

UPCOMING EVENTS

Winterstellar Community Events

Central Otago REAP, Winterstellar Charitable Trust, Central Stories Museum & Tūhura Otago Museum invite you to join into the following events....

Friday 5th Sep ~ A Starry Night at the Museum
Doors open at 6:30PM - Central Stories Museum

- ★ Explore the night sky with Andy Davey
- Night sky gaze with an astro photography lesson

Saturday 6th Sep ~ Community Open Day
Between 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM - Central Stories Museum

- ★ Tūhura Otago Museum - Star Dome (closed 12.30 - 1.00pm)
- ★ Professor Brian Boyle - a journey into deep space
- ★ Hands-on science with Tūhura Otago Museum & Central Stories Museum

Bring the whole family and journey beyond the ordinary!

No Cost

TŪHURA
Otago Museum



**WELCOMING
WEEK**
TE WIKI O MANAAKI
5-14 SEPTEMBER 2025



Weaving People Together Whiria te Tāngata

5 September
Learn. Connect.
Create.

Mānīatoto Art Centre,
9am-3pm

A day of hands-on workshops, kai and kōrero. From gardening tips and AI, to voice and wellbeing.

8 September
Throw your Voice
with Confidence

Alexandra Community
House, 6-8pm

Join a fun, inclusive workshop with Anna Van Riel, local musician and vocal coach. Build your knowledge and confidence.

9 September
Kōrero Across
Cultures

Alexandra Community
House, 6-8pm

A relaxed evening of language and culture. No experience needed, just curiosity and a smile! Kai provided.

11 September
Whakarongo Mai
Listening Lounge

Alexandra Community
House, 6-8pm

Slow down, be present, connect, enjoy an evening of stories and cultural cuisine with a Southern African twist.

13 September
Learn. Connect.
Create.

Bannockburn Hall,
9am - 3pm

A day of hands-on workshops, kōrero, and creativity focused on storytelling. Presenter: Maungarongo Te Kawa.

14 September
Learn. Connect.
Create.

The Packing Shed,
Earnsclough, 9am - 3pm

A day of hands-on workshops, kōrero, and creativity focused on enhancing wellbeing. Presenter: Maungarongo Te Kawa.



Register at 0800 267 327 | admin@coreap.org.nz



Save the Date
Wednesday 10th September
6.00pm in Alexandra

FIRST DINNER GATHERING

Join us for a relaxed evening of connection, community, and purpose at the Alexandra District Club.

GUEST SPEAKER TAMAH ALLEY - Tamah will share her personal journey of juggling it all... expect laughs, inspiration, and great company.

DINNER OPTIONS (choose when registering)

- Stuffed Chicken Breast, Kumara Mash and Salad
- Grilled Salmon, Potato Gratin and Salad
- Pork Belly with Roast Veges

\$45 RWNZ MEMBERS (incl. drink on arrival) + booking fee

\$50 NON-MEMBERS (incl. drink on arrival) + booking fee

HELP SHAPE THIS NEW CHAPTER!

Babies welcome - bring a friend - Register by Friday 5 September.

Email: lowersouthisland@ruralwomennz.nz



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



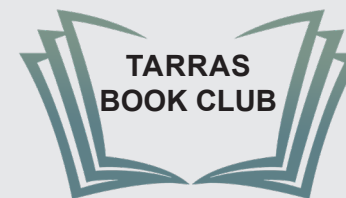
**RURAL WOMEN
NEW ZEALAND**
Ngā Wāhine Taiwhenua o Aotearoa

Tarras Talk is proudly sponsored
by Tarras Rural Women

TARRAS TALK

September 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS



Keen to meet some new people?

Come along to the Tarras Book Club, hosted this month by Anne Rive.

WEDNESDAY 10 September – 2PM

For more information contact Claire:
clairekearsley59@gmail.com

SPREAD THE WORD

The Lilliput Library is very popular and always needs restocking. You can help by donating any surplus novels.

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

The Lilliput Library aims to foster a love of reading within the community and is located beside the school gate.

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

- If you would like advertise
- Have an article or upcoming event
- Wish to receive Tarras Talk via email

Please contact Chris Goddard at
tarrastalk@gmail.com

Find us at www.tarras.org.nz

For many months, a few dedicated Tarras locals, led by Brenda O'Neill, have been working on the redevelopment of the Tarras website.

This initiative from Tarras Rural Women aims to provide more information for visitors to our community, including accommodation options, things to do, and places to visit.

A large section is dedicated to Tarras locals, featuring lists of community organisations and clubs, local trades and businesses, as well as Tarras people with businesses in Cromwell or Wanaka. This makes it easier for locals to support one another.

The site also includes a community calendar where groups can add events, making it simple to see what's happening across our vibrant community. Details of the official launch will be shared soon, with an event planned for the end of September.

Everyone is welcome, and one-on-one training will be available to help those less familiar with technology navigate the site.

The new website is a beautiful reflection of Tarras, its history, its landscape, and its unique character - something we can all be proud of.

Rural Women would like to thank Shaun and Chris for their funding and work on the old site. Both keep a low profile, but we do appreciate what they've done over the years. Thanks also to Anna for her excellent work in creating the new Tarras Talk format last month, which continues this September, and to Donna for providing extra support over the coming months.



A heartfelt thank you to everyone in our community who supported Daffodil Day. Your generosity and kindness made the day a great success. To our wonderful volunteers - we couldn't have done it without you!

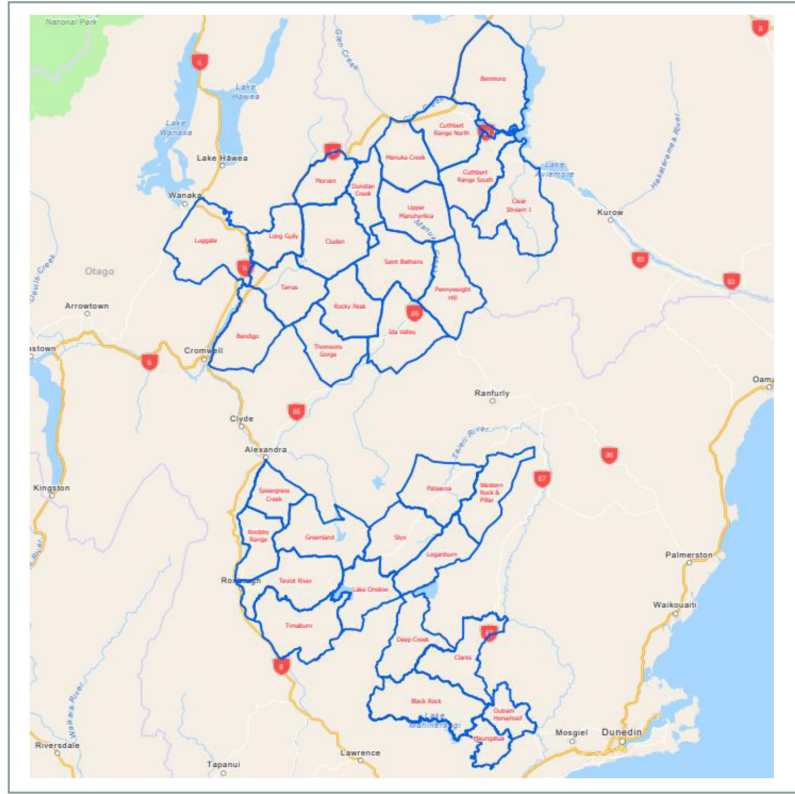


COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Wildlife and TB in Otago

OSPRI's TBfree programme aims to eradicate bovine TB from New Zealand.

Possums are the main carriers, spreading the disease to herds. TB disappears when possum numbers are kept very low (about one per 10 hectares for five years). This year we're working across large areas of Otago (see map).



If we're not in your area, you can still help by controlling possums with baiting, trapping, or spotlighting - winter crops, trees and gardens are good places to set traps. When contacted, please present your animals for TB testing.

Testing frequency depends on your risk level, which may be based on location, nearby wildlife, trading history, or policy changes.

Accurate farm and animal records are vital. Through NAIT, please ensure:

- Your farm has both a NAIT and TB herd number
- Location details and land parcels are recorded
- Animals are tagged, registered, and have a birth date
- Movements off-farm are recorded within 48 hours

TB can be stressful for farmers and communities. OSPRI and the Rural Support Trust are here to help. For questions or concerns, contact info@ospri.co.nz or call 0800 482 463.

TARRAS FIRE BRIGADE

With the onset of spring with its sometimes unpredictable weather please take care.

This month has been quieter, with only two callouts - both vegetation fires. One was tanker support for the Luggate Brigade, and the other just today near Māori Point.

It may seem unusual to be attending vegetation fires in winter, but frost-cured grass is just as flammable as dry summer grass. Today's fire was caused by discarded ash - a timely reminder that ash can stay hot much longer than expected.

The Mt Alpha fire near Wānaka, caused the same way, ended up costing hundreds of thousands of dollars in helicopter time.

LOCAL NOTICES

Tarras Golf Club

September is set to be an exciting month, with the Annual Tournament beginning on the 2nd.

SEPTEMBER

TUESDAY 2ND AND WEDNESDAY 3RD
The men play the John Annan Memorial Trophy

THURSDAY 4TH
women's tournament

SUNDAY 14TH FROM 2-3PM
FREE GOLF LESSON - Willie Moore will be giving a free lesson for anyone interested – women, men, and children. Meet at the Tarras Hall. Please phone or text Jan Gibson on 027 309 4344 to book or with any queries. Willie will provide spare clubs, including children's clubs.

OCTOBER

SUNDAY 4TH
Potters Gold Watch game

Proudly sponsored by **ravensdown**

TARRAS REFUSE STATION

Please do not use any old bag for your rubbish.

The CODC bags are now blue, AND they are a wee bit bigger!

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

Please note: Bags are \$8 each

TARRAS CHURCH

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

All welcome.

2025

SEPTEMBER 7
Duty: Annie Snow and Lesley Purvis

OCTOBER 5
Duty: Rebecca Chapman-Cohen and Jan Anderson

TARRAS SCHOOL

The best little school in Central Otago

ALICE CASEY, PRINCIPAL

Kia ora,

We've loved seeing the sun this month as we participate in our annual Ski Lessons at Cardrona. The tamariki are working hard to refine their skills, with lots of them going down new slopes!



Our 'Book Character Day' was a great success - hopefully you have watched the 'Catwalk' on our Facebook Page - the parents and kids put in a lot of effort - thank you!

We welcome Phoebe and Archie Stuart to school - we've loved having them join us.

THANK

August thanks goes to:

- Thanks Wanda, Antonia, Paul and Liz for reading to the tamariki. They appreciated your stories, especially the 'old' books!
- Thanks to Chris and Judy Piner from Omarama for their kind donation of paper so the Tarras Talk can be printed for free! So very kind, we appreciate it.
- Special thanks to Christchurch Airport Tarras Community Fund for their generosity in helping us to install a heat pump for our library. We're looking forward to using it everyday and not just when it's warm enough.

Have a great month ahead.
Ngā mihi,
Alice

SKILLS FOR LIFE Small steps, big changes

SPOT THE SCAM

Learn how to watch out for something that isn't right! Learn to recognise trusted websites and how to tell if an email is a scam. Keep yourself safe.

CROMWELL
Tuesday 23rd September
10.00am - 12.00pm
Cromwell REAP Room, 19 Molyneux Ave

ALEXANDRA
Wednesday 24th September
10.00am - 12.00pm
Central Otago REAP, 14 Centennial Ave

AURUM LIFESTYLE VILLAGE - CLYDE
Wednesday 24th September
1.00 - 3.00pm
Aurum Lifestyle Village, 74 Mutton Town Rd

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Central Otago REAP
14-20 Centennial Ave, Alex

The kitchen has been busy these last few weeks as we produced 45 jars of blueberry jam, minus one jar we taste tested!

The 'Cookie Crew' were busy baking their Daffodil Day biscuits for the Tarras stall - we loved a bit of real-life maths in action!

We hope you made it along to the stall, enjoyed some cookies, and supported this great cause.

SCHOOL GROUNDS CLOSED
(22nd September - 3rd October)

We're just letting you know, during the School Holidays major property works are happening to the exterior of the school.

Because of this, the school grounds; playground, buildings, gardens, tennis courts - all of the grounds, will be closed.

We'll have a sign up at the gate.

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VIDEO WORKSHOP WITH CANVA

Use key Canva features to upload, arrange and edit images and video clips into a timeline.

Select personal photos or video clips that represent a meaningful life moment, to include in a digital story.

Sequence your media and add simple text or music to help communicate your story.

Learn how to share your video with others, via email or social media.

CROMWELL
Tuesday 16th September
10.00am - 12.00pm
Cromwell REAP Room, 19 Molyneux Ave

ALEXANDRA
Wednesday 17th September
10.00am - 12.00pm
Central Otago REAP, 14 Centennial Ave

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