

# WAIRAU VALLEY NEWS

OCTOBER 2023

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### PLAYGROUP

WEDNESDAYS 9AM - 11AM  
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

### TABLE TENNIS

SUNDAYS 9AM - 10AM  
*Gold coin donation*  
WAIRAU VALLEY PEACE MEMORIAL HALL  
17 MORSE STREET, WAIRAU VALLEY

### FITNESS GROUP

WEDNESDAYS 5PM - 5.45PM  
*\$5 per session*  
WAIRAU VALLEY PEACE MEMORIAL HALL  
17 MORSE STREET, WAIRAU VALLEY



### THE VALLEY PEOPLE

WAIRAU VALLEY RATEPAYERS' AND RESIDENTS' ASSN

OUR SCHEDULED AGM MEETING IS ON:  
WEDNESDAY, 18 OCTOBER AT 7.30PM  
WAIRAU VALLEY PEACE MEMORIAL HALL  
17 MORSE STREET, WAIRAU VALLEY

### Wairau Valley Sports Association

THURSDAY, 25 OCTOBER AT 7.00 PM

Wairau Valley Golf Pavilion  
WAIRAU VALLEY 7271

See inside for more details.

ALL WELCOME!

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You are invited to...

# Christmas at the Lake

SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER  
FROM 1:30PM  
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## GOLD COIN ENTRY

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Raffles  
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## 2023 General Election Election Day - 14 October 2023

At the election, you'll get to vote for the parties and candidates you want to represent you in Parliament.

Voting starts on **Monday 2 October**, and you can vote at any voting place in New Zealand.

On election day, **Saturday 14 October**, all voting places will be open from 9am to 7pm.



Hello everyone! Your local Fire Brigade here with some tips.

We're hopefully heading for a normal Marlborough summer. Some of our locals haven't experienced one yet due to the last several years being cooler and wetter than normal. Our spring rains will become less frequent as the summer approaches and strong north-westerly winds will dry everything very quickly, and conditions can change very rapidly. This means the fire risk will climb fast, so if you're wanting to burn your piles, please do it soon. This includes people with old fire piles – please check them, even if you're sure they're out.

These changes will come soon, some places in the region are already getting very dry. Fire permits will come into effect sooner than they did last year, but at the moment we are in open fire season. A good time to burn your piles!

Stay safe everyone.



Richard Peterson  
Chief Fire Officer  
Wairau Valley Volunteer Fire Brigade

## *The Valley People*

### **Pre-rating review flood mitigation presentation with MDC executives.**



The Annual General Meeting of the Wairau Valley Ratepayers and Residents Association will be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at the Wairau Valley Hall at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Come along to hear first-hand from the MDC the complexities of where and what we may be required (legally and physically) to ensure long term flood mitigation in the township, and upper Wairau Valley surrounds, can be achieved.

Several issues are being pursued now.

1. The overhaul and replacement of the Morse St Bridge which was included in the MDC annual plan this year.
2. The opportunity to meet with council executives representing Engineering, Rivers, and Consents to discuss and get an understanding of the issues – some complex, some not – as to how and what we need to do as a community with the council to commence long term flood mitigation.
3. We plan to cover complexities of consents and land development, engineering and river management with the leading council executives.

It is a chance to enable Residents, Ratepayers and the Council to discuss the local issues and for them to enlighten us on what and how they foresee future mitigation being achieved.

The Association held a public meeting earlier in the year to discuss the fact that the district needs to get back into the flood and river rating system before any major works can be considered. There was consensus of the need to accept that some form of rating would be required. This meeting will also cover what rating structure may be required and how it may be applied.

We look forward to seeing you there.  
Dennis McAulay - Chairman WVRRA

The Wairau Valley Sports Association is holding its AGM on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023, at the Wairau Valley Golf Pavilion at 7.00pm.

All Wairau Valley residents are welcome to attend!

Any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards,  
Debra Schollum  
Secretary/ Treasurer, Wairau Valley Sports Association



## *General Guide on caring for a Gravel Driveway*

A gravel driveway is one of the least expensive driveway options available, but it does require some upkeep to maintain its performance and appearance. If you have a short driveway, you can perform most gravel driveway maintenance tasks by hand. For a longer driveway, its often more cost effective to get a contractor in to grade the driveway and make any other repairs. If potholes form in the driveway, tend to them immediately by spot filling. Otherwise, you only need to take care of gravel driveway maintenance once or twice a year, depending on the amount of usage and rain you receive.



### **1. Repair Potholes with Gravel**

The first step to maintaining gravel driveways is to repair potholes. Do so by making the opening wider and deeper. In some cases, going all the way to the base of the driveway is required. Add large coarse gravel into the bottom of the pothole and compact. Add a layer of medium-sized gravel into the hole and compact. Top off the pothole with a layer of smaller, crushed gravel. For small areas, a small plate compactor may be sufficient compact the gravel, but for larger driveways, you can't beat a commercial roller with a vibration to get a really solid base.

### **2. Elevate Low Areas**

Observe where puddles form on the driveway during rainy periods to find areas where the driveway isn't draining properly. Add more gravel, as necessary, to raise low spots. Scrape gravel away from any areas on the driveway that may be creating a dam to hold water on the gravel.

### **3. Grade the Driveway**

Get the driveway graded at least once or twice a year, or as needed, as part of your regular gravel driveway maintenance. Work the gravel on the surface so there is adequate drainage, away from structures like your house and sheds. Water should also run off the gravel driveway.

### **4. Direct Water Away**

To maintain a gravel driveway, direct water to the side of the driveway. A slight crown in the centre of the driveway, or a gentle slope to one side will work. Where necessary, you may need to renew or put in culverts to keep the water flowing away from the drive.

### **5. Compact the Driveway**

Compact the driveway gravel into position. This is generally best done with a heavy vibrating roller, especially if you have a longer driveway. This will help to maintain the integrity of the drive and help the water shed off, instead of seeping into the surface and slowly creating those dreaded potholes!

### **6. Drainage**

Keep water tables and drains clear of debris. Remove any debris that inhibits water from flowing away from the driveway.

### **7. Inhibit Grass and Weed Growth**

If you have grass or weeds growing up through the gravel, spray herbicide over the top of the driveway with a garden sprayer. Or, for a green option, you can make your own non-toxic herbicide by combining 4 litres of white vinegar, 1 cup of salt, and 1 tablespoon of liquid dish soap.



# WAIRAU VALLEY PEACE MEMORIAL HALL

Morse Street, Wairau Valley 7271



## Wairau Valley Hall Community Trust – October Update

The Hall AGM took place on Thursday 21 September, and provided the opportunity to reflect on many successful events that have taken place, including: the Bloke's Day Out, family Christmas crafts day and community barbecue, waterslide day, ANZAC Day, Prime Timer's, Women's Day Out, Land Care Stream Monitoring workshop, Men's Shed afternoon, fishing and hot smoking day, BBQing workshop, Easter fun day, and last, but most definitely not least, our highly successful Rural Readiness Expo held in August.

The hall has been used regularly for playgroup sessions, Tai Chi, table tennis, and massage therapy and has also been used for the WV Art Exhibition and various private functions.

The BOT has been incredibly fortunate to have generous funding support from Ministry of Primary Industries, which has funded our rural hub coordinator role, from the Marlborough District Council, which has funded refurbishment and upgrade of the kitchen and supper room, donated shelving from the old library, and is partially funding the foyer roof repairs, and from the Lotteries Commission Facilities Grant for the remaining funding to repair and repaint the roof. Many other organisations and local residents have sponsored and supported the hall and it's BOT over the year and without these our hall would not be such a vibrant hub and community resource.

The Board of Trustees elections also took place at the AGM and the new Board comprises of: Damien Versluis (*Chair*), Anthony Lings (*Vice Chair*), Emma Murtagh (*Secretary and Treasurer*), Jenny Somerville, David Norton, Jack Dalglish, and Tamara Jansen. Outgoing trustees are Kate Horrey, Stefan Kahu, and myself, who will remain as informal 'friends' of the hall and volunteers, along with Richard Peterson and Angela Woolf.

A key challenge for the trust is the completion of our MPI rural hub grant funding, which means Angela Woolf's rural hub coordination role has now ended. However, playgroup will continue to be coordinated by volunteer parents and the children will benefit from a new playground, generously funded by MDC, which is scheduled for installation in February next year.


Please consider volunteering to support the BOT. This could be as simple as helping out at a single event, through to joining the board as a trustee, taking a leadership role for one or more events, or assisting with grant and funding applications.

As outgoing chair, I'd like to thank all those who have willingly given their time to support me and the BOT's vision for the trust. It has been a privilege to be a part of such a committed group of volunteers and I'm delighted to see such a talented group of individuals in the incoming BOT.

Gill Odell  
Immediate past chair  
WVCHT BOT












# Find your voting place

There are many more voting places available in Blenheim and around the region. Head to [vote.nz](https://vote.nz) for more locations. 

Wairau Valley School Library  
30 Morse Street  
Saturday 14 October from 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Renwick Community Memorial Hall  
27 High Street  
Wednesday 11 & Thursday 12 from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
Friday 13 from 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Saturday 14 from 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Below are the candidates for the Kaikōura electorate.

Name	Party	
ARBUCKLE, Jamie Arthur	New Zealand First Party	
BROWN, Shaun	Money Free Party NZ	
CAMPBELL, Sandra	DemocracyNZ	
COLELLO, Natalie	New Zealand Loyal	
DEWHIRST, Emma	Labour Party	
GREENSLADE, David	New Conservatives	
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HOWARD, Ted	Independent	
McCASKEY, John	Independent	
McCUBBIN, Richard	Green Party	
SMITH, Stuart	National Party	





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### **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**

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### **THE VALLEY PEOPLE**

(WAIRAU VALLEY RATEPAYERS' & RESIDENTS' ASSN)

Please refer to front page for their next meeting.

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### **WAIRAU VALLEY BOOK CLUB**

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

### **CONNECT & CATCHUP**

2nd & 4th Thursday of the month, 10 am meeting at the Wairau Valley Tavern. **NOTE:** This has been organised by a local resident.

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Please let us know of anyone you think qualifies for a Newcomer Pack.

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If you are a local business and would like to add some promotional material to the packs, please also get in touch.

## WAIRAU VALLEY PLAYGROUP AT WAIRAU VALLEY PEACE MEMORIAL HALL EVERY WEDNESDAY 9AM-11AM

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.