOL

The Ryder Cup Tournament (Golf) first European tour outside UK, was held in Spain. Pauls company won a USA award for technical excellence for this event where they installed over 60 miles of cables, powering up the tv compounds for worldwide broadcast, media centres, & hospitality. After concert parties were also a speciality, providing lighting, power, & theming for the star's eg; Barbara Streisand, Celine Dion & The Rolling Stones. Also worked with stars on fundraising events eg; Elton John, Max Bygraves, Cat Stevens, Brian May, Rod Stewart & Sir Cliff Richard. Highlight for Paul was being introduced to the Queen & Prince Phillip, at a Commonwealth event, at the same time his company worked with most of the Royal Family. The Company reached a turnover of \$5.5 million. Later, Paul sold his share of the company but retained position of Shareholder/Director. Paul met Antonia through the industry, she also worked for all the Royals. Her company had The Royal Warrant to the then, Prince Charles.

On Paul turning 50, Antonia (from Dunedin) brought Paul to NZ. He fell in love with NZ (even though it rained every day in February) & vowed to retire to NZ at 60. They duly sold their 4-bed house in London & moved to NZ 2018. Purchased "Wainui Homestead" Ardgour Rd, with 5 hecs, a huge renovation project. They have a horse, 3 pigs, 2 sheep, 4 chickens & 2 dogs. After completion, Paul did a 3-mth stint for an electrical firm in Cromwell then did farm jobs thanks to Cloudy Peak & Nine Mile. Then Paul got the job where he thought he'd see out the last of his working days – Green Keeper at Tarras Golf Club. Then Tarras Café came up for sale – the rest is history. 2 years in, everything seems to be going well. Paul likes to joke with people, so smiles & laughter are never far away in the Café. Its long hours though. (Paul was up typing notes for this interview at 4am!!)

Paul was told by a local that he needs to live here for 50 years before he can say he's a local. Paul isn't sure that he'll ever actually achieve that as he started his run a bit late.... but he's going to give it his all.

*Reporting thanks to the TarrasChick Roving Reporter*

Kia ora, we're delighted to be back at school this week!

Last term we had a visit from Beau Trevathan - he came along to school to speak with the tamariki about ANZAC day. We're grateful for his time and knowledge! At the service, Maddie and Matilda laid the wreaths we made at school - they were delighted to be part of it.



Finally, it arrived! We owe a huge thanks to everyone who purchased items off our stall or donated fresh produce to sell. Thanks to everyone's generosity, we have been able to purchase our much talked about soccer goal! It arrived during the holidays and our first day back at term has seen them being well used! Thanks so much everyone, we're delighted! You'll all have to pop down for a game!



We were also treated to a visit from Clare from Fern Fuels who presented us with our latest freebie: a cricut machine and kit! Woohoo. This kit will enable us to make the new sign for our Stall, spruce up our vege garden signage and any other crafts the children come up with. We can't wait to use it! We owe a HUGE thanks to the following members of the community who have contributed to this scheme of donating their fuel points to us:

*Out the Gate Farming Limited, Cloudy Peak Pastoral Limited, Tarras Farm Limited Partnership, Cheeki Cherries - Ripponvale, R J Johnston Contracting - AGO ONLY, Nine Mile Pastoral Limited, Clutha Plains Trust, Bendigo Pastoral Partnership, Lindis Peaks Farming Limited, Tarras Downs Ltd, Ardgour Valley Orchards LP, Cluden Station, Kotiti Ltd, Kotiti Ltd - 32 Jolly Rd, Lowburn Cherries Ltd Partnership, Cluden Station, Geordie Hill Station Limited, Cheeki Cherries - Richies Rd FARM, Tarras Downs Ltd - Home Heat 2023, Duncan Earthworks Ltd - Mount Barker Road, Clutha Plains Trust - 390 Ardgour Road, Malvern Downs Ltd, Molyneux Farm Ltd, Tarras Logistics Ltd, Kotiti Ltd 1235 Ardgour Rd, M & J McCaughan*



As always, thanks everyone for your continued support. We appreciate it!  
Ngā mihi,  
Alice

#### 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)

#### Have news for Tarras Talk?

Please continue to email [tarrastalk@gmail.com](mailto:tarrastalk@gmail.com) by the 30th of the month. If you too would like to be included in the reminder email, send me an email and I will add you to the list.