

REAL PEOPLE - DELICIOUS KAI - GREAT KŌRERO

Whether you're a RWNZ member or simply a woman who is rural at heart, you are warmly welcome here.



We know it is a busy time of year for farmers, horticulturalists and rural communities. Come and make some genuine new connections, catch up with familiar faces, and go home with a full belly and a warm heart, having heard a brilliant guest speaker.

This month, we welcome Joc Kinney as the Otago Regional Coordinator for the Rural Support Trust (RST), a New Zealand-wide organisation providing free, confidential support to farmers, growers, and rural communities.

Joc brings a deep, personal understanding of rural life to her role. Growing up on a sheep farm in South Otago, her family later relocated to the Ida Valley to take on a new property with its own unique set of challenges.

Today, she and her husband, David, run a sheep and beef hill country property in Hyde,



where they also raised their three young adult children. Having experienced the highs and lows of farming firsthand, Joc deeply understands the crucial importance of accessible support for rural communities when times get tough.

6pm - Wednesday 9 September - Alexandra District Club Inc. Alexandra.

Please register via Humanitix ASAP. Registrations close Friday 4 September, 12 noon (for catering purposes).

You can find details about the evening, on our page: <https://events.humanitix.com/central-otago-september-dinner-2026>

FREE GOLF LESSON!

WILLIE MOORE,
the Cromwell Golf Pro will hold a
session at the Tarras Golf Club
on **Sat 19 Sept, 2-3pm.**

All abilities & children welcome with clubs
provided. Meet at the Hall 1.55pm.

Please text Jan Gibson to register, 027 309 4344

Men's John Annan
Memorial Tournament
is on 8 and 9 Sept.

Women's Tournament
has a new date -
Thurs 22 October.

Jack and Nonie
Mead Trophy
12 Sept.



TARRAS FIRE BRIGADE

STAY INFORMED. STAY CONNECTED

The Tarras Volunteer Fire Brigade has recently established its own Facebook page!

Our Volunteer Fire Brigade is at the very heart of our community. These incredible volunteers give their time, training and dedication to keeping our community safe and are there when we need them most.

Their commitment deserves to be recognised and appreciated. Please head over to Facebook and follow their page to keep up to date with fire safety information, emergency updates, brigade activities and everything happening within our local fire community.

Stay informed. Stay connected. Support our local volunteers.

CLASSIFIEDS

SITUATIONS VACANT

NANNY/HOME HELP

We are looking for a reliable nanny/ home helper for one day a week (Monday or Thursday) for 4 to 7 hours. We have three children aged 5 years (in school), 3 years, and 9 months. We are located 10 minutes from Tarras Village. **Please call Zoe on 027 742 4188 if you are interested.**

TARRAS TALK

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!
Whether you'd like to advertise, share your news, or receive Tarras Talk by email, get in touch with Chris at tarrastalk@gmail.com



TARRAS TALK

Proudly sponsored by TARRAS RURAL WOMEN

SEPTEMBER 2026



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

SPRING IS IN THE AIR...

GENEROSITY BLOOMS

Kind hearts and true community spirit raise \$1,190...



A CAPTURED AUDIENCE!

Have you seen the new signs up at the Tarras Village yet?

New signage at the Tarras Village contains a code which takes viewers straight to the Tarras website, where people can scroll through the things to do in Tarras, accommodation options, businesses, tradespeople, history of, and plenty more.

It is hoped that this may encourage visitors to stay in the area for longer, or to see something they want to come back too.

They have purposefully be placed near the toilet facility, to maximise the opportunity the recurring queues create. "A captured audience" LOL!

Thank you to the people who donated money for these to be produced. If your business isn't listed on the Tarras website and you want it to be, email: tarraswebsite@gmail.com

What an incredible effort by the Tarras community - \$1,190 was raised at this year's daffodil stall.

The money raised will help the Cancer Society provide vital support for people living with cancer and their whānau, including counselling, transport to treatment, accommodation and practical assistance. It will also contribute to cancer research and prevention programmes.

A massive thank you goes to everyone who donated the amazing raffle prizes, gave cash, or contributed homemade and homegrown produce to sell at the stall.

Every donation, large or small, helped make the day such a success.

Congratulations to Gordon Lucas, Liz Carroll-Lowe and Felicity Hayman, who were the lucky winners of the raffles.

A very special thank you also goes to Bailee and Eva, students from Tarras School, who generously gave their time to help run the stall. Their enthusiasm and cheerful support were greatly appreciated.

Once again, the Tarras community has shown what can be achieved when people come together with a shared commitment to supporting a worthy cause.

The 'Friends of Tarras School' are thrilled to invite all avid golfers and enthusiasts to participate in our prestigious...

AMBROSE GOLF TOURNAMENT

16 OCTOBER 2026 1:30PM - 7:00PM
TARRAS GOLF COURSE

INCLUDES A BBQ CASH BAR AVAILABLE LOTS OF GREAT AUCTION ITEMS PRIZES TO BE WON!

\$200 TEAM OF 4

BE A BIG PART OF OUR DAY! WHY NOT HAVE YOUR BUSINESS SPONSOR A HOLE?

PLATINUM: \$1000 (team entry included)
GOLD: \$500
SILVER: \$250

EMAIL NOW TO REGISTER! We'll heavily advertise for you!
fotstreasurer@tarras.school.nz



A LIFE WELL LIVED, AN ADVENTURE WELL TRAVELLED

JOHN HARRIS 1940 - 2026

Founder of Māori Point Vineyard, researcher, winemaker, teacher, sailor, surfer and skier, John peacefully left us on 28 August 2026.

He leaves behind a legacy of knowledge generously shared, adventures wholeheartedly embraced and lives enriched by his curiosity, creativity and friendship.

John will be deeply missed and especially remembered by his sisters, Sue Wagner and Jane McMurray (Wellington); by Jocelyn Harris (Dunedin), with whom he shared travel and academia; and by Marilyn Duxson of Tarras, his wife and partner in science, viticulture and winemaking.

He was the dearly loved father of James, Toby (d.1969), Lison and Ian; father-in-law of Giselle, Jeff and Bee; and a much-loved grandfather to Cassandra, Kes, Tristan, Tui and Kea.

John lived life with energy, he touched many lives and through his work, his teaching and the vineyard he helped create, he left behind treasured memories and some wonderful stories.

Please join us at the Tarras Community Church at 2pm on Saturday, 5 September, for a celebration of John's life and many adventures, followed by a gathering at Māori Point Vineyard.

In place of flowers, donations to Otago Community Hospice would be gratefully appreciated.



TARRAS CHURCH

Service is at 11am on the first Sunday of every month, led by Barry Entwistle

All welcome...

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER SERVICE

DUTY: Anne Snow and Lesley Purvis

SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER SERVICE

DUTY:

Rebecca Chapman-Cohen and Jan Anderson

CENTRAL OTAGO REAP

Not all superheroes wear capes.

Some carry sewing kits, screwdrivers, spanners, and a willingness to share their skills.



Central Otago REAP with support from the Central Otago District Council is looking for local Repair Heroes to volunteer at upcoming Repair and Care Café events. Whether you are handy with sewing, electronics, DIY, or simply enjoy helping people, there's a place for you.

General event helpers are also welcome. By sharing your time and know-how, you'll help people repair and care for the things they already own, reduce waste, and strengthen community connections.

Upcoming events:

• **Saturday 5 September – CROMWELL**

• **Saturday 24 October – ALEXANDRA**

If you're ready to share your skills and help breathe new life into well-loved belongings, they'd love to hear from you. Become one of Central Otago's next Repair Heroes!

TARRAS SCHOOL NEWS

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



Kia ora,

Term 3 is always a goodie with School Skiing up at Cardrona. We had a beautiful day, and as always, our tamariki got stuck in and gave it a good go - for some it was their first time but it wasn't long before they were "gliding down the mountain!"



We really love our school culture of 'getting out there and giving it a good go!' - everyone participates and contributes to the life of the school! It has also been a great opportunity for lots of our whānau to go for a ski and have a good catch up. We're hoping for more sunny days!



We had our Small Schools Cross Country in Poolburn this month with 7 of our tamariki placing in the top three!

Both Matilda F and Bailee D are representing the Upper Clutha Zone at the Central Otago Cross Country Championships. *Well done girls - we wish you all the very best for your next run!*

We hope you all have an enjoyable September, enjoying the warmer days and increased daylight!

Ngā mihi, Alice



AUGUST THANKS GOES TO:

- Wanda, Gae and Tracy for coming along and reading to the school on 'Book Character Dress Up day'. The tamariki loved the stories!
- Special thanks to Paul and Antonia for letting us visit the Cafe, listen to Antonia's childhood favourite story and for the delicious treats!
- Billee Marsh for marshaling at our Cross Country event - thanks for your support and time!



CENTRAL OTAGO TRACKS & WHEELS EASTER 2027

WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT!

Can we beat Ireland's 285?

Spaces for 500 Massey Ferguson tractors!!

26-28 March 2027

Cromwell Racecourse

Tickets from \$35 | 3-Day Pass \$100
Camping on site

Earthmoving • Tractor Pull • Clydesdales • Steam Engines • Aircraft • Kids' Zone

REGISTRATIONS & Informatoin

tracksandwheels.co.nz

TARRAS BOOK CLUB

KEEN TO MEET NEW PEOPLE?

Book Club meeting:

2pm Wednesday 9 September.

Hosted by Sue Nyhof - 0276990568.



SPREAD THE WORD - LILLIPUT LIBRARY

Located by the school gate and sparks a love of reading in our community. It's always in need of restocking. Every donated book helps keep this little library thriving and ensures there's always something new waiting for the next reader.

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