



TARRAS EMERGENCY RESILIENCE GROUP

As we start a new year, there are still no formal, written plans in place for supporting our community in the event of a major disaster. A dedicated group of volunteers has done a lot of background work, but more is needed to turn it into a cohesive plan that can be shared with the community.

WILL YOU JOIN US?

New members bring fresh ideas, energy, and enthusiasm.

In 2026, we aim to bring all the behind-the-scenes work to fruition, and it would be wonderful to have you on board.

We plan to meet in mid-to-late February, so if you're interested, please email: tarras.terg@gmail.com



TARRAS DOG TRIALS

The Tarras Dog Trials will be held at Phillips Road, Tarras. Please follow the TUX signs to the grounds. The trials will run over two days on Thursday and Friday, March 26th and 27th. Morning tea and lunch will be available to purchase on site.

EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME TO COME ALONG AND ENJOY THE EVENT.

'WHO DOES WHAT' AROUND TARRAS



LIVING LOCAL

GET TO KNOW US

COME & VISIT

We hope you've noticed that the Tarras.org.nz website is now up and ready for action!

One of our first tasks is to make sure all local organisations are included in the community directory. This helps everyone locally understand "who does what" around Tarras and hopefully sparks interest in your group. We reckon there are 20+ organisations active locally. **We would love you to be included!**

First stop – send us your details and we'll add you in. Follow the link here or in the footer of the Tarras homepage. We're just asking for appropriate names and numbers, and you'll need an image.

If you'd like the option of adding your events to the Tarras Community calendar, helping local people keep up to date with what's going on, please email me and I'll help you sort that out. *All the best, Brenda*

TARRAS.ORG.NZ

TARRAS GOLF CLUB

The **AGM** will be held on **Thurs 26 Feb** at the Tarras Hall.

OPENING DAY AMBROSE Sat 21 March
- everyone is welcome to join.

TWILIGHT GOLF began on **Thurs 29 Jan** and will continue weekly. Please report before 6pm. All welcome. Contact Skip: 027 289 0903 or Margo: 027 517 9896.

SUMMER GOLF continues each week:
Women - Thurs, 9am report. **Men** - Sat, midday report.



FEBRUARY DINNER EVENT

6pm - Wednesday 11 February

Alexandra District Club, Centennial Ave, Alexandra

Join us for an inspiring evening with Sarah Dickie, Sarah is the owner of Sarah Dickie Coaching, offering honest, practical mind-body insights without the fluff or quick fixes.

Event details and bookings: events.humanitix.com/central-otago-rwnz-dinner-group-february-2026

We'd love you and your friends to join us.

Register before 6 February - All welcome.
Email tarrasruralwomen@gmail.com for more information.



Beef Reimagined: Systemisation in Central Otago

Thursday 19 February, 1-5 pm

1 Shortcut Road, Luggate

Learn how the Trotter family has built a profitable and resilient farm business on a smaller land base, using beef systemisation to balance workload and support diversification.

Topics/highlights:

- **Beef systemisation in practice** – key principles and how they're applied under Central Otago conditions.
- **Rethinking feed management** – deferred grazing and capturing compensatory gain.
- **Redefining beef wintering** – alternatives to fodder beef; comparing one winter on crop vs two winters on pasture.
- **Diversification beyond beef** – the pros, cons and trade-offs of running multiple farm enterprises.

Featuring keynote speaker **Bob Thomson (AgFirst)** – farm business consultant and beef systems expert.

BBQ and refreshments to follow.

To register, visit: www.beeflambnz.com/events

TARRAS TALK

Proudly sponsored by TARRAS RURAL WOMEN

FEBRUARY 2026



Photo courtesy of Dr Sharp.

DIARY DATE

RURAL WOMEN CATCH UP

Maori Point Vineyard, 2.30pm,
Wednesday 18 February.
All welcome.



TARRAS BOOK CLUB

Keen to meet new people?

The next Tarras Book Club meeting: 11 February, 12 noon, at Marly's - 76b Golf Course Rd, Wanaka. Please let Marly know if you are attending - 021 202 6348. Cheers Claire.

SPREAD THE WORD

Located by the school gate, the Lilliput Library sparks a love of reading in our community. It's always in need of restocking, please donate any surplus books to help!

- take a book - return a book
- add a book
- pass it on



A GREAT YEAR AHEAD!

Welcoming 2026 with connection, community spirit, and plenty to look forward to...

We're excited to be back with news and updates for another year! Read inside for all the details on upcoming events, community happenings, and ways you can get involved.

School kicks off again on 3 February, and there's already lots happening to keep our small community buzzing. The Tarras Church AGM and the local Golf Club AGM are coming up, and don't miss the special screening of Chasing Adventure featuring our very own Scott Worthington—an inspiring story for all.

We're also looking at ways to support seasonal workers with accommodation needs, and we're seeking help to put formal, written plans in place to keep our community safe in the event of a major disaster.

Our goal with Tarras Talk is to keep everyone informed, connected, and involved in the wonderful community spirit that makes Tarras so special. We hope this edition inspires you to join in and be part of all the fun and exciting things happening around Tarras this year.

We're always on the lookout for photos of Tarras. We've had some stunning ones so far! Whether it's a beautiful landscape, or a glimpse of community life, we'd be honoured to feature your photo on our front page.



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

THE MAN THE MYTH THE LEGEND

Ever thought about heading off on an adventure - bareback riding in the Sahara, swimming with whales in French Polynesia, or soaking up the culture of the Louvre in Paris?

Yep, we all have those dreams, but one man who lives right here in Tarras, made his dreams come true. Not only that, but he filmed it. Made it into a spectacular doco and then went on to be declared - Winner of the Best Self-Filmed Film Solo Award: "Solo" in the NZ Mountain Film & Book Festival 2024. **Wow!**

Now, Scott Worthington wants to share this movie showcase, with his home community. It has been screened in Christchurch, Westport and other NZ venues, with rave reviews from those who attended. **Now - it is your turn!!**

The screening will feature three films celebrating adventure. The main feature is a documentary about Scott and a friend's attempt to beat the fastest known time to paddle the full 3,200km length of the Yukon River. Solo Greenland and Revenant - The Race of Hope and Failure will also be shown. Come and see spectacular photography, and the beautiful and harsh conditions that Scott encountered. Feel his sense of adventure. Feel his fear, and his joy and meet the man himself.



CHASING ADVENTURE is to be screened on Friday 13 February 7pm at the Tarras Church.

Tickets are limited due to the size of the church, and will be on sale from the Tarras Café. There will be door sales on the night, if not all sold before. **All proceeds will be going to Tarras School.**

Scott Worthington, has had many exciting adventures and has become adept at documenting his adventures using multimedia formats. You may remember reading the article about him in a previous Tarras Talk edition, early 2025.

Scott and his wife, Sue, moved to Tarras in 2020 from Alexandra and purchased an 11-acre block to accommodate their four horses, with Sue being a regular at the Cavalcade. Scott is also a volunteer member of the Tarras Fire Service.

With his love of adventure and the international nature of his work - mainly in Europe and Dubai - Scott has travelled to many countries. When asked how many passports he has had, Scott laughs and says his 10-year passport was filled in just three years.

A passionate adventure sports enthusiast, Scott created the ultimate race, *The Revenant: a 200km course with approximately 16,000 m of vertical ascent*. It is an unsupported, individual run and is regarded as one of the most gruelling adventure races on the planet, with only a handful of people having completed it since its inception five years ago.

This evening on Friday 13th February, will be a fantastic opportunity to see, and hear, some of the wonders of the world, that most of us won't get to personally experience.

You will walk away humbled, inspired, and in awe—and, at the same time, you will be supporting the next generation of adventure seekers from Tarras School. **TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW.**

HELP HOUSE OUR SEASONAL WORKERS



In our community, seasonal workers are pivotal for local businesses to survive.

The Tarras Community Facebook page is frequently asked to provide details of temporary accommodation for seasonal workers in the area. Despite asking online, no one has come forward.

Many of the workers have tents or vans to sleep in, and some places provide on-site accommodation for workers, **but what happens when these are full?**

If we want our area to continue to grow, we need a list of people who are willing to house seasonal workers on a short-term basis, so that finding accommodation doesn't become the sticking point, that turns people away.

If you have a spare room, caravan or even toilet and cooking facilities, please email details of what you have to offer, to: tarras.org.nz so that a list can be formulated for next year.



HAPPY HOUR

Join us every Friday evening from 5-7pm!

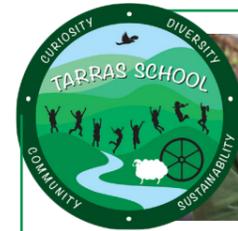
Enjoy discounted wines by the glass, free nibbles, and excellent company.

ALL WELCOME!
413 Māori Point Road, Tarras



TARRAS SCHOOL NEWS

The best little school in Central Otago - ALICE CASEY, PRINCIPAL



Kia ora,

Happy New Year! Ngā mihi o te tau hou! We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year celebrating with friends and family!

We look forward to being back at school on the 3rd of February and hearing all about the tamariki's holiday adventures.

We're delighted to welcome a few new families to our kura:

- Ava with her whānau Holly and Hayden
- Alex and Abbie with their whānau Dusty and David
- Tamati and Te Koha with their whānau Josh and Sarah
- Emi with her whānau Lexie and Shannon
- Charlie with her whānau Kate and Quin

And we have our fabulous staff of:

- Paul (Groundsman),
- Letitia (Office Manager),
- Chrissy (Reliever),
- Lisa as our full time Senior teacher and
- Nicke as our full time Teacher Aide and our After School Care Supervisor.

We love that our numbers are growing and look forward to another great year where our tamariki continue to thrive.

Wishing you all a happy and prosperous 2026.

Ngā mihi nui,
Alice



JANUARY THANKS GOES TO:

- The Duffy Whānau for topping up our stall with produce and crafts.
- Wanda, Spin and Robyn for adding items to our stall as well!

We appreciate you 😊



900 FOLLOWERS!
THE TARRAS COMMUNITY FACEBOOK PAGE
thanks you for your ongoing support.

Our goal is to share local events and activities that celebrate the diverse, vibrant life of our community. We hope this page keeps people feeling connected to Tarras and offers a fresh, cheerful window into what's happening, wherever you may be.

MISSING... The large teapot and urn are missing from the TARRAS HALL kitchen. These were needed for a recent funeral. If you know where the items are please contact Jenelle at tarrashall@gmail.com Thank you for your help!

New Zealand is saying goodbye to 3G.

Are you ready for the change?

FREE-TXT '3G' to 550 to check you can stay connected.



Emergency calls
3G-only devices won't be able to make any calls, including 111, after the shutdown. It's critical to check and update or upgrade your device so you can contact emergency services.

From the end of 2025, early 2026, New Zealand's mobile operators will shut down their 3G networks. 3G is old technology which is being upgraded globally to 4G and 5G to deliver a more reliable experience and future-proof experience.

Who is affected?
Anyone still using a 3G-reliant phone, tablets or wearables, medical alarms, security or tracking alarms and other IoT business devices will need to update or upgrade their device to stay connected. Some imported devices may not work on New Zealand mobile networks. It is important to act now by checking your device today to stay connected for the future.

- What can I do to prepare?**
1. Check your mobile device: Free-text '3G' to 550 to make sure you stay connected.
 2. Audit your business: Check systems and speak with your provider.
 3. Be Informed: Visit www.3gshutdown.co.nz
 4. Spread the word: Make sure friends and whānau know about the upcoming change.

Find out more and download free resources at www.3gshutdown.co.nz



Frequently Asked Questions

- How do I check if my phone is ready?**
The 3G shutdown affects all mobile providers in New Zealand. Free-text '3G' to 550 to check the status of your phone, you will receive a text message to let you know if your phone is good to go or needs attention.
- What do I do if my phone isn't ready?**
You may need to update your settings or software or upgrade your device. If you do need to upgrade your device, affordable options are available. Ask mobile phone retailers specifically about 3G-reliance.
- How do I update my phone to use 4G/5G?**
To update your phone: make sure your phone's software is updated to the latest version.
Turn on 4G/5G in your settings:
• iPhone: Settings > Mobile > Mobile Data Options > Voice & Data > Select 4G/5G
• Android: Settings > Mobile networks > Enable 4G/5G.
- What happens if I live in an area that currently only has 3G?**
Before the 3G shutdown, mobile operators are upgrading their networks to 4G and 5G, across New Zealand to keep you connected and in most cases, you'll enjoy an even better mobile experience.
- Do I need a new SIM card?**
If your SIM card isn't 4G capable, you may need a new one. Contact your provider who can help you transfer your number to a new SIM if needed.
- If I need to upgrade, can I recycle my old phone?**
Any connected devices that rely on 3G will stop working after the shutdown. These may include:
• Tablets
• Smart watches
• Medical alarms
• Security alarms
• Vehicle trackers

Find out more and download free resources at www.3gshutdown.co.nz



TARRAS CHURCH
11am service on the first Sunday of every month, led by Damon Plimmer.
All welcome...

SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY DUTY: Felicity Hayman and Debs Pritchard-Jones
SUNDAY 1 MARCH DUTY: Spin Lucas and Trudi Pryde
After the service, the AGM will be held, with a picnic and farewell to Vicar Damon Plimmer, who is retiring as Vicar of the Upper Clutha Anglican Parish.