

Northern Outlook

Fernside School principal David Taylor has had a big week celebrating a school roll of 300 and the announcement of two new classrooms.

Funding boost for Fernside

JONATHAN LEASK

Around \$750,000 will be invested to build two new classrooms at Fernside School in Canterbury.

The small school on the outskirts of Rangiora reached a significant milestone this term, with the school roll surpassing 300 for the first time.

Principal David Taylor said the roll increased from 240 up to 304 in the last five years.

“This growth has been gradual with increases across all year levels,” Taylor said.

“This expansion has placed a significant squeeze on classroom space and teaching resources. We

have a small group of students operating as a classroom in the school library.

“As a school we have been creative with the use of spaces, adapting our library and multi-purpose spaces as required.”

With the expanding numbers, Fernside School also recently advertised for two new teachers for next year.

Tuesday’s announcement from Education Minister Hekia Parata that the school would receive two new classrooms should ease the crowding, once the additional classrooms are completed.

“The Board is presently considering the appropriate site with

two possible options.

“These are new classrooms and are additional to the present ten teaching spaces. Our understanding is that they will form a joint double classroom space. The board will have good flexibility on the layout and configuration so it meets the learning needs of students at Fernside.

“In addition to the new classrooms, we are also planning a refurbishment of three classrooms linked to the school’s administration block. Money for this has been allocated in the school’s Five Year Plan.”

The budget for the additional refurbishments is around \$400,000

Taylor said, with the board looking closely at coordinating the two projects over the next twelve months.

Fernside becomes the latest North Canterbury school to get a welcome investment from the government.

Other schools in the Waimakariri and Hurunui Districts to have work underway or funding approved by the Ministry of Education – as part of the \$1.1 billion Rebuilding Christchurch Schools project or separately Government funded projects – are Oxford Area School, Ashgrove School, Rangiora Borough School, Southbrook School, Swannanoa

School, Rangiora High School, Amuri Area School, Kaiapoi North School, Kaiapoi Borough School, Woodend School, Kaiapoi High Schools and Pegasus Bay School- which was the first school built as part of the Christchurch Schools Rebuild programme.

More announcements as part of the second round of investment in roll growth classrooms will be made over the coming weeks, and a third round of investment is expected to be announced in February next year.

The first round of investment was announced in May and June this year with 21 new classrooms for Canterbury schools.

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FROM THE EDITOR

I must be getting old. I'm starting to grumble. I am astonished at how much it costs all of a sudden to buy lunch.

I took my daughter out for breakfast the other day, and two plates of food and two smoothies cost me more than \$50. For breakfast.

You can't buy a pie for less than \$5 at the moment, and don't even get me started on the cost of coffee and cake.

Since when is lunch a luxury? It wasn't that long ago you could get a roll and a juice for a couple of bucks. Now you're lucky to get change from a tenner.

I'm all for small business and making a profit. But I think this is getting ridiculous.

For the collective cost of lunches in one office, we could fill the pantry for a week.

I might be starting to sound like my grandfather, but something's got to give, that's for sure.

And it's not going to be my back pocket any more.

- Shannon.

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4. THE FETE

The Christmas Country Fete. Thursday October 27, 10am-4pm, Culverden.

5. OXFORD GARDEN FETE

Sunday October 30, 10:00am - 4:00pm, Ribblesdale Gardens, Oxford. General admission adult (children under 15 free) \$20.00, family pass of 4 (kids under 18 included) \$40.00.

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Boys only in this dance group

MATTHEW SALMONS

Each Wednesday at lunch time, in uniform but barefoot, the boys of Elmwood School in Christchurch gather in the auditorium and learn to move to the music.

Deputy principal, dance teacher and Rangiora resident Maree Harris has been teaching the boys of Elmwood School to dance. She heard about an Auckland school running similar classes and the positive impact it had on boys there.

“I thought it would be awesome to start [a dance course] at Elmwood and give our boys the same opportunity,” she said.

Last term the school ran dance classes as part of a “passion project”, out-of-school classes which ran for 45 minutes, once a week.

At the end of the project, interest from the boys was so high the school decided to continue classes in the lunch breaks.

The classes focus on modern dance, a “cross between” street dance and hip-hop, which pupils loved Harris said.

Although there is often still a stigma in New Zealand attached to boys dancing, Harris said the boys’ classmates were inspired by their performance at the end of last term. “It was really cool. The kids in the audience and their friends gave them lots of praise.”

Alex Churchill started with the

From left: Joe, Louis, Aidan, Alex, Evin and Koji of Elmwood School’s all boy dance group.

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group last term and said he had a love for dance. His favourite move was “the helicopter”.

“That’s when you go on the floor and put your left or right leg out and spin it around in a circle, like a helicopter. I prefer to do it with my right leg.”

He said that if you could feel the music and have fun at the same time, that was the best thing about dance.

“If you have the love of dance you can follow it and someday you might become a great dancer. Even at a young age,” he said. Alex had realised “how much he loved it” and joined a dance group outside of school, Harris said.

The school already had a girls dance group but Harris said it was important to have a boys group to build their confidence.

She said the boys were initially

nervous to join the dance group, but once they realised they were “all in the same boat” their confidence grew.

Parents saw it as a “huge achievement” for the boys to be able to perform in front of the school, Harris said.

The class would last until the end of term, when the boys would give another performance to their peers.

Pasifika health night at the library

MATTHEW SALMONS

Kaiapoi Library hosted a health seminar on Thursday night aimed at improving health access for North Canterbury’s pacific island peoples.

Heart Foundation’s Emma Griffin talked on ways to avoid heart disease, something which is prevalent in Māori and Pacific Islanders. She said more than 165,000 New Zealanders had heart disease and around 18 would die every day as a result.

Pegasus Health’s pacific health manager Maria Pasene said if health providers took time to get to know their patients and not put them all in the same “pacific islander basket”, it would create an environment where they felt

comfortable and take them “a long way down the road”.

Pasene, who was of Niuean heritage, said many pacific cultures held others as more important than one’s self, meaning pasifika patient’s could feel reluctant taking time off work to visit a doctor. “It’s not that we don’t care about our health ... we have other priorities in our lives. Take time off to see a doctor, or put food on the table.”

Apart from improvements by the health sector, Pasene said pacific island peoples needed to build health competency and the confidence to assert themselves when it came to health.

“Actually, the most powerful person when it comes to your health, is you,” she said.

Maria Pasene’s presentation at Kaiapoi Library’s Pasifika Night.

PHOTO: MATTHEW SALMONS/FAIRFAX NZ

POST BOX FEEDBACK

Three weeks into New Zealand Post’s trial relocation of post boxes in Rangiora, “about 10” people have contacted the postal service with feedback. NZ Post Operations Support Leader Ross Newton said the company would consider mail volumes and feedback at the end of the trial period, early next year, as to whether to move the boxes again. Details on how to send feedback via post or email can be found on the NZ Post website.

OXFORD BRIDGE CRASH

A truck slammed through the railing of Depot Rd bridge, Oxford, and crashed onto the riverbed below, shortly before 5.40pm on Tuesday. It was heading south over the Eyre River when it veered and took out 20 metres of railing before plummeting over the edge. The truck was the only vehicle involved and the driver the only occupant. A St John spokesman said one man was taken to Christchurch Hospital’s emergency department with moderate injuries. The bridge itself was extensively damaged.

TAGGING RANGIORA

After areas of Blakett St, White St and Kinley St in Rangiora were tagged last weekend, a police spokesperson said they were working to identify those responsible but no-one had been charged as of Thursday. Anyone with information regarding the tagging should contact their local police station.

THIEF CHARGED, MUST REPAY.

Rangiora man Ryan Spencer Billington, 19, will pay back all of the \$57,830 he took from his mother’s bank account. Billington was charged with obtaining money by deception in June. His mother had entrusted him with her bank account details when she left to live in England. Billington received six months supervision and must attend counselling, or budgetary advice as directed. He must also complete three months of community detention with a nightly curfew. The money must be repaid within 28 days, Billington would be able to pay by selling assets he had purchased with the money taken.

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Rekindling community Christmas tree

JONATHAN LEASK

A trucky and father-of-two is leading a campaign to get a community Christmas tree back in Rangiora.

Guy Hahn wants to see one of the redwood trees at Lilybrook returned to its former festive glory.

"From memory it has been at least five years since the tree was decorated with the lights," Hahn said.

"When I was a kid I remember being able to see it for miles."

Hahn wants to see the lights back on for his children, and the rest of the community, to enjoy.

With the Waimakariri District Council unable to assist on the project, Hahn has one month to rally the community to the cause to get the tree ready to flick on the switch on December 1.

There are no grinchies at the council, however – Hahn's light bulb moment came too late to be considered for funding in the annual plan.

The council has invested in lighting in Kaiapoi, Rangiora and Oxford town centres.

"We made a commitment to the Kaiapoi and Rangiora community boards to look at lighting designs in the town," council green space manager Chris Brown said.

"In terms of a lighting a large tree, that is not something we

"When I was a kid I remember being able to see it for miles."

Guy Hahn

have lights for."

That leaves the Hahn on the hunt for anyone who can help get the project going.

If he is successful, Brown said the council will support the project if it "can tick a few boxes".

"We are not against it at all. If he can get it all sorted we will be more than happy to sit down with him."

If Hahn fails to get the Lilybrook tree lit this year, Brown said he is able to go to the community boards or apply through the annual plan for funding for next year.

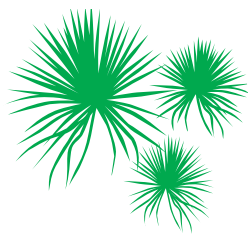
While the council has a plan in place for this December, they have contacted a consultant to prepare a comprehensive lighting design.

"There is some exciting new things on the market and not necessarily just Christmas lighting but all year round.

"Being able to utilise the lights at different times of the year and have them up permanently would be beneficial," Brown said.

■ If you can help with getting the tree lit up for Christmas, contact Guy 0212 641 447

Guy Hahn and his son would like to see a tree in the Lilybrook Reserve become a community Christmas Tree.



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Fast and fun riverside kart adventures

MATTHEW SALMONS

After 10 months of paperwork, Steve Frost has finally got his kart company off the ground.

Based on Harrs Rd, Swananoa, Kiwi Karts Outdoor Adventure is licensed to take karts down tracks along the Waimakariri River.

“It’s fantastic .. the tracks are ideal for it,” Frost said. He had always had an interest in motorbikes and off roading, but decided on the karts as they were safer. Initially, the idea went into the “too hard baskets” of the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA), WorkSafe New Zealand and Environment Canterbury, and he had to convince them all it would work. “We finally got there last week,” he said.

Frost sent in GoPro footage of him driving the track to convince WorkSafe that he would not take customers over too high a gradient. “It’s Canterbury, it’s all flat mate.” WorkSafe categorised the business as un-regulated, meaning Frost had to work by the same regulations as most other businesses.

NZTA had to “get their heads together” to decide how to register the karts, Frost said, and when he brought them in to be registered and warranted, VTNZ staff looked at him like he had “two heads”. He has nine karts in total, but can only book out seven as he is required to have lead and tail

karts for health and safety reasons. The karts have a roll cage, four point seat belts, a 300cc engine, lights, indicators and were “quite a decent size”. They were a sophisticated machine, Frost said, but they were simple to operate. Frost ran the business out of containers in a paddock on

his property on Harrs Rd, which was close to the access to the river tracks. His wife, daughter and friends would help out as the business got started and he would look into hiring staff in future. Frost said he had worked as a marine engineer in the past, so could do his own maintenance.

He had taken his family out over a weekend to trial the tracks and get photos for the website which went online on Tuesday. “The tracks can be quite a challenge when your driving about ... but it’s a good, fun adventure,” Frost said. He said the tracks governed the speed the karts

could go, but on a flat road they could reach 60 to 70 kilometres and hour. “They can really get going ... you really feel like you’re flying along,” he said.

The tracks had mountain and river views. The indoor tracks in town could be a “bit boring” in comparison, he said.

Steve and Tina Frost trial the tracks in one of the karts.

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Conversations

It's time for the summer classic

FISH AND CHIPS

Summer is upon us, and so is the time for the Kiwi summer classic, fish and chips.

We asked where to get the best fish and chips; here's a selection of the answers from [neighbourly.co.nz](http://www.neighbourly.co.nz).

■ Stephanie Mitchell (Rangiora)

The Fish Bowl has great chips and the boss lady is gruff but wonderful. She lights up around my two-year-old son and he does the same. Victoria Seafood Bar has amazing fish bites though.

■ Hannah O'Connor (Rangiora) Steak chips from Lilybrook are great, and the chicken cordon bleu and fish burgers are really yum. Best thing they have is black forest jam wraps they're so, so good.

■ Kylie Hansen (Loburn)

Victoria Seafood bar has the best potato fritters ever. They're even better the next day heated up. Love them!

■ Joan Dunn (Oxford)

I go to "Village Foods" every Saturday night. They have a

couple of Chinese dishes on the takeaway side, plus burgers etc. Shop did change hands, but everything just as delicious as when the last owners had it.

■ Nona Stapley (Swannanoa-Ohoka)

Rangiora: the one in the Main St opposite Farmers. Kaiapoi: Ohoka Rd Fish shop. Both very good.

■ Mike Jackson (Woodend)

Espresso Garden Cafe at M10 Rangiora. They have fish and chip Friday. Great place to sit outside in the sun by the Bubbling Brook.

■ Leo King (Rangiora)

Fish Bowl in Rangiora, and Monty's in Woodend are my favourites.

■ Raylene Middleton (Swannanoa-Ohoka)

Ohoka Fish Shop, Kaiapoi.

■ Linda Stewart (Rangiora)

I've tried three so far and Rangiora Fish Supply in the main street opposite Farmers wins hands down - no excess fat and the fish is a decent thickness.

■ Ray Paulger (Rangiora)

Lilybrook Fish & Burgers. Well cooked and huge pieces of fish. A value meal.

■ Grant Shanks (Rangiora)

Fish Bowl opposite The Plough does good F&C.

■ Jayne Robertson (Rangiora)

Rangiora Fish Supply. Always so good.

■ Angela Torrie (Swannanoa-Ohoka)

Rangiora Fish Supply.

■ Rachael Marchioni (Rangiora)

Fish Bowl in Rangiora.

■ Kent Tonkin (Rangiora)

Rangiora Fish Supply have the best chips (home made I think). Fish pieces are way too small. Lilybrook have the best fish, good size. Chips not so good as they are straight out of a packet. The best fish and chips are 1040 Takeaways on Colombo Street Edgware, and Wainoni Fish and Chips on

Wainoni Road. Also both have great burgers.

■ Gwyn Fraser (Rangiora)

Victoria St Fish 'n' Chips are the best - good thick fish with not too much batter! Great!

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Out & About

Health night at the library

Kaiapoi Library hosted a night of talks aimed at improving health access for North Canterbury pacific peoples on Thursday night. The evening was rounded off with a delicious meal of pacific island flavours.

Happy dinners tuck into a meal of pacific island flavours.

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HDC's Shah Wali Atayee presents information on patients' rights.

Kaiapoi Fire Brigade arrives after roast veggies set off the alarm.

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From left: Ngaio, Sarah and Mark from Waimakariri Libraries.

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From Europe to High Street

Charlotte Turner talks home towns, exotic travels and a new challenge.

■ Where are you from?

I was born and raised in Rangiora, I'm a local girl. I went to Rangiora Borough and Rangiora High. It was just a really great place to grow up. I remember going down to Dudley Park and in the stream there and catching tadpoles. That was just what you did as a kid, you know, ride your bike around everywhere. Kids don't do that so much anymore, we used to ride up High St, it was just fun. Grant and I have two children, they are our spare time now. I like going to boot camp and I go walking and stuff, but nothing quirky. With a seven year old and four year old our life is very busy. We work together as a team. One of us drops them off to school in the morning and then one of us always picks them up.

■ What did you do before Paper Tree?

I went overseas for a few years. I met Grant in Paris, watching the All Blacks play France. We won. I worked in law firms and Grant worked at Morgan Stanley, on the trading floor, doing shipping and oil. I travelled through the Middle East on a truck for six weeks in

“Two guys rock up with machine guns, just to say g'day”

Charlotte Turner

2001. I toured Syria, Jordan, all those places that you can't go to now. I loved it. One night we camped in the middle of the desert and two guys rock up with machine guns, just to say g'day. We were in this convoy, and there were guys with guns travelling with us. One who was sitting in the front passenger seat, gets out and just sits his gun, facing upwards towards us all. We were like 'whoa'. They don't really do health and safety. It was a major culture shock. We didn't have the armed guards all the time. Mostly it was just the tour guides, the drivers and us. When we went through the borders, all us girls would have to cover up because border guards would come on

Charlotte Turner, owner of Rangiora's new Paper Tree, along with husband Grant.

PHOTO: MATTHEW SALMONS/FAIRFAX NZ

board and check us out. It was so different, but it was so cool. In Syria, we went into all the temples and got spat at by women. Even though we covered up really well, they didn't really like western women. It's quite sad seeing it on the telly now, some of those places are just beautiful. Most of the people are really nice and you just feel sorry for them that they're leading that life now, but what can you do from Rangiora?

■ Why did you start up the business?

We'd been back quite a few years, I was working at one of the local law firms as a legal executive and

we decided to take on a new challenge. Grant's got a business background but I have a legal background. They worked well together in setting up. You get teething problems, but it's going well. Everyone's really positive, they like the shop. It's bright, it's fresh, it's clean, it's got a good feel about it. With a post shop there's always going to be queues but our aim is to get everybody though as quick as we can. Everything that was offered over the road, we have here. We've had some really nice responses from people in the last few days, so it's nice.

■ Were you in town for the

earthquakes?

I was at home, for both. I saw Rangiora's downturn and I just can't believe the regeneration of High St in the last few months. It's been fantastic. I like the new look, I remember the old Rangiora but you got to realise we're now in the year 2016. Gone are the days of walking up High St and knowing everybody, but that's not a bad thing. The street has a buzz about it again. There was times there after the earthquake that there would be nobody up High St. I think it must have been hard being in retail then. We're getting back to how it was before.

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The underpinning philosophy of Taylor Homes is that the needs and preferences of clients are paramount.

"We are there to build the house the client wants," David explains. "Our aim is to guide our clients through the process, offering advice and information as needed.

This ensures we are building them a home they, and we, can be proud of."

Flexibility, value and timing are all critical to the success of any building project, and David credits his success to undertaking the planning, pricing and consent process quickly and painlessly, even before the work starts.

Being able to take care of everything, including basic necessities such as a septic tank, is all part of the deal; David is able to draw on his numerous industry contacts to facilitate other aspects of a housing project such as driveways and landscaping, ensuring he is providing the complete package.

The company has completed a variety of building projects, including family homes, farmhouses and commercial fit-outs, and supporting the local community is at the very heart of what Taylor Homes is all about.

This is showcased by their dedication in using local tradesman and sub-contractors, such as Amberley-based builder Rob Light.

"As we work right throughout

North Canterbury, we aim to utilise local trades wherever possible," he says. "Accountability is higher, and it is great to be contributing to the growth and development of our local community's skill set."

For Andy and Vanessa Ogilvie, building with Taylor Homes was a dream come true.

"When we first met David and his team, we didn't believe how fast and easy building would be," they say.

"They delivered exactly what we wanted - earlier than we expected!"

Kept informed from beginning to end, the couple are enthusiastic supporters of this boutique construction company: "Every part of the build was built by craftsman and to the highest quality."

This notion is supported by Chris and Michelle Sharpe, of Kaiapoi.

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What's On

Get involved!

SAT OCTOBER 22

Rangiora (Northern) A&P Show: The 150th Rangiora Show at the Rangiora A&P Show Grounds. Tickets: \$15 adult. \$5 child (Saturday). \$5 pp (Sunday).

Woodford Glen Speedway: Opening Night. A great nights entertainment for the family. Trophy Challenge. Racing from 7pm. Adult \$20, Family \$40, Snr \$10, Child \$5 (5-14yr).

SUN OCTOBER 23

Give golf a go: Rangiora Golf Club from 11am to 12.30pm. Everyone welcome and a great way to be introduced to golf. Equipment supplied. Coaching with Rangiora golf professional Peter Giles. Contact: (03) 313 6666 ext 2.

Cheviot Hills Run and Ride: A running or biking race held in the Cheviot Hills reserve. Run offers 12km (2 laps) for open and 6km (1 lap) for juniors and bike has 24km (4 laps) for open and 6km (1 lap) for juniors.

Oxford Speedway: Racing starts 11am at Carleton Road, off South Eyre Road. Entry: \$10pp (U15 free when with a paying adult).

Methven Rodeo: Time to saddle up and hold on tight at the Methven Rodeo from 8am-5pm at the Methven Showgrounds.

The Oxford Farmers Market and Village Market: Every Sunday at Pearson Park on the Main Street. from 9am-midday.

THU OCTOBER 27

The Christmas Country Fete: The annual fete in Culverden has more than 200 stylish, creative stalls set up in the beautiful country grounds of Wynyard from 10am-4pm. Tickets: \$25. Contact: (03) 315 8025.

Blackwell's Great Night Out: A fun evening of bubbles, chocolate, fashion, prizes, great music and heaps more from 6-9pm at Blackwell's Department Store, Williams St in Kaiapoi.

Art in a Garden: Now in its 13th year, set in an incredible venue - Flaxmere garden featuring 100 artist from around New Zealand from October 27-30, 10am-5pm each day. Contact: 021 414 162.

Woodend Beach Country Music Club Evening: Club evening boasts a country music band, great music, raffles and entertainment. Super is provided. Everyone is welcome from

List your event

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7.30pm at the Woodend Community Hall.

FRI OCTOBER 28

North Canterbury Sports Awards Gala Dinner: MainPower North Canterbury Sports Awards and Youth Sports Scholarships 2016 at the Ohoka Hall. Tickets from North Canterbury Sport & Recreation Trust, phone: (03) 975 5560.

Centre Stage: The Waimakariri Youth Council talent quest with a \$1000 1st Prize. Showcase your talent, get your applications from the Waimakariri District Council. Talent Show to be held at the Rangiora Town Hall.

Ohoka Farmers Market: Every Friday year round from 9am - 12.30pm. Superb artisan and every day foods in the Ohoka Domain.

Ashburton A&P Show: The 139th Ashburton A & P Show, at the Ashburton Showgrounds on October 28 and 29.

Book Fair: A fundraiser for the repair and restoration of St Bartholomew's Church and Hall. 10am-2pm at St Bartholomew's Church Hall, 23 Cass Street, Kaiapoi. Books will be \$2 each or six for \$10.

SAT OCTOBER 29

Garage Sale Fundraiser: A giant garage sale fundraiser for the Rangiora Volunteer Fire Brigade at the Rangiora Fire Station, Percival Street from 8am.

Amberley A&P Show: The annual agricultural and pastoral show for the Amberley area at the Amberley Domain.

St Patricks Community Spring Market: Lots of fun for all ages with plenty of stalls. 10am-4pm at St Patricks School, Fuller Street, Kaiapoi.

Toot'n' Croon play 50s and 60s Dance Music: Toot' n' Croon present an entertaining evening of bright dance music from the 50s and 60s.. Band starts at 7.45pm at

Culverden's Country Fete

The popular Christmas Country Fete turns 25.

Bursting with hundreds of remarkable gift ideas, fresh locally grown food and wine, live music, demonstrations and loads more, Culverden's Christmas Country Fete has a true festival vibe.

Enjoy live music, get involved in the fun demonstrations and wander through more than 200 stalls showcasing the best in New Zealand art, furniture, jewellery, fashion, garden products, body care, gifts for kids, and loads of fresh,

local food and wine.

The demonstration tent features one of New Zealand's leading nutrition and holistic health experts, Ben Warren of BePure.

Held on the Davison family's North Canterbury farm, Wynyard, for 20 years and every year it attracts thousands of people.

Originally set up by Lou Davison and friends Jossy Davison, Fiz Rutherford and Sue Gardner, the Fete is now organised by Lou, her daughter Flicka, daughter-in-law Blaise and Sue's daughter Charlotte.

The first Fete in 1992 was held at well-known property, Leslie Hills, had 30 stallholders and around 600 visitors.

The event has steadily grown over the next 24 years, set to attracting over 6,000 people in 2016.

THE CHRISTMAS COUNTRY FETE

WHEN: Thursday October 29 10:00am - 4:00pm.

WHERE: Wynyard, Lowry Peaks Rd, located 12kms east of Culverden.

TICKETS: Gate entry \$20 online or \$25 cash at entrance.

GIVEAWAY

The Northern Outlook has a double pass to the Fete to give away. Head to our Facebook and Neighbourly pages to enter and win.

the Rangiora RSA. Entry \$10.

Woodford Glen Speedway: Fireworks Extravaganza. A great nights entertainment for the family with racing and the ever popular Fireworks Extravaganza. A-Grade/Saloon, Modifieds, Superstocks, Stockcars and Streetstocks from 7pm. Adult \$20, Family \$40, Snr \$10, Child \$5 (5-14yr).

Masquerade Ball: Fundraiser for Variety Children's Charity held at the Pegasus Golf and Sports Club from

7.30-11pm. Silent auction on the night. R18 event. Tickets: \$50 (nibbles included). Contact: 022 175 6241.

The Language of the Soul: Explore how horses teach us to understand our emotions, develop confidence in ourselves, and live a more authentic, powerful life. No previous horse experience needed. 16 Carrs Road, Loburn, 10am-3.30pm. Numbers limited; \$75. Contact Ingrid on 027 4879923.

Hallowenn Trunk or Treat: Kids get your costumes, parents bring your treats and vehicles decorate your boot (trunk). from 3-5pm.
Kaipoi Farmers Market: A community farmers market with fresh produce, microgreens, plants and free range eggs. Crafts available also. New stalls always welcome. Free entry at the Morgan Williams Reserve from from 10am to 2pm every Saturday.

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What's On

A Savage account

For Cust's Sake is the product of 14 years of research and writing by local author Peter Savage.

After being made redundant from his administration position at the Department of Conservation in the 1990s, Peter Savage decided to write a history book on his home region.

It covers a broad history of Cust and Bennetts, Carleton, Eyrewell, Horrellville, Springbank, Stoke, Summerhill and West Eyreton.

Savage spent years searching through old newspapers, libraries and other historical texts as well as countless hours conversing with the locals to leave no stone unturned.

The book, as any good history book does, starts at the beginning with early Maori settlement and covers the areas development up until post-earthquake life in rural

Canterbury.

From the Moa hunter period to the sheep stations of the 1850s and the modern lifestyle blocks of today.

The eighteen chapters describe a variety of historical aspects. They include the big moments, like the flour mill fire, the local traditions, like the once popular Cust Grand Prix motorcycle race, and of course the notable characters including the likes of the service men and infamous Cooperites.

A wealth of information, the book is also generously illustrated with sketches, photographs and maps.

For Cust's Sake is available at purchase for \$80 from most shops in Cust and PaperPlus Rangiora.

SUN OCTOBER 30

Swannanoa Plant Sale: a wide variety of over 10,000 plants for sale, all raised locally, at the Swannanoa School grounds from 10am -1pm.

Oxford Country Garden Fete:

Quality stalls blending into a beautiful garden setting in a relaxed environment with music and food available. 10am-4pm at Ribblesdale Gardens, Cnr Oxford and Barracks Road. Adults \$20. Children U14 free.

North Canterbury Triathlon:

Triathlon, duathlon and triathlon short and long courses catering to all abilities at the Northbrook Waters Lifestyle Estate from 8am.

Flax-weaving for Beginners:

10am-4pm, Cheviot. Members from the Cheviot flax-weaving group show traditional methods of cutting and preparing flax/harakeke for weaving. Try your hand at making flowers, bracelets and small baskets (kono). 6 TimeBank Hurunui credits or \$40. Registrations: 03 314 3406 or tbhlearningexchange@gmail.com.

North Canterbury Riding for the

Disabled: The public are invited to the official opening by Hon Nicky Wagner - Minister for Disability Issues. Millton Reserve- north end of Ashley St, Rangiora at 2:30pm.

MON OCTOBER 31

Waimakariri Light Party: A fun family evening offering a safe alternative to trick or treating at Wylie Park, Smith St, Kaiapoi. 4.30-7.30pm. \$2 entry.

Hurunui Light Party: A free family event and alternative to trick or treating at Chamberlain Park in Amberley from 4.30-8.30pm.

THU NOVEMBER 3

Women's Institute Meeting of Interest: For those who would like to see the opening of an evening Women's Institute in the Kaiapoi area is being held at the Riverside Bowling Club from 7pm.

The Date Club: Strategic Coach & Therapist Sahera Laing hosts an evening to help locals with dating advice and strategies 5.30pm at the Kaiapoi Library. Topic 1: Gain Confidence to make dating easier

Author Peter Savage with his local history book 'For Cust's sake'.

and more enjoyable. Register on 027 207 7262.

FRI NOVEMBER 4

Ethel & Bethel Bingo Babes Night: Southbrook School are holding this fun and entertaining night. \$20 includes entry, one bingo card and supper. Extra bingo cards available to purchase. Cash bar, raffles, mystery bottles, lucky ticket and more. Contact Jen on (03) 313 3656.

Waipara Fireworks: The annual Waipara Fireworks, gates open at 5.30pm at the Glenmark Domain. Food stalls, ice creams, hot coffee, bouncy castle, face painting, glow sticks. Entry: Carload: \$25, Adult: \$10, Child: \$5, U5: free.

Holmwood Gala Day: From 1:30pm with stalls including, white elephant, make up, garden plants, clothing, face painting and a chocolate wheel. Join the residents and staff for a fun afternoon at Holmwood, 114 King St, Rangiora.

SAT NOVEMBER 5

Hororata Highland Games:

Highland Dancing, Piping and Drumming, Tug O' War, highland Spin, Small Bore Shooting, amateur Scottish heavy athletics (men's and women's) and much more at the Hororata Domain from 9am-4pm. Adults \$15, \$5 per child (5-17).

Waiau Community Fireworks

Night: A fun filled, family evening that culminates with a fireworks display after dark Gates open at 5pm. \$10 gate entry for adults and over 5's, preschooler free, or \$40 for a car load.

Leithfield Street Fair: Stalls, a bouncy castle, raffles, a chocolate wheel and Leithfield School children's 'Idol'. Running from 9am to 1pm on Brighton St. Will postpone to Sunday if wet. Any inquires, phone Lizz on (03) 3149029.

Spring Chicken Festival: North Canterbury Stockfeed's in Woodend is hosting its third annual festival from 8.30am-4pm.

Salt-dough Decorations: 10am-12pm, Amberley. Make fun decorations for Christmas. Salt-dough is easy to cut and mould, and tutors Marguerite Linzel and Amber

Davies will also have pre-baked decorations ready for painting. 2 TimeBank Hurunui credits or \$5 per child, plus \$3 materials cost. Registrations: 03 314 3406 or tbhlearningexchange@gmail.com

SUN NOVEMBER 6

Tuhaitara Coastal Park Open Day: Hands on activities for all ages. Observe the local bird life, discover dunes and the rare Canterbury mudfish. Pest trapping, music, BBQ and fun! Bring your bike and walk or cycle between activities. 10am-3pm.

American Classic Car Club USA

Day: An all American car display on show at Gladstone Park, Woodend from 10am-3pm.

Fifty the Movie: Winner of five international awards, this inspirational film is opening with limited screenings at the Rangiora Town Hall Cinemas. Proceeds to Mental Health Foundation NZ. Running times 4-6pm and Tuesday 6-8pm.

MON NOVEMBER 7

Forum On The Family: Come to hear Bob McCoskrie, Director of Family First New Zealand speak, followed by questions and supper. The theme: "Strong Marriages, Strong Families, Strong Nation" from 7pm at John Knox Presbyterian Church, Cnr High and King St.

WED NOVEMBER 9

Canterbury A&P Show: Held over three days at the Canterbury Agricultural Park, 102 Curletts Road.

Italian Home Cooking: 6 - 8pm, Amberley. Manuela Iddas will show how to make gnocchi, a traditional Italian dish, and the basics of tasty sauces to go with gnocchi or pasta. 2 TimeBank Hurunui credits or \$15, plus small ingredients cost. Registrations: 03 314 3406 or tbhlearningexchange@gmail.com.

THURS NOVEMBER 10

Guitar for Total Beginners: 7 - 9pm, Amberley library. Dany Wu will discuss guitars to suit different musical styles, and advise about online resources, such as tutorials and forums. Bring along a guitar for hands-on guidance. 2 TimeBank Hurunui credits or donation appreciated. Registrations: 03 314 3406 or tbhlearningexchange@gmail.com.

60 Minutes

Dragon boat and a mouse paddler

MATTHEW SALMONS

I used to think dragon boating was something Smaug did on his days off.

But it only took one phone call to Waimak Dragons secretary Marie Childs to put a seat behind a paddle in my destiny.

According to Google, dragon boats have a history of more than 2000 years and were originally made of teak in Guangdong, southern China. My experience would be on a lake with a much shorter history and a bit closer to the office. So on Wednesday I headed off to Lake Pegasus, in Pegasus, a town with a history of barely more than a handful of years.

Obviously, typical reporter attire is unsuitable for anything boat related, so first I had to change into my carefully selected

shorts and tee shirt. The only place was some public toilets, making me look like a budget superman, one who had to carry his shoes though.

I was a little nervous as I arrived – as far as I knew, these were all seasoned professionals. But there were at least 14 others who were all in the same boat, so to speak. One of whom, Steve Griffiths, had been “hailed off the water” and shanghaied before the start of training. Steve was a keen paddle boarder and Pegasus local who knew a member of the Dragons.

He’d never tried dragon boating either, and neither had most of the newbies in the crowd. All in all, we ended up being enough to fill exactly two boats worth of paddlers. Club president and head coach Rick Smith started events off by giving us all a run down of

the evening. Training, boating, training, boating and then pub. Sounded like a plan.

Marie was the first to approach the reporter in the midst, welcoming me to the group and suggesting I grab one of the life jackets. As I slipped the jacket on, I had flashbacks of aeroplane safety talks. The jacket even had a little toggle on it. “Don’t pull that unless you fall out, it will make it go ‘phooosch’,” said Marie.

The first stage of training was how to hold the paddle. When I was a teen, I went to a wananga taiaha to learn to use the iconic hand-to-hand weapon. Learning those moves with my rakau in hand, (you didn’t handle the actual weapon unless you were a proper pro; don’t want any accidents) I felt like a true toa taiaha, a kai tahu warrior ready to strike.

The reason Matthew Salmons looks in control? The boat isn’t moving.

PHOTO: ENYA BEYNON

NEW ZEALAND CROSSWORD

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- Across**
- 7. New Zealand’s third largest national park, established 1964 (5,8)
 - 8. Prosperous (4-2-2)
 - 9. Export worth \$2.9 billion in 2014-15 (4)
 - 10. Minimum number for a meeting to be valid (6)
 - 12. Internal (6)
 - 14. Appropriate (3)
 - 15. Behind (nautical) (6)
 - 17. Breathe out (6)
 - 19. Deer (4)
 - 21. Recurring British newspaper description of the haka (3,5)
 - 23. Gives orders, runs things (5,3,5)

- Down**
- 1. Method of scoring in softball and baseball (4,4)
 - 2. Fisherman (6)
 - 3. Shark species, and a former DB beer (4)
 - 4. Facing (8)
 - 5. World’s most southerly active volcano (6)
 - 6. Formerly (4)
 - 11. Rugby team which won the National Provincial Championship in 1980 (8)
 - 13. Fragile (8)
 - 16. Swallow up (6)
 - 18. 82km South Island walking track (6)
 - 20. Blue-green colour; also a type of duck (4)
 - 22. Stink (4)

THE TOP 10

- Which islands were part of New Zealand until 1965?
- Who shot down 22 Allied aircraft in WW1 and was head of the Luftwaffe in WW2?
- British model Lesley Hornby was one of the first supermodels. Who was she better known as?
- Who was killed at Kealakakua Bay, Hawaii, in February 1779?
- Which was introduced from Britain in 1855 to control garden pests?
- Was Ford’s first car the Model A or Model T?
- Which All Blacks prop played a strongman in the 1991 film *End of the Golden Weather*?
- Who was murdered in a Deadwood saloon in 1876?
- In Scrabble, which two letters are worth 10 points?
- Who plays the grumpy GP in *Doc Martin*?

NZ CROSSWORD

Down: 1. Home runs, 2. Angler, 3. Calls the shots, 23. Exhale, 19. Stag, 21. War dance, 12. Inside, 14. Apt, 15. Astem, 17. Well-to-do, 9. Beef, 10. Quorum, **Across:** 7. Mount Aspiring, 8. McDowell, 8. Will Bill Hickok, 9. Q. Hedgehog, 6. Model A, 7. Steve Twigg, 4. Captain James Cook, 1. The Cooks, 2. Hermann Goering, and Z, 10. Martin Clunes.

TOP 10

SUDOKU

Fill the grid so every row, column and every 3x3 box contains 1-9

JUNIOR CROSSWORD

- Across**
- 1. Sport team leaders (8)
 - 7. Normal (5)
 - 8. Joint above the foot (5)
 - 9. Tried out (6)
 - 10. The part along the end or side of something (4)
 - 12. Charts (4)
 - 14. A kind of short coat (9)
 - 17. Cook in an oven (5)
 - 18. Two times (5)
 - 19. A breakfast food made from oatmeal (8)
- Down**
- 1. A symbol on playing cards (5)
 - 2. Tugged (6)
 - 3. Absent (4)
 - 4. Nude (5)
 - 5. People buying things at shops (9)
 - 6. Half of thirty-four (9)
 - 11. Sampled by mouth (6)
 - 13. A keyboard instrument (5)
 - 15. A cutting tool (5)
 - 16. A light in the sky (4)

SOLUTION

Across: 1. Captains, 7. Usual, 8. Ankle, 9. Tested, 10. Edge, 12. Maps, 14. Jacket, 17. Roast, 18. Twice, 19. Porridge. **Down:** 1. Clubs, 2. Pulled, 3. Away, 4. Naked, 5. Customers, 6. Seventeen, 11. Tasted, 13. Piano, 15. Knife, 16. Star.

Coming back to the present, I felt a bit silly, as only a paddle on land can make you feel. The moves were easy enough, but Marie was quick to help me correct my errors.

We moved on to timing practice, which was standing in two rows and low-fiveing both the person in front and behind you at the same time while not looking. Clap, clap, clap, hey I think I'm pretty good at this. Let's get in the water. As we got into the boat for the first time, experienced paddler Dave MacDonald told me to remember to rotate, using my sides and back to generate power. "The ladies get this a bit quicker, we tend to be a bit slow on the uptake," he said. I was certainly slow on the uptake – it's hard to not use your arms when they're there. I was on the left side of the boat, paddling with my right arm dominant, and sat beside Dave. My editor was quite keen on me tipping out but Dave told me that in four years, he'd never had a proper dunking. Good enough for me.

As the paddling started, a sort of base instinct kicked in. A primal, human, group mentality. The caller's timing and the sound of the splashes becomes your whole world for just a moment. As you get into rhythm, and you're feel-

ing good, the only thing that does unbalance you is thinking. Thinking about perfecting your technique mid-stroke is a poor move. All of a sudden your body becomes several separate sections. The experienced paddlers handed out advice and praise, camaraderie built quickly in the boat. After a couple of laps around the lake and a bucket load of water over me, we returned to shore. The topic of leaving was discussed, but we were all stuck in the boats. Either by our eagerness for more or our sodden shorts stuck to the seat. So back out we went after swapping sides in the boat. My left side is fairly useless except for the movement controls on the Playstation. And it was true to form in the boat. It needs work. So we passed one awkward lap (for me), and headed back as the sun dipped below the horizon.

I asked Dave how he thought I'd done. "For a first timer, I think you went good. It's all about confidence and getting your technique right." Good praise; I was sure I'd tip us all up. As the club left for the pub to debrief "over a few ales", Rick Smith got a good mug shot of me "just incase you join up." You know what, I just might.

Keen to try too? Email: marie.childs@vodafone.co.nz

Waimak Dragons president and head coach Rick Smith PHOTO: ENYA BEYNON

Clap clap time for timing training.

PHOTO: ENYA BEYNON

Can you tell who the trainee is?

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A Meeting of Interest

is being held for those who would like to see the opening of an evening Women's Institute in the Kaiapoi area at The Riverside Bowling Club on Thursday 3rd November at 7pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Book Fair

Friday 28th and Saturday 29th October, 10am - 2pm at St Bartholomew's Church Hall, 23 Cass Street, Kaiapoi. Books will be sold for \$2.00 each or 6 books for \$10.00. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available for purchase. For more information please contact Frances 327 5568 or Parish Office 327 7084. An Anglican Parish Fundraiser for the repair and restoration of St Bartholomew's Church and Hall.

Ethel & Bethel Bingo Babes Night

Southbrook School are holding this fun and entertaining night. Friday November 4th. \$20 includes entry, one bingo card and supper. Extra bingo cards available to purchase. Cash bar, raffles, mystery bottles, lucky ticket and more. Join us for a laughter-filled night out. Contact Jen on (03) 313-3656 for info and tickets.

Gold Card Club

The Gold Card Club is a social/support afternoon for all senior citizens held in the Kaiapoi Cooperating Church Hall, cnr Fuller/Peraki St. on the last Tuesday of each month at 2pm. A movie will be shown. Gold coin donation appreciated

ME/CFS Group (Canterbury) Inc

Annual General Meeting, Wednesday 26th October, 1.30-3.30pm, Abberly Park Hall, 15 Abberly Cres. St Albans Christchurch. Guest Speaker Dr John O'Malley of the Alpha Omega Clinic. Gluten free afternoon tea, and lucky number prizes. Further information (03) 365-5887.

Showcase Special

Friday 28th October, 7pm, Hornby Club, Westview Lounge. Featuring the talents of Phil Doublet, Allan Barron and Cameron Walsh. Entry \$6. Everybody welcome. Albums available. See you there for a great night out.

Toot'n'Croon Play at the RSA on Saturday 29th October

Local group Toot'n'Croon will be entertaining with an evening of toe-tapping music, mostly from the 1950's and 1960's, on 29th October at 7.45pm. Come and relax and enjoy the easy-listening music with all the harmonies, sing-along or try some rock and roll, waltz, or foxtrot just like at a 1960's dance. Rangiora RSA, Victoria Street. Cash bar open. Entry \$10 at the door.

Waimakariri Combined Probus Club

The next meeting of the above Club will be held at the Showgrounds Restaurant, Ashley Street, Rangiora on Thursday 27th October, 2016 a 10 am. Our Speaker will be Scott and Tracey Bowman, Canterbury Raptor Rescue. Enquiries to Roger 03 3279233

Church Notices

RANGIORA CHRISTIAN REFORMED FELLOWSHIP

Join us for worship and Christian fellowship **Sundays at 10.30am** Meeting in Lamb & Hayward's Wai-mana Chapel, 92 Kippenberger Avenue, Rangiora. CONTACTS: David & Jo 312-8242 Hans & Colleen 312-2919

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Ohoka Rugby Club AGM

Tuesday 1st Nov 2016, 7.30pm

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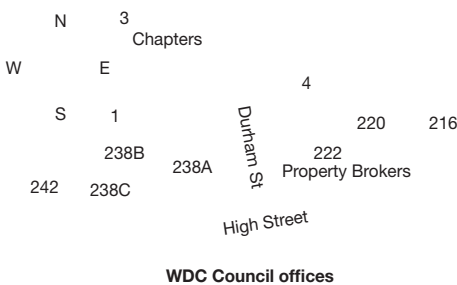
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Nomination forms and details regarding procedures may be obtained from:

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INFERNO (Violence and offensive language) (M) SAT, SUN, MON, TUE, WED: 11:50 A.M., 8:30 P.M.

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Members of the public are advised that the following road will be temporarily closed to all motor vehicles for the period shown to upgrade the pedestrian crossing at Good Street.

Road to be Closed

High Street from Percival Street to Victoria Street

Period of Closure

7.30pm Tuesday 25 October to 7am Wednesday 26 October 2016
Due to inclement weather back up nights are
Wednesday 26 October or Tuesday 1 November,
same times as above

This closure is made in accordance with Section 11(a) of the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974 and will apply to all vehicular traffic with the exception of the Fire Service, Ambulance, Police, Council vehicles and other vehicles authorised by the Council.

Sarah Nichols
Governance Manager

CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY 2016 - OUT SOON!

The Customer Satisfaction Survey helps the Council find out what you think about the services the Council provides, such as rubbish collection, roads and footpaths, swimming pools, libraries, drainage, public toilets, parks and more.

Volunteers from local community groups will deliver the 2016 survey between 17 and 28 October. We encourage you complete a survey to help identify areas where we can improve the services provided to the community. The community groups will receive a donation for every completed survey.

Those who complete the survey, and provide their details, go in the draw to win a \$250 grocery voucher.

Responses from the surveys will be analysed with results being published early next year.

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By: Elise Barber.

Publisher: New Holland 2016

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MEETINGS NOTICE

The following meetings will be held in October and early November 2016. All meetings will be held in the Council Chamber, 215 High Street, Rangiora, unless otherwise stated.

Council

Tuesday 25 October at 1pm (inaugural meeting of 2016-19 electoral term)

Rangiora-Ashley Community Board (inaugural meeting)

Tuesday 25 October at 7pm

Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board (inaugural meeting)

Wednesday 26 October at 4pm at the Ruataniwha Kaiapoi Civic Centre (upstairs meeting room of Kaiapoi Library), Williams Street, Kaiapoi

Woodend-Sefton Community Board (inaugural meeting)

Wednesday 26 October at 7pm at the Waikuku Community Hall

Oxford-Ohoka Community Board (inaugural meeting)

Thursday 27 October at 4pm at the West Eyreton Hall, Earlys Road

Council

Tuesday 1 November at 1pm

Oxford-Ohoka Community Board

Thursday 3 November at 7pm at the Oxford Town Hall

All meetings are open to the public. Agendas are available two working days prior to meeting. Agendas and minutes for meetings can be found on the Council's website: waimakariri.govt.nz

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Black Teeth.

By: Zane Lovitt.

Publisher: Text Publishing Company 2016

Jason Ginaff vets job candidates. He dredges up that angry tweet you thought you'd deleted; that pic on Facebook, the one where you're drunk. But also he's been searching for someone on his own time. A man who casts a shadow across all of Jason's life. And today he's found him. Rudy Alamein has been searching too. But with another purpose in mind – revenge.

REMINDER! WEEK ONE

Collection
NEXT WEEK
OCTOBER

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WAIMAKARIRI RESIDENTS AND COMMERCIAL PREMISES

No Change to Council's Refuse and Recycling Services on Labour Weekend 22 to 24 October 2016

COUNCIL'S KERBSIDE REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION

Labour Day Monday 24 October:

Kerbside rubbish collections will be carried out on Monday as usual to:

Residential and commercial properties in Oxford, Cust, Woodend, Pegasus, and the entire Northern Rural Collection Area – both sides of Rangiora-Woodend Road (from Golf Links Rd to Woodend), SH1/Main North Rd north of Woodend, Waikuku, Waikuku Beach Road, Waikuku Beach, and Sefton.

Kerbside recycling Week 1 collections will be carried out on Monday as usual to:

Residential and commercial properties in Oxford, Cust and Woodend (properties South of Woodend & Parsonage Roads), and along Rangiora Woodend Rd from Golf Links Rd to Woodend.

Please remember only "official" Waimakariri District Council refuse bags and recycling wheelie bins will be collected. **Refuse bags and recycling wheelie bins must be placed for collection by 7 am**, and please note that collection times may vary during the holiday period. Please contact the Council on 311 8900 if any problems occur with your refuse or recycling collection during this period. **If you're unsure which Week your recycling is to be collected, please check the label on the side of your bin.**

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ReSale Store (03) 313 5798

(Note: payment by cash, business cheque or EFTPOS. Credit cards *not* accepted.)

Saturday 22 October	8.30 am to 4.30 pm – as usual
Sunday 23 October	8.30 am to 4.30 pm – as usual
Monday 24 October	8.30 am to 4.30 pm – as usual

Oxford Transfer Station: High Street, Oxford.

(Note: payment by cash or business cheque only. EFTPOS is *not* available on site)

Saturday 22 October	Closed as usual
Sunday 23 October	12.00 noon to 4.30 pm – as usual
Monday 24 October	Closed as usual

Kitty Waghorn

Solid Waste Asset Manager

Nothing divine about Inferno

Review

Inferno (M)

Directed by Ron Howard

Starring Tom Hanks, Felicity

Jones, Ben Foster

121mins

★★

Ron Howard's workmanlike adaptations of Dan Brown's Robert Langdon bestsellers will never be regarded as paragons of the thriller genre, but I'll admit to getting a fleeting kick out of *Angels and Demons'* ludicrous plot, which imagined the Illuminati conspiring to blow up the Vatican with an antimatter bomb.

Inferno, the third in the film series, is very much in the same ballpark of crazy, following symbologist Langdon (Tom Hanks) as he scrambles through another serpentine trail of cryptic clues and shadowy figures.

This time, saddled with gimmicky memory loss and puzzle-loving doctor Dr. Sienna Jones (Felicity Jones), he's on a mission to prevent the release of a deadly plague that, according to its grandly deluded billionaire creator Bertrand Zobrist (Ben Foster), will save humanity by culling 50 per cent of its population.

Preposterous pablum from start to finish, *Inferno* packs apocalyptic imagery, touristic Italian landmarks, laughable drone chases, convoluted twists and an ill-

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Any film that features Irrfan Khan dryly quipping while plunging daggers into the back of people's necks is worth a chuckle or two, but the material is pretty much *National Treasure*-level, by-the-numbers escapism at this stage.

Hanks is on auto-pilot, Jones fails to convince as the fetching, brainy sidekick, and Howard seems

like he's completely checked out, too frequently resorting to hysterical freneticism that fancies Langdon as the Jason Bourne of code-breaking and art history.

Where the previous films fell on the right side of enjoyable airport paperback junkiness, *Inferno* is mostly just junk. – Aaron Yap

Christmas ... in October

ROB STOCK

MONEY MATTERS

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Christmas comes but once a year, and apparently it's on October 15.

That's when I got my first Christmas goodie: a chocolate Santa from a subversive co-worker disgusted Countdown was already selling them.

Christmas now rubs shoulders with Halloween.

I am not anti-Christmas, but I am anti-Christmas in mid-October.

Too much Christmas is a form of mental and financial torture.

Living well means taking part in society's calendar events, but we mustn't let money-grabbing "Big Retail" define them.

Instead, let me help you define your own, with my Twelve Rules of Christmas.

One: Turn the telly off when you see the first Christmas advert. Don't turn it on until the tree comes down. Bye-bye Big Retail pressure.

Two: Don't repeat past mistakes. Ten years ago, I went to a Westfield mall in the week before Christmas. Never, ever again! Now,

presents get bought early, and stored in the present cupboard.

Three: Focus on traditions you love, which you will find are "doing" traditions, not buying traditions. For me, it's making mincemeat, dressing the Christmas tree, and steaming and setting fire to a pudding.

Four: Make Christmas a church day. I love church at Christmas. The wife and children go. I sit in the garden with a book and tea. Church reminds us what Jesus would have thought of commercialising his birthday.

Five: Be outdoors. Gardens, beaches, and parks are better places than the space directly in front of the TV. Breakfast at the beach tastes better than breakfast at home, even if the food is the same. Outdoors children are happy children.

Six: The quality of a Christmas is not measured by how much you spend. Children want happy, unstressed parents more than expensive presents. Dial back the gift-giving. People who never get gifts include neighbours, workmates, adult friends and your children's friends.

Seven: Set a budget. Make it stretch. Join a supermarket savings scheme, use amassed rewards points to buy gifts, etc. Focus on getting maximum merriness for each dollar.

Eight: Go super-frugal the week before Christmas to free up money. Eat from your cupboards, or make it a "potatoes and ..." week. Booze costs, so ease up.

Nine: Some money blogs advise selling unwanted stuff online to make money to buy more stuff to give as gifts to people who already have lots of stuff. No, no, no! A cycle of buying and selling stuff is stupid. Give only what is wanted. Re-gift stuff you don't want. When in doubt, give food as gifts.

Ten: Avoid gift cards. People judge you on how much you have given. Each year brings "inflation" pressure.

Eleven: Don't try to make Christmas stretch for days and days. Christmas is Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The rest are just days.

Twelve: Remember, the Christmas you give your kids sets the tone for all their future expectations. Don't lumber them with festival of retail excess.

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Hanmer's Hodges run to bust cancer

JOEL INESON

Running the Summer Starter last year was something fun for Hanmer's Hodges family to do together.

This year, it has become a way to help them get through mum Kate's lung cancer diagnosis, in more ways than one.

Kate Hodges was diagnosed with metastatic adenocarcinoma in July.

She was told "pretty bluntly" there was no cure – treatment options were limited to controlling the cancer and maintaining the best possible quality of life.

"My children were struggling – particularly Tom, being a boy – to talk about what was going on. [The Summer Starter] just seemed like a good way to get conversation flowing," she said.

Getting a group together to run the ASB Summer Starter in November could be a way for Tom to get support from his friends, without putting as much pressure on him to talk, Hodges said.

The 10-year-old rallied some of his school mates and the group of seven, who call themselves "The Lung Busters," began training for this year's 10-kilometre track.

Support poured in, with families making donations, a group of mums planning to walk the track

and Tom's 11-year-old sister Emily organising a fundraising concert.

Hodges said the support was "really humbling," and the plan to get Tom and Emily talking more about her illness had worked.

"All of a sudden me having cancer is something we talk about, like I've got a broken leg."

"It's very much part of every day conversation now and that's purely due to doing the fundraising and making it become a topic of conversation."

Hodges said it was the campaign for the Lung Foundation that added to the family's plan to get through, but it was not just about the money.

Lung cancer is New Zealand's biggest cancer killer, accounting for almost 20 per cent of cancer-related deaths.

Hodges has never smoked, and she wants to raise awareness about the fact lung cancer is not just a smoker's illness.

"More than 1600 Kiwis [die] every year, almost five a day, but there is an appalling lack of public awareness and support for lung cancer patients.

"It seems that due to the long held stigma of it being only a smoker's disease it is very much the poor cousin in this respect," she said.

The Lung Busters: William Ockwell, Jourdy Keepa, Flynn Pearson, Tom Hodges, Kate Hodges, Fred McRae, William Long, Max Jackson.

GRASSROOTS

Three players who made their start in rugby on field in North Canterbury take to the Eden Park for the All Blacks against Australia this weekend. Matt Todd, Brodie Retallick and Joe Moody all played their junior rugby in North Canterbury and with all three in the starting line-up for the third Bledisloe Cup test, it's the first time in a long time the association has featured three home-grown products in the Black jersey.

WALSH MAKING WAVES

Former Rangiora High School student and motorbike rider Dylan Walsh has impressed in the states. Walsh has been training in the states out of his own pocket and has just competed at one of the biggest supercross events in the world, the Monster Energy Cup in Las Vegas where the 18-year-old finished ninth and third in the Amateur All-Star Class to finish fourth overall.

TRACK FUNDING

The Wharfedale Track near Oxford has received a funding boost from Trail Fund NZ. In the latest round of community funding, Trail Fund NZ, which supports the development and maintenance of sustainable mountain bike-accessible trails in New Zealand, provided funding to projects in Nelson, Taupo and North Canterbury.

NC TRIATHLON

The North Canterbury Triathlon Festival at Pegasus looks set to see a record number of athletes take to the start line on November 27. A recent recipient of Waimakariri Event Fund support, the Triathlon Festival will also double as the first round of the national junior series which could see entries surpass 500.

A North Canterbury podium with Carley Robb (silver), Logan Moloney (gold) and Greymouth's Jemma Johnson third equal with Nicholas Latz.

North Canty swimmers big haul for Greymouth

JONATHAN LEASK

Special Olympics North Canterbury had a mighty haul of medals and ribbons at the Upper South Island Regional swimming championships in Greymouth.

Head coach Brent Kemp said that, with 10 gold, eight silver and eight bronze, it was one of the most successful regional meets for

the North Canterbury squad.

"I could not be more proud," Kemp said.

"They all performed to the best of their abilities, exceeding all expectations and bringing home a wheelbarrow of medals and ribbons. We took away 14 athletes and returned with 14 champions."

Of North Canterbury's medal winners, Kemp said Brittany

Sheriff collected two gold, a silver and a bronze. There were also medal rainbows for Brittany Leftwich, Liam Pasfield and Zach Ferrier, with a gold, silver and bronze each. Jacob Claridge also had a gold and two silver.

The majority of the swimmers achieved qualifying standards for the National Championships, which will be held at the end of

November in Wellington.

The team had spent the last two months preparing for the meet, which for many was the first time competing in a two-day event and travelling away from home.

Kemp said that Special Olympics North Canterbury now boasts 30 swimmers who train every Monday all year-round.

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