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Wyborns win multiple Ballance Farm Environment Awards

Geraldine farmers, Joe and Suz Wyborn, have taken out the supreme award at Canterbury's Ballance Farm Environment Awards: a prestigious farming honour that celebrates and promotes effective sustainability and profitability in farm practice and land management.

The Geraldine couple have been 50:50 sharemilking on Grantlea Dairy No. 1, a 253-hectare property owned by Leighton and Michelle Pye, since 2009.

Sharemilkers carry out dairy farming work as independent contractors in return for a share of the income from selling milk. It is a type of dairy farming unique to New Zealand. In the Wyborns' case, they supply the herd and, under a 50:50 milking agreement, receive an equal share of the income, including the highs of a strong dairy payout and the risks associated with low payout years. In contrast, a contract milker receives a fixed payment per season or per kilogram of milk fat. A contract milker's payment is not referenced to a share of the farm's income.

Up against dairy, cropping and horticultural farms from throughout Canterbury, Joe and Suz also won the WaterForce Integrated Management Award, the LIC Dairy Farm Award, the Massey University Innovation Award, the Hill Laboratories Harvest Award and the Environment Canterbury Water Quality Award.

Two centre-pivot irrigators service Grantlea Dairy No. 1 and during the conversion to dairy eight years ago, much vegetation was lost, mainly to accommodate the irrigators. However, Joe and Suz have worked hard to mitigate this loss and have introduced a planting programme of natives and shelterbelts, including a small wetland area. Suz says she is going to incorporate her winner's bouquet into the wetlands area. "I have propagated seeds from the flax in the bouquet and plan to plant them in the wetlands." This is in addition to the tōtara trees all the finalists were given; Joe and Suz will plant theirs on the farm.

Technology and industry resources play a vital role in the Wyborns' farming style. Every two hours, soil moisture and temperature monitors under the irrigators send an online signal, which staff can access at the completion of each milking. "They don't have to check with me," says Joe. "They have all the information there and can just turn the irrigation off; there's no point watering when you don't need to." Likewise, the Wyborns introduced automatic calf feeders to their farming programme. Calves have individual electronic identification tags that monitor and tailor the amount of milk each calf gets,



Supreme Winners of the Ballance Farm Environment Awards, Suz and Joe Wyborn at home on the farm with their children, Molly and Ben. Photo: Pip Goldsbury.

minimising labour input and allowing calves to feed ad-lib as they would on their mothers. Responsible for calving, Suz says, "I'm not rushing the calves and forcing a feed down them. It's about letting them feed when they want to feed."

Joe says, "We love technology. We use it everywhere we can," a decision the judges acknowledged in their summary of the Wyborns' operation, stating they have an "outstanding adoption of technology and web-based tools to assist in farm management; they monitor and measure but most importantly make full use of data in their decisions".

Joe and Suz have also worked to establish sustainable procedures and policies, which Joe says comes with "input and buy-in from the staff so it could run without us if need be". The Wyborns have produced a detailed and illustrated farm operation manual. Judges noted the live document allows "staff to run the farm safely and effectively unsupervised". Joe says their leadership style relies on having the right staff and a low turnover. He says it is working well – another factor the judges

acknowledged in their summary: describing the Wyborns as having "outstanding staff and people management with health and safety a priority".

However, it wasn't just the Wyborns' farming practices that impressed the judges. They also recognised the Wyborns as parents to 13-year-old Molly and 10-year-old Ben and the work-life balance made possible by the strong farm systems they have in place. As a result of these systems, both Joe and Suz have a strong presence in the community and can usually be found on the sidelines at their children's sports as well as sitting on various committees and boards. Ben says, "I'm proud of my parents," while Molly says she loves doing the calving with her mother.

Looking forward, Joe and Suz will be hosting a supreme-winners field day on 27 May. This is an opportunity for the exchange of information and ideas. Then they head to Waitangi on 20-22 June as the Canterbury representatives at the national awards ceremony where an ambassador for sustainable farming will be announced.

Pip Goldsbury



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ANZAC in Action to recreate wartime era

ANZAC in Action comprises two action-packed days of first world war battle re-enactments, rides in vintage cars, entertainment and displays. It will take place at Rangitata Island Aerodrome, Brodie Road, Rangitata on 23 and 24 April.

The biennial event is organised by Geraldine ANZAC Commemorations Trust – a registered charitable trust. Chair Max Millar says, “I hope this weekend helps the public to understand and appreciate the sacrifices made in world war one. My generation does and I think the younger generation are keen to understand more about it.”

The battle re-enactments will involve live action, vintage weapons and machinery, blank bullets and pyrotechnic simulated explosions. Janene Adams, event co-ordinator, says, “We are simulating what it was like to actually be there. It should be exciting.”

There will be replica trenches complete with authentic weapons and sleeping quarters to wander through and gain an idea of the conditions faced by the soldiers.

Also on offer are free family joyrides in vintage cars, traction-engine displays, stories and photographs of locals who served in the first world war, displays of military memorabilia, uniforms and civilian clothing from the era, an authentic mess tent for refreshments and local musicians performing songs from bygone days. Each day will feature different displays, re-enactments and entertainment.

Several Geraldine community groups have stalls and Janene says a variety of fresh food will be available to buy. “We want food to be fresh, tasty and wholesome and in keeping with the world war one era.” People are also welcome to bring their own picnics and, although there will be seating available, Janene suggests people, “Bring a blanket or camping chair to be really comfortable for the day.”

All the stalls are themed and stallholders will be dressed in costumes from that time. Janene encourages members of the public to enter into the spirit and dress up in costume – either military or just of the era. She adds, “We want the whole event to feel [as though] you are being transported back in time.”



Re-enactment group HQ44 South readying themselves for battle at the 2014 ANZAC weekend. Photo: Supplied.

A hat competition, culminating in a hat parade, will run on both days with a variety of prizes available. There will also be a number of unique boutique stalls offering homemade preserves and handmade goods.

Sponsorship by local businesses and awards from several trusts including the Southern Trust and the Thomas Hobson Trust cover the costs of the weekend. At the end of the event, profits will be divided. Half will be donated to local community organisations and the other half kept to cover the cost of the next ANZAC weekend in 2018.

The first such ANZAC event took place in 2014 and over 5,000 people attended. This year Max hopes numbers will increase to 8,000 – 10,000. “By keeping [entry] charges low we hope people will come both days.”

Tickets are \$10 but ages 15-and-under are free. For more information telephone Janene on 693 9796 or 027 693 9796 or see the website www.geraldineanzac.nz

Jo Bates

Last ditch effort to find volunteers before closing Geraldine Pippins

The Pippin unit, part of Geraldine Girl Guides, is set to close by the end of April unless new volunteers step forward immediately to save it, says Geraldine Girl Guiding co-ordinator Trudie Banks.

Pippin units are the entry level for the NZ guiding organisation and cater for five- to seven-year-old girls. The Geraldine Pippin group currently has 10 members with another five girls on the waiting list to join. The girls are encouraged to develop an awareness of the world around them, other people, themselves and the environment.

Trudie says, “Our current leader, Maria Patmore, has been brilliant but she is moving on to new challenges and we desperately need others to step forward now to keep the unit open. Guiding is very popular in Geraldine but the sad fact is that finding leaders is becoming increasingly difficult and without leaders we simply cannot operate.”

Parents have already been advised the unit will close at the end of the term, Trudie says, but she wants to appeal to the public in a last ditch effort to find volunteers. “We are concerned that if the Pippin unit does close now it will be very difficult to start it up again in the future and ultimately it is likely that this will lead to a drop-off in girls joining at

the Brownie and Guide levels. It could be the beginning of the end for guiding in Geraldine.”

While the Pippins situation is critical, Trudie adds that Brownie leaders, Delwyn Craigie and Kim Dwyer, and Guide leaders, Victoria Lewis and Maree Rowley, will also be standing down at the end of 2016.

This will mean Brownies will be without any leaders and Guides will only have one leader, Lorraine Morgan, to manage a busy group of girls. “My thanks go to this wonderful group of ladies who between them have given many years of excellent service in developing a whole generation of Geraldine girls at different levels of guiding. They are each moving on to new stages of their lives but they will be sorely missed and very hard to replace.”

“The town of Geraldine has a proud history of girls and women being involved in the guiding organisation, which aims to develop confident and capable young women and we very much want to be able to continue to offer that to our girls. We need help.”

For more information or to volunteer, contact Trudie Banks on 021 0264 4332.

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Post-quake settlers revisited: “There’s something about Geraldine”

The quake-prompted Christchurch diaspora saw Geraldine’s population swell temporarily, after each major seismic event, and settle since with many returning to the city, or elsewhere. However, some have found that life is good right here.

It’s now nearly six years since the upheaval: subterranean, social and economic, as well as demolition and rebuilding. *The Geraldine News* recently spoke with some who came and remained here.

Paula and Liam Flannery and their two children are stayers. “We left Christchurch because the house was uninhabitable and the children were frightened,” says Paula. “We saw the house splitting at the seams as we were in it; we just went to Geraldine where we had family.”

They found themselves at home. “We met a lot of like-minded people here. In fact, we have more friends here... And Liam saw it as a perfect opportunity to do things for himself. He’s a plasterer by trade; focusing on natural construction in clay and lime. I did yoga [teaching]... And then we found our house in Geraldine.”

Garden designer Keryn Morten re-established herself professionally also, albeit doing things differently. “My business in Christchurch was huge – that’s changed, but I’m still working and I’m very happy with the work I’ve got.” Like Paula and her family, she was quickly wrapped in community. “I love it here. I’ve never been in so many clubs, and I love how I go into the bank and they know my name.”

Those social angles to life have lead many retired people to put down roots here post-shake. Edna Huber says, “Geraldine’s very lively, and everyone says hello to me by my Christian name.” Like many people spoken to, she lists a comprehensive catalogue of groups that she and husband Willi have joined.

Part of a demographic with discretion to prioritise lifestyle, Edna says, “We could have gone anywhere, but we liked it so much we stayed. There’s something about Geraldine.”

In fact, there is widespread contentment with the decision made to shift here and made not only because of physical collapse of homes and neighbourhoods. Family and inclination already oriented many this way. “The February earthquake forced my hand,” Keryn says, and others cite additional geographic – as well as obvious geological – and economic reasons for coming to Geraldine to recast their lives.

Less mentioned is the therapeutic purpose for moving here. Local woman Jan, counsellor and former Christchurch resident, had personal reasons for shifting, including “being away from Christchurch”, echoing feelings of clients upset by the earthquakes. For them, “The relief of being away from the shakes, the construction, the road works, the big buildings... That’s important. Not having to face the anxiety every day is probably what’s helping some people.”



Post-earthquake arrivals and Friends of Geraldine members Faye and Peter McGunnigle. Photo: Jan Finlayson.

Geraldine ward councillor Kerry Stevens gives a further perspective, underlining new locals’ contributions, “economically, and as volunteers for things like the local community bus, the museum and reading to children in local schools”.

Kerry is describing people involved in the give-and-take of their own community. Things have moved on. The post-quake Newcomers Group, set up to support post-quake arrivals, has matured into Friends of Geraldine, co-organised by Larry Pullin and Faye McGunnigle.

Larry describes Geraldine as “fantastic, ideal”. Faye tells a lively tale about leaving Christchurch after the February 2011 quake “because our house was standing in 12 inches of water. It’s nice to go to town and have so many people say hello... I’d never move away.” She and her husband Peter describe settling in Geraldine as “the best thing we ever did”.

The purpose of the former newcomers’ group has changed. They continue meeting because they enjoy the companionship. For more information about Friends of Geraldine, call Larry on 693 8982 or Fay on 693 8744..

Jan Finlayson

GERALDINE’S NEWS

Geraldine’s weather in March

Te Moana. We had 104mm of rain in March.
The Downs. We had a welcome 60mm rain in the middle of the month to relieve the dry garden, and had 92mm on The Downs for the whole month.
Tripp Settlement Road. Temp high 33°, low 1°. Rainfall 80.5mm. Snow to 1600m.
Geraldine township. We had 84mm over 5 days. In 2015 we had 56mm in March. The recorded average for March is 61.6mm.

St John annual appeal

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Donations can be made at www.stjohnappeal.org.nz and at ASB branches, Briscoes and Rebel Sports stores during Appeal week. St John collectors will be in communities throughout New Zealand, and Z Energy stations are raising funds by selling St John sticking plasters.

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Coming to Geraldine: *Stuff I Forgot To Tell My Daughter*

Winner of numerous awards, including Comedian of the Decade (Female) in 2010, Michele A’Court- actor, comedian, MC, journalist, social commentator and, most importantly, a “Mama” - will be performing in Geraldine this month.

Stuff I Forgot To Tell My Daughter deals with all the big and small issues Michele forgot to tell her daughter Holly when she left home –

from the right way to store ginger, to an explanation of feminism.

It’s a show for people who have had children, those who might have children and those who have been children – it’s a “must see”.

“Michele’s comedy comes from both the head and the heart...We get to laugh, and think, and laugh some more...She is one of the best.” – *Theatreview*

“A’Court brings her A-game...She delivers with energy, insight and great timing. Funny and smart.” – *The Press*

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Right: Michele A’Court.





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Neighbours Day Aotearoa

Right: Warm conversation with new and old neighbourhood friends and cheerful food under the sun is a winning formula for St Andrew's church's Neighbours Day Aotearoa celebration.

Esther Sabey serves hot cross buns to Jill Williams and Robyn Andrews as they linger talking.

"We hadn't met properly, so we're getting to know each other," says Robyn. "This is nice and relaxing, and the food we all love."

The national celebration of neighbourliness is important to St Andrews, community outreach team leader Denise Sewell says, "so this is our third year; it's connection with people, no matter where they come from."

Jan Finlayson



Proposed changes to Draft Annual Plan

The Annual Plan for 2016/17 for Environment Canterbury is largely unchanged from that proposed last year in the Long-Term Plan, with only a few adjustments signalled as necessary to the Long Term Plan 2015-2025.

This is the second year of the 10-year Long Term Plan, which became effective in July 2015.

Where there is no major change to the budget for the second year of the Long-Term Plan, the Council is not required to go through a full public consultation and submission process. However the public will still have an opportunity to comment on the Annual Plan.

Commissioner David Bedford said that the Council was meeting with stakeholders to discuss the changes and would write to all submitters on the current Long-Term Plan, inviting them to provide feedback on the proposed minor changes.

The minor changes are outlined in Environment Canterbury's Annual Plan Summary and feedback on these and on all our programmes is welcome. People also have the opportunity to talk to Commissioners about the Annual Plan, using the link on www.ecan.govt.nz/annualplan.

Mr Bedford said the 2015-25 LTP had signalled an average rates increase of 5.3% for 2016/17.

"The proposed changes will reduce this level of forecasted rate rise to around 4%, and we are currently on track to achieve this. In fact, the proposed changes that we are seeking feedback on, equate to a 4.5% increase."

The changes include adding \$0.5M to the \$24.8M of planned spending on the Canterbury Water Management Strategy, which is one of the council's key priorities.

"We have increased funding so we can provide technical advice in the Pareora catchment, as well as in the Orari Opihi and Temuka catchments. We have also increased funding for preparatory science in Ashburton, so that the Ashburton Zone Committee can look at water quality in the Ashburton River, alongside Rakaia-Ashburton groundwater, as part of its process due for completion in 2018-19."

He said there would also be a roll out and implementation of the Farm Environment Plan Assurance Programme, which included on-farm audits and accreditation of industry programmes.

Public transport is another area where changes would occur, with expenditure decreasing 1.9% to \$69.63m. An

additional sum of \$350,000 has been allocated for a network effectiveness review following the changes, which took place in the Greater Christchurch public transport network in late 2014. Operational changes will occur if necessary.

Public transport patronage targets set in the Long-Term Plan, are not being achieved. The Council is faced with either a fare increase of up to 10% or increasing targeted rates by \$535,000 to cover operating costs. Feedback will be welcomed on this issue.

The public transport marketing budget would be reduced by \$200,000 but the council still planned to boost its social media programme, undertake website upgrades and work with businesses relocating to the central city to encourage greater use of public transport.

Under its biodiversity and biosecurity portfolio, the council will increase proposed expenditure by \$0.14M to \$8.84M.

"We have now identified the need for the reinstatement of funding for some strategic initiatives, including wallaby control and the development of pest control methods with other councils. An extra sum of \$230,000 will be allocated for this work."

It is proposed that the Hazards, Risks and Safety portfolio will receive an increase of 0.5% to \$12.89M in the 2016/17 Annual Plan, to accelerate river scheme reviews, to assess performance, and to inform central government. Proposed expenditure on Coastal Hazards will decrease \$0.12M to \$10.22M, a decrease largely due to a reduction of \$208k on coastal plan preparation, which had originally been costed at \$704,000.

"Our pest and river liaison committees are currently reviewing their budgets and may bring through recommended changes for the Council to consider."

Regional leadership expenditure has decreased by \$0.13M to \$12.01M in the proposed 2016/17 Annual Plan, due mostly to savings in community engagement, as a result of legislative changes enabling councils to engage with communities in a less formal manner.

Proposed expenditure on Air quality has decreased by \$0.11M to \$3.67M in the proposed 2016/17 Annual Plan. This has arisen because of a revision of estimated labour costs associated with this programme.

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Geraldine Garden Circle in recess

At a meeting in March, president Denese Roy announced that, due to dwindling membership and not being able to form a committee, the Geraldine Garden Circle had to go into recess, which all agreed was a sad day for members.

Discussion then took place as to the disposal of assets and trophies. The 68-year records are to be archived at the Geraldine Museum.

On 4 February 1947 a large number attended a meeting at Mr JP Cliff's tailor's shop to form a garden club with a meeting on the last Thursday of each month, 2pm, at the Community Centre. Format: expert speaker, competitions, plant stall, outings to gardens of interest to be arranged. Subs: five shillings, included afternoon tea. This was enthusiastically received and over 50 signed up immediately. First president, Mrs WH Morris; secretary, Mrs U Williamson.

Later it was renamed Geraldine Garden Circle and a floral art group formed. Over the years membership grew to 125. A Spring Flower Show was held annually to raise funds for the beautification of Geraldine and, at times, the Circle joined the breakaway floral art group to hold an autumn show/exhibition as a fund-raiser for local charities, and the bestowing of an annual award at the Geraldine High School prize giving.

On 27 November 1997, then president, Mrs Fran Bowey, welcomed over 130 members and guests to the 50th



Garden Circle past presidents at the 50th anniversary in 1997: Back left: P Bennett, M Scarsbrook, M Galbraith, B Jamieson. Front: (then Pres) F Bowey, L Woods and P Slater. Photo: Supplied.

anniversary celebrations at The Poplars with seven past presidents acknowledged; the longest serving (17 years) Mrs Pat Burnett cutting the cake. A street competition was started during the Arts & Plants Festival, with Darby Street the first winner.

Sixty years was celebrated at St Andrew's Hall with a display of blooms and arrangements, a lavish afternoon tea, and life memberships awarded to Mesdames Olwyn Hill and Lynne Woods.

Membership started to decline - a sign of the times - and while the Circle no longer exists, memories of the years and outstanding events will remain.

Lynne Woods, past president

Letters to editor

Water issues

It is somewhat disconcerting to have read/seen/heard three articles in regard to water over the last week or so:

1. Canterbury rumbling gut outbreak - "water in the Hinds region has the highest rates of ecoli and campylobacter in the world".... (Stuff.co.nz, 23 March 2016).
2. Canterbury waterways polluted, drying up, juvenile native fish dying - TV1 News, 6pm 3 April 2016.
3. Ashburton Council leasing rights to bottle 40 billion litres of deep aquifer water - Morning Report, 4 April 2016.

Come on guys! We're collectively not only ruining our aquatic ecosystems in Canterbury generally, but we are potentially heading for increased costs for a safe, quality public water drinking supply. Who actually "owns it"? Also what about the increased public health costs resulting from drinking contaminated water? Murky times indeed, isn't New Zealand supposed to be a "first-world" country?

Tim Rimmer

The use of music in wartime

I am a Year 13 Geraldine High School student, and have discovered that NCEA music is much more than performance and singing when I was faced with my large music research internal project.

The topic I have chosen is "How was music used during the wartime?" To help me gather information for this research topic I would like to interview some willing ex-servicemen or women who could provide information on their experiences with music through serving in either World War 2, or in Vietnam, Borneo or Malaysia.

If you are reading this and fall into one of these categories, I would love to do a short interview with you. I can be contacted by email (zoe.scott@geraldinehs.school.nz) or by phone (693 9938). Or by contacting Shirley Lindroos, Head of Music (GHS ph 693 0017, ext 7213).

Zoe Scott

Go Geraldine Christmas Parade

The Go Geraldine Christmas Parade has been very successfully organised and run by a small committee of wonderful volunteers for a number of years, operating as a subcommittee of Go Geraldine.

The parade has grown in size and popularity over time to become one of the highlights in the festive calendar around our region and this is thanks to the excellent management of the subcommittee and wonderful help of many local organisations.

Over recent years the Go Geraldine board has fielded many comments, suggestions and complaints regarding the after-parade prize giving and lolly scramble held on the Village Green.

The concerns expressed focus on the limited size of the venue and the very close proximity to the busy main street, a state highway, which makes it dangerous for children. Additionally, the suitability of the area for families with small children, in regard to the serving of alcohol from the licenced premises, has been a regularly voiced concern.

The Go Geraldine board has engaged with the parade committee previously about the concerns, however no real action resulted. Following the 2015 parade the Go Geraldine Board once again considered feedback. This resulted in a request to the parade committee to research and identify other potential venues for the after-parade activities, in order to mitigate any hazards and enhance the family-friendly atmosphere of the parade itself.

The parade committee responded as follows: "We, the current organisers of the Geraldine Christmas Parade, will not be shifting from this location for the prizegiving/lolly scramble, as already reiterated last year when we met with Gary Sheed, John Rule and Jarrod Marsden from Go Geraldine. If you, as Go Geraldine, wish to change this, then you need to find your own committee to do so."

The Go Geraldine board subsequently wrote to the parade committee to thank them for their service and invited them to continue on the committee, however all current committee members declined this invitation.

Go Geraldine is already in the process of forming a new subcommittee and have the date of Friday 2 December 2016 for this year's parade. As always we greatly appreciate the support received from our sponsors, Timaru District Council and the Geraldine Licensing Trust who generously support the Christmas Parade each year, as well as the sponsors and contributors to the Santa Sak competition.

As chair of Go Geraldine I thank all who have been involved over the years and congratulate them on a job well done. A high standard has been set by the outgoing committee. They have my sincere thanks and also my commitment to maintain the standard they have set.

Dave Moss (Grumpy)

Go Geraldine chair

This has been inserted as a paid advert at the request of Go Geraldine and was partly sponsored by Grumpys Retreat 'N' Holiday Park - it was too long to be a letter.

The Geraldine News welcomes letters to the editor. Please email your letter to us. Include the writer's full name, home address and daytime phone number. Letters will be printed over the name of the writer; names are withheld only when compelling reasons can be established. **Letters should not exceed 250 words.** Letters that are too long might not be considered. All correspondence is at the discretion of the manager, who reserves the right to decline, edit, or abridge letters without explanation.

GERALDINE'S NEWS

RSA Poppy Appeal goes digital

The RSA is reaching out to younger generations in its campaign to support New Zealand's younger cohort of veterans, with the official launch of its Text Poppy service.



The public can make a \$3 donation by texting POPPY to 4662, alongside the traditional Poppy Day collection, when thousands of volunteers including veterans and Defence Force personnel, will be giving out poppies in return for a contribution.

National RSA support services manager Mark Compain says the text service is part of the RSA's focus on embracing current technology in the support of its contemporary veterans.

"People think of veterans as being older," he said. "But those who were deployed in recent conflicts like Afghanistan and Timor are also veterans and we are here to support them."

Funds raised through the appeal support the work of the RSA's voluntary support advisors across the country to help improve the quality of life for current and former servicemen and women, and their dependents.

You can also donate online at rsa.org.nz/donation

Submitted

Strength and Balance class

Keeping mobile is the key to an independent life!

Maintaining your balance is key to living an active and independent lifestyle as we age. Everyone needs to work specifically on balance to reduce their risk of falling.

Sport Canterbury will be delivering a strength and balance class in Geraldine at the Senior Care Centre at Waihi Lodge. Anyone 65+ years of age and living independently in the community is welcome to join the programme.

The 10-week programme will focus on leg strength and balance, and may help to reduce your risk of falling.

The Geraldine class will be starting on Wednesday 4 May. Registrations are being taken now for the programme.

For more details contact Cathie Weith at the South Canterbury office of Sport Canterbury - 03 929 2519 or 0800 ACTIVE - (0800 228 438) to your GP or practice nurse for a referral.

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RESULTS

GOLF

Geraldine District Golf Club. Tuesday 29 March. Sharpe Cup Par R2. J Gibbs 2up, M Gregan 2up, M Blackmore 1dn, S Silcock 1dn, J Gallichan 1dn, A Reid 2dn, S Dwyer 3dn, R Davies 3dn, S Bensemann 4dn, A Romeril 4dn, M Campbell 4dn. 9 holes: J Stevens 2dn, C McPherson 2dn. Nearest pin: M Blackmore. Nett birdies: J Gibbs, M Gregan.

Grande Vue Golf Club. Sunday 3 April. Belle Vue Cup/Fourball. H Nelson 84-29-55, J Patrick 70-11-59, D Bruce 75-13-62, T Kerr 84-21-63, C Patrick 77-12-65, A Muff 82-16-66, G A Patrick 81-15-66, M Lang 88-20-68. Twos: J Patrick (2), R Lang, M Waldron. Nearest pin: R Lang.

Geraldine District Golf Club. Saturday 2 April. Stableford. J Shirtcliff 41, G Waldron 41, S Crook 40, M Kohalmi 39, B Waller 39, N Collins 37, W Polson 37. Twos: J Cornelius, J Worner, M Matthews, B Waller. Nearest pin: J Shirtcliff.

BRIDGE

Thursday 31 March. Orari Hcap Pairs 1. N/S: E Lineham & R Pitelen 54.17%, E Lyon & J Meijer 52.92%, J O'Brien & P Kippenberger 52.08%. E/W: H Rinaldi & S Rinaldi 61.07%, R Dewe & D Johnston 58.57%, P Taylor & J Te Whata 50.71%.

RECENT AGM / Hui ā tau - Nō nā tata nei

GERALDINE MEN'S PROBUS. Brent Bruce (president), Ron Taylor (vice president), John Brown (secretary), Alan Watts (treasurer), and new committee members Graeme Dunn, Peter Heaslip, McGregor Simpson and Alex Wilson.

ORGANISATIONS may have their new committee members' names printed in this column for free if emailed to geraldinenews@ihug.co.nz

PUBLIC NOTICES / Pānui a whānui

SUPPORT Group for parents of troubled teens, please contact Lara on 03 692 2889 or 022 041 7480.

HARVEST Festival weekend at St Mary's, 9-10 April with Farmers' Market, displays in church, service Sunday 10.30am. Bring a contribution if you like (tins are useful too for Food Bank).

CAN you help in a disaster? Civil Defence needs volunteers. Men and women required. Contact Julie Newton ph 693 9500 or Lesley Autridge ph 693 8057.

MCKENZIE Lifestyle Village, 33 Connolly Street, open this Saturday and Sunday, 11am-3pm.

YOU ARE INVITED! Living Waters Christian Fellowship, a non-denominational authentic christian fellowship, meets every Sunday at 10am at the Orari Domain Hall in Orari. A meaningful time of worship and a special children's time every Sunday. Grab a comfy family couch, enjoy a Living Word and experience what Christianity is really all about.

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693 8056 or 03 688 8702. www.headingforhim.com

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Timaru District



FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR LOCAL ARTS

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 13 MAY

FOR PROJECTS STARTING AFTER 2 JUNE 2016

The Creative Communities Scheme supports and encourages local communities to create and present diverse opportunities for accessing and participating in arts activities within the Timaru District.

Under the scheme, 'the arts' are broadly defined as 'all forms of creative and interpretative expression'. This includes opportunities for creative participation in dance, performance, visual arts, music, arts education, toi Maori, literary workshops, digital storytelling, and more.

Application forms: Geraldine, Temuka and Timaru Council offices

<http://www.timaru.govt.nz/services/community-and-culture/community-funding/creative-communities>

Enquiries to Jenny Ensor, telephone 03 687 7254.



VALUING OUR VOLUNTEERS

Community Awards 2016

Let's honour the legends in our community by nominating them for a 2016 Timaru District Community Award.

For more details visit timaru.govt.nz or call into the TDC office via the Temuka or Geraldine Services Centres and get nominating our legends.

If you need to know more about the Timaru District Council Community Awards then contact Teresa Heap 03 687 7258.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE 5PM FRIDAY 6 MAY 2016

TRADES AND SERVICES / Mahi a ratonga

JUETT Partnership. Basic farm maintenance, staff house tidy ups, repairs and painting, curtain-making service available. Relief winter stock work, experienced tractor operator. Over 30 years on-farm experience. Ph Brett 021 122 8463.

ELECTRIC appliances we may able to assist your needs at Geraldine Hammer Hardware.

GARDEN maintenance, rose pruning. Ph Delia 022 327 8066.

CHIMNEY sweep. Don't get caught out by the cold, get your annual chimney clean and your fire serviced before winter is upon you. Ph Dan Mckerrow, Chimney Sweep & Repair, 021 118 7580. Please leave a message.

STUMP GRINDING SOLUTIONS will be in your area soon. If you require our services to grind out those unwanted tree stumps and roots, ph Paul 021 232 3099 or 03 688 7244.

RATS, mice, spiders, flies, borer, wasps, fleas etc. Grain fumigation. Domestic and commercial pest control. Ph Craig's Pest Solutions 693 7263 or 0508 427 244.

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DOUBLE glazing enquiries. Ph Geraldine Glass 693 9927.

PAINTER. Geraldine-based. Friendly professional service, good rates, excellent local references. Ph 693 9803 or 027 962 4841.

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CAR troubles? Prompt repair contact Geraldine Auto Restorations, ph 693 1401.

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FAULTY sliding door rollers need replaced? Window catches no longer secure? We can replace these and get your house secure again. Ph Geraldine Glass 693 9927.

BUILDER available for renovations, pergolas, decks, fences, retaining walls, carports. Ph Steve 021 141 6129.

BROOKSIDE Boarding Kennels. Farmstay for dogs. 208 Woodbury Road. Ph 693 9929.

PC upgrades/repairs: Geraldine Computer Solutions. Ph 693 9496.

TRAVEL broker, Sue Hammond. Ph 693 9141. Email: sueh@thetravelbrokers.co.nz

SIGNS for all your signage needs, digital printing, vehicles, boats etc. Ph Geraldine Signs 693 8527 or 027 439 2308.

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FOR SALE / Hei hokohoko

GARAGE sale. Saturday 9 April, 9am George Street.

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KINDLING, \$10 box. Pick up Parkside Dairy or ph 693 8964 for free delivery in Geraldine area.

HEATERS. Winter supplies available now at Geraldine Hammer Hardware.

BARK chip. Two grades in stock at Village Landscapes. Ph 693 7321. Loan trailer and delivery available.

FIREWOOD, dry Bluegum, \$60m³ delivered. Help me through university. Ph Fraser 027 905 9622.

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GERALDINE DISTRICT FREE KINDERGARTEN ASSOCIATION



The Geraldine District Free Kindergarten Association governs the Geraldine Kindergarten and the GDFKA Home Based Learning network.

We are currently looking for members to join our committed and enthusiastic Board, if you are interested in shaping the future of Early Childhood Education in the Geraldine District, please contact Helen May on 693 7161 or 027 259 7160 for further information.

PROPERTY / ACCOMMODATION *Whare noho*

HOUSE for rent. Comfortable three-bedroom home, double garage. Private and sunny, with views. Ph 027 434 0184.

SUNNY rural cottage for rent, Te Moana Rd area, five minutes from Geraldine. References required. Ph 693 9719 (after 6pm).

ROOM to let, five minutes' walk to shops etc. Ph Helen 693 9859 or 027 460 1194.

HOUSE for rent: two bedrooms and lockup single garage. Very handy to town, park, swimming pool, schools, \$250/week. Ph 693 9099 or 027 340 8950.

HOUSE for rent in Geraldine. Two bedrooms, heat pump, garage and well fenced. No pets. Available 28 April. Ph 027 258 4674.

GERALDINE house to rent, brand new. Three bedrooms, from mid April. No pets and no smoking. Talbot Street, back section. Rent \$400/week. Ph 693 9358 or 027 437 1086. References required.

EMPLOYMENT

RED Chillies Takeaways (Indian). Part-timer wanted, kitchen-hand job, 28A Wilson Street. Send your resume to varun4307@gmail.com

EATING OUT / *Kai wahi kē*

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UPCOMING EVENTS / *Mea pakiri haere*

BOOKARAMA, 22 and 23 April, St Andrew's Church hall, Wilson Street, 8.30am-4pm. All proceeds to local charities. Run by Rotary Club of Temuka-Geraldine.

SOCIAL NETBALL, registrations by 20 April. See advert.

HARVEST MARKET, this Saturday 9 April, 9am-12.30pm, St Mary's Church car park, 77 Talbot Street. Live music. Everyone welcome. Enquiries ph Adele 021 0236 9674.

THE VICAR OF DIBLEY, final days, see advert this page.

YOGA CLASS, Woodbury Hall, Wednesdays 6-7pm. Ph 692 2980.

MATHIAS PIANO MAN, this Sunday, see advert this page.

OPEN THIS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, McKenzie Lifestyle Village, 33 Connolly Street, 11am-3pm.

AUDITIONS for a play, this Saturday, see display advert.

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