

Rakaia News



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Summer Fun at the Rakaia Pool.

On a hot summer's day (January 16th) I set out in search of some summer fun pictures for the paper.

The pool was open and kids were having fun. Perfect!

A great day at the pool here in Rakaia. We are so lucky to have this pool.

And I got my summer shots for the front page

*Karen Langdon
Rakaia News*



Church News

St Ita's Catholic Church - Rakaia

Celebration of the Mass (Eucharist)
Saturday evenings 6.00pm

Morning Prayer of the Church
with Holy Communion

St Ita's Church - Monday to Friday at 9.00am.
Contact Pat 302 7148

Recitation of the Rosary

In the church at 4.30pm Thursdays



Rakaia Anglican Services

Sunday 12th February 9am St Johns, Barrhill

Sunday 19th February With St Andrews

Wednesday 22nd Ash Wednesday, St Marks

Sunday 26th February 10.30am St Patricks, Dorie

Wednesdays **Evening Prayer at 4pm, St Mark's, Rakaia.**



All Welcome to all services

*Rev Heather Stewart
Phone: 307 6228*



Rakaia Presbyterian Parish

Sunday 12th February 9.30am **St. Andrew's**
Frank Tasker from
St. David's Church, Ashburton

Sunday 19th February 9.30am **St. Andrew's and St. Mark's**
Rev. John Bilverstone from
Baring Sq. Church, Ashburton

Children's Activities



Welcome to All

*Dorothy Knight
Parish Contact
Telephone: 302 2823*

RAKAIA FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Welcome to the New Year.

Meeting Date: Tuesday 14th February 10.00am
St. Andrew's Presbyterian
Church Hall

Theme for the day: Valentine's Day

Programme: Flower Quiz Time
Bring a flowery piece of china for
our Flower Antiques Roadshow.
Fondue Marshmallows
Something Sweet – Cooking with
Karen
Dinner time

Afternoon Programme: Alison's Girls
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Afternoon tea

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For Information

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Dorothy 302 2823



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Due to rising costs everywhere, we are going to have to put our fees up from the 1st March. Patients will also have to pick up their repeat prescriptions from the Medical Centre. We will only fax these scripts in extreme circumstances which will incur a fee.

We are very fortunate to have Anna Higgins (Nurse Practitioner) here once a week and Heather Maw (Rural Nurse Specialist) twice a week to help out Jean-Marc who is very busy. These ladies are well trained and they will see you for appointments.

As there is only one GP at the moment please make your appointments 1 – 2 days in advance. Double appointments such as Immigration and Minor Surgery need to be booked well in advance as we only have so many appointments per week for these. If you make your appointment early please remember the time as there are still patients not turning up. This is very frustrating when there are patients waiting for an appointment.

We have a Trainee Intern with Jean-Marc at the moment, Sophie-Lee who will be in with Jean-Marc when you see him for a consult. If you prefer to see Jean-Marc on his own please let the Receptionist know.

Should you wish to see a Nurse for any reason please make an appointment. This should help with waiting times.

Our supply of crutches we keep at the Medical Centre seems to be getting low so if you have some at home that you are not using any more can you please return them for someone else to use.

Marcel, our Podiatrist who comes once a month, is back again on Monday 27th. Please phone the Receptionist for an appointment.

We have a Dietitian that is going to come once a month starting this month. If you need a referral please contact the Doctor or one of our nurses.

The "Appetite for Life" course which is planned for Rakaia next month has 2 vacancies. If you are interested please get in touch with Jude at the Medical Centre.

Back to School

Time to prepare for another year of school lunches. Here's some handy tips and check list to help you and your kids to be super organised with the lunch box.

Talk to your children and find out which foods they like and why.

Go shopping together for lunch boxes and new foods.

Sit down together and plan a few lunches.

Remind children about food safety basics such as washing hands before eating and after using the toilet.

Try out potential new foods at home (they may taste nice freshly made but **not so good after 4 or more hours in a 'warm' lunchbox**).

Try for a nice balance of healthy foods, not just treat foods.

Rakaia Medical Centre
Ph: 303 5002



Hours:
Lunch everyday 12.30 – 1.30
Mon – Fri 8.30 – 5pm
Tues – 8.30 – 7pm

Rakaia Medical Centre Trust News

At our last meeting on 25-1-12 the Trust discussed an increase in Patient fees as set out by the PHO.

We will have more about this in the next Rakaia News.

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Rakaia South Island Tight Five 7s
tournament
will once again be held this year



February 11th 2012
Rakaia Domain
11am



Teams from Dunedin and Christchurch
already confirmed.

This again will be a great day so come and
watch the big boys knock each other about.

RAKAIA were quarter finalists in
the Luisetti Seeds combined
competition and
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Div I competition in 2011.

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Thurs 7pm, @ Rakaia Domain.
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Craig Dunlea 0274 800 133
Wayne Foxcroft 027 243 3221
Chris Burrows 027 5322 8998

Rakaia Rugby JAB

Registration Day
Wednesday 22nd Feb
@ Rakaia Rugby
Clubrooms
Railway Terrace
4 to 6pm

If unable to attend please
contact

David Boag 302 7207
Richard Stewart 302 7550
Dean Ford 303 5343
Mark Boag 302 7457



Hi! I'm Rebecca.

I've decided it's time to go bald... but it's all for a great cause. I'm taking part in "Shave for a Cure" and raising money for Leukemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand.

I need your help to reach my fundraising goal, you can check out my online page below!

http://www.shaveforcure.co.nz/view_event_profile/5522.

I also have collection tins at **South Rakaia Hotel, The Four Square on Railway Terrace West, Meads Cafe and Rakaia Pharmacy.** A big thank you to those businesses for allowing me to do so.

I've joined the Leukemia & Blood Foundation (LBF) in their effort to get 10,000 people shaving in a mass expression of solidarity, that's one shavee for each one of the estimated 10,000 New Zealanders living with a blood cancer or condition like leukemia.

The LBF receives no government funding.

Why am I doing it? March 25 2012 will be the third anniversary of my granddad Ross' death. He fought chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) and lived with it for many years.

So in honour of Ross and everyone else who is fighting leukemia, I have decided that if I reach my \$501 fundraising mark, I will shave off my hair on March 25.

I would appreciate any contribution in helping me reach that goal.




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Council adopts Biodiversity Action Plan

Council has signalled that biodiversity loss is a concern in the Ashburton District, adopting the Biodiversity Action Plan on December 15th 2011. The Action Plan is a first for the Ashburton District, bringing together Council and the community to halt the decline of biodiversity in the district.

Some of the priority actions in the plan include conducting a survey of the Ashburton District Plains and reaching out to landowners about how to protect rare or significant areas or species.

The Plan was developed by members of the Ashburton District Biodiversity Working Group, which includes representatives from Council, Forest and Bird, Federated Farmers, Department of Conservation, ECAN and landowner associations.

Council's Policy Advisor Alicia Jenkins says the Action Plan is a step in the right direction for the community. "The Action Plan is not a Council-owned document. It was put together by a diverse group of people that all care about protecting our environment and the future of our district."

The next challenge, says Miss Jenkins, will be getting people involved. "The focus of the plan is summed up in our vision – that the community values our natural biodiversity and accepts the shared responsibility to protect and enhance it."

The Biodiversity Action Plan will be launched in the New Year, and the Biodiversity Working Group will be looking for community projects to support. "The key will be partnering with other groups in the community to make things happen. We're all very excited to get stuck in for 2012." Miss Jenkins said.

JOKE

An Arab Sheik was admitted to St Vincent's Hospital for heart surgery, but prior to the surgery, the doctors needed to store his blood in case the need arises. As the gentleman had a rare type of blood, it couldn't be found locally, so, the call went out to all the states.

Finally a Scot was located who had a similar blood type. The Scot willingly donated his blood for the Arab.

After the surgery, the Arab sent the Scotsman as appreciation for giving his blood, a new BMW, diamonds & US dollars.

A couple of weeks later, once again, the Arab had to go through a corrective surgery.

His doctor telephoned the Scotsman who was more than happy to donate his blood again.

After the second surgery, the Arab sent the Scotsman a thank-you card & a jar of candies.

The Scotsman was shocked that the Arab this time did not reciprocate his kind gesture as he had anticipated.

He phoned the Arab & asked him: "I thought you would be generous again, that you would give me a BMW, diamonds & money... but you only gave me a thank-you card & a jar of candies".

To this the Arab replied: "Aye, but I now have Scottish blood in me veins".

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Consultation on New Zealand dairy industry

Over the last few days I have fielded phone calls and emails from dairy farmers in my electorate concerned at the proposals contained in the milk pricing consultation document.

The range of views about the proposed amendments to the Dairy Industry Restructuring Act and the Raw Milk Regulations is not surprising.

The review is a complex piece of work that will shape the future of this important industry.

I urge anyone with concerns to study the proposals on the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry website at www.maf.govt.nz/news-resources/consultations and consider contributing their views.

There is a comprehensive amount of information about the proposals which I am sure will answer many of the questions raised. They reflect the industry's changing structure, the need for greater transparency in milk pricing, and support for the continued growth of the sector.

It's important that New Zealand's largest export earner prospers and this will only happen if we have the most efficient dairy industry possible.

Ten years on from the formation of Fonterra, the dairy industry has **changed substantially and it's timely to review both the Dairy Industry Restructuring Act and the Raw Milk Regulations.**

Investing in our children's education

Another school year is now underway. Parents invest heavily in their children's education, both financially, and emotionally. We need to make sure there is a return on this investment.

For our part, we in National want to be sure all Kiwi kids receive a quality education that will set them up with the skills they need to move onto training or tertiary education and work.

Our focus is squarely on raising achievement in education, in particular for those groups of students who have historically under-performed.

Modern teaching has changed. Our schools need to be flexible enough to support this. The National Curriculum and our new National Standards are helping teachers focus on the education outcomes that our children will need in the 21st Century.

We have introduced plain-language reports for parents at least twice a year so they can understand and contribute to their child's progress. We have allocated \$36 million to fund new intervention programmes for students identified as falling behind.

Over the next five years we will invest \$1 billion to modernise and transform our schools. And we will establish the national Network for Learning (N4L). This will allow students to use ultra-fast broadband to connect to each other across the country, and access the latest teaching and learning resources online.

We will strengthen accountability and performance measurement so that parents and students are getting the most from their schools.

Enhancing teacher competency will be important to the development of our education workforce. And we will attract highly-qualified graduates into teaching in low-decile areas through scholarships.

Vocational training will also continue to receive support. We are opening 13 more Trades Academies and eight new Service Academies this year, and expanding the Youth Guarantee to 12,500 places by 2014.

Knowing that small schools in our rural areas can sometimes struggle to get the resources and experience more readily available in larger areas we will promote the shared governance model and use Student Achievement Practitioners to help schools work together.

Our focus is on improving performance in the school system and **lifting student achievement. It's vital that every child gets the opportunities they need to succeed and contribute to New Zealand's future.**

Jo Goodhew, MP for Rangitata

RAKAIA GARDEN CLUB

Our Christmas get together was held on the 12th December 2011 at Donna Simpson's home. The weather was hot and muggy but the rain held off for the afternoon. As usual there was a great turnout of members. Donna did herself proud (with the help of her mother) hosting the get together and we had a lovely relaxing afternoon looking around her garden and home. It was very inspiring and we were all very impressed. A short informal meeting was held. The judging of the Spud in the Bucket competition was held and *Miriam Cutforth* was the winner.

Our next meeting is on Monday the 13th February in the Community Centre at 2pm. The topic is floral art and everyone is welcome.

Rakaia Garden Competition

Judging February 11th.

Pre judging from February 4th.

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Welcome back to school!

We are all thrilled to be back at work ready to Inspire your children and celebrate their successes with you all.

The staff have just returned from Rotorua where they have been Inspired by International speakers and attended workshops about the current educational climate and topics. We had an amazing time and feel ready to

go as we enter a new academic year.

Our focus for the year is "Collaboration" and the ability to work together. Many of the amazing things that have been invented and created in the world are the sum of people working together in collaboration to share their ideas. We will be encouraging the children to use their skills and habits to enter into the school challenges together with a positive attitude and we will set high expectations for them.

The BOT will be working hard for the children and closely with the Ministry of Education to lift achievement for all of the students in our school. We will have key focus groups within the school this year and many of the children will receive some extra support in class from our Learning Support Teacher Aides.

School Buses

If you are catching the school buses then please remember that you will need to enrol your children just as you did last year. If you are continuing from last year then you can just send an e-mail to MCSTS on their contact page and this should be all you have to do. The address is www.mcsts.co.nz and go to the enrolment page. All children travelling on the bus are required to be enrolled.

Rakaia School Fair

We will be holding our first school Fair in many years and this is on March 25 in the School grounds from 11am-3pm. There will be entertainment, stalls and rides for all the children and family to take part in as well as the Miss(Mr) Rakaia competition. If you have any ideas or would like to take part please call the office and we will direct you to the right people.

We look forward to an amazing year.

Mark Ellis
Rakaia School
principal@rakaia.school.nz
www.rakaia.school.nz

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Tuesday 2.00pm - 3.00pm
Saturday 10.30am - 11.30am.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I am contacting you in the hope that your readers will be able to provide some information on the life and times of Daniel Lyons and his family.

Daniel along with his two brothers, John (settled in Hawkes Bay), and Michael (settled in Christchurch) emigrated from Co. Waterford, Ireland about 1900.

On 28 October 1916, Daniel married Mary Ann Lawrence in the Roman Catholic Cathedral Christchurch. The marriage certificate states that he was a farmer in Culverden at that time. Mary Ann was a resident of Ashburton, having been born in Irwell. Her father was John William Lawrence, a miller and her mother was Emma Lawrence King.

Daniel died on 10 May 1929 in Lewisham Hospital, Christchurch and he was a resident of Rakaia and a farmer by occupation.

His funeral was at St. Ita's Catholic Church and he is buried in Rakaia cemetery. His grave is marked with a small monument.

He was survived by his wife and an 11 year old daughter. I am unable to find any further official (or otherwise) records in respect of Mary Ann and her daughter May. I do have a photograph of May as an eight year old taken in 1926 in Stewart Studios Tinari (?) Your readers may be able to provide information in relation to Daniels farm and residence and information on Mary Ann and May.

Regards,

Tony Mc Carthy,
Ballygambon Lower,
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Rakaia Community Patrol

Report: 3rd
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DOMESTIC ASSAULTS: A 28yr old local male was arrested at a Rakaia address on the 28th December and charged with a number of domestic related assaults.

INJURY CRASH: At about 12:15pm on Wednesday 28th December a 57yr old Timaru female was injured when she was knocked off her motorbike, just before the Rakaia River Bridge, by a car when the driver made a sudden change of direction.

OTHER INCIDENT: A 34yr old male from Christchurch was arrested early afternoon on the 2nd January after a complaint from the public regarding his driving. The vehicle had been reported stolen and the male was charged with that theft and also a petrol drive-off from Christchurch.

THEFT: On the 4th January a theft of a small, child size, motorbike was reported from an address on Mitcham Road.

DOMESTIC ASSAULT: A 23yr old male was arrested for assault following a domestic incident at an address on Michael Street on 17th January.

EXCESS BREATH ALCOHOL: At about 9:40pm on Friday 27th January a 19yr old male from the Dorie area was processed for drink driving after being stopped on Railway Tce in Rakaia.



Mike Jackson
Rakaia Police
Ph 302 7009



Want to be involved in a fun filled day for the whole family?

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Kids enter now for 'Ride and Run the Rakaia', a junior Duathlon.

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Early bird entry - \$5, on the day entry - \$10.

Entry forms and more details will be available at Rakaia Four Square (Railway Terrace) from Friday 10th Feb. Everyone who finishes will receive a reward!!!

The Domain will be buzzing from 10am....

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If anyone can donate tomatoes and/or lettuces please contact Margaret 302 2606.
If you would like to book a site please contact Mandy 302 2654.

Happy New Year to one and all from the Rakaia Community Patrol. We look forward to a safe and secure one for all of us, and that we see less of the behaviours that we dealt with last year.

As we go to print we are still waiting to hear if we have been successful in obtaining sponsorship for a new, more suitable and appropriate patrol vehicle. Many of our group have been using their own cars during the previous few months and whilst not an ideal situation it has certainly made it easier on the drivers. Also, recently a request was made for us to keep a watch along a particular stretch of river and trees beyond the old tank farm, an exercise that proved itself to be beyond the capabilities of the current car. Most of us are aware that not all of the area we would like to patrol consists of flat sealed roads.

In some ways the school holidays did not bring about the increase in vandalism and similar problems which we had anticipated and that is something worth reporting. Let us hope that this state of affairs continues. We are still noting that some of the young school age males are loitering in the township very late at night, however being back at school with lots of homework may put a stop to this.

Towards the latter part of last year we were being frequently informed that some individuals were truanting from school by purposely missing the bus in the morning, and then spending the days in places they should not be and at times getting into mischief. This year we hope to establish effective communication links with the secondary schools which our local youth attend and this may provide a solution.

The Community Patrol Roster is almost completed through till the end of March and with new Volunteers coming on board an Orientation session is being planned. It seems that everyone is busy with their own lives so arranging a date and time for this is proving difficult.

Hopefully we will have success with this once the Fishing Competition is over.

Recently I was told of a person who had put their name down for patrol duties at an earlier meeting and as yet had not been contacted. Could this person (and any others) contact me sooner rather than later so that I may meet with them. It would be great if the roster could be drawn up to cover weekends through to the middle of the year!

We continue to get mainly positive feedback from individuals within the community, and that is indeed heartening.

For any further information, feel free to contact me.

Helen A Lewis
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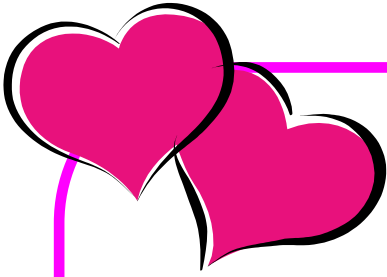
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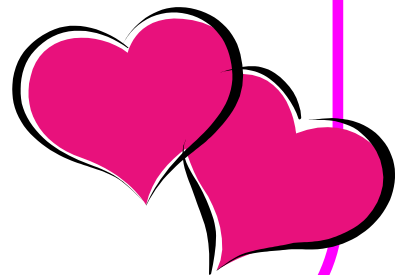
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ATS announces the appointment of a New Chairman



The Ashburton Trading Society (ATS) has appointed Phil McKendry as Chairman, with Ian Mackenzie as Deputy Chairman. ATS also welcomed new director Alister Body to the Board.

Phil McKendry replaces John Low who was Chairman of ATS for the past eight years. John Low displayed an unwavering

commitment and forthright leadership in his role as Chairman of ATS to ensuring ATS lowered farm supply costs for members, said Phil McKendry.

The Board will continue to pursue the ATS vision – that ATS lowers the cost of farm supplies to its farmer members. We look forward to ensuring the on-going competitiveness and sustainability of ATS, said Phil McKendry.

Phil McKendry farms a 200ha mixed cropping property near Methven. Currently Phil is a director of Electricity Ashburton, and formerly the founding chairman of the Barrhill Chertsey Irrigation Company and a graduate of Lincoln University.

Ian Mackenzie runs a 400ha irrigated intensive cropping farm at Eiffelton. Ian is chairman of the Eiffelton Irrigation Scheme and the Ashburton Community Water Trust. Ian also sits on the boards of Irrigation NZ and the National Board of Federated Farmers New Zealand.

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Sport New Zealand guidelines state funding shall not be provided:

- For the purpose of travel to regional or national events
- To individuals
- For training costs
- For one off events

Application forms and criteria are available from the Council's website

www.ashburtondc.govt.nz/community/funding+grants and from the Council office.

For further information please contact

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RAKAI A PLAYCENTRE NEWS

Hello 2012! I hope everyone had a fantastic Christmas and New Year.

I spent the holidays testing out many recipes from our Playcentre Cookbook and oh my goodness, yum! I made the Moist Banana Cake and the "Best Ever Banana Muffins." I quickly learnt why they were called that. I also had a go at the Chocolate Chippies, the Pasta Salad, the Fruit Muffins and the Tasty Spaghetti and Cheese Pinwheels. All very delicious and so easy to make! I think my next challenge will be to have a go at the Chocolate Mint Cheesecake which sounds divine. We still have some cookbooks available if anyone wants to have a crack at any of these really yummy recipes. After testing it out myself I feel it was a very worthwhile investment.

Feel free to pop in to any of our sessions and grab yourself a copy for only \$10, or grab one from the Four Square on Railway Tce West. .

Speaking of sessions there has been a couple of changes for this year.

Monday and Friday are 9am to 11.30am as normal but Wednesday is now 8.45am to 11.15am as we now have an afternoon session as well which is 12pm to 2.30pm. We do have spaces available at both Wednesday sessions.

For more information please call 0276273081 during session times or our information officer Sandra on 3035343.

Playcentre ended last year with a wonderful Christmas party and a visit from Santa. We also said goodbye to two of our girls who turned 5 this year, Lauren and Genevieve. We hope they love their new school.

We have only just started back so there will be plenty to share about our activities next time.

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Mountain Thunder

Easter Saturday 2012 will be Methven's third time hosting Mountain Thunder. Methven's town centre will be turned into the Spring Lynne Motorcycle circuit where motorcycle classes from Classics through to Formula One motorcycles will be racing at speeds up to 200km per hour around the 1km circuit.

The all day Motorcycle Race allows spectators to get up close, feel the noise, taste the speed and all from behind the safety of bales and security fencing.

Easter Saturday is a fun filled day for children of all ages, bursting with colour, spectacle, noise and excitement. The streets will be bustling with stalls packed with food and handy goodies as well as carnival activities. It will be followed by the Farmers Market on Easter Sunday.

Mountain Thunder is hosted by the Methven Lions Club who have joined with Classic Action Motorcycle Sport (CAMS) from Christchurch to stage the event. Any profits made from the event go back into the local community.

For further information, or if you would like to host a stall go to mountainthunder.co.nz or email info@mountainthunder.co.nz



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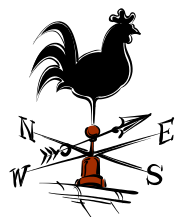
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Jan 21st	0.0mm	6.5m/s N 14.8C	11.7C 1.19am	19.6C 2.49pm
22nd	4.2mm	.7m/sNW 8.8C	8.5C 12.49am	16.8C 4.19pm
23rd	2.4mm	5.4m/s SE 10.3C	5.8C 4.19am	15.9C 2.19pm
24th	0.0mm	3.4m/s NE 14.4C	8.8C 4.19am	17.7C 2.19pm
25th	0.0mm	3.1m/s NE 12.1C	11.7C 4.49am	15.7C 12.49pm
26th	19mm	3.7m/s S 24.7C	11.1C 5.19am	26.5C 12.49pm
27th	17mm	5.4m/s NW 9.2C	3.0C 5.19am	15.2C 6.49pm
28th	0.0mm	2.0m/s NW 24.3C	6.2C 6.19am	27.0C 4.49pm
29th	0.0mm	5.4m/s NW 8.7C	12.1C 4.19am	14.5C 3.49pm
30th	0.0mm	4.4m/s N 16.3C	11.2C 5.49am	21.0C 4.19pm
31st	4.7mm	4.4m/sW 19.0C	19.8C 8.19am	24.2C 2.49pm
Feb 1st	5mm	5.1m/s SE 9.7C	11.4C 9.19pm	27.5C 10.19pm
2nd	0.0mm	2.7m/s N 11.6C	9.7C 2.50am	15.9C 3.50pm
3rd	0.0mm	4.8m/s N 13.1C	12.2C 2.50am	17.0C 1.50pm



Sport

RAKAIA RUGBY



The 136th Annual General Meeting of the Rakaia Rugby Club was held on December 14th 2011.

The Club Patron, Rex Copland, chaired the meeting for the election of officers for the 2012 season

Patron: Rex Copland..
President: Mark Boag.
Imm.Past Pres: Chris Burrows
Vice President: Bruce Heywood.
Secretary/Treasurer: John Lawler
Club Captain: Chris Burrows.
Asst.Club Captain: David Boag and Richard Stewart.
M.C.R.U. Delegate: Mark Hanrahan.

Committee: M.Woodward, M.Hanrahan, Dean Ford, Philip Rushton, Bruce Perry, Todd Copland, Grant Perry, Geoff Maw, Craig Dunlea.

In his annual report outgoing President, Chris Burrows, told the meeting that the Rakaia Club had enjoyed a very successful year with the Senior team winning the Watters Cup for the first time in many years and the club itself being awarded the Mid-Canterbury Rugby Union's Club of the Year Award. Thanks was expressed to all who had contributed to the club's success, players, coaches, managers and the supportive committee. At the annual Mid-Canterbury Awards event Rakaia coaches Wayne Foxcroft, Grant Perry and Craig Dunlea were winners of the M.C.R.U. Open Grade Coach of the Year Award. Craig also received M.C.R.U Coach of the Year (Goodwin Trophy).

The Fundraising and Sponsorship committees received special thanks for their special efforts during the year. The club's sound financial position is in many ways due to the work that they have put in. The Finance Committee has proved to be of good value carefully monitoring the receipts and expenditure of the club.

Rex Copland ,the Club Patron, congratulated the club on its excellent results, particularly in achieving the Watters Cup win. The recent passing of a former Rakaia player, Kelly Mead, was mentioned by Rex Kelly had played both Rugby League and Union for Rakaia and was a member of the Ashburton County Representative team in 1948-49-50,the forerunner of Mid-Canterbury Rugby.

Special thanks was offered to Bob O'Brien who has retired from the committee after many years as a committee member, Club President and President of Mid-Canterbury Rugby.

Bob was instrumental in the success of the club's sponsorship programme over a number of years and will be missed by the club. Well done and thanks Bob.

Any new Open Grade players wishing to play for Rakaia in 2012 would be welcome at the first training run on January 19 at Rakaia Domain. (7pm) Contact Chris Burrows Ph 3027240

John Lawler, Secretary

RAKAIA BOWLING CLUB



One month gone in the new year and a busy one it has been for bowlers. The ladies championships are almost finished with the exception of the pairs. Results are as follows:

Singles: R Bennett

Junior Singles: J Wood

Fours: D Smith, P Hickman, Pauline Smith, B Sutherland

Triples: D King, N Wallace, Pauline Smith

Congratulations to R Bennett and J Wood winning the champion of champion singles in Ashburton last Sunday in very cold conditions at the Tinwald green. The Smallbone triples have commenced with 16 teams competing.

The first of our half day triples for the new year has been held and we take this opportunity to thank Mr K Breeding for his generous sponsorship. The Ben Van Pelt Trophy was won by R Bennett, Marian Smith, F MacClennan.

Results of the men's championships are as follows:

Singles: I Kaye bt R Hickman

Pairs: R Hickman & J Scott bt N Skerten & A Sutherland

Triples: N Skerten, A Sutherland, A Smith bt I Kaye, T Taylor, L Kingsbury

Fours: R Hickman, J McQueen, D Jones, A Smith won both lives.

Congratulations to all.

In the Two Fours played in Christchurch in November-December, we finished third in our grade out of eight.

In the Interclub played in Ashburton, we finished in the middle of the field.



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What's On?

Are you organising an upcoming event? Do you know of any events around our area? We would love to know - Please email us: news@rakaia.co.nz

February 2012

LOCAL

What: Rakaia Garden Competition
When: Judging 11th February, pre judging from Feb 4th, see page 7 for details

What: Rakaia Garden Club Meeting
Where: Rakaia Community Centre
When: Monday 13th February 2pm

What: Rakaia Pony Club AGM
Where: Pony Clubrooms
When: Monday 13th February 7.30pm

What: Rakaia River Fishing Promotions [General Meeting]
Where: Rakaia Community Centre Supper Room
When: Monday 13th February 7.30pm

What: Rakaia ANZAC COMMITTEE AGM
Where: St Andrews Lounge
When: Monday 13th February 7.30pm

What: Rakaia Hockey Club
Where: RHC room at Rakaia Domain
When: Monday 13th February 7.30pm

What: Rakaia History Group
Where: Acton Centre
When: Tuesday 14th Feb 7.30pm

What: Rakaia Friendship Club
Where: St Andrews Church Hall
When: Tuesday 14th Feb 10am

DISTRICT

What: Erewhon Station Horse Sale & Open Day
Where: Mt Somers, Erewhon Station catterlyards
When: Saturday 11th February 10.30am to 3.30pm
Cost: free

What: Ashburton Farmers Market
Where: West St Car park North end
When: Saturday 11th February 9am - 12pm

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Poem

DOES SOMEONE KNOW

Daylight has gone and morn sheds no light
of stars there are few, as clouds hide them from sight.
But lights in the houses are beaming while out in the
darkness life still goes on for those who need a very special
sun.

And so in this special place we know as our world,
time unveiled secrets which had to be heard.
Man forgot while he progressed what he owes to the Earth
to the seas and the rivers to each creature of birth,
for he robbed and he plundered the earth of its gold,
robbed the seas of its oil from massive ocean groves.

Does he care for his people while they work and pray
or is it the dollar that has all the say.
Time is the teller of all tales of the past
when man works with nature he'll find something which
lasts, or will the world keep turning, as turning it must
until we are reduced to a great bowl of - DUST.

by Peggy Elsdon - Passing through Rakaia.

Notices

RAKAIA RIVER FISHING PROMOTIONS



General Meeting

Monday 13th February

At the Community Centre supper room
At 7.30

This is the last meeting before the competition. If you are able to assist and wish to be involved in any way, either on the duty roster during the competition (2 hour duties) or packing the entry bags in the morning on Wednesday 22nd, please either come to the meeting or advise Robyn (secretary).

Apologies also to Robyn 302 7257



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RAKAIA NETBALL CLUB



Rakaia Netball Club invites all Social and Senior players to the senior registration and trials starting at 6.45pm on Wednesday 22nd February at the Rakaia Domain. Wet or fine.

Junior registration and trials will be held on Wednesday 7th March at the Rakaia Domain starting at 4.30pm. Wet or fine.

For further information please contact Bronwyn Arnold,
tel 302 2838/027 326 6261 or Paula Gilbert 03 302 2925.

RAKAIA HOCKEY CLUB

Annual General Meeting

To be held 7.30 pm MONDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2012
at the RHC room at the Rakaia Domain

Current and prospective players, coaches, parents and members all welcome

For further information or apologies – please contact either:

President - Carmen Dunlea Ph 302 7970
or Secretary - Sue Duncan 302 0801

AGM

RAKAIA PONY CLUB

Monday 13th February 2012

at 7.30 pm

Pony Club Clubrooms

Rakaia Barrhill Methven Road

All inquires to Kate Bird

03 302 2893



Rakaia Netball Club would like to thank Pub Charity and the patrons of the *South Rakaia Hotel* for their support in assisting towards the purchase of uniform and equipment costs for this season.



Rakaia ANZAC Committee

AGM

The ANZAC Committee will convene on February the 13th 2012 for its Annual General Meeting at 7.30 pm in the St Andrews Lounge.

All interested persons are invited to attend.



Claudia Brown	10yr	8 January
Jack Helem	10yr	10 January
Charlie Barnes	14yr	23 January
Stella Hamilton	2yr	23 January
Allan Johns	65yr	24 January
Amiria Gentry Tuck		25 January
Nikora Hoskins		1 February
Max Helem	5yr	2 February

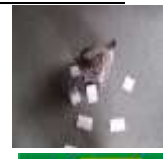
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The Rakaia Toy Library is a registered non profitable organization. A toy library works in a similar principle to a book library but we hire out toys instead of books.

We are seeking a reliable & trustworthy person to fill the position of librarian for the Toy Library which is open every Saturday from 10.30am to 12.00pm, including Saturdays over long weekends such as Easter, Queen's Birthday, Labour Weekend etc. Closed over Christmas & New Year.

The position involves:

- Meeting parents & children - helping them find a suitable toy to hire
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- Reporting missing pieces, broken pieces and new memberships to committee once a month

If you can fulfil all of our requirements; are fun loving & great with kids! please apply with a cover letter, detailing any relevant work history and your contact details to:

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