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## Karamea's first school – South Terrace 1875 - 77

When our early settlers took ship in London and Plymouth in the UK in 1874, they must have experienced a whole gamut of emotions from trepidation to excitement and exhilaration at the emigration agents offer of a 'free fare to a better life,' in a country where they would be 'treated with respect by others.'

Although some 100,000 immigrants poured into New Zealand in the decade starting in 1870 most could not even afford the cost of getting their families to the embarkation docks, let alone purchasing the daunting list of clothing and supplies they were recommended to take with them. However, the New Zealand government was prepared to advance the cost of the journey to the immigrants upon the signing of promissory notes. Ironically, this meant that the immigrants left for their so-called "promised land" already in debt! With many of the immigrants from the Midlands already out of work after being 'locked out' by the Duke of Bedford for asking for a pay rise (the early beginnings of unionism), and those from Shetland suffocated by landlords who controlled both their crofts and fisheries, their thoughts must have echoed Rod Stewart's sentiments some 100 plus years later - 'we are sailing' ..... 'to be free!'

After a rough 3 month voyage one can only imagine their thoughts to find that in Nelson, their 'promised land', there was no work, and nowhere to live apart from the newly built asylum. So that in November when the Nelson Provincial Government called for immigrants to become part of a new 'special settlement' at Karamea, they jumped at the chance, the men enthusiastically volunteering to help establish the settlement before getting their wives and children to join them. Again, it must have felt like a slap in the face to find nothing at Karamea except for 50,000 acres of dense bush, ('we had to cut the trees down before we could see the sky or pitch our tents', wrote Thomas Lineham) with the steamer sailing out on the 10 o'clock tide

next morning! It says something for their guts and determination to envision a future for their families in such a remote and isolated area – to clear land and roadlines, build rough dwellings, and work for themselves, rather than for a landlord. To start afresh. At this stage they were not aware that the land they had been allotted on the South Terrace was pakihi, and worthless for agriculture.

One of the settlers first priorities was to set up a school for their children. On the voyage out to New Zealand on the *Ocean Mail*, concerned wife and mother Helen Laurenson from Shetland spent some time teaching the youngsters all she was able, and did the same once they were all established in the new settlement. However, in January 1875, scarcely weeks after the women and children had joined their menfolk, the Nelson Education Board minutes stated that the Board would provide 'books and maps gratuitously' to a new school at Karamea, but although sympathetic to their objectives, would not finance a school building as that was the responsibility of the Nelson Provincial Government.



Not to be deterred, the settlers set about building a basic schoolroom on the south western boundary of

the South Terrace settlement on designated Education Reserve land, opening it in June 1875.

Laurence Johnson wrote... 'The framework was constructed of round saplings. Round saplings were placed as uprights close together and nailed to the frame. The roof was framed as a gable and thin saplings as purlins were fixed to the rafters.... Kie kie was used to thatch the roof, and made a waterproof covering. The ends of the green leaves hung down inside, and it looked like a green house..... All interstices were corked with moss... to serve as window openings were left in the walls and covered with calico. Rough benches sufficed for tables and seats... the floor was earthen...' The first teachers were Mr and Mrs Naylor, the Immigration Records listing John Naylor as a

schoolmaster from Yorkshire.

Young Charles Lineham enjoyed his schooldays and wrote that there were great heaps of logs and scrub all around to play on, and 'once a week we were taken outside and taught to sing rounds and glees.'

John Laurenson in later years told his children that he learned to write his first letters with burnt bones on pieces of bark. 'This ... led to speculation as to the origin of the bones! Were they those of the poor goats which met an untimely death after being specially imported to provide milk for the children? There was great jubilation on the day of their arrival at the settlement... but that very evening, put out to graze by unsuspecting settlers, the goats ate tutu and died!'

Inspector of Public Schools from the Nelson Education Board, W C Hodgson, gave the isolated little South Terrace School a glowing report, despite the fear and dread his annual visits engendered in both teachers and pupils alike. His official comments were published for all to see in the press of the day, although his visits were frequently hampered by prolonged spells of atrocious weather as he endeavoured to visit the 'almost inaccessible schools that are now in nearly every bay and ravine in the Nelson Province.'

In March 1876, Inspector Hodgson reported to the Nelson Education Board...

'Karamea: Mrs Naylor (35). The teacher of this remote and almost inaccessible school, has contrived in a short space of time and under unusual difficulties, to produce excellent results. When I examined the school at the end of March, it had been open only nine months.

The 35 children present were huddled together in a room measuring only 15 feet by 9 feet. Yet the older scholars read fairly, wrote tolerably well from dictation, and worked money questions very correctly, not one in the class failing to pass second standard. The other class were equally well taught, and all the scholars were remarkably well drilled and orderly.'

I am, Sir

Your obedient servant

W C Hodgson, Inspector'

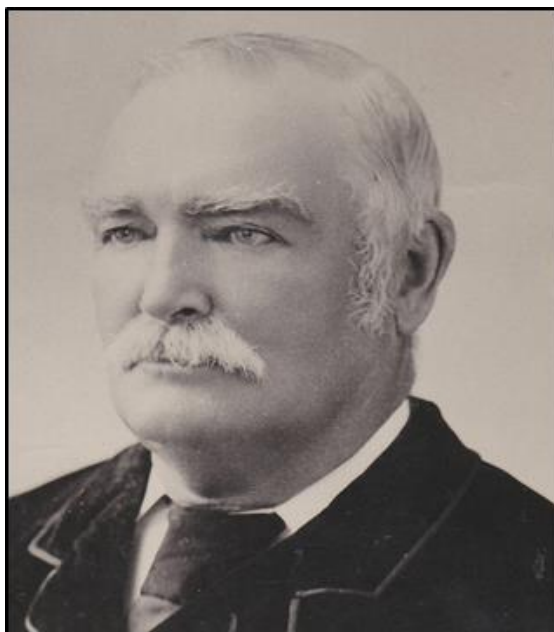
Great praise from an Inspector who fitted the stereotype of a dragon whose visits were to be feared, and whose pithy to-the-point comments could destroy a teachers reputation at one stroke. Few schools in the Buller escaped a tongue-lashing. Moreover, he held the opinion that girls were inferior to boys, who were more apt learners! This was at a time when many of the students would have been nearly as old as the young teachers doing their best to cope in what must have been extraordinarily difficult conditions.

However, the settlers on the terrace were not faring so well – Susannah Hawes wrote 'I simply sat down on a log and wept' An infrequent steamer service and lack of supplies, a 'truck' system operating at the government store which meant no money ever changed hands, what they saw as favouritism and the unfair allocation of work on the part of the overseer of the settlement – these were some of the concerns that led the settlers to petition for an official Inquiry into conditions on the South Terrace, apart from the poor soil which would barely grow a crop. Some of these concerns were dealt with, but the future looked brighter when the 'special settlement' scheme was wound up and the settlement passed under the control of the Buller County Council. Moreover, some of the more adventurous settlers had discovered good land on the river flats. By the end of 1877 the settlers had abandoned their allotted sections of their own accord, and moved down into the valley and what they saw, finally, as their 'Promised Land.' Thomas Lineham wrote 'if this is bush life. I dont mind it a bit!'

Karamea was finally becoming a reality, and as the settlement spread the settlers once again began the quest for good schooling for their kids, in what they considered, like Dave Dobbyn, was a 'slice of heaven.'

All that remains of their first school is a rough chunk of timber and a few hand-forged nails. The cross road back to the school site with

ditches either side, as built by the settlers, is still there, but now buried under manuka and gorse and scrub!



Sources: NEB Minutes, Nat Archives, ATL papers, KHS documents and photos, private papers

Dulcie McNabb, Karamea Historical Society Facebook: Karamea Centennial Museum

## **KARAMEA ALL BREEDS CATTLE CLUB**

**Monday 19th April 2021**

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**your stock numbers and location of where the stock will be.**



# **Blessing of the Karamea Natural Burial Cemetery** **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

*By Kathleen Gavigan*

The Karamea Natural Burial Cemetery was blessed on Sunday afternoon, the 21<sup>st</sup> March, with 40 people in attendance. Hamish Macbeth, Chair of the Natural Burial Group, welcomed all present and outlined the cemetery's purpose.



Father David Gruschow and Rev. Matt Watts then blessed the grounds with contributions from Matthew Jones and Melanie Allen. The blessing provided an opportunity, for those who were able, to walk the grounds. They took in the magnificent view of the river and Mt Stormy from its highest point and enjoyed the peace and tranquility the grounds offer. The ceremony concluded with a karakia from George Snowden and an excellent rendition of the song 'Humbly' from the Karamea Singing Group.



A leisurely afternoon tea followed at the RSA. Hamish extends his thanks to Kathleen and Tina for their fine fare. He also notes with pleasure the



great venue that the renovated RSA provides. Its indoor-outdoor flow made for a very convivial social occasion. This was also an opportunity for those present to see the concept plan, read about how the cemetery will operate and ask questions. The Natural Burial Group recognizes that there was not enough time to address everyone's queries. They will be holding a community meeting next month to discuss the next steps and the operation of the cemetery.

A very special and heart-felt thanks was extended to Laura Coll McLaughlin and Jan Coll whose dedication and considerable effort over the past three years culminated in the cemetery being gazetted late last year. The Cemetery Ground is owned by the Buller District Council and our Councillor Rosalie Sampson was present at the Blessing. Mayor Jamie Cline and Chief Executive Sharon Mason sent apologies as they were unable to attend. Hamish would like to thank them along with the Karamea community for supporting us in the establishment of this great facility for our community. Thanks also to those who attended the Blessing and made it such an enjoyable and special occasion.



Karamea Natural Burial Group

# Karamea Youth Club

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## **Karamea Community Update**

Mark Ibbotson recently wrote an article in the Chronicle about the Karamea Landfill. I think his main question was asking whether Buller District Council is making provision for a new landfill. I think this is a really good question, and as co-chair of the voluntary Karamea Waste Management Group (KWMG) I would like to make the following comments. I have not had a chance to discuss this with the rest of the group, but have discussed my response with Brian Jones who also co-chairs the group.

### **KWMG**

The group's role is to act as liaison between the community and the BDC. We are currently confirming our relationship with an MOU with the council. Sue-Ellen is the Site Manager. She works for the contractor, WestReef. She communicates freely with our group but we have no direct role in her employment. We are very pleased to have her helping us with our recommendations to council.

### **Our history**

We were set up in about 2013 when the council decided to rearrange its waste management systems. There was talk of Karamea joining in with the rest of the Buller, who now freight all their residual waste to Nelson (with the exception of another small landfill at Maruia). A small group of us objected to that and insisted that we continue to use our own consented landfill until the consent runs out in 2034, at least.

### **The present**

We have a targeted rate and a separate account so that all money taken in by rates or gate charges goes into that account. All expenses come out of that account. It costs around \$80 000 a year to operate our landfill and to do our recycling. We have a small surplus that we have been trying to retain in order to undertake capital works in the near future. The annual cost per ratepayer is \$85 plus GST, plus any gate charges or plastic bag purchases. By way of comparison, Westport ratepayers are charged \$130 plus GST. There is a proposal that we will need to increase our charge to \$100 plus

GST next year. I think this is the first increase in seven years.

We are in the process of implementing some small changes to the way plastics are handled in Karamea in order to reflect market trends in accepting recycled plastic. We also hope to minimise our freight costs of plastics being freighted around the country by compacting them.

### **The future**

Our group is very mindful that our resource consent runs out in 2034. Although the quarry site is unlikely to be full by then, we expect that the political climate for operating unlined landfills will have changed, and we are working on the premise that a consent will be difficult or impossible to obtain. With that in mind, we think we need to manage our waste now in a way that works towards 2034. This should mean every household reducing its waste in the first instance. Then anything that comes to the landfill needs to be re-used first, or then recycled. Failing all other options, the waste then goes to landfill.

In order to be more efficient at reducing the volume of residual waste, the KWMG is currently working with council to raise funds to build a Resource Recovery Shed. Council has made provision for this in its Draft Annual Plan which will have an opportunity for public input in the next few months.

### **What next?**

Mark's letter has highlighted the need for KWMG to publicise what we are up to, and I apologise for a lack of recent communication. Our group should have a public meeting once a year for public input and for anyone to come along and share their views and join in if they wish. I will aim to do this in the next two months. There is also the opportunity for every person to make a submission to the Annual Plan which talks about how the council will spend its (our) money over the next year. I encourage you all to take part in that process. Our group will put in a submission to council on waste issues. We will try to inform our community of anything important when we see the draft document.

*Hamish Macbeth*





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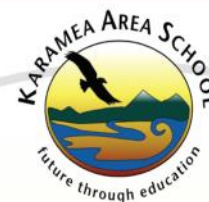
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## KARAMEA AREA SCHOOL Primary team leader Y1-6 2MU + HPTSA + IA

Our school is looking for a motivated, inspired educator who has an interest in play based learning to provide a nurturing environment for our YO-2 children.

Our ideal candidate would have some knowledge of 'Reggio Emilia' philosophy, setting up areas of play, provocations, and an understanding of the play schemas. The right candidate needs to be able to allow children to explore, imagine, create and thrive in our soon to be, purpose built, new modern learning space.

We need an educator who will work in harmony with whanau to reinforce family values and maintain/build a warm and trusting environment for everyone involved. We need someone who can deliver a diverse programme by using open-ended play and art experiences to enable the children to make their own choices around learning centres, in and outside of their classroom.

Experience is desirable but ultimately the successful candidate will have opportunities for professional development to upskill.

The successful candidate has the option of a school house if needed, to teach with small class numbers, and the opportunity of teaching in a brand new school in 2022 with autonomy to build a space. We seek a primary teacher who sees this type of professional lifestyle as exciting and rewarding and who will be committed to us. In return we will also be committed to you and offer you an amazing opportunity to be the very best teacher and leader you can be.

You may qualify for removal expenses.

**Applications close 29 March.**

**Request an application form from [kgrey@karamea.school.nz](mailto:kgrey@karamea.school.nz)**

## Tomato Relish

*By Donna Chambers*

1.5 kg (about 10 medium size) – Tomatoes,  
blanched, skinned & quartered

4 – Medium size Onions, quartered

2 – Tablespoons Salt

2- Cups Brown Sugar

2 & ¼ Cups – Malt Vinegar

3 – Dried Chillies

1 – Tablespoon Dry Mustard

1 – Tablespoon Curry Powder

3 – Tablespoons Flour

¼ Cup Malt Vinegar

Cut small cross in top of tomato put in hot boiled  
water, blanch & skin.

Put tomatoes and onions into a bowl. Sprinkle with  
salt and leave for 12 hours.

Drain off liquid formed.

Put tomato & onions, sugar, first measure of vine-  
gar and chillies into a pot.

Boil gently for 1 ½ hours, stirring frequently.

Mix Mustard, Curry, Flour and second measure of  
Vinegar to a smooth paste.

Stir into relish. Boil for 5 minutes.

Pack into sterilised jars.

Makes about five 350 ml jars.





# WHAT'S ON KARAMEA

## MARCH 2021

Event	Date	Time	Venue	Contact	Phone
Great plant swap (neighbours day)	27 Mar	12-4pm	Oparara Rd	Sacha Healey	02041491184
Winter school meeting	29 Mar	12 pm	Vinnies	Kathy Ramsay	7826808
Karamea Medical Association AGM	29 Mar	7 pm	RSA	Rayma Straight	7826823

## APRIL 2021

Karamea Youth Club	09 April	7pm - 9pm	Radio Station	Liz Kerslake	
Community Fundraiser	11 April	1pm - 10pm	RSA	Sander	0226310629
Karamea All Breeders	19 April	All day	Domain	Jennifer Hislop	7826041

## REGULAR EVENTS

Event	Day	Time	Venue	Contact	Phone
Weavers Group	Tue	11-3pm	35 Wharf Road	Hanne Neilson	7826023
Craft Group	Tue	1-3.30pm	Last Resort	May Chalmers	7826 749
Mahjong (first Thursday)	Thu	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
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 moKKnth	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**

## Wine tasting evening

*By Jill Newman*

As part of the Cheese Competition the Little Wanganui Hotel hosted a wine tasting to help swell funds for the hall.

Kevin and Christine Courtney ( owners of Riverby Estate ) came over from Marlborough to explain about different wines and how to pair them with food. We laid on cheese and nibbles to soak up the alcohol as the lucky participants got to try 13 different wines!!!

Kevin's knowledge seems to know no bounds, I learn so much every time I attend one of his tasting. He even gave participants a buy/order on the day discount.

I'm hoping he will agree to come back next year.



## Karamea Information & Resource Centre Welcome Packs



Last year we received the green light to produce a welcome pack for newcomers to the area.

We understand how hectic moving time can be so we thought it would be useful to put together details regarding important contacts and events for you to keep in one place for easy reference.

What would you like to see included in these packs, if you have recently moved here is there anything you wish you had been told about earlier or had difficulty in finding out certain? things. All relevant comments are welcomed.



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# Ōpārara Upgrade Project Update

March 2021

In 2018, \$5.7m Provincial Growth Funded was approved to upgrade McCallums Mill Road and the tracks and amenities in the Ōpārara Basin.

The Ōpārara Basin in Kahurangi National Park has significant conservation and biodiversity values. The Ōpārara Arch is the longest limestone arch in Australasia, while the Honeycomb Hill Caves systems are one of the largest cave systems in New Zealand and contain important fossil records.

The Ōpārara Basin hosts a wide range of biodiversity including the short-tailed bat, whio/blue duck, *Powelliphanta annectens*, great-spotted kiwi, kaka, kakariki, *Simplicia buechananii*, *Asplenium 'calcicole'*, pukatea, the cave spider *Spelungula cavernicolai* and the silver fern.



Figure 1: Moria Gate, Ōpārara Basin.

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The Ōpārara Arches project was split into two stages.

**Stage One Works** are nearing completion, these works included:

## Box Canyon Toilet and Honeycomb Caves Security upgrade

The new flush toilet in the Box Canyon carpark is fully completed and has been used since December 2020 with no concerns. The existing long drop toilet will be removed over the coming weeks and the path rehabilitated.



Figure 2- New toilet block Box Canyon car park showing security cameras

Remote cameras and sensors monitoring the restricted area have been fully installed along the track to the Honeycomb Caves to help protect the delicate ecological area.

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# **POEM CORNER**

## **Bottling Time**

*By Donna Chambers*

It's bottling time the house is  
in a-flutter.

There are jars everywhere  
and the kitchen is a-clutter.

Our meals are quite lean and  
quickly prepared.



For there is work to be done  
and all can have a share.

The relish and chutney, so  
fragrant and hot,

Bubbling over so gently in big  
pots.

While tomatoes and  
blackberries (really a treat)

All simmer nearby so spicy  
and sweet.

There are jars of pickles and  
jars of beans,

All freshly bottled during  
these days.

Jars of beets and apricots  
too;

All packed in nicely and sure  
to please.

Just looking at all the jars of  
colours is a happy sight.

It's bottling time what a  
delight!

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## Winter School

*By Kathy Ramsay*

"Underneath government, both national and local; underneath commerce, there is a thriving system of time bartering, of trade and goodwill. Potluck teas, extra vegies for the neighbours, abundance shares; and the things we do in our small community without being asked, such as helping someone carry shopping to their car, giving someone a lift if you see them walking your way, and all the friendly waves that tell us we're on the Coast.

I've lived here in Karamea for 10 years and in being part of the Winter School volunteer team; I see those principles in this month-long event. Our community is full of creative, talented people who have skills to share, and stories to tell from their lives.

There are Winter and Summer schools elsewhere, but ours is different. We do not import experts from elsewhere. All tutors are either residents or have strong connections here. The tutors do not get paid,

though there may be a fee for any materials used. Those of us coordinating Winter School also do not get paid, and we do our best to make all workshops and events accessible for all. We have been lucky to receive funding from 'Creative Communities Buller', which covers our venue hire, which then helps the maintenance of our essential public buildings.

In past years, some of the winter school activities have been; Tile Mosaics, Felting, Knife Sharpening, Flax weaving, Dancing, Sauce making, Soap, Sauerkraut, Star gazing, Assertiveness, talks on Waste Minimisation, and Life in the Antarctic.

So, if you have a collection you'd like to share, a story you'd like to tell, a skill you'd like to share, please get in touch either on [karameaartscouncil@yahoo.com](mailto:karameaartscouncil@yahoo.com), or phone Kathy on 7826808, before 18th April.

If you would like to join the Winter school co ordinating team, come along to our next meeting at noon on Monday 29th March outside 'Vinnies Cafe'.

Many Thanks

## Calling all Seniors

Please join us on the 4th Thursday of each month



### Senior Luncheon

This is a great opportunity each month to get out and socialise with others whilst enjoying a lovely lunch in the warmth and comfort at a venue to be decided

**RSVP to Carole  
7826 196**



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**DEADLINE FOR NEXT CHRONICLE  
3PM MONDAY 5 APRIL 2021**





SAINT CANICE  
Westport

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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**Special Welcome to you all from the  
Parish of**

**Holy Family Catholic Church of Karamea  
(Waverley Street – Karamea End)**

- **Mass is celebrated on the First, Third and Fifth Sundays of each month commencing at Midday (12.00pm).**
- **Worship of the Liturgy and Eucharist is held on alternative Sundays being the Second and Fourth Sunday of each month commencing at 11.00am.**
- **Any changes to timings will be posted on Front door.**

For any further information or local support please free to phone or txt Dave Sanders at 027 211-4294/782-6775.

Alternatively please phone either 782-6873 or 782-6781.

**"God Bless our Special Community  
and our Visitors"**

## Little Wanganui Hall For Hire

Plus we have trestles and chairs which can be hired out from Hall.

Payment can be a donation back to the hall.

**Contact:**

**Kathy:** 027 390 1307

**Diane:** 7826 762



## Karamea Landfill

**OPEN**

Wednesday: 9am to 1pm

Friday: 9am to 1pm

Sunday: 9am to 1pm

*The dump is closed on Public Holidays*



**OPEN**

**Mon to Sat 1pm to 4pm**

**Closed Sunday**

*Entry payable by Cash/Eftpos or  
Smartphone app*



## Holy Trinity Community Church

*All Denominations welcome  
A place where you can belong*

- Worship every Sunday at 11am
- Bible study every Tuesday night at 7.30pm (held at different homes)

Waverley Street

## Karamea Health Centre

126 Waverley Street

Phone 7826 710 *(including after hours)*

### Hours of Service

Monday to Friday

9am to 12pm - 1pm to 5pm

Drop in Clinic 3pm to 4pm

Saturday, Sunday, Public Holidays

### Doctor at Clinic

Tuesdays and Thursdays

Rural Nurse 027 404 4958

**EMERGENCIES 111**

*Note: Please book a couple of  
weeks in advance if you're getting  
low on medication!*



## KARAMEA RSA COMMUNITY BUILDING

**Available for Hire**

The facility is available for functions, meetings and other community events

For further information contact Peter on 7826 123

*(if not available contact the  
Information Centre on 7826  
652)*

## KARAMEA LIBRARY

Waverley Street

**OPEN**

Monday & Saturday  
10.30am to 12.30pm

Wednesday  
1.30pm to 3.30pm



## Ladies

Come and share with a fun loving group of women for a coffee and a laugh.

Newcomers and children all welcome.

Last Friday every month at 10.30am at Karamea Church (Holy Trinity), Waverley Street



Phone Jenny 7826 033 or  
Sue 7826 082



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**Do you know what  
a green flashing  
beacon means?**



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**Karamea.nz**  
our community website



Enjoy locally roasted organic coffee, fresh homemade pies, fruit smoothies with Karamea flavours and a relaxed dining experience.

Enjoy Karamea's radio station broadcasting live from The Cross.

Open daily from 9am

Phone 027 781 1583  
The Cross, Market Cross



*Karamea Fuel prices as at 29/03/2021*

<b>91</b>	<b>\$2.309</b>
<b>95</b>	<b>\$2.429</b>
<b>DIESEL</b>	<b>\$1.579</b>



### **FREE** Computer Training

Please remember we are still offering this training, please contact us 03 7826652 to make an appointment with our friendly team.

## **Karamea Winter School 2021** *Knowledge Sharing Workshops in June*



### **Do you have a skill you would like to share with the community?**

The Arts Council Winter School is on in June and we are preparing our brochure of workshops. If you'd like to be involved in running a workshop, we can help with organising venues and advertising. Please phone Chairperson Kathy Ramsay 7826 808, or email [karameaartscouncil@yahoo.com](mailto:karameaartscouncil@yahoo.com) as soon as possible but no later than Friday April 16th.

### **Karamea Winter School is coming!**

This is a month of knowledge and skill sharing workshops usually held in June.

Organised by us, the Karamea Community Arts Council and many of you, our local talented residents!

If you are happy to donate some of your time, skills and knowledge, then this is the avenue for you.

All workshops are free and /or some koha to attend, to cover materials cost and venue hire, some of which the council can fund.

'Do what you can with what you have'.

So, have a think about a skill and/or knowledge you would be happy to share.

Registration for workshops via

Kathy Ramsay on 7826808 or

email [karameaartscouncil@yahoo.com](mailto:karameaartscouncil@yahoo.com)



# Kahurangi National Park takahē numbers boosted

*Article from This Quality News and DOC media release 18/03/21*



The Department of Conservation Takahē Recovery team partnered with Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and Fulton Hogan to release the 15 birds into Kahurangi National Park.

The Takahē breed was released into Kahurangi in 2018. It was the first attempt to generate a new wild population.

“It’s challenging to establish wild native species populations, and our monitoring of the Kahurangi takahē will inform our selection of new wild sites and how we manage wild populations,” the Department of Conservation said in a statement.

When a transfer is planned for the birds, they get carefully put inside dedicated boxes.

Typically all the birds are transferred on Air New Zealand planes from Invercargill to Nelson, where they are then released into the wild.

The population is now at around 34 birds which gives it a boost to thrive.



Source: CC/ Jason Van de Wetering

The birds were flown by Karamea Heli Charter where the takahē release increases the Goulard Downs takahē population to around 34 birds, enabling us to better evaluate the suitability of the area for sustaining a takahē population.

## Hi Karameans !

This week we are saving money in the kitchen again !

The banana-passion fruits are all over the place in Karamea and ready to be consumed.

Let's turn this beautiful fruit of nature into a golden drink named wine...

For 23 litres of wine :

- 10 kg of fruit (without skin, slightly squizzed by hand to get the maximum of flavour)
- 4 kg of sugar
- 1 packet of SN9 yeast (or general purpose yeast)

Dissolve 4kg of sugar in water and fill a large bucket with cold water up to 25 litres.

Add the yeast to it and stir every day for 4 days, then sieve out the fruit pulp.

Put the wine in a fermenter under air lock.



Leave for minimum of 2 months but up to 6 months in big fermenter.

Have a taste sometimes to see where you are in the process, if the wine is too dry for you, add some more sugar to it.

Finally, bottle it (be sure that you don't bottle the yeast that sunk at the bottom of the fermenter) and leave another month before drinking.

## MORE than a Measure

### Karamea Land Surveys

**Contact:** Murray Watt  
Survey Technician  
Granite Creek  
(you can't beat local knowledge)

**Phone:** 027 750 1803  
**Email:** wattnow1950@yahoo.co.nz



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# KARAMEA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

RSA BUILDING

29TH MARCH 2021

7PM - 9PM



The Karamea Community Arts Council is looking for a coordinator for our annual Arts and Crafts exhibition. We have a team of enthusiastic volunteers, but need that one special person to pull it all together. This is an unpaid position. For more information please contact Kathy Ramsay on 7826808 or email [karameaartscouncil@yahoo.com](mailto:karameaartscouncil@yahoo.com)



## Roadworks for Karamea

- Tidal Creek bridge replacement site on pause as staff rotate to off shift, work resuming on the 8<sup>th</sup> March. A diversion is active, single lane management as similar to original bridge – Westreef will be maintaining the site in the absence of the contractors
  - Gabion sites: Tobin's 1 & 2
    - Road is prepped and will be in a state of maintenance until BB
    - Sealing to follow asap after
  - Glasseye Creek Right Turn Bay
- No set start date for this week, to be reviewed and will update as necessary





**Bridge Club, 12A Lundhurst Street Westport - Tuesday 30 March 5.00-7.00pm**

Nelson College offers the very best in boarding. If you're interested in hearing about life-changing opportunities for your son, come and meet our Director of Boarding Samme Hippolite, and Sports Coordinator Alethea Stove.

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### NEWS FLASH!!!

The Top of the South Island (TOSI) Opening Ceremony took place Sunday 21st March at Reefton Area School with many comments received about our students' Mana, with very well executed speech, Haka, and Waiata.

Best wishes to all the coaches and our wonderful students in the TOSI team

- **TOP OF THE SOUTH ISLAND Area Schools TOURNAMENT RESULTS SO FAR.....**

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**Boys touch 3rd**  
**Boys Football 2nd**  
**Tech Challenge 2nd**  
**Archery 1st**

**1st in Cookery**

**2nd in Golf**

**4th Boys Netball**

**4th Girls Netball**

**2nd Chess Boys**

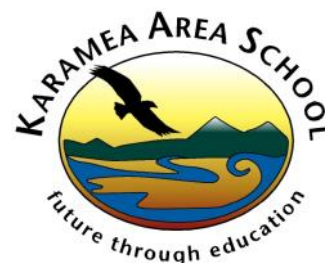
**3rd Girls Badmington**

**2nd Wearable arts**

**3rd - Touch Boys**

**Currently 5th in the whole competition**

**Amazing results well done all of you.**



## Come and eat with us!

*Contribution- Sacha Healey*

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021, the scent of local lamb roasting on a spit will waft through Market Cross, as bowls of home-grown salad, squash, spuds and sweets jostle for space on the banquet table. Local bards and minstrels join the scents with their songs, filling the air as children play and neighbours compare the season past. Why?

Anybody who has been here for any length of time knows that Karamea holds an abundance of bountiful backyards, keen green fingers crafting food from soil with the support of our unique subtropical climate.

There is a huge depth of knowledge about growing food, and, perhaps even more so, a wealth of talent and passion for turning those raw ingredients into exceptional dishes. From every over-stuffed potluck or private dinner, to the local cheese evening, to bottles of homebrew popping at parties, Karameans show we know how to enjoy what we create here.

In this spirit, we invite you to join us on the aforementioned Sunday evening, from 5-8pm, to celebrate and bring that vision to reality. Or... whatever you bring to the table!

Art, performance, craft, whatever gifts or skills you want to celebrate and share. We will provide the lamb, and for the potluck we encourage you to bring something homegrown or homemade, as our primary intention is to highlight the food we grow and make here and encourage local food security by sharing inspiration. However, even if you don't have food to share please come and share your company with us! We ask for a donation of \$5 on the door if you bring a dish, or \$10 if you don't, and kids under 15 are free. All proceeds will go to the new Community Garden as seed funding.

Throughout history, humans have gathered together to celebrate harvest as a community and everyone was included. To continue this tradition, we are offering a home de-

livery for those who are less mobile. If you would like to have a meals-on-wheels type delivery, please get in touch with Sacha on 0204 149 1184. And if you would like to be part of supporting that, rather than bring a dish on the night, we are asking for donations of local produce/eggs/milk etc which



we will collect from the Karamea RSA between 3-5pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April, then craft into delicious meals to deliver over the weekend.

For general information or ideas, please contact Sander on 022 631 0629

For home deliveries or raw produce donations, call Sacha 0204 149 1184

To offer music or learn the new community sound system set up, call Brendan 021 0847 2870

RSVPs are appreciated but not necessary, we look forward to connecting and celebrating with you soon!