

Tarras Talk

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She Loves Golf 6's & 9's Ambrose | Tarras Golf Club

Sunday 25th May | 10am

Join us for a fun day out at Tarras Golf Club

Socialise, learn with friends and build your confidence on the course! Enter on your own or with friends for this fun teams event!

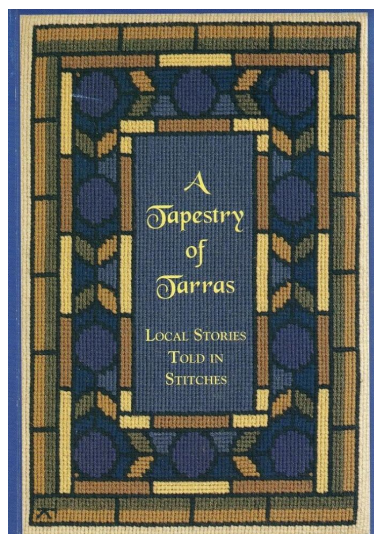
\$20 entry fee- with drinks and food provided

Register via : <https://forms.office.com/r/L3nEqb6znb>

Rural Women

Join Tarras Rural Women for our annual Pink Ribbon Event on Wednesday 21st May, 9.30am at the Tarras Cafe. The entry fee is \$25 for morning tea. All welcome. WEAR PINK!

Please RSVP to
tarrasruralwomen@gmail.com
by Monday 19th May



Great for Mum:

Tapestry of Tarras!
tarrasruralwomen@gmail.com

Tarras Lilliput Library

Our Lilliput Library is looking quite bare,
Do you have any books to share?

The Lilliput Library is located
near the Tarras School gate.
THANK YOU!

Fire Restrictions

For the current fire restrictions
and permits go to
www.firepermit.nz or QR Code

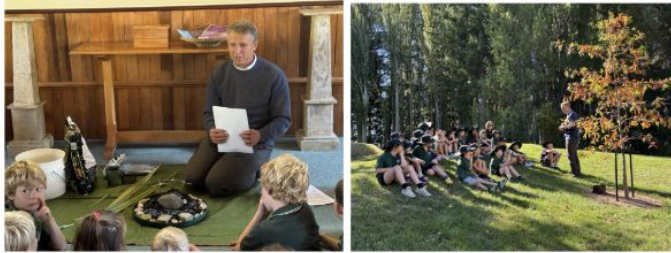




TARRAS SCHOOL

Kia ora,

We hope you all had a lovely easter break and enjoyed time with family and friends! We spent our last day of Term 1 with a special visit to the Tarras Church to see Pastor Damon for our Easter Service. We always love our visits there and enjoy listening to his messages.



We're super proud of Matilda F, Charley, Frankie and Matilda R for representing school at the local ANZAC Service. They spoke beautifully and made us, as always, very proud!

We had a great turn out at the Ambrose Golf fundraiser last term. It was a great way to connect with the community and raise funds towards the salary for our second teacher. Thanks so much to everyone who came along!



This term we welcome Lizzie Beth (senior student) and her family to Tarras School. We look forward to working with you and getting to know you all. We also have Harry Purvis starting his school visits next week.

We're gathering some feedback on potentially offering **after school care**. We'd love it if any current families, future families or potential families could complete the survey to help us ascertain whether this would be useful. You can access the survey on our facebook page or by scanning this code. We'd appreciate your feedback!



April thanks goes to:

- Skip Johnston for his generous donation of the wood chip to finish filling the playground. We're very grateful to you Skip!
- Special thanks to the Rural Womens ladies who helped to repair our sun hats; Billee, Liz, Carol, Linda, Brenda and Judith.

Golf News

Tarras was beaten by Wanaka in the annual Interclub game for the Lethbridge Jug at Wanaka on Anzac Day. Wanaka averaged 30.7 Stablefords and Tarras averaged 27.7 Stablefords. 27 Tarras members played.



Book Club

Book Club this month will be

14th May at 2pm

Anne Mackersy is our host

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3rd round of the CO Women's Interclub was held at Lake Hawea Golf Course on 27th April. Our team of Jan Gibson, Jacqui Henderson, Margo Johnston, Annabel Spiers, Alison Caughey and Margaret Sell was runner-up to Lake Hawea. There were 9 teams from throughout Central Otago competing.

The National Teams final was held in Alexandra on 28th April where there were 22 teams competing from throughout Otago. Our team was Jan Gibson, Margaret Sell, Margo Johnston and Alison Caughey. Tokarahi Club was the winner and Wanaka Club won the CO section. We were 4 points behind Wanaka.

Our Club Tournament will be held on 3rd May.

Otago Eagles will play their Tournament at Tarras on Sunday 18th May.

She Loves Golf Ambrose at Tarras organised by Golf Otago is on Sunday 25th May

Tarras Championship Finals on Sunday 1st June

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

Upcoming services:

4TH MAY 2025

DUTY: LUCY ANNAN & BARB ANNAN

1ST JUNE 2025

DUTY: MARY ANN MORRIS & REBECCA McELREA

Services lead by Damon Plimmer – all welcome

Sustainable Tarras was set up in 2020 with the aim to engage with residents of Central Otago and wider New Zealand on sustainability issues affecting our region, to inform and stimulate discussion and represent significant public interests affecting sustainability in the Upper Clutha region. Five years on, we're looking for new members for the Sustainable Tarras committee - either as a treasurer, or a general team member -

If this sounds interesting to you, please contact the chair, Suze Keith, on 021 1711557 or via dk.sk@xtra.co.nz

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

CE Goddard – like many people, you have probably seen the name, but not the man. This man is humble, quiet, & private. He does not seek, nor enjoy, the limelight.

Chris is a softly spoken, gentle man with a huge heart & a wealth of knowledge on many things. You don't have a chat with Chris. You settle & while away a couple of hours, until something pulls you away.

Chris & wife Donna, purchased land in Tarras 14 years ago but moved from Perth, to live full time in 2020, the week before the big Covid lockdown.

Why does Chris choose to collate the monthly Tarras Talk? His simple answer radiates his humility, "if not me then who"? Tarras Talk monthly issues have been constructed in many unusual areas, as Chris travels frequently between work & home eg: Te Anau, Invercargill, Brisbane, Queenstown airport lounge & even while working in Milford.

Chris grew up, alongside his sister in Palmerston North where he attended Boys High. He gained Bachelor of Technology - Information Engineering. First Class Honours, NZ Vice Chancellor Scholar (ed note – someone did some sleuthing to find that out)

After this he entered the Tiwai Graduate Programme. Graduates were (apparently) chosen for their high potential & Chris credits this programme for cultivating his skills in leading others to an agreed outcome, in any project.

In 1999, after leading several projects including Y2k for Rio Tinto in Invercargill, Chris was sent to Gladstone, Queensland – 14 Deg summer days to 31 and humid every day. Chris met Donna here in 2002 & they have been together since.

In 2022 Chris was selected for the Director of the Milford Opportunities Project & set about sense checking and testing the long-term tourism masterplan plan. Chris is proud of his strong relationships with Ngāi Tahu and their perspective on Milford Sound Pipiotahi and the care they show about Tarras and the district. Chris laughs, that a few surprised people in Queenstown and Christchurch tried to work out who "that Tarras guy who appeared out of nowhere" was – but there was no dirt to find. 😊

Chris left Rio Tinto in 2020 moving to Tarras from Western Australia where he and Donna established a consultancy business Black Swan NZ. Chris is currently working with a US and Australian Mining companies to acquire some Queensland mines at nearly \$6b.

Since 2021 Chris has also volunteered as a Business Mentor

with Business Mentors NZ, mentoring diverse local businesses,

including tramping equipment manufacturing, bespoke fashion,

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

PUZZLE ANSWERS

ACROSS

2. Silver blanket for ?
3. Your friend during Covid
6. Tiny powerhouses
8. Needed for survival
9. Remove the lid
11. Powerhouse

Warmth
Sanitiser
Batteries
Water
Canopener
Generator

DOWN

1. Signal for help
4. Always handy to wipe
5. Kept in a pouch in house and car
7. Helps to see the world
10. Voices on the airwaves

Whistle
Toiletpaper
Firstaid
Torch
Radio

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT (continued)

food and light industrial, to name a few.

Chris & Donna live a simple life. Plantings on their block are native, their septic is a worm powered system, they use solar power, electric cars, minimise waste & work on reducing resource consumption by recycling water for irrigation etc.

Spare time activities? “they say a lifestyle block is a “life sentence””. He enjoys the outdoors & tramping. Chris’s favourite tippie is still a cold Australian red, followed closely by a good Tarras wine.

And in case you are still wondering...yes the E does stand for Edward!!!



Community request

Santana Minerals are planning to lodge their consent application for two open cast gold mines in the Dunstan Mountains at the end of June.

The Fast Track panel may approve the mine, the tailings dam, the 80-person construction camp in the Ardour Valley, and a cyanide leach and dore bar processing plants.

Should it be consented, councils are lobbying hard for potential funds from the mine and we need to ensure that Tarras is not neglected.

If it does proceed, roading, water, noise, dust and electricity supply will all be issues over the 10-40 year mine life, as well as the need for ongoing rehabilitation post mining and the maintenance of the permanent tailings pond.

There will be direct and indirect costs to the community from the mining, and it is unfair for Bendigo and Tarras families to fund these.

CODC has asked Sustainable Tarras for ideas that the community would like to see undertaken as a result of any funding that could be allocated to Bendigo, Tarras and the Lindis areas. We're really keen to hear from you, for example:

- Is this an opportunity to expand and complete actions identified in the recent Tarras Community Plan?
- Would we like to have the Hall earthquake strengthened?
- Do you have any ideas of how Tarras can be enhanced?
- How about a fund established in perpetuity to ensure any unexpected negative impacts of the mine can be addressed?

To send us your Tarras project ideas please email: tarrascommunity@gmail.com



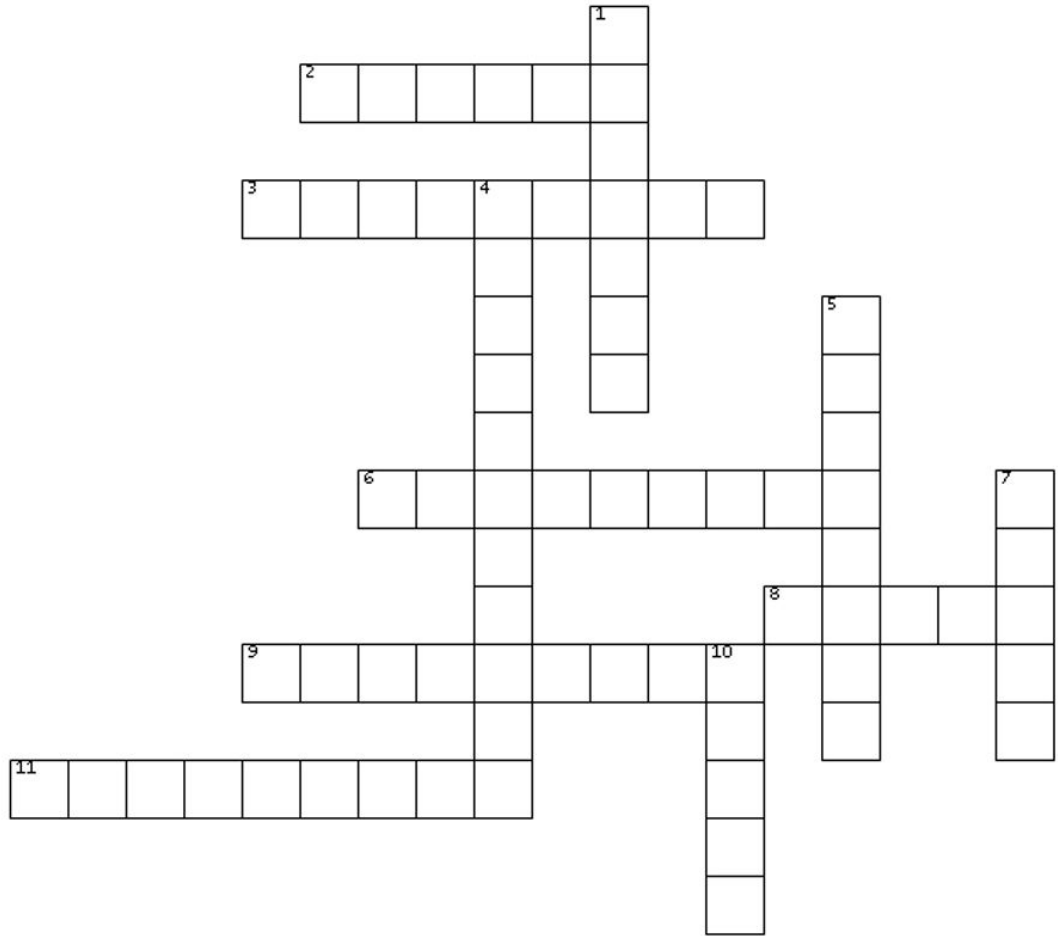
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Golf News

Tarras Golf Club-our AGM was held on 18th March. Gus Chapman-Cohen was elected President and John Templeton was added to the Green's Committee. We thanked our former President, Dave Allen and Jonny Trevathan who stepped down from the Green's Committee for their work in the past. Opening day for the 2025 season was held on 22nd March. The winning team was Skip, Johnston, Barb Annan and Michelle Moynihan with 55.2 nett. Runner up were AJ Hawker, Holger Reinecke, Graeme Rive and Margo Johnston with 60.2 nett. Women's Club days are each Thursday with 9am report time which will be later when the weather cools. Men's Club days are each Saturday with midday report time. New players always welcome.

Congratulations - Catherine Annan and Russell Holmes on their engagement in Duffield, Derbyshire, UK. Catherine is Barb and the late John Annan's daughter.

Māori Point Wines Tasting Room – May Update

Our tasting room will be closed for regular hours during May, but we're still available for tastings by request (subject to availability).

To arrange a visit, please email us at tastingroom@maoripoint.co.nz

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates on our winter events — including Happy Hours and upcoming winter concerts!

We'll reopen for winter hours (Thursday–Sunday, 1–5 PM) starting June 1.

