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The Oamaru Mail is going to be available at the Kurow Info Centre on a Friday until a replacement delivery person is found.

KUROW GOLF CLUB AGM DATE CHANGE:

Please note the **change of date**. November 22nd, 7.30pm @ Kurow Golf Club.

CONGRATULATIONS

A huge congratulations to Grant Deed on gaining his 7th Dan at the Goju Ryu Karate Camp held in Kurow on November the 5th & 6th.

KUROW RUGBY CLUB AGM

December 6th, 8pm @ Kurow Rugby Club Rooms.

WAITAKI VALLEY COMMUNITY SOCIETY AGM

Will be held on November 30th, 2022 at 7pm In the Back Bar at Kurow Hotel. More info on page 8.

SILVER FERN RALLY CARS

The Silver Fern rally cars will be coming through Kurow on Monday 21st November arriving around 2pm for a splash and dash service. They travel at one minute intervals and so there will be cars coming through town for about an hour.

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KUROW MARKET DAY

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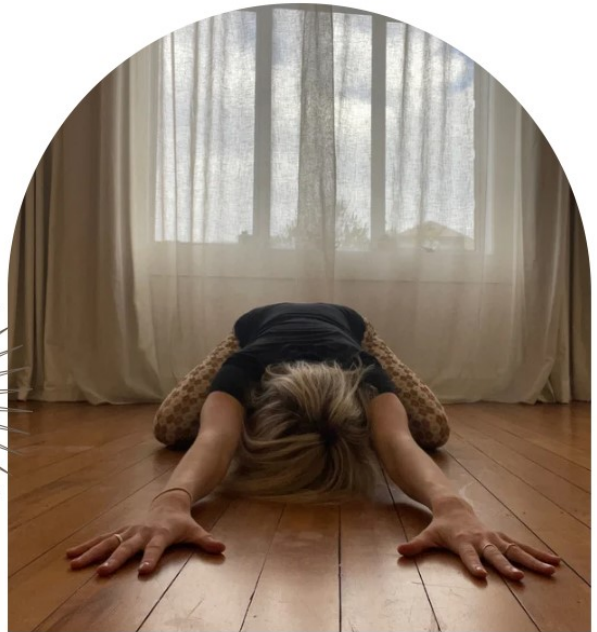
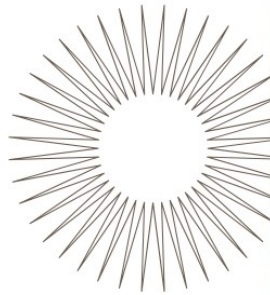
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The Health and Safety session will be followed by our annual HSC Christmas BBQ which will include guest speaker Matt Chisholm. Matt is well known around these parts and speaks openly and honestly about some of the challenges he's faced and how they have shaped his life. South Otago raised Matt, and his family, farm in Central Otago near Omakau since stepping back from a career in media.

Friday 25th November
2:30pm Kurow Racecourse

Children welcome and there will be some games and activities to keep them entertained during the afternoon

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History of the Waitaki Valley Community Society

In 1994 the UPPER WAITAKI AND HOC SUPPORT COMMITTEE was incorporated with the Ministry of Commerce. In 2000 a name change shortened the name to UPPER WAITAKI COMMUNITY TRUST, which in 2009 became the WAITAKI VALLEY COMMUNITY SOCIETY - an umbrella group for a variety of sub-groups over the years (Kurow Museum, Kurow Information Centre, Kurow Trails, Kurow Island Group, Town enhancement group (discont.), Farmer Market (discont.), Neighbour to Neighbour (discont.)). As an umbrella group the WVCS employs a treasurer to help with accounts and support with funding applications.

VISION OF THE WAITAKI VALLEY COMMUNITY SOCIETY

The Waitaki Valley Community Society (based in Kurow) encompasses the Waitaki Valley and the Hakataramea Valley and provides an effective, vibrant hub for community residents, community groups and the general public; offering support, information and awareness of the benefits, facilities and opportunities in the Waitaki Valley and surrounding areas.

Aims of the society:

1. To support and assist residents, organisations and groups within our large rural community. Past examples include the playgroup and skate park development, and redevelopment of the West Wing as a community meeting space. Future plans include the Kurow Boat Ramp upgrade and exploring viability of a mini golf course in Kurow
2. To provide an effective and supportive hub for the community. The society employs 2 staff to run the Kurow Information centre (which offers printing, scanning, NZTA and many more services), has established a website for Kurow, and edits and prints the Bugle.
3. To enhance the community environment. Support our sub-groups Kurow Trails and Kurow Island group in further development of areas, liaison with Ahuriri Board members and council,...
4. As an umbrella group, provide support and encouragement to each sub-group (incl. Kurow Island Group, Kurow Trails, Kurow Museum & Richie McCaw committee). Assists with any project and funding applications, provide financial advice and reviewed accounts.

Anyone can be an ordinary member of the society and we would love to welcome new faces. Come along to our AGM on the 30th November at 7pm in the Kurow Back Bar and hear about our last year.

The Executive committee consists of 8 members (including one member of the Ahuriri Community Board) which meets at least bi-monthly on a Tuesday at 7pm. If you'd like to put your name forward to join the committee, **please drop in to the Information Centre and fill out a nomination form by the 28th of November at 3pm.**

Rules Changes for Waitaki Valley Community Society 2022 -

- Remove "cheque" from Section 4.4

- Change Section 6.3 By Resignation: from *"Any member may resign by notice in writing to the Society. Such resignation shall be effective from the date of acceptance by the Executive Committee. If notice of resignation is not received before the 30th day of September in any year the member shall remain liable for the subscription for the next ensuing year unless the Executive Committee decides otherwise."* **To** *"Any member may resign by notice in writing to the Society. Such resignation shall be effective from the date of acceptance by the Executive Committee. If notice of resignation is not received before the 30th day of October in any year the member shall remain liable for the subscription for the next ensuing year unless the Executive Committee decides otherwise."*

- Update Section 8.2.1 from "Mental Health Act 1969" to the current Version "Mental Health Act 1992"

- Change Section 9.5 from "The offices of Secretary and Treasurer shall not be held by the same person nor shall the Treasurer hold any other office in the Society" **To "The offices of Secretary and Treasurer shall not be held by the same person, both the Secretary and Treasurer can be members of the Executive Committee"**

- Change Section 15.3 from "All payments and disbursements from the Society account shall be made by cheque or by electronic transaction as the Executive Committee may approve. Such transactions whether by cheque or otherwise shall be signed or authorised by the Treasurer and the Chairperson. The Executive Committee may appoint up to two additional authorising Officers to sign transactions to cover the absence of the Treasurer or/and Chairperson." **To "All payments and disbursements from the Society's account shall be made by electronic transaction as the Executive Committee may approve. Such transactions shall be authorised by the Treasurer and the Chairperson. The Executive Committee may appoint up to two additional authorising Officers to authorise transactions to cover the absence of the Treasurer or/and the Chairperson."**



2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

Kurow Rugby Football Club
invites all members to the
2022 Annual General meeting (AGM)

Date: Tuesday 6th December 2022
Time: 8pm
Location: Kurow Rugby Club Rooms

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Woman

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2nd Nett	L Frampton	70
3rd Nett	J Yates by lot	71
4th Nett	K Gibbon by lot	71
1st Stableford	J Benny	34
2nd Stableford	B Haugh by lot	33
3rd Stableford	D Heron	33

Incentive Holes Nearest to pin

Men

Division 1	T Arscott
Division 2	T Burgess
Division 3	M Simpson

Ladies

K Clark

Two's Wine

J Dean
R Haugh
P Kerr

Men

Best Nett	B Bedford	66
	By lot G McCaw	
Best Gross	M Studholme	71

Men Continued

Division One

1st Nett	T Arscott by lot	69
2nd Nett	R Spicer	69
3rd Nett	P Kerr by lot	72
4th Nett	K Ellis by lot	72

1st Stableford	R Haugh by lot	33
2nd Stableford	C Booth	33
3rd Stableford	J Larkin by lot	
	M Elliot	29

Division Two

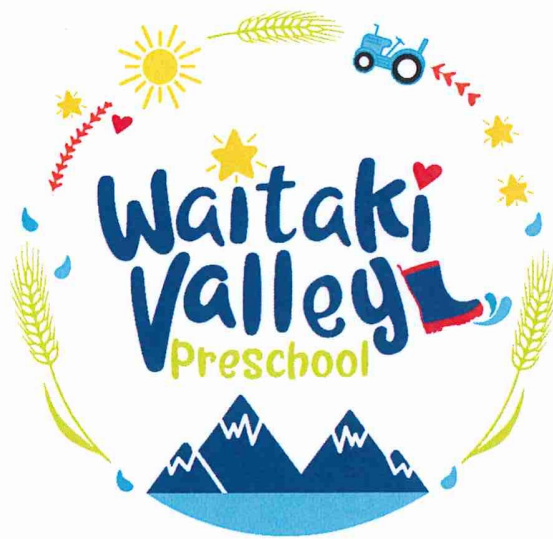
1st Nett	M Hamilton	68
2nd Nett	B Wehi	70
3rd Nett	M Argyle	71
4th Nett	B Nowell	72

1st Stableford	D Patterson	31
2nd Stableford	P Trembath by lot	30
3rd Stableford	K Stevenson by lot	
	T Conlan, S Read	30

Division Three

1st Nett	G McCaw	66
2nd Nett	C Mercer by lot	68
3rd Nett	R Davis by lot	68
4th Nett	A Ballantyne	70

1st Stableford	P Bowman by lot	35
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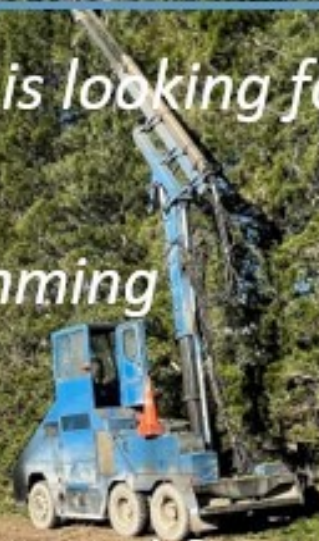
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Kurow Community and Recreational Club Annual General Meeting

Date: Monday 28th November

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Time: 7pm.

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Elaine Simpson Grant wrote the following account around 2016. It has been edited in length for inclusion in the next two issues of The Bugle. (Part 1)



William Grant Munro was born in Duthil, Inverness, Scotland, in 1831. As a young man looking for greener pastures, he crossed the oceans to try his luck on the gold fields of Victoria, Australia. There he met and married Lavannah Louisa Martin of Spring Bar, Tasmania.

He came alone to New Zealand in 1862 and camped in a tent on a flax swamp in Dunedin. He went to Gabriel's Gully goldfield, following the miners through Otago Central and the Lindis Pass. Finding gold mining was not going to make him rich; he took a job with Julius Brothers at Rugged Ridges.

He sent for his wife and children, William, and Walter, then purchased a small hotel on the north side of the Otematata River. Later, a larger storied building was erected on the south side of the river. They had a fine garden supplying meals and accommodation for the travelling public. Munro was granted land by the government and bought the run called Rostriever. It was bounded by the main road to the top of the Otematata Saddle, the Waitaki River, and the Ahuriri River.

A Māori Pā was situated below the Chain Hills about four miles from Omarama on the Ahuriri island. It was primarily used in summer by Māori from Waitaki and Morven. Māori and the Munros were friendly; Māori given food and clothing when needed. In two bedrooms of Munro's house, a fine matting of woven reeds, in an artistic design done by Māori, covered the walls. Lavannah Munro told the story of a Māori woman who found a pound note in the pocket of a shirt that she had given her. She called in and returned the money on her next trip up from the coast. Being impressed with her honesty, Mrs Munro invited her and her family to dinner the following Sunday. The Munros were surprised when she arrived with the whole (related) Pā. The larder was strained, but everyone was fed.

Over the years, nine sons and two daughters were added to the family. William Henry, Walter Grant, Kate Helen (married twice; McKinnon, McAughtrie), Thomas Alexander, Selina (married twice; Shirres, Hutchinson), Herbert James, Reginald Amelius (my grandfather), Edric Adolphus, James McPherson, Tertius Martin and the youngest, Roualeyn Gordon.

Born in 1873, Reggie worked for his brother Thomas. For many years, he drove the coach up the Waitaki Valley, was an outstanding athlete in his youth, winning numerous cups and trophies for running, discus and other events and used to train by running up and down Kurow Hill taking ten minutes to reach the summit. He was at the height of his form around 1898.

He married Mary Davidson (née Herbert) and lived in Kurow. At the age of 35 (both the same age), their daughter Sylvia Erena was born. Reggie's big disappointment was that he was not driving the coach the day it was held up and robbed. They caught the perpetrators but did not recover the gold or cash. Rumour was that the booty was buried between Otematata and Kurow. Parson's Rock was gone over many times but with no result.

Time passed, and Reggie purchased the sheep farm Goldwyn at the top of Diggers Gully, about two miles from Kurow. Diggers Gully's name arose because gold had been discovered. Many miners arrived, but no significant strikes occurred. One lad found a good nugget lying on the ground but could not keep it as the claim owner took it for himself. After the first flush, many men left. The Chinese came and worked in the area. Water was a problem as the creek that flowed down the gully was insufficient for sluicing. A race was built to bring water from the distant Awakino River.

Reggie loved horses, dreaming of owning a successful racehorse. For many years, he was the Course's clerk when race meetings were held in the district. Times were hard. Mary, an accomplished dressmaker, took in sewing to help. My mother Sylvia went to Kurow Primary School, later attending Waitaki Girls High in Oamaru. She studied music and passed many exams, but she preferred dance music.

After leaving school, she taught music, starting her band Harmony Five in the late 1920s. Before her marriage, Sylvia's pride and joy was a Baby Austin. Her band played one night at Wirths Circus. After the show, she was waiting to leave when her car began to shake and rock. "*Gosh, an earthquake*", she thought. Wrong – Just an elephant scratching himself on her car.

Sylvia met Jack Simpson when he came to work on the dam's construction. They were married in Kurow on the 16th January 1934. Jack came from Waimate, one of a family of four, Frank, Winnie, Jack and Rene. His Dad was a railway guard. His mother, Annie (née Fletcher) Elizabeth Ann Fletcher and sister, Kate, were born in Gloucestershire, England and came to New Zealand when Annie was two.

Sylvia and Jack lived in Waimate for a few years. I was born there on 18th April 1936. Jack worked at Dash's garage. The family returned to Kurow and bought a house in Diggers Gully next door to where Whalan Lodge stands today. In those days, it was a maternity hospital. My eldest daughter Linda was born there. Our house had two bedrooms and a large living room which Dad altered by removing a wall. The kitchen, bathroom and hall toilet were outside around a corner. The tin had to be emptied when full. This involved walking a plank across a creek without falling in. We had a wood and coal shed. Dad built a car garage. Coal range, no electricity, just lamps and candles. Our water came off the roof and later from a well with a windmill and pump. Another well was out back, covered over and had a hand pump. We had a vege garden using creek water until it dried up mid-summer.

My dad never left N.Z.; he was still in training when he fell over a cliff at Cape Brett on 5th July 1943 during an exercise. I cannot remember much about my dad, as I had just turned 7 when he was killed. I'd had an exam at school and was rushing home to tell mum how well I had done. All these people were there - mum was in bed, and someone told me my dad was dead. The day of the funeral was July and very cold, with snow on the ground. I was sent to Eileen Munro's in the next gully for the day.

After that, there was only mum and me. Guess she never got over losing dad. She never did much; she would go to Kurow in the car to get groceries and mail. As I recall, we had mailbox number 19. Sometimes we would visit relations or an old friend for afternoon tea.

Gran was a slight, thin, quiet lady. I never heard her raise her voice, and there were always good things to eat there. Before she was married, she was a dressmaker, and she would make all my clothes and Mum's for many years. The sewing machine sat in the kitchen corner near a windup gramophone, which played 78 rpm records. You winded up the handle – lifted the arm across and placed it gently on the record. Sometimes it would run down, and you had to rush across and give it some more turns. Both grandparents were in their 60s when I was born, and they stayed on the farm until they were in their mid-70s.

Their farm had stables, cow bail yards and a large shed. Grandad never owned a car. He had his horses, a gig, and a dray. He would go down to the township most days for mail on the horse or take the gig or dray if there was stuff to carry back. I loved the farm. They killed their meat, so they had plenty of mutton. Grandad would kill the sheep and hook it up on a rope with wood with two hooks; these went through the legs. Haul it up on a tree and skin it, and butcher it. He had a large neat, safe outside in a cool spot. The meat was left to set. Old sheep were killed to feed the dogs, but rabbits were plentiful then.

There was no power – so no frig. Gran only had a black range that heated water for the bathroom and kitchen. The kitchen always smelled of cooking and was warm and inviting. She was an excellent baker of scones and pikelets and beaut cakes.

Roasts were usually done in a pot, but the oven was used too. Out the back door was a long porch – two copper tubs, a separator for the milk. The bathroom was at the end.

Ironing was done with solid irons heated on the stove - only candles and lamps in the house. There was a radio we used to listen to in the corner, and I can remember listening to the war news especially. They had a phone. One turned the handle and rang it. It was a party line, so you would pick it up and say "working"? If someone was on, you would hang up. Each person had a ring. (e.g., one short, one long, two long. Think ours was long, short, long.)

Soap was made outside in an old copper. It was mainly used to wash dishes and clothes. We had a tin, punched holes in the bottom, inserted the soap and ran hot water through it. Clothes washing was done in a copper. It was boiled up; then the whites went through, and clothes were lifted with a stick into the first tub. Next, clothes went through a ringer (or mangle), and your hand turned it into the second tub with Blue *{Ed: a whitening agent still used today}* to keep the whites fresh. Coloured clothes came next, and dirty ones had to be scrubbed on a washboard. No wonder women always had red, chapped hands.



There were rabbits everywhere; people put fine netting around their gardens. Set traps to try and stop them from eating all their plants and veges. I remember granddad cooking up carcasses to feed the animals and even giving meat to the hens. We often ate rabbit. It made a nice stew and was a good meal stuffed and roasted. Men would come to the farm and trap and poison. First, they chopped up carrots, filled the saddlebags and fed out for a couple of days. The next day out went the poison (strychnine) dead rabbits collected the following day. They were skinned and put on wires to dry. When dry, they would be sold. One had to watch that the farm animals did not get to the dead rabbits, so they were kept tied up during this time. I had a black and tan fox terrier called Murphy. He must have eaten some of the poisoned carrots. He lay under a tree, and we nearly lost him. We tried to make him sick and gave him plenty of water to help him spit it out. He had quite a fit but survived to a ripe old age: great rabbit dog, a natural hunter and an excellent watchdog.

I remember one bad flood around our house; the neighbours came to help as it was only mum and I. They filled sandbags and tried to build up the banks. The flat ground on the hillside was a lake of muddy water. We had it nearly up to the door, and we had to wade through water to get out to the road, as we had water on both sides and around the house. Often in spring, we had floods, and the creek would break its banks. They must have had a much larger rainfall then than we get now. The creek that ran in front of the school hardly ever dried up. Paddy's Flat could be nearly inundated in water. If we had a large downpour, the back road to the hospital would be washed out. We went back and looked at the house several years ago, and there was no sign of water running in the creek, even in the winter.

Newspapers had to be collected from the township. We cooked on a coal range. The coal we bought was used as it gave off a more even heat. Water was heated from the coal range. We just had a meat safe on the dark side of the kitchen. While granddad had the farm, we got meat, milk, and homemade butter and eggs if we needed them. We had our hens and always changed the shed's position and run. We had a constant battle with stoats and wild cats. Usually, only 12 hens were in lay and the other six in moult. Up at granddad's farm, they had a large hen run; hens were let out in the day and were shut up at night. I loved hunting for clucky hens and finding nests, perhaps in a hollow tree or under bushes. These would be transferred to a chicken coop, and hens usually sat on eggs for two to three weeks and hopefully, chickens would hatch. Roosters were allowed to grow and then got eaten. At most times, there was only one rooster kept with the hens. There was a huge garden and fruit trees at the back of the house.

Photo: on page 22:

Mr & Mrs William Grant Munro taken at Otematata with granddaughter Christian Shirres

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Waitaki Times

11.11.22



Geronimo!!

This week Waitaki Valley students started swimming in their school pool. The classrooms were buzzing with excitement to get back in the water. They all took turns to dive into the cold water and cool down from the sun. Waitaki Valley School is very grateful for the update of the school pool. In term two the pool was renovated and repainted. Thanks to everyone who helped make it happen.

It looks fantastic.



African Dance

On November 9, 2022 - We had a traditional West African dance and drum group performing for us. They first introduced themselves and started playing a song. After they finished they surprised us by saying that we would also perform on the drums, we started off with simple beats, then singing then eventually dancing too. It was great how everybody got a turn, even the teachers!

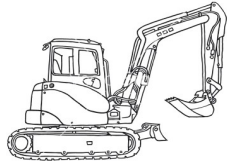
Junior Athletics -Today we welcomed Omarama and Duntroon to join the students from Moana, Hauwhenua and Aoraki for the Junior Athletic Day.

Athletics Day

Last Friday the Year 4 to 8 students went to Twizel to participate in the annual athletics. They competed in a range of sports such as sprints, long distance, shot put, discus, high jump, long jump and relays. It was a beautiful day and it was great to see all the tamariki doing themselves proud. Everyone gave it their all. We are extremely lucky to have had this opportunity to meet other students from other schools and to have had a chance to try new things. Congratulations to all our place getters and we wish you the best of luck for North Otago Sports.



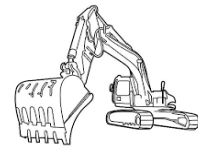
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