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Ahuriri Community Board Snippets

We hope you have been able to enjoy a relaxing time with friends and family over the Xmas/ New year break. It's the time of the year where the whole Ahuriri Ward sees an explosion of visitors to the area. Cycle and walking trails, lakes, rivers, wetlands, ice creams and sun. Summer ✨

Recently Kurow and Otematata had a boil water notice due to abnormal reading of E Coli in the towns supplies. This fortunately ended up being a good result in that the testing over numerous days since the abnormal reading came back with results being free of E Coli. The Council are continuing to investigate the cause of the failures.

This event identified some potential improvements that could be made to the communication methods. The Boil Water Notices were advertised on Facebook, the WDC website, radio stations and some consumers were contacted by phone, however a number of consumers still were not aware of the notice until later. A text message is likely a better way of spreading the word. Council already has a text system in place and will be using this in the future.

Meanwhile Summer still has a few months to allow us to enjoy our water activities and surrounds.

Stay safe.

Your local Ahuriri Community Board members are:

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Steve Dalley – Vice chairperson sdalley@waitaki.govt.nz

Brent Cowles – Ahuriri Ward Councillor bcowles@waitaki.govt.nz

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Held on the second Tuesday of every month @ 10am in the St John rooms on Gordon Street. Please phone Trish if you need a ride: 027 472 2674

THANK YOU:

A big thank you to all the people who call in with meals from Whalan Lodge for me. Regards, Jack Sheppard

Kurow Market Day 2024

**A very big thank you to all who gave
towards making our Market Day another huge success.**

Preparing the site: Our local farmers & related businesses that donated the Tail Spray Cans & using the Kurow Blue Cross Vets as the drop off point for them.
Andrew Harding, Kurow Rugby Club, Des Smart, Mike & Wendy Willett for help with marking up the sites.

St Johns Ambulance & Kurow Fire Brigade for their presence on the day.

Donation of funds: Mike De Jong & Annie McManus,
Waitaki District Council, Kurow Information Centre

Volunteers on the day: Becky Brocas, Colin Duffy, Garred, Jo Paterson, and of course our own committee members.

Thank you to everyone who visited the Kurow Market Day 2024

We hope you enjoyed the day.

We look forward to seeing you all again next year.



WAITAKI VALLEY
COMMUNITY SOCIETY

The Waitaki Valley Community Society held their first meeting for 2024 last Wednesday.

The Committee have begun 2024 as a small but enthusiastic group made up of the following members - Cal Reid (Ahuriri Representative), John Sturgeon (Chairperson), Edie Pont, Karen Turner, Karen Hofman, Kaye Jenkins, Sarah Green (Treasurer), Seanne McGregor (Secretary).

The main purpose of the WVCS is to support and assist residents, organisations, and groups within our rural community.

With groups in the community choosing to be under the umbrella of the WVCS we are ensuring a streamlined and efficient approach to community projects and funding etc.

The current groups under the umbrella are: Kurow Museum, Kurow Information Centre, Dunkirk Memorial, Kurow Hill, Kurow Island, Richie McCaw Statue, and Kurow Wetland Groups.

The WVCS will meet every third Wednesday in 2024 and are looking forward to being able to support all our groups in a productive year!!

If you would like to become involved with the WVCS and supporting your community, we currently have 2 vacancies on the committee and would love to hear from you.

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Kurow Hill Report

The Kurow Hill Track Viewpoint Accessibility Project that we applied funds for is complete.

The old steps have been replaced with new ones and the first 100 meters has been widened with a platform area for seating to go in at the first corner.

This project has been made possible by the funding from Waitaki District Council Community Grant fund- \$11,500

Meridian Energy Power up fund- \$7814.11

Network Waitaki Powering our community fund. - \$1500

The work was undertaken by Recreation Construction (2021) Limited.

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Track Status

The current steps are showing their 30 years of use & have become worn & steeper than standard DOC steps, in addition the track has worn to create a tunnel that increases the track difficulty. The photo below provides examples of this along the proposed track section for upgrade.

The track underneath each steps has worn with use since installed over 40 years ago to increase the height of the step to make it a more challenging climb & difficult step



The track has become washed out over time, exacerbated by users avoiding the high & worn steps



Lastly extra special mention goes to Awakino Station for their continued support. Kurow Hill Track is on their Station land and to local woman Helen Dent for her work in putting the proposal for funding applications for this project together.

Kurow Hill Track project was made possible by the administration support from the WVCS (Waitaki Valley Community Society).

Enjoy the hill and the views from it and we hope this helps your knees a bit better coming down.

Karen Turner 021 190 8875
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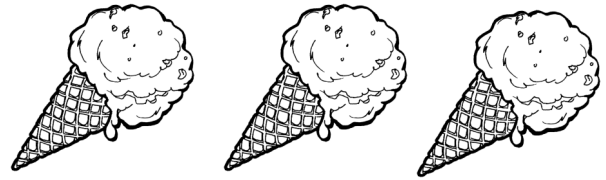
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Kurow Pipeline trail

The proposed Pipeline trail has been sprayed out as a track from Mavis Shaw Reserve (opposite Motor Camp) to the first exit off Grey street. Locals are already seen walking it which is great. The trail is also sprayed out to Ranfurly street but this is a bit harder to navigate as it has hard weed stubble and also the exit off it hasn't been formed yet. Next step is to put a mulcher through in the next few weeks. We will keep you updated on the progress.

Kurow Trails team.

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Bazzs Toys	Huntys Shop	Raspberry Cottage
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Cherry Man	Kens Books	Sue's Crafts
Chloe Lodge Photography	Kurow Museum	Summer Days Jewellery
Chopped Butchery	Lil Orbits Geraldine	The Yellow Pickle
Churros Ole	Lindsey Recreations	Tissue Art
Craftee Creations	Lolly Mania	Waitaki Beans
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Fairgrove Woollens	One Smart Coffee	Wrapt
Framing Good Crafts	One Girls Closet Boutique	

Plus Dunedin Buskers Henare & Anita & Oamaru Busker Denise for the entertainment throughout the day. Thank you all for making this a great day out for everyone.

See you next year.

Duntroon Digest Jan 2024

When traveling through Duntroon next time, consider a visit to the beautiful Saint Martin's Church.

But be warned, the place has been overtaken by mice! I called in the other day and was horrified to see so many of the blighters. Bold as brass they were too. Not one of them scurried away when I entered, they just sat there.



Martie Mous and his cohorts

When I got closer, I realized why. These were super mice. They even wore capes. They are afraid of nothing.

It was mind boggling to learn that this infestation was created by none other than Alison Simpson. The same Alison Simpson who received a Waitaki Citizens Award last year for her sterling service to our community. Yè Gods, what had come over the woman?

It transpires that Martie Mouse and his companions, are part of the Church Mice Trails initiative organized by the Anglican Diocese of Dunedin. The idea is that people will discover [the mice](#) when they visit the small country churches in Otago. By visiting the churches visitors can collect three full sets from the Lakes, from Central, and from "Alps and Ocean" Churches. Each mouse comes with a bookmark that tells the background of the Church's namesake.

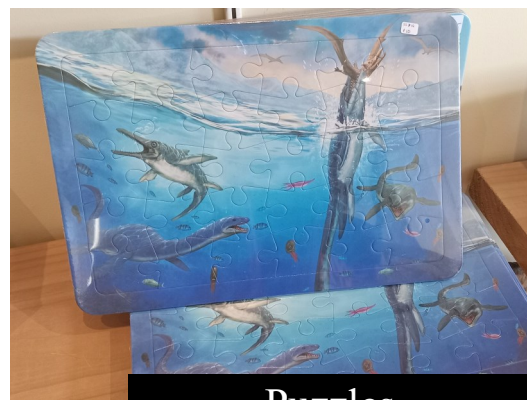
Alison, at eighty-six years of age and still volunteering at the Vanished World Centre, has so far created sixty Martie Mice, that's one hell of a contribution.



Fossil preparation kit

At Saint Martin's there were two "guest" mice from Queenstown complete with skis! Check out the Church Mice Trails Facebook page at <http://shorturl.at/imvBC>

No mice to be seen at the Vanished World Centre, but plenty of excellent merchandise. For those children that are looking for something to do before the school holidays end there is the Dig Room where they can excavate their own fossils, or a caregiver can buy a fossil kit to take away. Maybe a puzzle would keep the young ones occupied? You would be surprised at the selection and quality of what is available. Check it out sometime.



Puzzles

Meanwhile, the Duntroon Domain and Camping ground has been very busy over the Christmas and New Year period. The campers are very appreciative of the facilities at the Domain and the availability of good food at the Flying Pig Cafe and the Duntroon Hotel. It is good for the town to have these businesses operating.

KUROW FESTIVAL MARKET DAY

January 1st, 2024

An unqualified success. Those three words describe the 2024 Kurow Festival Market Day to a T! 112 stalls – up from 88 last year. 8,000+ attendees. And that excludes accompanying dogs! We had double the food/coffee outlets plus stalls that had never attended our previous markets. Kurow now hosts the largest market in the Waitaki area. The first stall owner arrived at 6.30am. That was the point when I remembered to turn on my step counter. It was a curiosity move as I often wondered how far committee members walk on such an occasion. At 4pm, as the last stalls were dismantled, I learned I had walked 25,025 steps. 19.05 kilometres! It did not feel that distance. So, if anyone out there wishes to benefit from that length of exercise, volunteer in 2025! kurowfestival@gmail.com



A few stall owner comments:

- Tash from Blooming Body Art *"had a great time."* (A queue out of the tent when I passed by.
- "We love the Kurow Market!"* A large number of similar comments.
- "More blessings to the Team. Well done."*
- "Thanks for organising a great market. Better layout than 2023."*
- "It was all excellent."*
- "More info on where to get Eftpos"* Was asked several times during the day. We have researched supplying Eftpos, but the daily cost is unaffordable for our market.
- "Give all committee members a map."* Taken on board.



Onwards and upwards to 2025. We already have our first stall. A new one. However. With few exceptions, our stalls were from out of town. Where are the Kurow stalls?

We know:

- Marvellous, creative talent lives in the Kurow area
- Many Kurow organisations fundraise each year. (Our Market is ideal. We do not charge a fee for local fundraising. It is a *Kurow Market*.)

Ideas we are considering:

- Dog show. Plenty of dogs around!
- Children's Treasure Hunt
- Creche in the Hall. (It could only be run by those with relevant qualifications.)
- Sausage sizzle, bakery products, local stores
- More entertainment?



Thank you to all those who attended, volunteered, or simply came along for a good time, food, and coffee. You made our day what it was.

The 2024 committee was Jon Brocas, Karen Hofman, Graham Hill, Taieri Hore, Mary Leigh, Fiona Munro, Sue McPhilimey, Wayne Reid, Peter Scott and Linda Smart.

Have a look at The Bugle online for coloured photos of the day.





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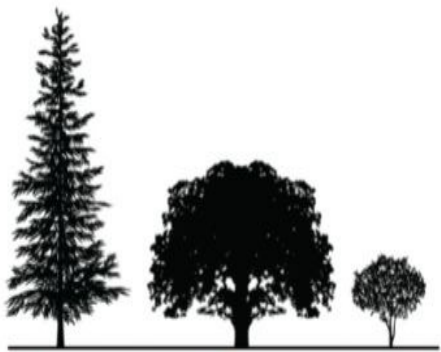
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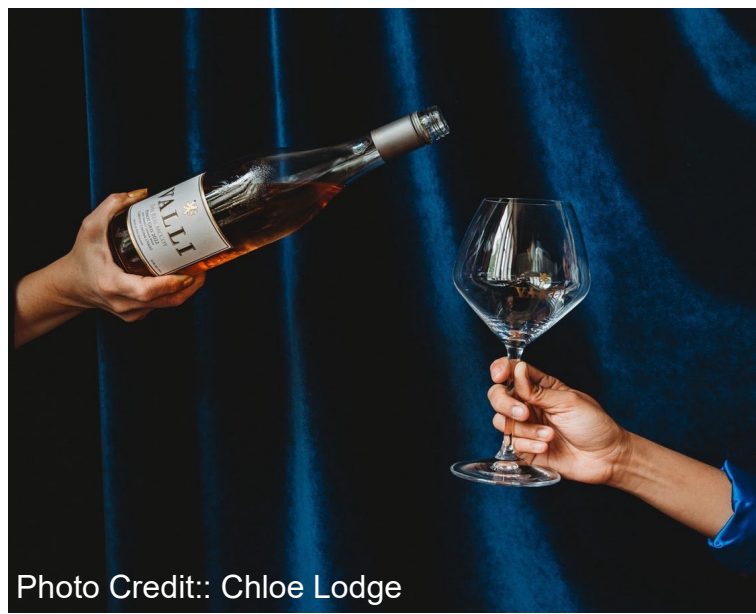


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Kurow Wetland Group

Our 10ft storage container has been installed at the Kurow Wetland entrance. Its has made a huge difference for us volunteers who no longer have to cart everything back and forwards to the wetland in their car. Special thanks to Meridian Energy Power Up Community Fund for their contribution of \$6000 and Waitaki District Council Community Grant for their contribution to the container of \$1000.



An irrigation pump and system was installed in the new planting area alongside the Alps2Ocean trail to ensure a higher success rate for the new plantings. Late March we will be extending the planting area with another 1000 natives to be planted thanks to Cycle Journeys Restorative Native planting project. The ECan Biodiversity fund is

supporting the willow and weed removal from the wetland in preparation for the planting using Gary Hawkins Earthmoving Machinery for the digger work.

Special thanks to the WVCS (Waitaki Valley Community Society) for which the Kurow Wetland as a group sits under and receives admin support.

Karen Turner 021 190 8875
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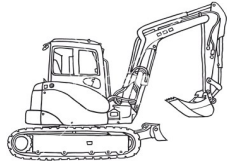
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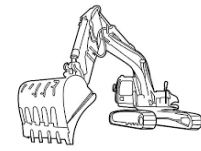
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