



TARRAS FIRE BRIGADE

END OF AN ERA FOR Jonny Trevathan

In mid-July I finished my time as a brigade member after 13.5 years of service.

I'd like to sincerely thank the Tarras Fire Brigade, its leaders, and all members past and present for the many skills I've gained and the great memories we've created together.

I also want to acknowledge my family, friends, staff, neighbours, and the wider community who supported me along the way. Whether it was retrieving my dogs or firearms from my ute at the station, finishing tasks I had to leave behind, dropping off food and refreshments during incidents, or later on keeping my children entertained — these acts of kindness meant a lot and highlight the strength and respect within our community.

To anyone considering it, I'd encourage you to give the brigade a go. It's about far more than "squirting water on hot things" — it's an opportunity to grow, learn, and be part of something bigger.

The current members are welcoming, supportive, and always willing to help new recruits find their place.

Cheers Jonny

Congratulations

Monica Rose

Congratulations to Mary and Gerald Goodger, who are proudly celebrating the arrival of their first great-grandchild, little Monica Rose.

Best wishes to you both as you enjoy this wonderful new chapter.



60th Anniversary

Congratulations to Spin and Gordon Lucas on reaching 60 wonderful years of marriage!

Wishing you both a very special anniversary filled with love, laughter, and happy memories.

TARRAS TALK

Proudly sponsored by TARRAS RURAL WOMEN

OCTOBER 2025



**RURAL WOMEN
NEW ZEALAND**
Ngā Wāhine Taiwhenua o Aotearoa

Tarras farming at its best - supplied courtesy of Dr Sharp.

Thank you

for your support

FUNDRAISING TOTAL \$1973.30

Tarras Rural Women would like to thank our generous community for fundraising a total of **\$1973.30** on behalf of the Southern Cancer Society on Daffodil Day this year.

Special thanks go to Tarras school pupils for the effort they put in baking, icing, and writing so neatly on their yummy daffodils.

RAFFLE WINNERS WERE WANDA GRANT AND SCOTT WORTHINGTON



Well done everyone!

Great to see lots of **BLUE** and **ORANGE** bags in the Refuse Station bins.

This service is user pays. **EACH BAG COSTS \$8.**

We are not charged for rubbish collection in our rates.

The new blue bags can be purchased from Tarras Village Store, or the Central Otago District Council (CODC) Service Centre, 42 The Mall, Cromwell.



OCTOBER DINNER EVENT

6pm Wednesday 8th October
Alexandra District Club, Centennial Ave, Alexandra
We're delighted to invite you to an evening of stories, friendship, and fun. This month, we're supporting the Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation through Frocktober, so dust off your dress and bring a donation for this important cause.

You can find all the details about the evening, including the guest speaker and menu, on our Humanitix page here: **October Event Details & Tickets**
We'd love for you and your friends to join us again. Please register through Humanitix, as soon as you can to secure your spot.

Register by Friday 3 October.

All welcome carpool available Tarras or Cromwell
email tarrasruralwomen@gmail.com



TEVIOT VALLEY GARDEN TOUR SATURDAY OCTOBER 18

Tickets (on the day)

- Feinermans Store Roxburgh
- Millers Flat bakehouse

\$20 PP

Gardens open
10am-4pm

The event includes a bus tour of the Millers Flat Gold Mine. Avoid disappointment or congestion, please text your numbers and time preference of between 9.30am and 3pm to:

Barbara 021 1106787

All welcome carpool available Tarras or Cromwell
email tarrasruralwomen@gmail.com

READ, LEARN AND GROW

TARRAS BOOK CLUB

Keen to meet new people?

Come along to the Tarras Book Club, hosted this month by Felicity Hayman.

WEDNESDAY 8 October – 2PM

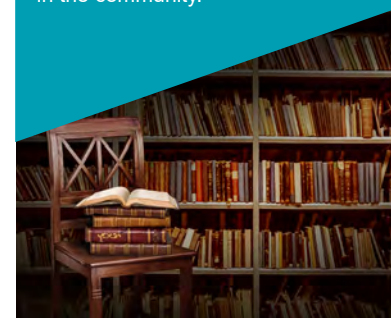
For more information contact Claire:
clairekearsley59@gmail.com or
phone 445 2770.

SPREAD THE WORD

The Lilliput Library is popular and always needs restocking - you can donate any surplus novels to help.

- Take a book.
- Return a book, or pass it on.
- Add a new book.

The Lilliput Library, next to the school gate, fosters a love of reading in the community.



WHAT'S ALL THE FUSS ABOUT THE TARRAS WEBSITE?

Google calls us "a village in the South Island." Another site goes with "a small farming settlement." Someone else adds "rich history... rugged landscapes..." and CODC proudly claims "Tarras is a strong, thriving community."

And then there's Wikipedia, which gives us:

- Tarras is one of the driest areas in New Zealand.
- The Anglican and Presbyterian Tarras Church includes kneelers....
- The Tarras Tearooms is a historic waystation for travellers....

(I, for one, am just relieved it says waystation and not weigh station!). But these are the things other people say about Tarras.

Our new website, managed by Tarras Rural Women, brings together the voices of the people who actually live, work, and play here. Because let's be honest – if you want the story told right, you tell it yourself.



Over the past few months, many locals have chipped in to refresh the original website.

The first site was created by Shaun Burdon back in 2011, when he saw the need for a local online presence. Over the years, it grew and shifted, but now it's had a proper revamp – and it's looking flash.

Because here's the thing: community connection isn't just nice to have. *cont page 2...*

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Whether you'd like to advertise, share your news, or receive Tarras Talk by email, just get in touch with Chris at tarrastalk@gmail.com

WHAT'S ALL THE FUSS ABOUT THE TARRAS WEBSITE? *continued...*

It's a basic human need that makes us happier, healthier, and more fulfilled. Wouldn't it be brilliant if Google said: "Living in Tarras can lead to a happier, healthier, more fulfilling life"? (*Might be wishful thinking, but we can dream.*)

The truth is, Tarras has always been full of community spirit – but not necessarily connected. We've got farmers, horticulturists, Rural Women, the school community, play group, bird watchers, golfers, volunteer firefighters, collie dog lovers, the book club – and more.

But until now, there was no single hub to find out what's happening, who's doing what, or how to get involved. **Now there is.** As of Wednesday 1 October, the revamped Tarras website is live. It's easy to use, looks fantastic, and is designed to be the digital "main street" for our community. Like a shopfront, it welcomes people in with an accurate and positive picture of who we are. And yes, it's built to be revisited again and again.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS...

It links to the Tarras Community Facebook page and Tarras Talk newsletter - but best of all, it features a shared community calendar! Each group can manage their own events, so at a glance you'll be able to see what's happening daily, weekly, and monthly. (Let's fill that baby up!)

Since COVID-19, the world has leaned even harder on digital connections. Our new website is user-friendly, interactive, and encourages visitors to engage, whether that's signing up to the newsletter, contacting a local business, or simply having a nosey.

We owe huge thanks to local photographers Camilla Rutherford and Rueben Burke for the stunning images that bring the site to life, and to Chris and Donna Goddard from BlackSwan Consulting for funding the project in its early stages.

TARRAS Golf Club



The winners of the John Annan Memorial Trophy were Skip Johnston and Lester Scott. Looking on are Barb Annan, her daughter Lucy and grandchildren Arthur, Amelia and Thomas.

This collaboration proves once again why Tarras is such a wonderful place to live.

The website's purpose is simple:

connect us as a community, showcase the talent and services right here in our backyard, and invite visitors to stop, explore, and enjoy what Tarras has to offer.

Not so tech-savvy? No worries. A small team of locals is happy to help anyone who needs a hand learning the ropes. Just email tarraswebsite@gmail.com to book a time, and someone will come to you. The site will keep growing, more businesses, more history, more stories – so it will never sit still. And you're welcome to be part of that evolution by sharing your contributions. So, sit back, click around, and enjoy discovering Tarras all over again – this time, told by the people who know it best.

NEED HELP NAVIGATING THE TARRAS WEBSITE?

Learn how to make the most of everything it offers...



Take this golden opportunity to learn there is no such thing as a silly question!



TARRAS CHURCH

Service is the first Sunday of every month at 11am. Led by Damon Plimmer.

All welcome.

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Duty: Rebecca Chapman-Cohen and Jan Anderson

NOVEMBER 2

Duty: Jo McCaughan & Jeanette Emmerson

TARRAS SCHOOL NEWS

The best little school in Central Otago

ALICE CASEY, PRINCIPAL



Kia ora,

We're loving Spring; the tamariki have been out in their gardens preparing the soil and planning what to plant, our garlic is coming along nicely and the rain helped to ensure our science experiments worked! The senior class are off on their camp to Rākiura, Stewart Island for the week; we're looking forward to bush walks, kayaking, exploring the rocky shore and whatever else we get up too. While we're away, Chrissy will be providing a very exciting week of Outdoor Education activities. How fun!

Have a great month ahead.

Ngā mihi,
Alice



SEPTEMBER THANKS GOES TO:

- Sandra Calder - thanks so much for coming in to read the tamariki stories. They love your weekly visits!
- Wanda for the fabulous knitting classes she runs each week with some of the seniors. They'll be selling jerseys on the stall in no time!

Handball-a-thon

We're putting the call out for all **'HAND BALL' EXTRAORDINAIRE**, players, competitors or anyone who is keen to have a go!

We have joined up with 'KidsCan' to help fundraise for children in New Zealand that need a hand. The charity helps to provide warm clothes, food, and shoes to any children in need!

We're joining in the 'Handball-a-thon' and playing handball on **Friday the 31st of October** for as long as we can.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

If you fancy a game against the Tarras kids on this date, please email principal@tarras.school.nz.

You can also make a donation to the charity through the link found on our Facebook page.

FERN FUELS - THANKS!

Thanks to the generosity of the businesses and farms below, we've received some new pads for the netball posts and a Ki-oh-rahi kit - a new game which the tamariki love! For every 100 litres of bulk fuel the businesses purchase, 50 cents is donated back to Tarras School!



We're super lucky to have this support!

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| • Tarras Farm Limited Partnership | • Tarras Logistics Ltd |
| • Duncan Earthworks Ltd, | • Malvern Downs Ltd |
| • Lake Terrace Cherries | • Tarras Downs |
| • Cheeki Cherries - Ripponvale | • Cluden Station |
| • Kotiti Ltd - 32 Jolly Rd | • Kotiti Ltd |
| • Lowburn Cherries Ltd Partnership | • M & J McCaughan |
| • Ardgour Valley Orchards LP | • MP3 Limited |
| • Kotiti Ltd - 155 Munros Lane | • Molyneux Farm Ltd |
| • Kotiti Ltd 1235 Ardgour Rd | |
| • Geordie Hill Station Limited | |
| • Cheeki Cherries - Richies Rd FARM | |
| • Tarras Downs Ltd - Home Heat 2023 | |
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