

# Karamea Chronicle

*In touch with our Community*

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## The Saturday Interview: Karamea Area School's Dean Rainey

*By Liz Volckman*

Dean Rainey is the new Principal of Karamea Area School and I caught up with him last weekend to hear his vision for 2021 and how he intends to build on previous successes (more on that to follow in the next issue).

Dean and his wife, Meryn, and twin boys Theo and Cody, moved to Karamea from Whangamata at the end of 2020 into their new house in the Karamea Township. Dean has spent the last 14 years teaching in Vietnam and Saudi, as well as New Zealand. They moved back to New Zealand in 2015 when Meryn found out she was expecting their now 5-year-old sons. Dean has seen a fair amount of different school management and teaching systems and remarked that "I've seen both good and bad school systems". The school in Saudi had excellent teaching, and management systems, he said.

I asked him how Karamea compared to his last school in Whangamata, a small town (pop 8000) in the Coromandel, roughly 150kms southeast of Auckland and whether there were any obvious differences or observations of note so far. "What I have observed is that the kids here in Karamea are great", he said. "Karamea is quaint, it's boutique-like". He went on to tell me that the school roll in his previous school jumped from 340 to 550 as families moved away from Auckland because of escalating house prices. "Schools in larger towns and cities may have their multimillion-dollar facilities, as we will have too soon, but

Karamea has so much more on offer", Dean continued. He went on to say that we have the Kahurangi National Park on our doorstep, we have fishing, rafting, kayaking and great surfing in Little Wanganui. "Karamea is not missing out on anything," he said. "I want the kids here to learn about their natural environment, ecology, and to fully appreciate what's actually on their doorstep".

Schools often report that outcomes improve when students are more engaged and so I asked Dean if he would like to see students offered a range of opportunities, such as educational visits to places of interest, projects with local businesses, and reward trips. Dean said he was all for education outside of the classroom, "There is a plethora of evidence that certainly suggests kids do learn very well learning outside the classroom". Furthermore, he said that he would like to see the school move to a more student-led education. Interestingly, he's looking at making one of the old teacher's flats into a common room for the senior students, but explained that they will decide and ultimately make decisions on how it will be designed. "If children are educated properly they can create their own jobs, be more entrepreneurial, and take control over their future endeavours". He is also very supportive of the West Coast Trades Academy, attended by some senior students stating that "Not every child needs to go to tertiary education. Additionally there are plenty of people doing financially well from working in the trades, without a student loan".

I asked him what his thoughts were on Quality Learning Environments, and he said that he's "on the fence, as teachers working in these QLEs need to be upskilled, need to see it done properly, and trained accordingly". The IB school in Hanoi Dean taught at had a sliding

door between his music class and the art class, which made collaboration between performing arts and visual arts easier, however at times, "The art teacher did need to close the sliding door when we got too noisy!" he remarked.

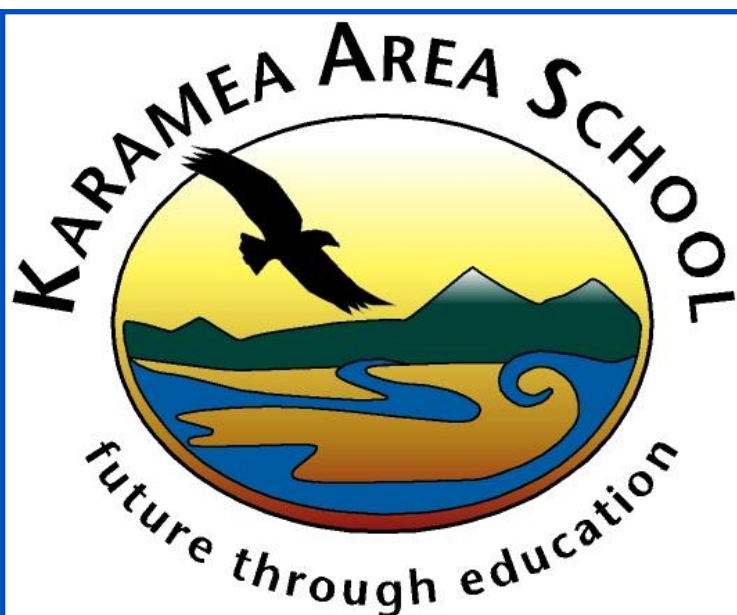
As most of our readers will know, Karamea Area School will be completely rebuilt this year. The new school will have 3 larger learning spaces with integrated break out rooms and learning pods for more flexibility. It will have a new Multi-purpose Gymnasium which will include dressing rooms and music room. Dean, who is passionate about music, would also like to incorporate a band academy, recording studio, and possibly even a Little Wanganui surf team depending on student interest. He pointed out that flexible learning spaces can be modified depending on how the leadership changes over the years (hopefully not for many years Dean!)

I asked him how he intends to go about recruiting staff, which can be a challenge for rural schools. "I intend to shoulder tap," he said, "and be really proactive". He went on to say that he will go to graduation days at Universities if needed, to recruit the best staff. "We do need diverse educators though; youth and enthusiasm are great but so are age and experience".

We also touched on the subject of community and I asked Dean how much importance he placed on the community in view of Karamea's limited infrastructure, its geographical isolation, and limited work opportunities. "Community is so important with each person or family having their own needs met....and we need to respect that".

He would like to see opportunities at the school open to the community as well, creating a community learning hub. For example, if the school was hosting a defensive driving course it would be open to the community as well as students. He also went on to say that he would love to see more adult learning happen again.

Thank you to Dean and Meryn for talking to the Chronicle. In the coming issues, we will bring you results of this year's Level 1-3 NCEA and interviews with the new staff appointments.



## South Terrace Zig-Zag Track



**Karamea Community Incorporated** has gained funding to trim the vegetation on the South Terrace Zig-zag track.

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Event	Date	Time	Venue	Contact	Phone
Community Pot Luck (everyone welcome)	30 Jan	6 pm	RSA		

## FEBRUARY 2021

Event	Date	Time	Venue	Contact	Phone
BDC Rates Review Meetings	2 Feb	4 - 6 pm	RSA		
Buller Gorge Marathon	13 Feb			www.bullergorgemarathon.co.nz/register/	

## MARCH 2021

Event	Date	Time	Venue	Contact	Phone
Buller Festival and Rafting Nationals	5 - 8 Mar		Murchison		
Cheese Competition	13 Mar	10am to late	Little Wanganui Community Hall/ Little Wanganui Hotel	Kathy Blumm	7826 646

## REGULAR EVENTS

Event	Day	Time	Venue	Contact	Phone
Craft Group	Tue	1-3.30pm	Last Resort	May Chalmers	7826 749
Mahjong (every second Tuesday)	Tue	12 - closing	Vinnie's Café	Anji Hamson	021-466426
Tennis Coaching (ages 8 - 18 yrs) (Bring racket, sports shoes, water)	Wed	3.15 - 4.30pm	Tennis Courts (No cost)	Paul Murray	027-2569967
Abundance Share Karamea	Thu	4 - 6 pm	23 Wharf Road	Shona Gibson	
Singing - informal and free, every voice welcome!	Thu	4pm	33 Wharf Road (opposite pub)	Liz Kerslake	
Anglican Church Service	Sun	11am	Holy Trinity Community Church, 87 Waverley Street		
Catholic Communion Service 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of month	Sun	11am	Holy Family Catholic Church, 7 Waverley Street		
Catholic Mass Service (1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of month)	Sun	12pm	Holy Family Catholic Church, 7 Waverley Street		
Soccer (all welcome)	Sun	10am	Domain	Deborah Wagner	

**To add any community events to The Chronicle, please email [info@karameainfo.co.nz](mailto:info@karameainfo.co.nz) or phone us on 7826 652 by the Chronicle deadline date**

## Happy dishes !

By Emilie Schmitthaeusler

Today I have some tips about dish washing liquid savings at home. Up until now, I hadn't found a good way of making my own dish washing liquid efficiently enough for greasy dishes. I then decided to class my dishes into three different categories and use different soap for each of them.

**N°1 - Light dishes** (Everything that requires just a small clean like tea and coffee cups, plunger, glasses etc. )

I fill my sink with hot water and just add a teaspoon of baking soda.

**N°2 - General dishes** (All the dishes that need a decent clean but are not greasy like pots, plates, cutlery, non-greasy pans, bowls etc.)

I fill my sink with hot water and add a bit of the liquid castile

soap bar that has been soaked in hot water in a big glass jar (same recipe that what we saw previously for the laundry powder). I keep on filling this jar with water and give a mix until there is no trace of soap (it take few months).

**N°3 - Greasy dishes** (All the pans used for frying vegetables or meat, as well as other oily or buttery dishes.

I fill my sink with hot water and I have to finally use commercial dish washing liquid from Ecostore (can be found in bulk shop to refill bottles) previously diluted in water in a bottle.

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# BDC Rates Review

## Community Response

By Dave Sanders

Many of us have recently received from Buller District Council (BDC) proposed Rates Review including a sample invoice on what our future annual rates maybe should proposal to update current rating system to a more streamlined platform be adopted. I totally understand and indeed support council in this Rates Review as outlined within in their brochure given this began in 2014 and again in 2017.

However, I am struggling to understand and very confused why some of our ratepayers within our community may see annual rates increases ranging between 20% to 170% and worse still inequities between neighbours and similar property types.

It's a fact of life there will always be rates increases not just for the Buller Region but throughout the country. On average most councils will adopt an annual rate increase of between 3% and 10% depending on circumstances. But this proposal is a change of the rating system (not an annual increase) so BDC have a lot more work to do before proceeding to change their platform. Yes, rates are complicated as brochure outlines but any changes need to reflect fairness moving forward. I am no expert but believe BDC will need to include a few more differential categories classifications than the nine (9) proposed to ensure fairness is achieved for all ratepayers. This approach will still achieve a better outcome for us all in simplifying system from the current 42 categories. Council will also need to update a few more property type classifications again to enhance fairness between property owners.

Rates is an emotive subject and clearly given feedback on our local community Facebook pages some of our community are understandably very concerned and upset on proposed changes.

However, as a ratepayer facing 170% increase I am trying to keep calm and collective on this sensitive subject and encourage those impacted to do the same. This is just a review process and I expect and hope BDC will take on our invaluable feedback and concerns to make key changes to achieve the fairness aspect we all expect and deserve.

I will on behalf of our community prepare a Community Submission to cover off key issues along with a constructive positive petition. I encourage those impacted to also complete

your own individual submission which is required by BDC no later than 4.30pm Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

BDC have scheduled a one on one catch up with ratepayers to be held between 4pm and 6pm at the RSA Centre on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

In addition to this one on one with council I have requested BDC to also host a community meeting with key council staff. Can I ask you please to do the same by politely emailing [ratesreview@bdc.govt.nz](mailto:ratesreview@bdc.govt.nz) to also request a community meeting. Hopefully with many emails sent BDC will respond and come up for a visit and chat. A meeting like this would be very helpful for both council and ratepayers as a brochure can never explain the total picture.

I have also set a new Facebook page – “Karamea/Little Wanganui Rates Review Forum” and invite you to share with me feedback and details of your proposed rate increases so I can also collate this data and include in my community submission to demonstrate the massive variances and inequities.

Final Rates proposal needs to be fair, realistic and logical. Personally as a ratepayer I need to accept there will be an increase and will take this on the chin as long as the updated system provides fairness to us all. This is only my personal point of view and I respect many of you may not agree and I get that. However, I've learnt in my life if we constantly dig our toes in and not work towards a workable compromise then the final outcome ends up worse from where we started.

Rosalie Sampson, our local councillor, has stated that if anyone has a concern about the Proposed Rate Review, they are welcome to ring her on 7826-745 to discuss their concerns.





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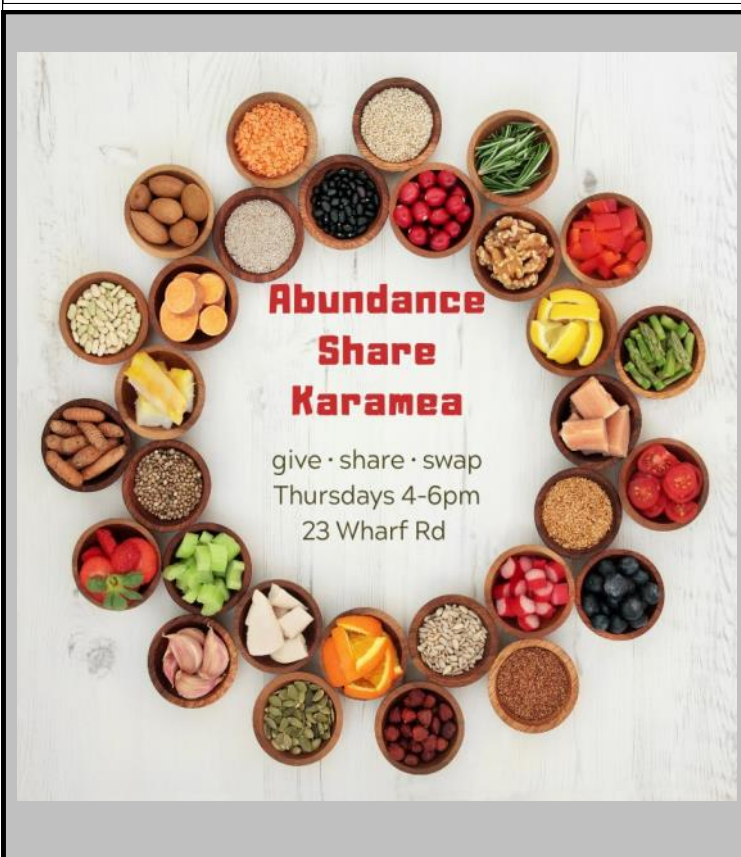
# The 'Williamstown' Pear Tree

By David Roberts (On behalf of the Karamea Historical Society Inc)

On the Oparara Block Road there lives a pear tree, well over 100 years old. It grew next to Mr and Mrs William's house in what was nicknamed 'Williamstown'. The descendants of this couple, some of whom still live in Karamea, still fondly remember this tree.

The name 'Williamstown' came about because when the children of this couple got married, they in turn lived in their own homesteads in close proximity to the family home and the pear tree. Check out the Karamea Centennial Museum Facebook page for more insights into this pear tree and the Williams family. If you would like a cutting from the pear tree, send us an email to [karameamuseum@gmail.com](mailto:karameamuseum@gmail.com) to register your interest and we will arrange this; cuttings are best taken sometime between winter and early spring.

Thinking of families who live here, or have lived here, you are welcome to add to our current genealogy collection or provide photos to update our albums for future generations. With the 150 year anniversary coming closer in 2024, perhaps now is a good time to start thinking about in what way you would like to contribute with the celebrations or letting your relatives know and begin making some plans with them for family reunions etc. 2025 is the 150<sup>th</sup> year when schooling in Karamea began.



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## Start the year with a plan – an emergency plan!

*By Caroline Wood*

In early December, Erica Andrews (Emergency Management Officer - Buller District

Group Public Information Manager) and Sean Judd (Buller District Council) hosted a Civil Defence meeting, the first in a series that will take place over the course of 2021.

Being relatively new to Karamea, we attended the meeting to find out what is in place should a disaster strike and, most importantly, what we should be doing to be ready in the event of an emergency. If 2020 has shown us anything, it's that "anything" can and does happen. As Erica said, it is not a case of 'if' an emergency event will happen in Karamea, but 'when'. Flooding or earthquake could cut off Karamea for quite some time and being prepared is paramount to get you through the first days (and maybe even weeks) following a major event. The West Coast Emergency Management team monitor weather and earthquake events 24/7, with plans in place to assist the districts should a disaster strike.

It was reassuring to see the great work that has already been done with getting the Karamea Community Response Plan to a user-friendly, yet robust and in-depth plan, that is all but ready to be finalised – thanks to the team that worked so hard behind the scenes to get it to this stage. All it is waiting for is 'YOU' – our remote and thriving community needs someone to step up and be the Civil Defence Lead Coordinator for the Karamea district. Sometimes, the hardest part of volunteering is just making the commitment – and a bit of practice 'juggling time'!

The key point to come out of the meeting was that "the best plan is your own plan". Are **you** prepared? Do you have a battery-operated radio, are the batteries working, do you have sufficient water, food and warm clothing ready to grab? Where will you go depending on the emergency? Who will you contact?

The following are some useful links:

<https://westcoastemergency.govt.nz>

<https://getready.govt.nz/prepared/household/supplies/>

Alpine Fault 8 (AF8) SAFER Framework – check out this link if you are interested in learning more: <https://af8.org.nz/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/af8-safer-framework-sept18-lr.pdf>

If you have not already (or have become complacent over time!), now is the time to start thinking about how you will prepare and respond to an emergency event. Benjamin Franklin's quote "failing to prepare is preparing to fail" is very apt!



### Civil Defence Community Coordinator Required Volunteer Role

Do you enjoy supporting your community and have experience leading teams? If so, you may want to consider becoming the Karamea/Little Wanganui Civil Defence Community Coordinator.

Working closely with the Buller Emergency Management Officer and the wider community, this role requires minimal time commitment but is key in coordinating volunteers, creating relationships and promoting personal preparedness.

For further details, please email:

[Erica.andrews@wcrc.govt.nz](mailto:Erica.andrews@wcrc.govt.nz) or call 021 644 625.



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when possible by composting or burning**





## About Potikohua Trust

Potikohua Charitable Trust operating, as Number Thirty Seven Community House, has been providing drop-in support and a range of self-development and educational programs for individuals and their families in the Buller region since 1993.

Potikohua Charitable Trust began with a vision of wanting to develop holistic programs for women and their families.

The Trust is governed by a board of trustees, all of whom have extensive experience within the community in Mental Health, Physical Health and Wellbeing.

Our services are based on the principles of confidentiality and respect for differences.

A foundation aim is to provide an opportunity for those who face barriers to full participation to develop skills and confidence.

The Community House facilities at 37 Peel Street, Westport include private gardens, a drop-in support service, coffee and company and comfortable spaces for a variety of programs and activities for individuals and groups.

**We strengthen personal, family and community wellbeing by providing a trustful, nurturing environment in which services meet the holistic needs of individuals and their families.**

Potikohua Charitable Trust  
Thanks our Awesome Funders

Buller District Council  
Christine Taylor Foundation  
Community Organisation Grants Scheme  
Tertiary Education Commission  
The Trusts Community Foundation  
The Tindall Foundation  
Trust Power /Rotary Club  
West Coast Community Trust  
NZ Lottery Grants Board  
Westport New World  
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West Coast Development Trust  
The Public Trust  
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We also Thank  
Our Volunteers  
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## Community Support Worker

*Offering support, advice and advocacy.  
Supporting you through challenging and stressful situations. Working with other support networks i.e: budget, food banks, WINZ, medical, justice, community participation. Self development and goal setting.*

## Tiny Hands 2 Art Class

Tuesday 16/02—06/04 11-12.30

*Parent & child art focused on self-expression, exploring, developing skills and fostering creativity in a child friendly environment with Nadine Meyer.*

## Community Lunch

Tuesday & Thursday weekly 12-1

*Come and join us for a shared lunch made by us at No 37, meet others, make new friends and enjoy great conversations. All welcome.*

## Table Loom Weaving

Please register your interest

*Learn to weave on a table loom with Mary McGill. Requires considerable dedication and extra time without tutor. Material costs will vary.*

## Making Maori Instruments

Please register your interest 2\*2hr sessions

*Learn to make Maori instruments. It is essential to be at the 1st session for karakia and talk.*

Term 1, 2021 Program

Book via e-mail, phone, website or Facebook

## Women's Health Clinic

With Nyoli Waghorn-Rogatski RN

*Contact Nyoli and book in for your smear test and a check up. She also provides information and advice for many other matters including menopause. Ring Nyoli on 0800 104 141 or 027 404 1692*

## Nurturing the Future

Tuesday 02/02—09/03 10-12

*A parenting course that shows you ways to interact with your children and how to help them grow into strong, happy and healthy adults with Trish Hunt.*

## Edible Gardening

Tuesday & Thursday weekly 10-12

*A fun and supportive social group sharing knowledge on how to grow productive gardens and create edible landscapes in the community.*

## Sewing

Thursday 11/2—1/4 10-12

*Make your own project or idea, or help with a community project, a fun social group. Don't know how to sew, that's okay, Tania will teach you.*

## World Music and Improvisation

Please register your interest

*No experience required. Communicating through music, calming the mind and learning new skills.*

Programmes free (unless otherwise stated)  
Koha or gold coin donation appreciated

## Tiny Hands Art Class

Thursday 11/02— 01/04 1-2.30

*Parent & child art focused on self-expression, exploring, developing skills and fostering creativity in a child friendly environment with Nadine Meyer.*

## Time for Art

Tuesday 09/02—30/03 9.30—11

*Try out different mediums and subjects, improve your artistic skills. Put this class into your weekly planner to make some time for art with Nadine.*

## Dyeing Fabric Workshop

Please register your interest

*Learn how to dye fabric with Mary McGill using fibre reactive dyes. Please bring a pre washed cotton item to dye. 1\*2hr session.*

## Flax Weaving Workshop

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th March  
10-4 each day

*Another great workshop with Tania Hammond Use Harekeke to weave a kete or backpack.*

## So You Can Paint; Where to from here?

Please register your interest

*Got artist block or looking for a new style? A tutored painting group with Mary McGill. 3 \* 2hr sessions.*



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## **Funding round open**

### **Community Grants**

### **Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund**

### **Facility Hire Fund**

#### **COMMUNITY GRANTS**

This fund supports the work of community groups and volunteer organisations, which provide community and social projects and services within the Buller District. Funds are available to support projects that enhance the wellbeing of our communities.

#### **SPORT NZ RURAL TRAVEL FUND**

This fund is open to rural sports clubs and school teams with young people aged between 5 and 19 years for the purpose of travel to regular local sporting competitions.

#### **FACILITY HIRE FUND**

This fund is open to organizations and individuals to assist in subsidising hire costs of Council facilities for non-profit community events.

Application forms and information are available at [www.bullerdc.govt.nz/funding](http://www.bullerdc.govt.nz/funding), or can be collected from Council offices in Westport and Reefton.

Completed applications must be submitted no later than **4:30pm Friday 19 February 2021** for **Communities Grants and Rural Travel Fund. Facility Hire Fund applications can be received all year.** Late applications will not be accepted.

## **Bevan Langford : 25 years**

## **United Fire Brigade Association**

## **Gold Star Presentation**



For those community members not on the official invitation list but who would like to come and celebrate with Bevan, we would like to welcome you to join us for a night of celebration.

**When:** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2021

From 7.00 pm with presentations at 8.00 pm

**Where:** Last Resort Café Function Room

**Cost:** \$20 per person

- Live entertainment with dancing
- Refreshments provided
- Supper

**Tickets available at door**

**or may be pre booked with Secretary:**

**Jill Waines 7826 693.**

## **Roadworks on The Bluff - Expect Delays**

On Thursday, 28 January a section of the Bluff opened up (between Peasants Corner and the Big Maitai tree). Westreef advise that the road is reduced to a single lane for about 50 - 100 metres. Talking to the roading crew, it will take about three to four weeks as they are digging out the road and putting in the stone-filled cages. Each truck load of stones is hand-placed in the baskets, so it takes a while for the barrier to be lifted - around 15 minutes at the moment!





# Community Grants APPLICATIONS OPEN



**Buller District Council is calling for applications to the Community Grants Fund and Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund. Funding will be allocated in March 2021.**

Application forms are available online from Council's website: [www.bullerdc.govt.nz/funding](http://www.bullerdc.govt.nz/funding), or can be collected from Council offices in Westport and Reefton.

Applications must be submitted no later than **4:30pm Friday 19 February 2021.**

## **COMMUNITY GRANTS**

The Community Grants Fund was set up to support the work of community groups and volunteer organisations, who are providing community and social projects and services within the Buller District.

Funds are available in recognition of the wide range of organisations whose efforts enhance the wellbeing of our communities.

This is Council's own grants fund, budgeted for each year within the Annual Plan.

## **SPORT NZ RURAL TRAVEL FUND**

This fund is open to rural sports clubs and school teams with young people aged between 5 and 19 years for the purpose of travel to regular local sporting competitions. A rural school club team will be eligible for funding if it is participating in a regular sports competition out of school time, and excludes inter-school/intra-school competitions run during school time. The Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund is a partnership between Sport New Zealand and the Buller District Council.

For further information head to:  
[www.bullerdc.govt.nz/funding](http://www.bullerdc.govt.nz/funding)





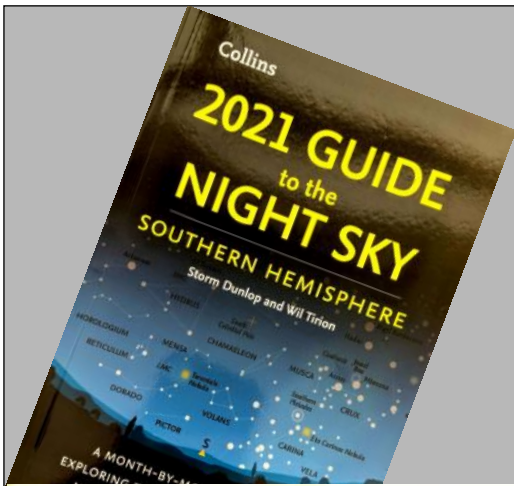
## BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS

Some great new books available at the  
Karamaea Information & Resource Centre

Pop on in and have a browse!

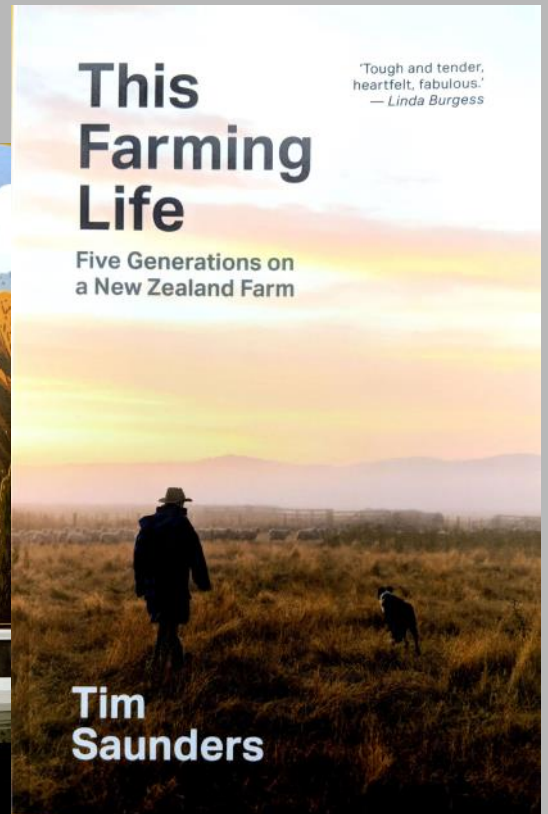
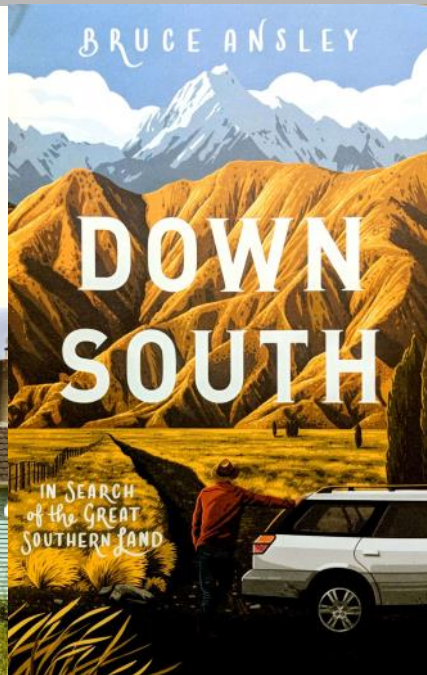
Great gift ideas

Kids books too!



### Observations of a Rural Nurse

Sara McIntyre



### TIDES

1 - 14 February, 2021

[https://tides4fishing.com/nz/west-coast/karamaea-river-entrance#\\_tide\\_table](https://tides4fishing.com/nz/west-coast/karamaea-river-entrance#_tide_table)



DAY			TIDES FOR KARAMEA RIVER				COEFFICIENT	SOLUNAR ACTIVITY
			1 <sup>st</sup> TIDE	2 <sup>nd</sup> TIDE	3 <sup>rd</sup> TIDE	4 <sup>th</sup> TIDE		
1 Mon			▲ 6:36 am ▼ 2.9 m	▲ 6:36 am ▼ 0.0 m	▲ 1:40 pm ▼ 2.9 m	▲ 8:00 pm ▼ 0.0 m	86 high	
2 Tue			▲ 6:38 am ▼ 2.8 m	▲ 6:38 am ▼ 0.1 m	▲ 2:26 pm ▼ 2.9 m	▲ 8:48 pm ▼ 0.0 m	79 high	
3 Wed			▲ 6:39 am ▼ 2.7 m	▲ 6:39 am ▼ 0.2 m	▲ 3:17 pm ▼ 2.8 m	▲ 9:40 pm ▼ 0.2 m	69 average	
4 Thu			▲ 6:40 am ▼ 2.6 m	▲ 6:40 am ▼ 0.3 m	▲ 4:15 pm ▼ 2.6 m	▲ 10:38 pm ▼ 0.3 m	60 average	
5 Fri			▲ 6:41 am ▼ 2.5 m	▲ 6:41 am ▼ 0.4 m	▲ 5:21 pm ▼ 2.5 m	▲ 11:43 pm ▼ 0.4 m	53 average	
6 Sat			▲ 6:43 am ▼ 2.4 m	▲ 6:43 am ▼ 0.5 m	▲ 6:32 pm ▼ 2.5 m		52 average	
7 Sun			▲ 6:44 am ▼ 0.5 m	▲ 6:44 am ▼ 0.5 m	▲ 7:06 pm ▼ 0.4 m	▲ 7:43 pm ▼ 2.5 m	57 average	
8 Mon			▲ 6:45 am ▼ 0.4 m	▲ 6:45 am ▼ 0.4 m	▲ 8:16 pm ▼ 0.4 m	▲ 8:50 pm ▼ 2.5 m	66 average	
9 Tue			▲ 6:47 am ▼ 0.4 m	▲ 6:47 am ▼ 0.4 m	▲ 9:19 pm ▼ 0.2 m	▲ 9:50 pm ▼ 2.6 m	76 high	
10 Wed			▲ 6:48 am ▼ 0.2 m	▲ 6:48 am ▼ 0.2 m	▲ 10:13 pm ▼ 0.1 m	▲ 10:42 pm ▼ 2.7 m	83 high	
11 Thu			▲ 6:49 am ▼ 0.1 m	▲ 6:49 am ▼ 0.1 m	▲ 11:00 pm ▼ 0.0 m	▲ 11:28 pm ▼ 2.8 m	88 high	
12 Fri			▲ 6:50 am ▼ 0.1 m	▲ 6:50 am ▼ 0.1 m	▲ 11:43 pm ▼ 0.0 m	▲ 5:59 pm ▼ 0.0 m	90 very high	
13 Sat			▲ 6:52 am ▼ 2.8 m	▲ 6:52 am ▼ 0.0 m	▲ 12:09 pm ▼ 2.9 m	▲ 6:39 pm ▼ 0.0 m	88 high	
14 Sun			▲ 6:53 am ▼ 2.8 m	▲ 6:53 am ▼ 0.1 m	▲ 12:47 pm ▼ 2.8 m	▲ 7:17 pm ▼ 0.1 m	84 high	



## Chicken Corn Soup

This is a very quick to make soup that is one of my all time favourites, it's thick, creamy (but with no cream!), sweet from the corn, hearty and soul warming. You can add greens to it, my favourite being broccoli, spinach or silverbeet to make it a complete meal. Though this recipe is made with chicken, it is easily made vegetarian/vegan by omitting the chicken & egg.

### Ingredients:

2 cups (500ml) chicken or vegetable broth/stock  
1 tin (410g) creamed corn  
1 tsp Soy or Organic Tamari Sauce  
1 tbsp cooking wine/ Dry Sherry (can omit)  
1 tsp ginger, minced or finely chopped  
1 garlic clove, minced or finely chopped  
1 tsp cornflour, mixed with a splash of cold water  
1 egg, whisked (can omit)  
1 cup shredded cooked chicken (can omit)  
Salt and pepper, to taste

Pinch of Chilli Flakes (optional)  
3 tbsp sliced Spring Onions (optional)



### Instructions:

- Place broth, creamed corn, soy sauce, cooking wine/Sherry, ginger, garlic and cornflour, put mixture in a saucepan over high heat.
- Bring to boil, then turn down the heat to medium and stir occasionally. Cook for 5 minutes or until slightly thickened.
- Turn off heat, and slowly whisk in the egg so it cooks in "ribbons" throughout the soup. This also thickens the soup.
- Add the chicken, season with pepper, and serve, garnished with Spring Onions.

### Recipe Notes:

1. You can finish it off with a drizzle of sesame oil. Sesame oil goes fabulously with this recipe.
2. The soup freezes well, but it is best to leave out the cornflour slurry and add that in when reheating. This is because things thickened with cornflour tend to be a bit watery once frozen (fridge is ok, does not cause this effect). Not massively watery, because the corn and egg are thickeners too, but it isn't quite as thick. Or if you are freezing the leftovers, just add a little bit more cornflour when reheating, if you want to thicken it slightly.

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***Customer Satisfaction Survey 2021***

# Gardening Tips

By Donna Chambers

With January being one of the main harvesting times, lots of delicious summer crops will be ready to harvest and it's the perfect time to plant more to ensure a continued supply!

If you go away on holiday, organise someone to water your plants while you are away.

## **Potatoes:**

For main crops still in the ground, mould up soil around the leaves to encourage more tubers and to keep the sun off them. A side-dressing of organic potato food will give them a boost.

If aphids and whitefly are still a problem, try a gentle blasting with a hose or organic spray.

Add a layer of mulch around the base of fruit trees to maintain moisture and keep the area weed free.



## **Flowers:**



Plant petunias, impatiens, calendula, dahlias, echinacea, verbascum, verbena, alyssum, cosmos, gaillardia, marigolds, nemesia, dahlias.

Apply fertiliser to flower beds and pots and containers to replenish nutrients.

Fertilise roses.

## **Capsicums:**

Feed your capsicums regularly and keep the soil moist throughout the growing season.

Stake taller plants and those grown in wind-prone areas.



## **Celery:**



Crisp, sweet, fresh celery is a must to have in the vegetable patch. It's super easy to grow and thrives in both warm and cold seasons. Celery is a versatile vegetable and an essential crop for any foodie's garden and kitchen.

All parts of celery can be used, from the leaves to the stems and the roots. Young celery has a sweeter flavour and is often used fresh, while the older stems and leaves are more often cooked.

**Happy Gardening!**