

## Tarras Voluntary Rural Fire Force

This summer has been much quieter than last with only a couple of vegetation fires, a few MVAs including three involving trucks, in two cases carrying dangerous goods. In both cases the DGs were gas bottles and in both cases bottles were leaking. Medical oxygen in the first and CO2 the second so not as dangerous as it could have been. We also provided tanker support to a major structure fire at Makarora.

For only the second time in my nearly 27 years firefighting, we intended a MVA involving alcohol. The driver in question was not wearing a seatbelt and was ejected out of a rolling Ute which then rolled on her. She was subsequently helicoptered to Dunedin with internal injuries and can consider herself very lucky to be alive.

Now that we are back to an open fire I think it is time to have a discussion on Restricted Fire Seasons. Whether or not you think restrictions justified, it is a legal state. I have noted several smoke columns through April and I've been notified of one or two others. While there have been several permits issued, I believe not enough to match the number of smoke columns.

It might be timely to mention that under the new regime (Fire and emergency New Zealand Act 2017) the cost recovery process has been replaced with Prosecutions.

Under Section 58 of the act, penalties for breaching a restricted fire season can be:

- Imprisonment not exceeding 2 years or
- fine not exceeding \$300,000 or
- both

Ignorance of the law is no defence; go to [www.checkitsalright.nz](http://www.checkitsalright.nz) to check on the fire season status. This site also has links to be able to obtain a permit.



## QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 28th June 2019, 7.30pm, Tarras Hall

\$10 per head, 4 - 6 members per team

B.Y.O, Prizes for best dressed team

All monies raised go towards upgrading the recreational facilities in Tarras.

Contact [tarrasrecreation@gmail.com](mailto:tarrasrecreation@gmail.com) to book your seats

## TARRAS PLAYGROUP

Cheese Roll Fundraiser

\$8 a dozen

Or

\$20 for 3 dozen

Contact any Playgroup Mum to place your order

Orders and Payment must be in by Sunday 30th June  
Delivery 1st week of July



## Announcements

Congratulations to...

**Kate and Quin on their wedding.**

And Happy Birthday to...

**Briar Diack who turns 10 on the 4th of June.**

### TO THE LINDIS IRRIGATION AND THE TARRAS COMMUNITY

WOW, What a great night for catching up for everyone, good yarns, and plenty of beautiful tasty food.

Thank you to Bruce Jolly, Jill Graham and Rachelle Haslegrave for all your kind words.

Thank you to everyone that came to our send off and to the ones that sent in apologies and cards.

We miss Tarras but have left with a lot of fantastic memories.

THANK YOU EVERYONE

Albie and Cheryl Sinnamon.

### Thank you for your good wishes

expressed for my shift to Christchurch and the next stage of my life.

I will miss Tarras so much but it's time to retire (again!) and move on.

My door at 72A Studholme St in Somerfield will always be open to any of you wanting to visit.

The new people in my house are Deeanne and Simon Maurice. I know they are looking forward to being part of the Tarras Community.

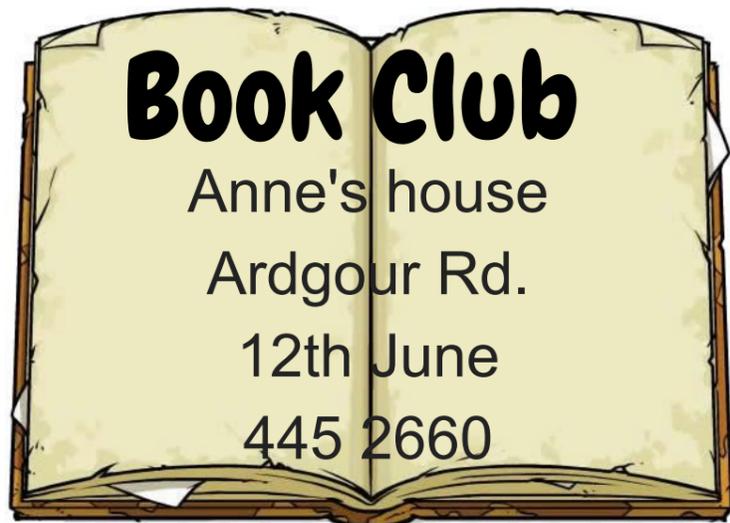
Kate

### Lindis Valley Property Maintenance

I personally would like to thank all those who supported me in my endeavours. I am now working away but will be back regularly to complete the work I have been asked to do.

Sincerely Martin

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# Playgroup

There have been some exciting events this month, we have had Mary and Grace (Te Reo) from REAP visit with some great songs and activities. We also had a great time at Tarras School for the National Simultaneous Storytime event. Thank you for inviting us!!!

We have recently held a very successful working bee getting Playgroup ready for the winter months. You would have all seen the work that has been completed on the end wall by the Store, replacing numerous rotten weatherboards and painting. There is just a little bit of painting left on that wall, then we are on to the big task of replacing the front door! A big thank you to Andrew and Nic for taking the lead on the repairs.

Playgroup has grown again this month, with children visiting us from Cromwell and Wanaka as a mid-way meeting point. This is a fantastic opportunity for our Tarras pre-schoolers to meet and greet other children.

Don't let the weather keep you away, Playgroup is toasty warm with the heatpump going every Wednesday morning 9am-12pm. See you there!

### RWNZ –Tarras Branch

Firstly, thanks so much for the support at the Pink Morning Tea, \$320 was raised and banked. Great effort. Barb Annan won the raffle.

Next month will be our annual sewing day to make much needed breast cushions and hats for those women who have had surgery and are undergoing treatment for breast cancer.

### Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am at the hall.

Bring lunch to share. Also sewing machines, etc.

Several people took advantage of The Health Bus visiting last week. We were impressed and look forward to women in rural communities being treated locally and not having to go to Dunedin for specialist appointments.

## Tarras Community Church

Our service this month will be on the 9th June at 11am led by The Rev. Damon Plimmer.

Morning tea will follow after the service.

DUTY; Tui Willson and Felicity Hayman.

ALL WELCOME

A Huge thank you to The Tarras Anglicans for the Beautiful Mohair Rug that was presented to me at Church on Sunday 12th May.

Felicity, I was touched by your heartfelt words of farewell. I have enjoyed my time and would like to wish you all the best for the future of our Church. Cheryl

## FRIENDS OF TARRAS SCHOOL SOCIETY INC.

### SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: 11 June 2019

Time: 7.00pm

Location: Tarras School

MEETING TO CONFIRM AMENDMENTS TO RULES DOCUMENT



### OUR PURPOSE

To raise funds to provide extra educational and cultural opportunities for the children of Tarras School.

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# TARRAS SCHOOL

Kia Ora

The term is rushing past us and our time at school is busy with lots of different learning both inside and outside the classroom. The students have spent two days down at the ice rink in Alexandra getting their winter legs back, a huge improvements on last year which is fantastic to see. The students had the rink pretty much to themselves to practise the art of skating. They also took part in an ice skating lesson and a curling lesson. We head to the ice again in August to further develop the skills we have learnt.

Cash was the winner of a "Wheels at Wanaka" competition to design an amazing machine. For winning he was driven to school in an amazing car - check out his photo on the front page!

The National Simultaneous Storytime was a great success and lovely to have the playgroup children join us and share an afternoon tea with us. Alpacas with Maracas was a hit of a book and the children all enjoyed making alpacas and maracas after the story. We look forward with anticipation as to what the story will be in 2020.

Tarras School students held a marvellous mad hatters tea party for Cheryl to farewell her as their bus driver. They wrote some heartwarming letters and poems and enjoyed surprising her with their costumes. Gae has settled in well as the new bus driver and the students have taken to her well.

As part of our EnviroSchools project we have continued to explore how we can create an area for the native Otago Skink. Anna introduced us to native trees and why skinks would like them. The students chose part of the garden area to create the garden and we have received funding to purchase native trees. The garden will slowly take shape over the next few months and we will ensure we share it with the community when we have completed it.

On Tuesday 11th June between 1.30pm and 2.30pm we will have a festival of learning where children will share any learning they have completed over the year so far. There will be a small performance of kapa haka which we have been learning to start the festival off.

Our produce stall is still active in the winter months, if you need cones for fire starters you can pick these up for \$5 a bag. If you have any spare bags we will welcome them at school, they can be left by the stall. We have almost cleared school of cones but hope to find some other areas to source cones for the stall. You also never know what other treats may appear on the stall, check it out if you are passing.

You will have seen in the press that teachers have been on strike recently, this is in the hope that the government will understand what teachers are asking for. More time to teach and more time to lead, ensuring that teaching is a valued profession that our younger generations want to go into amongst many other claims. At the heart of the matter is the students being taught and how we can ensure they get the education they deserve.

Stay Warm!

Rachelle, Chrissy, Letitia, Pete and Gae

## Tarras Country Cafe

Fish & Chips Friday starts Friday 31st of May!