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Please don't hesitate to contact Ping Horn our Kurow Liaison Manager on: **021 176 2812**

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*From the publication "Omarama, Place of Light"*

Jack was heading towards Julius' property at Rugged Ridges, eight miles inland, to warn them and get help. It was a tremendous race. Jack had a short start and was down onto the "Barren Flats" when he saw them coming after him. He knew that unless he got to Julius' in time he would be shot. For dear life he urged on his horse, with no reins nor saddle, and the good old animal, sensing the urgency of its rider, summoned all its strength, and although it was troubled with ring-bone it managed a heavy canter, almost a gallop. The bushrangers, one of whom was riding the racehorse, were rapidly gaining ground and before he turned up towards the station were within half a mile of Jack. Desperately he began plying the whip again, urging the gallant old horse over the last piece of ground. When they saw they had little chance of catching him the bushrangers drew rein and advanced at a slower pace.

At the homestead the two elder Julius brothers and a cook decided no-one would attack there and made haste to the married brother's house about a mile higher up the Waitaki. Silver and valuables were there, and their younger brother was away although his wife was at home. The Julius men watching from a distance were furious when they saw the casual manner the bushrangers pulled into the Rugged Ridges stable and swapped their horses for two fresh ones. They were determined not to let them escape up country. Near Parson's Rock the hills ran almost to the river with the cart track to Otematata running along a narrow bank. This flat ground the men guarded. Davis and Evereste approached but only one seemed willing to take on the four defenders and when his companion turned his horse to the hills the other fellow followed. So did the Juliuses but the ground was too rough for horses and the bushrangers fled on foot with their pursuers following until they were lost from view in the dark. Full well the bushrangers knew they had to get up country as the police must soon be looking for them.

Herbert Julius in the dark rode on to warn May at the Otematata Hotel then to Gardiner who was managing Parson Andrew's old property, Otematata Station, and finally fifteen more miles to Omarama Station arriving about midnight. It was decided that Deighton (the manager of Omarama Station) was greatly alarmed and Jackson, also at the Station, would accompany Julius before daylight to hunt for the bushrangers.

Next morning approaching the Chain hills they saw two riders coming towards them, one on a grey and the other on a bay horse. Although too far away to identify the riders Julius confirmed the horses were the same colour as those taken by the bushrangers from the Rugged Ridges stables. Deighton and Jackson immediately decided to go back to Omarama Station to get help. Unable to do much on his own Julius followed. At once the two horsemen broke into a gallop and tried to catch them, convincing Deighton they must be the bushrangers. When Deighton reached the homestead he sent a man named Michel armed with a gun to get help from the men's hut. He found them at breakfast but not one would help. There was a strong feeling of sympathy with the labouring men for the bushrangers, as there were several Australians amongst those employed and the parents of some Australians had been enforced colonists as a punishment for petty crimes. They were inclined to help rather than catch a bushranger.



Otematata Accommodation House

On his return Michel apprehensively approached the house in front of which were tied a grey and a bay horse. Imagine his surprise when he heard uproarious laughter! Considering it safe he went in to find the troopers being welcomed and not bushrangers. Apparently when the men from Omarama turned and fled the troopers took them to be the bushrangers.

Later men were sent over the Lindis Pass to warn MacLean at Movern Hills Station and ask him to communicate at once with the police on the goldfields. Word was also sent to Benmore Station bringing Robert Campbell immediately to Julius' aid. Together they and the two troopers scoured the country from Omarama to Otematata, to be told on their arrival that the bushrangers had been caught. Davis and Evereste had arrived separately at the hotel, wet and bedraggled. According to Mr Studholme in his book "Te Waimate".

The hotelkeeper May, by arrangement with the police, walked up and down in front of the hotel whistling 'Pop Goes the Weasel' at the same time jerking his thumb over his shoulder as a sign the men were inside. The sergeant of police, a big Irishman named Bullen, entered the bedroom with his revolver cocked and instructed W. J. Munro, the father of the Waitaki Munros, to pull them out from under the bed where they were hiding. Thus were captured the Otematata Bushrangers."

They were charged and Davis sentenced to 16 years' imprisonment, but Evereste got off with only six years.

*Footnote: Little is known of what happened to either Davis or Evereste after they had served their jail terms. No images of the men appear to exist.*

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The Community is invited to the Annual General Meeting of the Whalan Lodge Trust on Thursday, 26th August at 4pm in the Kurow St John Ambulance Rooms, Gordon Street, Kurow.

Apologies to Judy on 021 105 3330

Judy Croft  
Secretary  
The Whalan Lodge Trust



### House Cleaner Required Windhaven Bed & Breakfast, Otekaieke



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## Waitaki Valley Medical Trust - Notice of AGM

The Waitaki Valley Medical Trust AGM will be on Tuesday August 24<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 7 pm at the Fire Station.

As the medical practice is privately owned, the Trust's role is to manage and maintain the asset, the Medical Practice Building.

Meetings are held monthly.

Please send any motions to be proposed, by Friday 20th August, by email to: [aligrant@wocis.com](mailto:aligrant@wocis.com)

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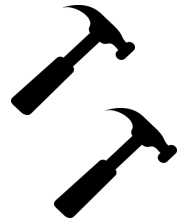
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## KUROW FESTIVAL COMMITTEE AGM – Notice of Meeting –

Monday 16 August 2021 in the West Wing of the Kurow Museum and Information Centre at 7.00pm.

Agenda:

- Welcome
- Apologies
- Chairman's report
- Financial report
- Feedback and suggestions from community encouraged and welcomed
- Nomination of committee members

Any queries or comments, please contact:

Karen Hofman  
027 208 2669



## Social outing to Omarama for Lunch and Housie



Would you be interested in a trip to Omarama on the 25<sup>th</sup> of August? I am planning an outing to the Wrinkly Ram for an early lunch then onto the community centre to play housie alongside the residents of Omarama for a bit of fun and socialising.

Invitation is open to anyone, We can do a pickup in Otematata also.

If this sounds like you, give Jody from Age Concern a call or text me on 0273532874 or email me at [jodyandmichael@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jodyandmichael@xtra.co.nz) to pop your name down on the list.

**NEXT MEETING ON THE 26<sup>TH</sup> OF AUGUST AT THE ST JOHNS ROOMS IN KUROW AT 10.00AM.**

**Guest speaker: Paul Searle from Oamaru Funeral Services**

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## Review of Ownership of Shares in Network Waitaki

Under the terms of the Waitaki Power Trust Deed, Trustees are required to regularly consider options for the future ownership of the shares in Network Waitaki.

A review of ownership of shares in Network Waitaki is required to be held this year. The information below sets out the commencement of this process.

From Wednesday, 4 August 2021 copies of a report relating to the review of ownership of shares in Network Waitaki Limited and Trustees' comments are available on request from:

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Submissions on the review open on Monday, 9 August 2021  
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## **Kurow Memorial Hall AGM held at 7.15pm on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 in the foyer of the Hall.**

As there were no other people in attendance it was moved the existing committee remain in office, with the option to co-opt other members should the opportunity arise. The following therefore are Kurow Memorial Hall Committee:

Graham Hill (Chairman)  
Karen Hofman (Secretary/Treasurer)  
Bill Wallace  
Helen Comer  
Judy Hunter

Graham presented his Chairman's 2020-2021 Annual Report as follows:

“It is that time of year again for the Annual Meeting, to which I welcome you all.

The Hall has been used in the usual manner for most of the year, mainly by the usual Hall users. It is interesting to note that the rifle club has not got going again due to a lack of a leader.

We still have not solved the Sports Complex situation, but with the help of the Waitaki District Council we may be slowly making progress, through the Ahuriri Board (good things take time).

We are still waiting for the Waitaki District Council to progress what is required for the Earthquake Protection for the building. Recent information tells us that we have twenty years to complete any upgrading that may be required, so that takes the pressure off a little bit and allows us to do other maintenance, such as looking at replacing the windows on the west side of the main hall. Possibly painting the outside of the main building, as well as resurfacing the floor of the main hall.

We have been advised that the commercial range in the kitchen is not working as it should, so that is also a costly project to replace.

We are still not settled on a regular cleaning routine, and do cleaning as required.

Two fluorescent tubes have been replaced in the supper room.

We have had a \$2 coin unit to control the heating in the foyer.

We have been told that two stage lights are not working, and while they really belong to the Drama group, I feel that as they are used by some main hall hires that our committee should pay for their replacement.

It is pleasing to note that the plumbing work is all o.k. at present.

The replacement of the panel in the wheelchair toilet is yet to be done. Jim Meehan is attending to this.

The above list will give the 21/22 committee something to work on!

In closing I wish to thank the Committee members for their work in keeping the Hall in good working order during the past year.

Signed: G E Hill, Chairman”

## Finance Report:

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Balance at Waitaki District Council Rating Account as at 30 June 2020 \$36,336.41



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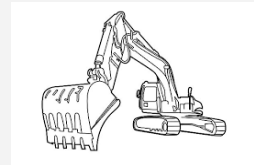
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