

# WAIRAU VALLEY NEWS

DECEMBER 2024

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### PLAYGROUP

FRIDAYS 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM  
WAIRAU VALLEY PEACE MEMORIAL HALL  
17 MORSE STREET, WAIRAU VALLEY

### TAI CHI & QIGONG

THURSDAYS 11AM  
WAIRAU VALLEY PEACE MEMORIAL HALL  
17 MORSE STREET, WAIRAU VALLEY



### THE VALLEY PEOPLE WAIRAU VALLEY RATEPAYERS' AND RESIDENTS' ASSN

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IS IN 2025, ON  
WEDNESDAY, 19 FEBRUARY AT 7:30 PM

WAIRAU VALLEY PEACE MEMORIAL HALL  
17 MORSE STREET, WAIRAU VALLEY

### WAIRAU VALLEY TAVERN

MONTHLY QUIZ NIGHT + BUFFET DINNER

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2024  
5:30 PM – 8:30 PM

QUIZ ENTRY: \$5/pp, 6 PERSON MAX  
BUFFET DINNER: \$25 ADULT/ \$15  
CHILD

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:  
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OPENING HOURS  
MIDDAY TO 4:00 PM  
WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY



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not necessarily the views of the news team.

WELCOME  
SUMMER

## Decorate Your Letterbox

It's time for Decorate Your Letterbox 2024!

Join the fun and bring a smile to everyone's faces! We love to see the valley looking festive. Everyone gets a wee thank you, generously sponsored by **Wairau Valley News**, and the best box wins a basket full of goodies, with many thanks to the **WV Residents' and Ratepayers' Association**.

**Mike the Postie** is our wonderful judge again this year.





## Interested in making a difference locally?

Calling all potential volunteers for our local fire brigade!

My name is Richard Peterson, and I'm the Chief Fire Officer at the Wairau Valley Volunteer Fire Brigade. I'm reaching out to share an exciting volunteer firefighter opportunity with the potential to make an impact in our community. Could you be that volunteer? Do you enjoy working with a team and making new friends? Learning new life-saving and versatile skills? We welcome interest from all individuals. We can only help keep our community safe through the support of volunteers.

Fire and Emergency provides everything, including training and gear – all we need from you is your time and energy.

If you'd like to know more about the role of a volunteer firefighter, please come along to the station on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December, at 10 am, and RSVP to [richard.peterson@fireandemergency.nz](mailto:richard.peterson@fireandemergency.nz). Feel free to give me a ring for more info or a chat at 03 572 2547.

Richard Peterson  
Chief Fire Officer, Wairau Valley Volunteer Fire Brigade



BLenheim CHORAL PRESENTS

# Christmas through the Ages

Dec 14th 2024  
7.30pm  
Nativity Church

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JONATHAN BERKAHN

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MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

## Wantwood Room

The Wantwood Room Team would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and 2025!

Thanks to all those who have supported us this year, and if you'd like to join the Wantwood Team, we'd love a new committee member or two.

We have unique greeting cards for sale featuring our iconic Mt Fishtail, \$5 each.

If you'd like to purchase some, please contact us at [wantwoodroomtrust@gmail.com](mailto:wantwoodroomtrust@gmail.com).

And for the person(s) who stole two of the cards from our table at the Village Fair, we'd love you to make payment for them. The cards are a fundraiser for the maintenance of the room.

We look forward to seeing all your festive letterboxes sparkling up and down the valley!

Merry Christmas from the Wantwood Room team.



## WV Residents' and Ratepayers' Association

The ratepayers' and residents' association had our informal pre-Christmas get-together on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November, with a few drinks and nibbles. It was good to see a few newer faces, and it was great to have our MDC councillor, Scott Adams, attend as well.



Since its establishment in 2008, the WVRRA has been instrumental in achieving the following:

The footpath along State Highway 63, the gardens and beautification of the Church car park and entrance to Fishtail Vue, the information panel in the Church car park, new 'Welcome' signs at both ends of the township, establishment of the Loop Track, installation of picnic tables and maintenance of the stream at the golf course, improvements to the Morse Street bridge, various submissions to the Council Long Term Plan and successful submission to modify the Readymix resource consent, ongoing advocacy to improve flood mitigation and telecommunications connectivity in the valley, and representation on the Rural Advisory Group, which provides opportunities for increased communication and collaboration with and between the rural sector and the Marlborough District Council.

If you are interested in having your say on the MDC Annual Plan for 2025-2026, have a look at [https://dialogue.marlborough.govt.nz/2025-26-annual-plan-engagement/?sort\\_order=latest](https://dialogue.marlborough.govt.nz/2025-26-annual-plan-engagement/?sort_order=latest) and/ or send us an email at [thevalleypeople.wv@gmail.com](mailto:thevalleypeople.wv@gmail.com) no later than mid-January.

If you are a local resident, please consider coming to our next meeting – we can only advocate on your behalf if we know your concerns or interests. Our next meeting will be at 7:30 pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February at the Hall.



# Wairau Valley Village Fair Photos





# ST ARNAUD RURAL WOMEN NZ



**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025**

**ANNUAL BOOK SALE,  
TRASH 'N' TREASURE PLUS  
DEVONSHIRE TEA**



**At Lake Rotoiti Community Hall**

**9 am to 1 pm**

For more information or if you have books to donate,  
please phone Marg Anderson 027 417 2690 or email [avarest6868@gmail.com](mailto:avarest6868@gmail.com)

**PLUS**

**Trash "N" Treasure, (limited number of tables),  
Please phone Nicky Shaw 027 931 1473 or 03 521 1106**

**There will be tea/ coffee + scones @ \$5.00 – cash or direct transfer**

Funds raised from sales go  
back into the community.



Look forward to seeing  
you at the Book Sale.

# CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Carol Service @ Renwick  
Sunday 22nd, 7pm

Carol Service @ Wairau Valley  
Church of the Good Shepherd  
Tuesday 24th, 7pm

Christmas Day Service @ Renwick  
9:30am



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Remember, all community notices are FREE!

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Business Directory – 11 issues: \$15 – 6 issues: \$12



# COMMUNITY GROUPS & SERVICES

## **BLenheim WAIRAU RURAL WOMENS BRANCH**

For more information, call **Kate 572 2847**

## **MARLBOROUGH WOMENS INSTITUTE**

For more information, call **Maureen 572 2827**

## **WAIRAU PLAINS GARDEN CLUB**

For more information, call **Kate 572 2847**

## **WAIRAU VALLEY PEACE MEMORIAL HALL** Est 1919

Wairau Valley Peace Memorial Hall is on Facebook

Bookings - [wvcommunityhall@gmail.com](mailto:wvcommunityhall@gmail.com)

## **WANTWOOD COMMUNITY ROOM**

A cosy place to meet, the Wantwood Room houses local historical information. Call **Angela 572 2888** or **Sherridan 572 2886**

## **THE VALLEY PEOPLE**

(WAIRAU VALLEY RATEPAYERS' & RESIDENTS' ASSN)

Please refer to the front page for their next meeting.

For more information, contact **Elsbeth McAulay 027 452 5331**

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## **RENWICK LIONS CLUB**

Email: [renwicklions@gmail.com](mailto:renwicklions@gmail.com)

## **JUSTICE OF THE PEACE**

Richard is our local JP and is available to help you out. Any questions, please feel free to call him. **Richard Peterson 572 2547**

## **WAIRAU VALLEY ANGLICAN CHURCH**

Services will be confirmed at a later date, or for more information, please contact **Joe Keighley 572 8850**

## **WAIRAU VALLEY SCHOOL**

For more information <http://www.wairauvalley.school.nz> or call **Lisa 572 2715**

## **WAIRAU VALLEY SPORTS ASSOCIATION**

The Domain is a facility dedicated to the sport and recreational interests of the Wairau Valley. Please contact **Debra Schollum 027 222 3969**

## **WAIRAU VALLEY GOLF CLUB**

Situated at the end of Morse Street, a challenging 9-hole course. **Secretary – Alison Graham 577 6554**

## **TAI CHI & QIGONG**

Thursdays 11:00 am at Wairau Valley Peace Memorial Hall. Only \$5. For more information, please call **Nancy 572 2884**

## **WAIRAU VALLEY BOOK CLUB**

First Tuesday of the month. Registered with the Book Discussion Group. For more information, please call **Elsbeth 027 4525 331**

# WAIRAU VALLEY BUSINESS DIRECTORY

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**Suttron Electrical – Geoff** Mobile 021 273 4298  
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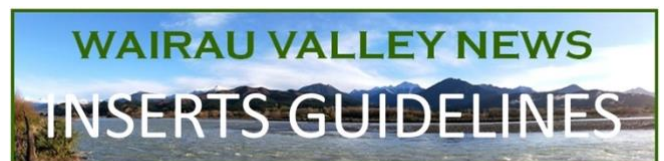
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## WAIRAU VALLEY PLAYGROUP AT WAIRAU VALLEY PEACE MEMORIAL HALL EVERY FRIDAY 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Our sessions are free and open to all children 0 – 5 years, and they provide local parents and caregivers an opportunity to meet other young families in our community. Every session is different, offering a variety of learning and play invitations.

Please bring along a drink bottle and morning tea for your child, and perhaps a change of clothes in case things get messy! Senior community members are invited to come along to the first session each month.

Follow the Wairau Valley Playgroup Facebook Page for updates.



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