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A SIMPLY BRIE-LLIANT NIGHT

By Kathy Blumm

It was hard to find a place to park for the 3rd



Annual Cheese Night at Little Wanganui Hall Saturday on the evening of 13 March.

The word is out... Karamea District is making its mark in the cheesemaking craft.

Dianne Anderson and Kathleen Gavigan began the day with a morning cheese demonstration (making a washed rind and camembert) that packed the hall with folks that are keen to learn the craft. Shortly following the demonstration was the wine tasting event at the Little Wanganui Pub that also had some delicious cheeses paired with some 13 different wines to sample! So much interesting information regarding wines to learn about from Riverby Estate winemaker, Kevin Courtney - thank you for your kind donation to the hall of \$300! A great addition to the annual cheese event.

Doors opened at 6PM; by 7PM the place was packed. Folks came from far and near to enjoy the variety of cheeses that were to be judged by the crowd and also by our returning judge Dave Lynch; who also emceed the evening as the categories of cheeses kept pouring out of the kitchen. Cheese, wine and laughter filled the air. Live music was played by Fernando and Steve between announcements of categories of cheeses being served. As always; our amazing volunteers and donations from the community makes a night like this a huge success.

The Hall Committee would like to thank the following sponsors:
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And the winners are:

People's Choice - Sections winners:

Fresh - Slava Bobrovskaya
Feta - Jill Newman
Soft Bloomy Rind - Diane Anderson
Semi-Hard/Washed Rind - Diane Anderson
Speciality - Diane Anderson
There were no entries in the Haloumi section this year.

People's Choice - Best in Competition:

1st Place - Diane Anderson for her soft bloomy rind (camembert)

2nd Place - Slava Bobrovskaya for her fresh cheese

3rd Place - Jill Newman for her feta

Judged Best in Competition by Dave Lynch:

1st Place - Jill Newman for her fresh cheese

2nd Place Jill Newman for her cumin gouda (semi-hard cheese)

3rd Place - Kathy Blumm for her fresh cheese

Many suggestions were made for next years Cheese Night. Homemade breads, chutneys, wines or ciders perhaps, in addition to cheese, could be judged. This year there was cheese fondue to sample and it was suggested that maybe we have fondue in the competition next year! Thanks again for coming out to Little Wanganui Hall and supporting our community event. What are you waiting for? Start making your cheeses for next year and be in to win.

West Coast quarries coming on market

Courtesy Greymouth Star 31/03/21

Anyone looking for a rock-solid investment on the West Coast had an option this winter: the regional council wants out of the quarry business.

The council owns seven quarries, supplying road metal and the armour-grade rock that keeps wild rivers in check and the sea at bay, up and down the West Coast.

It owns the Inchbonnie and Mount Camelback quarries outright, and has mineral permits over five other sites on private and conservation land.

Late last year it quietly sold the mining rights to its Whataroa quarry to Greymouth-based MBD Construction Ltd, which already owned the land.

A long-term rock supply agreement was part of the deal, but other details were confidential, the council said.

More quarry sales were likely to follow, West Coast Regional Council chairman Allan Birchfield said.

"The council doesn't really want to be in quarries

— it's not our core business," Cr Birchfield said.

"There are health and safety issues; we never made much money out of them and in some ways



they're more trouble than they're worth."

The council would like to see more competition for quarry products, he said.

Some contractors are unhappy the Whataroa quarry sale effectively gave MBD a South Westland quarried rock monopoly.



Oparara Wilderness Trail Run **Returns to Karamea ANZAC weekend, Saturday April 24th 2021**

Race Information

Minimum age: 16 years

Registration

At the Karamea Bowling Club (adjacent to the Karamea Area School and the Karamea Domain):

Friday 23 April 2021 from 10am to 7.00pm

Saturday 24 April 2021 from 6.00am – 7.00am

All competitors must register and collect their race packs prior to boarding their bus. If a competitor turns up at the start line without their race pack they will not be permitted to run and there will be no exceptions. For this reason, we strongly advise people to register the day before, if possible, instead of leaving it until the last minute.

Race pack

Race packs can be collected at time of registration and will contain an electronic timing tag, race number, previously ordered merchandise and any additional race information.

John Denvir - Partisan

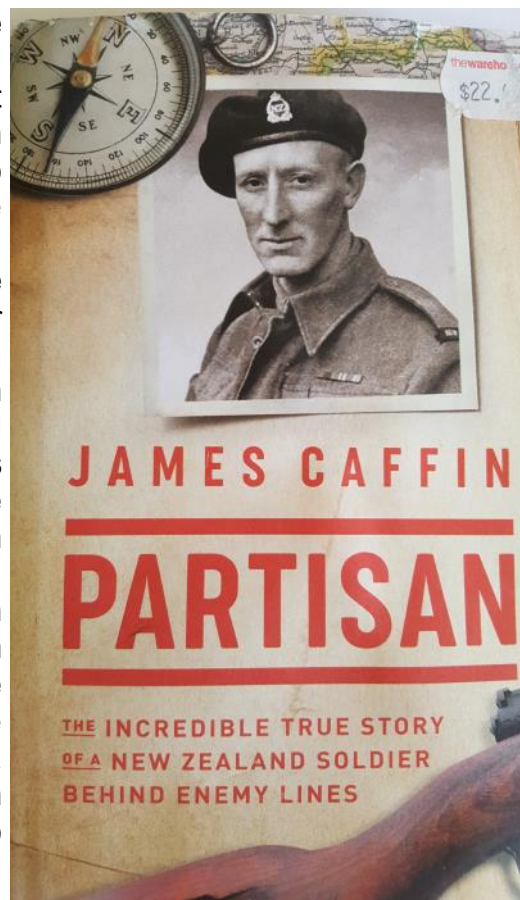
While you are pondering life and death this coming ANZAC weekend, spare a thought for this man. Born in Glasgow, Scotland, he emigrated with his parents to New Zealand. John Denvir came to Karamea in the mid-1930s to work for the Public Works Department (PWD) on the River Protection Scheme. He married a local girl, Joan Musson, whose parents owned a small farm at Maori Point. Next time you drive on the main road past the turn off up to the South Terrace look for the Musson's Creek Culvert sign.

When World War II started in 1939 he immediately enlisted, which was rather surprising as he had two children. John served in Egypt with the 20th Battalion 2nd New Zealand Expeditionary Force for 18 months and then in Greece. While in Greece he was captured by the Germans in April 1941. He was taken to Maribor, Yugoslavia as a prisoner of war. John escaped with two other soldiers from the prison camp but they were recaptured. The escapees were separated with John spending a month in solitary confinement with only meagre rations. John talked to some of the other prisoners who had attempted to escape, and they were able to give him some tips on locations and heads-up on traps to avoid regarding sentry positions etc. Once again John escaped with two other soldiers a few months later, avoiding the pitfalls he had been warned about and made it to Ljubljana. At one point, unfortunately, one of his fellow soldiers was killed so John put some of his personal ID papers on the body. As a result of this, Corporal John Denvir was now considered dead and his family notified. Intuitively, his family weren't really convinced that he had died.

Slovenia, where he had first been imprisoned was under the control of the Italians, who were backed up by the Germans, and is located in the northern part of Yugoslavia. The natives of Slovenia were determined to have their freedom back and began to resist through gorilla type warfare and were known as the Partisans. Groups of Partisans began forming, starting with small numbers joining and eventually hundreds and then thousands as time went by. Villages that showed any resistance, even a little, would be burned to the ground by the Italians. The villagers would flee into the surrounding mountains and into the pine forests. The more the villages that were burned, the more men and women joined the Partisan ranks. Regardless of occupation or political persuasion, they would join. Doctors, lawyers, shop owners,

farmers, even a priest or two! They were all given expert training by instructors, as in any army, to deal with the many scenarios they would encounter. John Denvir was known as Corporal Rabel Franz by the Partisans and eventually he was promoted to Brigade Commander by the end of 1943.

John was able to get a secret radio message out to his family and the British Armed Forces. There had been a lot of propaganda and, as a result, the truth about the Partisans and what was really happening in Yugoslavia didn't reach the outside world until that message was sent. Soon after that the British started to send in much-needed supplies to the Partisans. Italian domination collapsed as more and more of Yugoslavia was set free by the Partisans, who were basically by now a national army.



Meanwhile Joan Denvir received an indecipherable letter. She gave it to an Austrian Jewish doctor living here in Karamea at the time. Dr Reichmans had escaped Austria from the persecution of its Jewish inhabitants and had come to New Zealand and eventually to Karamea. He read the cryptic letter for Joan and with a smile said "Mrs. Denvir, your husband is still alive".

If you want to know more about 'Corporal' John Denvir (he discovered later he had been made the rank of sergeant when he was in Greece), there is a book called 'Partisan' by James Caffin. It was written soon after John arrived back in New Zealand. The author interviewed him and wrote his biography. This book has recently been re-printed and has a photo of John on the front cover.

John Denvir received eight Allied medals which included the Partisan Star and the Yugoslavian Medal for Valour. He was also promoted to the rank of Major in the Yugoslavian army.

Sources of information – Book "Partisan" by James Caffin
Karamea Chronicle April 30, 2001.

David Roberts on behalf of the Karamea Historical Society

WHAT'S ON KARAMEA

Event	Date	Time	Venue	Contact	Phone
APRIL 2021					
Karamea Youth Club	09 April	7pm - 9pm	Radio Station	Liz Kerslake	020 4003 1983
New World Tryathlon	10 April	9.30 am	Pulse Energy Centre	PERC	03 7898316
Harvest Dinner	11 April	5pm-8pm	RSA	Sander	0226310629
Karamea All Breeds	19 April	All day	Domain	Jennifer Hislop	7826041
Farm Chat	20 April	5.45pm	Last Resort	Sacha Healey	020 149 1184
Oparara Wilderness Trail Run	24 April	All day	Domain	Facebook	Website to apply
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 nd & 4 th Sunday of month	Sun	11am	Holy Family Catholic Church, 7 Waverley Street		
Catholic Mass Service (1 st , 3 rd & 5 th 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 or phone us on 7826 652 by the Chronicle deadline date					

An evening of story telling

By Caroline Wood

A couple of week-ends ago, I dragged a reluctant husband to Bushman's Lounge for the Tall Tales Co-op storytelling evening ... and guess what? We both thoroughly enjoyed being immersed in the three tales, based on New Zealand history, through creative use of a small number of props and costumes, music and a screen with photos of a bygone era.

The tales they told were of 'The Good Woman of Pahia', based on Marianne Williams letters home about her missionary work in the Bay of Islands from 1822-1824. It was a hard life!



My favourite was 'Dear Minister' based on a letter from Edward Darracott, Principal of Jack's Mill School on the West Coast, to Peter Fraser, Minister of Education. Darracott taught students by giving them hands on projects to teach them practical skills, equipping them for adult life, with the school garden as the first task. He was a revolutionary in this era – and the statue of Peter Pan he put in garden is still there. A fascinating insight into what a difference one person can make! You can watch Paul Mander of Tall Tales Co-op on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=laQLle0xB6s> – well worth it.

And last was 'The Survival of Thomas Brunner', using Brunner's own accounts of his journey of exploration from Nelson to and around the West Coast.

So, next time the Co-op is in Karamea go and see them perform! I'm sure you will enjoy it as much as we did!

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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Jenny Roumieu's Farewell Party

Wednesday, 5 May from 4 PM

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Salsa

Recipes by Donna Chambers

7 medium Tomatoes chopped

1 tin chopped Tomatoes

1 tin chopped Sweet Chilli
Tomatoes

1 tin Tomato Puree

2 medium Onions chopped

1 Bunch of fresh Coriander
chopped

3-4 chopped fresh green or red
Chillies or

3 -Jalapeno peppers or

1 small jar Old El Paso Pickled
Sliced Jalapeños chopped

Juice of 3 Lemons

Salt & pepper to taste

*If you want an even hotter salsa
add:*

1-2 Tablespoons Tabasco sauce

Chop & mix in a food processor if
you have one.

Put all ingredients together in a
bowl & stir well.

Eat right away.

Put extra salsa into clean jars and
refrigerate, it will keep well for
over 2 weeks.

Eat salsa with nacho corn chips as
a dip, over baked potatoes, rice,
with tacos, burritos, scrambled
eggs, on meats or with a green
salad.



Flour Tortillas

2 ½ cups Flour

1 teaspoon Baking
Powder

1 teaspoon Salt

¼ cup Rice Bran
Oil

About ¾ cup warm
water

Combine the dry ingredi-
ents in a bowl.

Add the oil and stir
briefly through the flour,
then gradually add the
warm water.

Use only enough water
to form a soft ball of
dough.

Turn out onto a lightly
floured surface and
knead for about 5
minutes. Divide the
dough into 10 balls.

Then cover and leave
to stand for 15-30

minutes.

Roll out each ball of
dough on a floured sur-
face.

Stack these, separating
each with a sheet of
baking paper.

(They will stick together
if you don't put some-
thing between them).

Heat lightly oiled fry
pan and cook each
tortilla for about 1-2
minutes on each side.

Stack cooked tortillas
together and cover with
a clean damp tea towel.

For burritos fill the tortil-
la shell with refried
beans, grated cheese,
lettuce, tomatoes &
salsa, fold the tortilla
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A tourist in your own area

A couple of weeks ago Hayley Groves came up with the brilliant idea of promoting what's available on our own doorstep.

So we are starting off with the Wangapeka Track

Recently we had a call into KIRC from a couple who pack rafted the Karamea River. They went in from the Wangapeka Hut – carrying their rafts and wearing their rafting shoes to cut down on weight. The track before Belltown was quite slippery, although chains have been put in to help

They had to go quite a way down the track before the river was deep enough to launch their rafts after the Taipo Hut on



Picture courtesy occasional Climber magazine. Above tarn camp at dawn, looking northeast, with Mt Kendall left and Mt Luna right

Above tarn camp at dawn, looking northeast, with Mt Kendall left and Mt Luna right

the Taipo River. They didn't see anyone at all during the time they were on the track/river, but said the scenery was stunning, with some of the slips from the Murchison earthquakes still visible as white scree, with some regrowth.

At the lake it got very windy and slow going and they worried that they wouldn't make it to the next hut. The track is rough in places and the scenery rugged. We asked them about their kayaking/canoeing experience and they said they weren't hugely experienced, but **wouldn't** recommend it to beginners (he was more experienced that she was!). There were a lot of rapids along the way that they portaged around.

All in all that said they had an amazing experience! Before the travel bubble opens back up its never been a better time to get out there and explore our own backyard.

Calling all Seniors

Please join us on the 4th Thursday of each month



Senior Luncheon

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- **Worship of the Liturgy and Eucharist is held on alternative Sundays being the Second and Fourth Sunday of each month commencing at 11.00am.**
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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 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

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THIS TIME LAST YEAR - COVID 19 New Zealand

The pandemic peaked in early April 2020, with 89 new cases recorded per day and 929 active cases.

7th April 2021 - 81 active cases all in Managed Isolation

MORE than a Measure

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Survey Technician

Granite Creek

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Parent-Child Tramp

Fox River - Ballroom overhang

Overnight Saturday

(17/06/21 and 18/06/21)



for young people aged 12-15 and their parent

This overnight camp is facilitated by qualified, registered social workers from Homebuilders West Coast Trust and aims to:

- connect young teens and their parents with the outdoors, and experience the beauty of the natural environment that is accessible to us on the west coast
- provide some guided activities aimed to open lines of communication, get to know each other better and develop our own strengths
- provide the opportunity to learn new skills and take some time out, away from technology and other life distractions
- provide leadership and confidence building opportunities
- develop participants' life skills such as using tents and camp stoves, collecting firewood, cooking, and safe river crossing

For more information contact Liane or Georgia at Homebuilders:

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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



Roadworks for Karamea

- Tidal Creek bridge replacement site on pause as staff rotate to off shift. 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
 - o Road is prepped and will be in a state of maintenance until BB
 - o 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

Tell Council what you think about its draft 10-year Long Term Plan for the district.

Between 16 April and 18 May Council is consulting with you about the draft LTP.

This is your chance to shape your district

Get involved until 18 May

Go to www.bullerdc.govt.nz

Get informed and make a submission



Shaping your district



WEST COAST
UNTAMED NATURAL WILDERNESS

New tourism structure to set the West Coast up for success

Development West Coast (DWC) has recently undertaken a review of its new destination management function and tourism function to ensure they are best placed to take the region forward in the post COVID-19 landscape.

“The review looked at the current and future requirements of destination management and tourism and how we can best set our region up for success. As a result, there will be a new structure in place at the end of June,” said Jo Birnie, DWC Economic Development Manager.

Patrick Dault (current Destination Development Manager) will become DWC’s Destination and Tourism Manager; Louise Woodburn will have a change of title from MICE Executive to Business Events Executive to align with the sector, however the position will not change.

There will be two new positions:

Consumer Insights Executive - Responsible for marketing and advertising. To lead in attracting consumers from NZ and all

over the world. Engaging with existing visitors in the market and after they depart. Responsible for driving content development, joint venture campaigns with operators and partners.

Commercial Tourism Executive - Responsible for enabling trade and distribution. Helping businesses understand what domestic, wholesale and international markets are looking for. This person’s ultimate role will be to ensure market readiness and that operators are up to scratch with expectations from distribution.

The current Regional Tourism Manager position will be disestablished when Jim Little moves on at the end of July.

“Jim has represented the West Coast since January 2012 which has resulted in the West Coast being recognised for its contribution to tourism. Jim’s achievements include the creation and implementation of the Untamed Natural Wilderness brand, working with NZTA and TNZ gazetted the Great Coast Road and Glacier Highway as recognised touring routes, and representing the Regional Tourism Organisation as a finalist in the TIA awards three years in a row and winning twice,”

“We would like to thank Jim for his contribution to tourism on the West Coast and wish him well in his future endeavours,” said Ms. Birnie.



New Zealand NZMCA members will invade Karamea this Weekend

Over the weekend of the 9-11 April the town will be full of New Zealand Motor Home and Caravan members who will be arriving at the Domain, as Karamea will host the first rally for many years. At this time we do not know how many will turn up, but we expecting around 60 vans and caravans (120 people). It will make quite a sight out on the domain. We expecting that people will be coming from all over New Zealand. Being our first rally it could attract good numbers. Some vans will start arriving on Thursday. The West Coast area will help us set the area up and help us over the weekend.

This will be the first time, May and myself have run a rally. We have only been to one before so it's a bit of a challenge. We have had our 1977 Liteweight Chevron Caravan since 1995. We have been away on lots of trips mostly to chopping events and short trips. We have made lots of changes to it over the years, to the inside after I lived in it during my time in Westport working for a logging company. It is now self contained with water, gas and power and we have lots of trips planned now we are members of NZMCA (68235) and semi retired.

See you on the road.

May & Barry and Flash.

It is only possible to have this rally at the Domain because of all the work the committee has carried out over the last three years. The domain has been releveled, new drainage system installed, and resown. This gives the grounds all weather access. The building has had extensive re modelling with a new bunkroom, which is now ready to be used. A

new pool and dining rooms have been in use over the summer.

Saturday morning around 9.30

We will have a welcome and a meet and greet

over morning tea. We will have a rundown of the day's events and housekeeping –health and safety stuff, before our visitors spill out over the areas of interest around Karamea. We start getting the BBQ ready for 150+ visitors. We will be taking booking for a trip down to Tonys Museum at little Wanganui. He has a large collection of tractors and 1940 army vehicles.

The Karamea Information centre will be open most of the weekend, 24/7 fuel along with the iconic Hardware, the museum will be open 1 till 4pm on Saturday and on demand on Sunday morning. The Shed will be open each day 10 till 2pm with local produce. Vinnies Cafe is a must for coffee and a homemade pie, beside our local Four square store. If you need a bit more there is the Last Resort and the Karamea Village Hotel both only a short walk from the Domain.

Happy hour at 4.30pm, will be at the school followed by a pot luck BBQ. Open formal and the NZHCA band.

Drawing the raffles and an auction. Proceeds go to the West Coast Rescue Trust.

Sunday. Morning tea 9.30.

For the one's staying on, the Karamea Harvest dinner will be on at the RSA at Market Cross, 5 till 8pm. Great food and music. Take a plate of food \$5 without \$10. Visit the eagle at 10am. Come and see one of NZ mega species and Te Maia Kahurangi " The Eagle Man." hear the story behind the sculpture.

So if you see some of our visitors, give them big welcome.

Barry and team .

Last Resort, Karamea - 20th April, 5.45-9pm - Tickets \$10

FARM CHAT

DINNER AND DISCUSSION ABOUT FARM PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE



Heather McKay - Tai Poutini Resources Ltd - dairy farmer and environmental consultant Heather will speak about new environmental legislation, desired outcomes and some practical 'what to do first' advice.

Nick Hand - Dairy Farm Management Services - will discuss his recent experience with Farm Environment Plans in Canterbury, as well as nutrient budgeting and farm systems advice for the West Coast.



Lloyd McCall - Pomahaka Water Care - Formed out of a desire to take water quality management into their own hands, this group has established a farm-level water testing network and leveraged extensive funding to achieve community-wide goals

For more info

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Registration link
www.tinyurl.com/FarmChat

or visit DairyNZ Events page, West Coast region

Registration closes Monday 19th April, 12pm.

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Karamea Winter School June 2021

Knowledge Sharing Workshops



The Karamea Community Arts Council is fizzing about the workshops that have been offered so far from our amazingly talented community. It's not too late if you'd like to run a workshop.

If you have a skill you'd like to share during June, get in touch before April 18th. We can help with all the details, advertising and venue hire, with no cost to you, and at a time that is convenient for you.

Workshops are free or gold coin donation to attend. Some may have a cost for materials.

If you'd like to do a presentation or talk, we'd love to hear from you too.

And if you are a local business that has any events happening in June, we can add these to our brochure and calendar if you like.

To get involved, or for any questions, either phone Kathy Ramsay on 7826 808, or email karameaartscouncil@yahoo.com

Your involvement in running or attending workshops is what helps make the middle of Winter a more vibrant time in Karamea. This is the 7th year of Winter School, and it keeps growing because people understand the concept of sharing.

In 2017 Winter School was recognised when KCAC won the regional Trustpower Community Arts & Culture Award. All thanks to, and only possible through the input of the community.

Skills shared have included soap-making, screen-printing, floral art, crochet, cooking, mosaics, felting, photography, dance classes, stained glass, knife-sharpening, hula-hooping, patchwork and many more.

The Weaving Group, Boot Camp and the Writers Group to name a few, all started with Winter School workshops and developed from there.

Karamea Community Arts Council facebook page will have regular updates on Winter School, or check notice boards for details in May.



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