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## Geraldine Environmental Trust calls for volunteers



Geraldine Environmental Trust members in the kilometre-long planting they have fostered. Chair Graeme Wills, centre rear, says the group welcomes new members. Photo: Jan Finlayson.

"You need to have passion to do something like this," says David Attwood. "We're doing it to create an environment." Lynne Chaney adds, "An environment that's attractive, safe and peaceful." These Geraldine Environmental Trust members are relating the story of their work in the extensive central-Geraldine, Waihi-riverside woodland area.

Existing lofty trees were the beginning. Under them, trust members have planted hundreds of rhododendrons and other plants in the Ericales order and added an area of young specimen trees that promise dappled shade. Chair Graeme Wills says, "It started in 2002, and it topsied from there."

Now, Colin Crotty says, "We're getting visitors from all over the place; from all

around the world. They're taking notice of what we're doing."

It's a co-operative, long-range project. Trust members water the developing plants and spray weeds. Donations, ranging from plants to cash to herbicides, flow steadily from individuals, industry, council and private groups. One trust member's special interest is wasp control. "I've been doing it for eight years; I've destroyed about 800 wasp nests," says Terry Brewer.

The one-kilometre-long riverside garden is thriving. It is a big area, though. "We're looking for volunteers," says Graeme. "It's not arduous – anyone capable of carrying a knapsack holding onto a hose..."

Formal meetings are regular but infrequent. Graeme says, "We met every two months at

the library service centre. The as-required practical work depends on the season: if it's dry, we'll do more watering. We can have four hoses going at once down the south end, three at once at the upstream end. We're usually in a team, although individuals will come down and do it."

David says, "The reward is about what you get when you're here." The group enjoy the environment, nurturing it, watching its response and being with friends. Colin says, "It makes you feel good."

To find out how you can help the Geraldine Environmental Trust, phone Graeme on 693 7304, Lynne on 693 8899 or David on 693 8966.

Jan Finlayson

## Return to roots for Arts and Plants Festival

Geraldine's Arts and Plants Festival chair John Rule is keen to see a "return to the basic roots of the event but endeavour to bring it into 2016".

He says the committee want to deliver a first-class event, adding, "It's got to be good."

Currently the committee is working on a broad overview of the event but details should come shortly. In the meantime, John wants to bring the local community on board.

"We want to encourage locals out onto the street on Boulevard Day. We want to fill the

street [with stalls] but not at any price – we want quality and, hopefully, locals."

John is also interested in talking to locals about garden tours. Several gardens are already confirmed but he would like to see more on the schedule and explains they are looking for "all sorts" of gardens.

While the name is still under wraps, "The entertainment on Saturday will be the biggie," and promises "nationally-acclaimed musical entertainment".

Event information will be available shortly on the festival's new website: [www.geraldinefestival.co.nz](http://www.geraldinefestival.co.nz)

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# Geraldine Historical Society planning new spaces



Geraldine Historical Society secretary Margaret Chapman and vice-presidents Frank Kippenberger and Sylvia Irvine. Frank holds a rare weeping tōtara; one of the few remaining plants in a fundraising project. Photo: Jan Finlayson.

*The Geraldine News* recently caught up with Geraldine Historical Society members for museum news.

### Fundraising

Margaret Chapman, society secretary, says, "We're looking at the feasibility of running an early-spring auction to fund new displays we have concept plans for. We'd like to hear from people in the community who may have something to donate. We've already got some items. We'll probably hold the main auction in a paddock [but] possibly auction high-value, small items indoors."

The society's annual white-elephant stall will be held at Canterbury Show weekend's Arts and Plants Festival.

### Displays

Society members are planning the museum's new exhibition spaces around conceptual drawings by Dunedin designers Parry Jones and Graham McArthur. Margaret says, "The majority of our new displays will be permanent, in sections like early Māori, Kāhahu and industries that have been important to the Geraldine area, and we'll be using different ways to explain them – that's what the fundraising's for – like televisions and touchscreens. It'll all link together and flow."

"There will also be changing displays that will be of interest at the time," says Margaret. Co-vice president Sylvia Irvine adds, "For example: bands, sports' high performers, women's groups, lodges..."

Fellow co-vice president Frank Kippenberger says, "The history has to shine. We want to make the displays come alive."

### Weeping tōtara

These very unusual trees were propagated from a rare local

specimen, as a special museum fundraiser five years ago, and have grown vigorously from their small cutting length. They are sterile hybrids – the pollen of a needle-leaved and snow tōtara hybrid was probably blown to Woodbury, where it crossed with a lowland tōtara – with the odds stacked high against natural occurrence. Sylvia says, "There are a few left; they're discounted to \$80 because they're getting bigger."

### Geraldine High School year 7 visits

Knowledge of whenua and local social and industrial history is integral to the school's year 7 social studies programme. As part of the students' recent work in the subject, "The three classes of year 7 children came to the museum and they were very interested. They got excited about things they recognised," Margaret says.

### Membership

The society's annual general meeting will be at the museum on Wednesday 27 July at 7.30pm. "There'll be a guest speaker and new committee members," says Margaret. She adds that people new to Geraldine, or people interested in observing history, are welcome.

Sylvia says the society meets once a month and the level of involvement is up to individual members.

### Friends of the museum

Becoming a friend of the museum is a way of learning more about local history, supporting the society's work in the museum and staying up to date with museum events. Frank says, "Become a friend of the museum for a small subscription and receive two Geraldine Guardian magazines a year, and preserve our history and artifacts."

For more information, contact the museum on 693 7028 or at: gdemuseum@xtra.co.nz

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# Learning-rich field trip to Waihi School for GPS kids



Collaborative learning: from left, Emily Geary, Nathan Harbutt and Emily Goldsbury work on their robot. Photo: Pip Goldsbury.

It was a field trip with a difference for room one of Geraldine Primary School. There was no museum or zoo or even a rocky seashore. Instead, the children were off to school – Waihi School.

In a collaborative first for GPS and Waihi School, Jo Drake and Sarah Wilson’s year 4 class experienced Lego Robotics, a Lego-based educational programme that saw the Geraldine children working with Waihi School science teacher Mark West and his year 8 boys, to design, build and programme Lego robots.

Jo says, “It’s great to see the kids excited. It allows kids to be creative, builds confidence and translates to success in other areas.” She explains Lego Robotics as “simple programming with the excitement of building Lego. It’s building for a reason.”

Jo’s interest in programming and coding is currently being formalised as she works towards a post-graduate certificate in ICT education. She says coding and learning to programme has become compulsory in parts of Australia and she believes this is also the case for England. Jo wonders if this is the way of the future for New Zealand.

However, it’s not just the programming that gets Jo excited for her year 4 charges: “It’s also working as a team. There’s a lot of robust discussion and thinking processes. It’s good for kids’ thinking and their communication.”

Mark says Lego Robotics is taught at Waihi School as part of the twice-weekly rotation programme. However, planning a session for younger children from another school added an additional element to robotics for the Waihi boys as they had to organise the lesson and prep the equipment. The resulting

lesson saw small groups of Geraldine children, each lead by a Waihi boy, engaged in building and programming robots using Lego Robotics and laptops to perform specific tasks. In most cases, this was a basic car that they programmed to follow a precise route.

While some groups had greater success than others, nearly all the robots were functioning effectively by the end of the session, with some even bringing whoops, hollers and fist pumps from their programmers as the robots completed tricky tracks and elaborate twists.



Waihi student, Nathan Harbutt, experienced this with his group. “It was fun. They were energetic and they loved learning how to programme robots.”

Mark says the experience of working with the Geraldine children was a great leadership opportunity for the Waihi boys as they used the skills they have learnt in school and applied them in a different format. “Our boys enjoyed it. It’s kinaesthetic learning – using your hands and your brain.”

Waihi School headmaster, Allan Short, valued the opportunity to welcome children from another school into Waihi. “It’s about being part of an education collective and being able to share expertise and resources between our local schools.”

He too spoke of the leadership opportunity it offered his students. “Through our leadership programme we’re building the capacity in our boys to develop life-long skills and to see themselves as leaders and role models, both with their peers and with younger children. We do much of this through sport and it is great to see this happening in the academic arena too.”

Pip Goldsbury



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# Waihi Sevens Tournament



The under-12s from Geraldine Rugby Football Club and Waihi School take a breather at half time during pool play.

Over 300 junior rugby players from across South Canterbury, Mid Canterbury and as far afield as Dunedin and Christchurch converged at Waihi School last Sunday for the annual Waihi Sevens Tournament.

The Waihora Rugby Football Club from Tai Tapu proved too strong – winning the under-10, under-11 and under-13 grades.

Event organisers, Mike Tayler and Dave McLeod, are pleased with the success of the tournament. Mike says the Waihi Sevens is a “successful community and family event”, while Dave says he’s happy to “showcase the school with a great event”.

Pip Goldsbury

## FINANCIAL FOCUS: The value of advice

If we have a serious concern about our health, we’ll usually make an appointment with our local GP. If our car develops a strange sound, we’ll probably take it to a mechanic. However, when it comes to our finances, most of us try to figure out the answers on our own.

I’m not sure if that reflects a general lack of confidence in financial advisers or whether many people just feel overwhelmed by the idea of seeking professional financial guidance.

While it’s true that people can attempt to manage their own financial affairs, it’s extremely difficult for a layperson to effectively undertake the role of an experienced professional.

Here are six common money mistakes that people managing their own affairs can often make. If one or more of these sound familiar, then it might be worth reconsidering your approach:

**Aimlessly building up cash**

As we advance in our careers, it’s natural for us to focus on earning more money. But earning money is only half the story. What is equally important is having a plan for what you want your money to do. An expert can assess your current situation and tell you what you need to do to realise your dreams. Advice can range from adjusting your budget to reinvesting disposable income to benefit from compound interest. Anecdotally there have been numerous examples of people in relatively low paying jobs who have left millions of dollars to their heirs. It’s not necessarily how much you make, it’s what you do with what you make that really determines the outcome.

**Focusing on finances too late**

Time is your greatest ally when you want to grow your money. If we assume a real (after tax, fees and inflation) return of 3.0% per annum, then a person who invested \$5,000 per year from age 25 to 65 would end up with \$377,006 while a person who invested \$5,000 per year from 35 to 65 will end up with only \$237,877. In the USA it is common for people to hire financial advisers as soon as they enter the workforce knowing that the sooner they commit to a financial plan, the more they will maximise their lifestyle choices in retirement.

**Not being prepared for life’s big transitions**

None of us can avoid the seismic shifts in our lives, whether it’s a happy occurrence like the birth of a child or a

challenging one such as the death of a spouse. However, a financial adviser can help us to anticipate and plan for them. A professional adviser can help prepare you for the transition and provide long-term planning advice, such as retirement planning, preparing for health care expenses and securing premature death protection.

**Taking the wrong approach to tackling debt**

Many of us believe that if we are saddled with student loans or owe too much on our credit cards, we don’t have money to invest. Even if we are in the red, we still need a plan because sometimes we can’t see our way out of it. In the same way that there are steps to investing to get to your goals, there are positive steps to be taken to help get out of debt.

**Paying too much in fees**

When it comes to choosing what KiwiSaver scheme to invest in or what managed funds to buy, some of us take the “eenie, meenie, miny, mo” approach. However, the funds we ultimately select can lead to a huge difference in earnings over time because of hidden fees, which most investors don’t know how to spot. A financial adviser can help you identify investments that may be costing you more than they’re worth.

**Underestimating the value of knowledge**

Some of us have a do-it-yourself mindset, but even so there are tens of thousands of different investment options. How long would it take for you to research all the different shares, bonds and managed funds you could possibly invest in? That’s the value of going to somebody who does this all day, every day. Not only does a financial adviser understand how the markets work but he or she can help you determine, based on your goals and time frame, what types of investments are most appropriate for you.

Aside from buying your house, the management of your overall financial affairs is probably going to have the single largest impact on the quality of life that you and your family get to enjoy in the future. Given everything that’s at stake, I’m not sure that’s what I’d want to be taking on as a DIY project.

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# Charity ‘In-Hand and Ridden’ Show



Overall Supreme Exhibit of the day: Regent Park Gossip Girl ridden by Tayla McKerrow. Alongside are Keri Drake, Julie Ryan, Adrienne Bishop, Nancye Jack and Janet Slee. Photo: Supplied.

The day was organised at the Geraldine Pony Club’s headquarters at the Orari Equestrian Centre in early April by Julie Ryan, Nancye Jack and Marty Pow. It was designed to provide riders with an alternative to what has normally been available locally and to raise funds for St Johns.

“We have \$800 to hand over after all costs are covered,”

says Marty Pow. “Entries weren’t as large as they might have been but participants were very enthusiastic and many wanted to know when the next one would be held. At this stage we’re hoping to run it again at approximately the same time next year.”

Submitted by Geraldine Pony Club

## IN GOOD TASTE: Winter warmers

As the weather becomes colder and the days become shorter and darker I begin to crave hearty soups, and nothing is better to warm your spirits than a soup served with a warm, yeasty brioche.

One of my favourite soups is a smoked fish, chorizo and white bean soup. It is one of the tastiest and easiest soups to make, and if you have been lucky enough to catch a kahawai or two it is even better. It doesn’t take long to whip up and is better when left overnight or until the evening as the flavours really develop.

### Smoked Fish, Chorizo and White Bean Soup

500g white smoked fish, broken up

1 large, or 2 smaller chorizo, diced roughly (spiced to your liking)

3 spring onions, sliced (an onion diced is as good)

3 celery stalks, sliced, (include the leaves)

3 cloves garlic, roughly chopped

1x tin of either butter beans or cannellini beans

1x 400g tin of diced tomatoes, (or your slow-roasted tomatoes from the freezer)

500g fish stock or vegetable stock

1 squeezed lime or lemon

1tbsp sugar

Salt and pepper to taste

About ¼ cup olive oil

1 bunch coriander, roughly chopped, (optional)

1 tub crème fraîche



Smoked Fish, Chorizo and White Bean Soup: tasty and easy to make. Photo: Kirsten Nalder.

In some olive oil, fry the garlic, onions, and celery. Cook for about 5 minutes or until shiny and soft. Add the tinned tomatoes, stock and beans and bring to a gentle boil. Break the fish into the soup and let it simmer.

Place the remaining olive oil (about 3 tbsp), in a small frypan and fry the chorizo. The oil will absorb and enhance the flavour from the sausage. Spoon ¾ of the chorizo and oil into the soup. The remainder can be used as a garnish.

Taste the soup and add in the sugar, lime/lemon, and salt and pepper to taste. Add in the coriander, keeping aside some for garnish.

Serve with a dollop of crème fraîche, a drizzle of chorizo oil and some coriander on top of the soup.

Kirsten Nalder

## IN BRIEF

### Community Trust

The Community Trust Mid and South Canterbury has made a donation of \$5,000 to the Methven Golf Club towards the purchase cost of a new tractor.

Upcoming application deadlines for 2016: Applications up to \$10,000: 20 May, 17 June, 15 July, 19 August, 16 September, 21 October. Applications over \$10,000: 16 September 2016 (considered 28 November 2016).

Submitted by Community Trust

### Books

The following are some of the books the Geraldine Ladies Probus discussed at their May meeting.

#### Fiction

- *The Touch* by Colleen McCullough.
- *Australian Series* by William Stuart Long.
- *Bill Bailey’s Lot* by Catherine Cookson.
- *The Judge’s Daughter* by Ruth Hamilton.
- *Front Runner* by Felix Francis.
- *Shades of Deceit* by Mary Larkin. An Irish story.
- *Obedience* by Jacqueline Yallop.

#### Non-Fiction

- *A Fort of Nine Towers* by Akbar Omar Qais. Afghanistan story.
- *Walking Free* by Munjed Al Muderis. A Refugee who Became a Surgeon.
- *As Green as Grass* by Emma Smith. An English Biography.
- *Kofi Annan, a Man of Peace* by Stanley Mercer.
- *The Kissinger Saga* by Evi Kurz.
- *Live your Dreams* by Lynne Walker Thompson. One hundred years of Lane Walker Rudkin.
- *Winds of Skelak* by Bonnie Rose Ward. Alaskan Wilderness.

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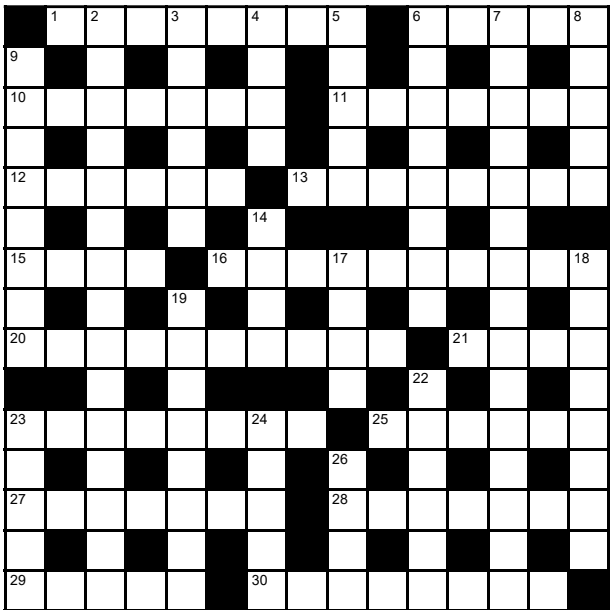
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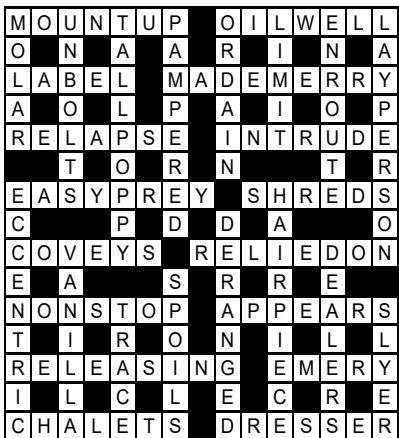
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- 1 Told how you managed to return and showed approval (8)  
6 It indicates the sound of an S.I. standard (5)  
10 He checks for gold where I trod carelessly (7)  
11 Shot through when caused to be rotten (4,3)  
12 It may be irrational to hop around but it assuages initially (6)  
13 Sounds like it got bigger - it's awful (8)  
15 Close the window when bereaved woman goes with it we hear (4)  
16 At first, busy putting fire out. When finished became mates (10)  
20 Right in the middle of Boot Hill (4,6)  
21 Acknowledgements taken by those on the fiddle (4)  
23 Discuss the end of oral discourse (4,4)  
25 Fleeting skylight? (6)  
27 Elegant and pure (7)  
28 It's sadly shown to be about code (7)  
29 Somehow is error-ridden but still comparatively sage (5)  
30 What you may be allowed to be called (8)

DOWN

- 2 How description of likeable chap concludes (3,2,3,3,2,2)  
3 Unfortunate tear in hold (6)  
4 Sharp and sweet (4)  
5 Object of French origin making an odd comeback (5)  
6 Barrier returned - indeed, curiously. I left and became irate (8)  
7 Unlikely in its faithfulness? (3,4,2,2,4)  
8 Possibly go through your arm (5)  
9 Took place being endlessly pleased. Need to get out (8)  
14 Slight rest (4)  
17 Bloody unusual? (4)  
18 Descriptive of the result of just desserts (8)  
19 Glass boat (8)  
22 He retreats from the sound of his wife's glove (6)  
23 We're told it's the way to cast (5)  
24 Provide you can last outright? (5)  
26 Saw maybe what led to distress (4)



LAST MONTH'S SOLUTION

# Brianna Howell Rep of the Year: tennis club finishes on a high



Geraldine's five South Canterbury tennis rep players, from left, Sam Shaw, Shay Young, Brianna Howell, Arabella Acland and Molly-Kate Morrison. Photo: Supplied.

Hilton/Geraldine Junior Tennis has finished the season on a high with Brianna Howell being named as South Canterbury Representative Player of the Year. Hilton/Geraldine teams also earned distinction as the awards were given out at last month's prize giving night.

South Canterbury Professional Coach Kane Newland said "Brianna had an excellent representative season for Tennis South Canterbury. She was one of three South Canterbury players who won all nine of their rep matches this season. Brianna won the award because she dropped the least number of games on her way to winning each match."

The Hilton/Geraldine players are dedicated and passionate and just enjoy the atmosphere at the club. They are backed up by parents and managers willing to make the regular trips to Waihi, Temuka and Timaru each week.

The Hotshots introductory programme at the club involved over 60 players in the 5-10 year age group. The programme covers all the skills needed to get underway on the court. Next the players are put into C-grade interclub teams and can play on Saturday mornings once they can serve a tennis ball on the full-sized court.

Hilton/Geraldine had ten teams in the interclub competition, ranging from Premier to A, B and C grades. There were over 40 players involved with Saturday tennis which makes Hilton/Geraldine the largest club in the South Canterbury competition. Five players represented South Canterbury: Molly-Kate Morrison, Shay Young, Brianna Howell, Arabella Acland and Sam Shaw. In the first term of 2016 Hilton/Geraldine were runners up in the Premier grade and second and third in the A grade competition. The B grade teams were winners and runners-up.

Murray Bradshaw who was coaching alongside Chris Anderson this season said "the whole club is abuzz with enthusiasm and excitement for the future. Our awesome yet small committee made sure a well organised programme was put in place and the rest was left to a fantastic group of players. We are all so proud of what the players have achieved."

The Hilton/Geraldine club recognised Hayden Nelson, Julia Burnett and Dylan Watkins as the Most Valuable Players for the season, based upon results, court etiquette and sportsmanship. These trophies speak volumes of their character displayed on court and of their dedication.

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# Geraldine Ladies Probus Club celebrates 25th birthday



Foundation members and past presidents celebrate 25 years of the Geraldine Ladies Probus Club. Photo: Jo Bates.

Twenty-five years ago, a group of local retired women banded together to form a friendship group, the Geraldine Ladies Probus Club.

Two founder members, Gladys Bland and Daphne Holmes, will be 90 this year and still enjoy being part of the club. Gladys says, "It's just the friendliness and the fellowship of it all and finding out [about] other people's interests; it's surprising what other people are interested in. People are friendly here and you do get to know them."

Marie Ericksen, club president, moved to Geraldine nine years ago and echoes this sentiment adding, "I joined Probus seven years ago. They took me under their wing and have been just lovely – so supportive."

There are currently 88 ladies in the Geraldine Probus club, of which nine are founder members. Around 80 attended the 25th birthday celebrations held last week at Denfield Golf Club. With some local clubs closing due to lack of numbers, Geraldine Ladies Probus Club is unusual with its growing membership. Marie attributes this partly to a large number of people joining when they move to McKenzie Lifestyle Village.

In addition to organising regular trips to places of interest, the group meets monthly. Invited speakers attend and willing members also give 10-minute talk. Marie says that a member often shares her life story or something of interest with the group. "These ladies are full of treasures with their memories.

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It's amazing what some of these women have done. That's what I love about Probus."

Probus clubs began in the mid-1960s in the UK. The name was created by abbreviating the words PROfessional and BUSiness. Probus was the brainchild of a Rotary Club member who had recently retired and found himself with time on his hands. He gathered some other retirees together and they started meeting together regularly. The group was soon recognised as something that could be offered as a Rotary community service activity and a Rotary club sponsored each Probus club. Probus clubs began to appear in New Zealand almost 10 years later.

In Geraldine, local Stan Wilkinson was instrumental in starting both men's and women's Probus clubs. The clubs welcome anyone who is retired, semi-retired or soon-to-retire. They aim to stimulate thought, interest and participation in activities at a time of life when it is easy to lose interest and engagement. Members are not exclusively from business or professional occupations and there is no age restriction. For more information about Geraldine Ladies Probus, contact Marie on 693 8943, email marieericksen@xtra.co.nz.

Jo Bates

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### Sick day strategies

Apparently it's normal for children to get six to eight cold-like infections, and two or three gut-bugs each year. How do you handle, "I don't feel well", on a school morning?

One strategy is, "Have a glass of water and go to the toilet". This may have very minimal therapeutic benefit but, amazingly, it seems to do the trick about half the time. If they still claim to be unwell, check for symptoms and of course, if they are obviously unwell with a temperature or a bad cold, a day off would be a good idea. But if there are no obvious symptoms, you could say, "OK, it's your choice. You can choose to stay home, but since you haven't got a temperature, it has to be just a boring day in bed – no playing or going outside." What you're saying, in effect, is, "Of course we'll take your poor health seriously, but we're not going to make it worth your while to just have a sickie."

John Cowan says, "Occasionally, just occasionally, I'd let our kids have a day off school, even when I was pretty sure there was nothing much wrong with them, physically – more of a 'mental health' day. Sometimes they'd come to work with me and just hang around and have a quiet day. The reason I didn't mind this was that I think that school is very very important, so important that I don't want them to hate it."

## IN BRIEF

### Mayoral opening for new MTB single track

Twelve months of planning and construction have resulted in a new mountain bike single track for Geraldine.

Located by the Orari River and accessed off Vance Road, the 2.2-kilometre track is the brainchild of the Geraldine Mountain Bike Track committee and provides local mountain bikers and visitors to Geraldine with a specialist track that links with the existing river trails.

Committee member, Joe Wyborn, describes the track as an exciting, technical workout that features tight-cambered turns and jumps. He says that while it will challenge experienced riders, recreational riders will also enjoy the track. Joe's 10-year-old son, Ben, grins as he describes the track: "It's adrenalin-pumping, challenging and bumpy."

The \$11,000 track has been fully funded by the Southern Trust and built by local business, Earthworks Aoraki. However, Joe adds a lot of volunteer labour has gone into the track, including work by Ben Haugh Fencing.

Since the track's completion in April, Joe says "heaps of people have been riding and enjoying it". An official opening will take place this Saturday 21 May at 2pm with Mayor Damon Odey and Geraldine Community Board members, who will also be riding the track. Joe says the track committee wishes to extend an invitation to the community of Geraldine to attend the opening. "Bring down your bike and ride the fantastic new single track."

Pip Goldsbury

### Letter to the editor

#### The Importance of Being Earnest

To savour the wickedly perceptive wit of Oscar Wilde is sufficient reason in itself to attend the showing of *The Importance of Being Earnest*, but this production by the Academy of Performance and Arts at the Lodge Theatre opens an evening of delight for those attending.

Everything about the production was of the highest standard (one could almost say at a professional level): publicity photographs, stage props, stunning costumes, the delightful touch of cucumber sandwiches and block cake provided at intermission and, especially, those performing on the stage.

It would be unfair to single out actors; all gave convincing performances – not an easy task to give life and sincerity to characters that Wilde has skillfully contrived to be shallow and insincere. The coquettish charm of Gabriella Kircher and Eilish Walther, as Gwedolen Fairfax and Cecily Cardew were delightful foils for Dylan Lane as Algernon Moncrieff and Max Patterson's John Worthing. The aplomb with which all characters carried Wilde's brilliant epigrams could only be admired.

The costumes were superb and the set was so delightful that when the curtain rose on the garden scene for the second act, there was spontaneous applause from the audience. Not a cue was missed and the diction was not only clear but convincing. These were true thespians on stage.

*The Importance of Being Earnest* was a credit not only to the cast and to the production team, but it should make all of Geraldine proud to have such talented young people performing for us. Well done.

Peter Heaslip

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The Waihi River Catchment Group, Geraldine Photography Club and Geraldine Museum are organising a photography competition and a display to help show the diverse roles freshwater plays as we live, work, play and interact with it.

The competition is about capturing the multiple benefits we gain from water and raising awareness around protecting these values, as part of a healthy catchments Project in South Canterbury.

The four categories are outlined below and entries are due before 5pm on 13 June.

For more information and competition rules visit <http://ecan.govt.nz/OTOP/PhotoCompetition>



### Four Competition Categories

#### 1. Changing rivers

(prize sponsor: Environment Canterbury)

Documentary photo sets of up to four images to show how our relationship with freshwater is changing.

#### 2. A place for wildlife

(prize sponsor: Hunting & Fishing Timaru)

Birds, plants, fish, and insects – what makes the natural life in and around rivers and streams distinctive?

#### 3. Beauty and delight in water

(prize sponsor: McAtamney Gallery, Geraldine)

Light sparkle, reflections, filtered sunshine and shadows, flashes of colour, autumn tints. Enjoy the abstract while capturing a beautiful water or riverbank scene.

#### 4. Moving images

(prize sponsor: Geraldine Photography Club)

Rivers and streams have movement, which it is hard to capture in a single camera shot – why not use video to enter one of the categories above?

**Plus: \*Youth awards:** We welcome entries from young people and can make additional awards under the four categories – tell us your age and identify your school when sending in the entry.

More detail at <http://ecan.govt.nz/OTOP/PhotoCompetition>

### Competition Criteria

- Photos (print or .jpeg) or video must have been taken between 1 July 2015 and 5pm on 13 June 2016, and be captioned.
- Email each entry separately with caption to [riverphotos@farmside.co.nz](mailto:riverphotos@farmside.co.nz) or post CD or memory stick to River Photo Competition, PO box 58 Geraldine 7956
- Maximum 4 entries per entrant, which could be in more than one category. Video 3 minutes length max.
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RESULTS

GOLF

**Geraldine Golf Club.** Tuesday 3 May. Eclectic R1. Putting Rd 1. J Oliver 110-41-69 28, R Harper 94-25-69 38, S Bensemann 88-17-71 28, S Fifield 97-25-72 31, J Gallichan 99-27-72 30, M Blackmore 95-22-73 31, J Maguire 116-42-74 38, J Gibbs 106-31-75 35, D Kenny 88-13-75 25, M Ellery 101-26-75 31. Putting: D Kenny 25. 9 hole: D Sandri 59-22-37, K Redwood, 64-27-37, J Stevens 63-20-37. Twos: S Bensemann, J Gallichan, J Stevens. Nearest pin 18: M Ellery; 9: J Stevens. Nett birdie: J Stevens, R Harper. M Blackmore, A Romeril, S Fifield, S Silcock.

Saturday 14 May. Stephens Cup winner: M MacDonald 118. Stableford. A Burrows 42, D Fisher 38, G Leary, B Robertson 37, G Gallichan 36, C Paton, D Cleveland, R Jeffrey, T Putze, S Blake, M MacDonald 34. Twos: B Romeril, S Blake, K Silcock. Nearest pin: G Gallichan, A Romeril.

**Grande Vue Golf Club.** Sunday 8 May. Stoneyhurst Trophy stableford. D Stenhouse 87-30-57,47, J Rate 86-28-58,46, M Lang 84-20-64,40, M Waldron 84-17-67,38, D Bruce 80-13-67,37, M Denton 89-22-67,37, R Ramsay 91-21-70,35, J Muff 81-11-70,35. Twos: D Stenhouse, R Tweed. Nearest pin: D Bruce. Women: V Patrick 98-32-66,40, J Patrick 105-38-67,39, S McShane 100-28-72,34, F Lambie 108-25-83,24. Nearest pin: S McShane.

Multi-Sponsored Dice Ambrose. Team Patrick 68 23.6 44.4, Carol's Crew 71 21.8 49.2, B Mc and Co 75 24.4 50.6, Valley Misfits 72 20.8 51.2, Loose Five 68 16 52, Te Moana Teraways 78 25.8 52.2. Nearest pin: G Coulter, S McShane. Straightest drive: D Cole, V Patrick.

**Geraldine Women's Golf.** Tuesday 10 May. RSRB stableford R3. H Sheldon 39, S Silcock 37, D Kenny 37, S Dwyer 36, M Ellery 36, J Maguire 36, N Echroyd 35, A Burrows 35, P Tulisi 35, R Harper 34, M Shefford 33, F Blake 33, M Gregan 33. Nearest the pin: C Jopp. Twos: J Oliver, D Kenny 2. Nett birdies: M Bolton, C Jopp, M Shefford, H Sheldon, H May. 9 holes: K Redwood.

BRIDGE

**Thursday 5 May.** Ussher Hcap Pairs 1. N/S: V Crawford & G Hole 60.65%, C Coulter & H Rinaldi 59.87%, N Belsey & T Boyce 54.54%. E/W: P Taylor & J Te Whata 61.97%, J Meijer & J O'Brien 54.04%, M Greenall & J Kelly 53.02%.

**Thursday 12 May.** Ussher Hcap Pairs 2. N/S: P Kippenberger & R Pitelen 68.65%, P Taylor & J Te Whata 57.90%, J Harmon & J Jones 55.61%. E/W: R Bray & F Numan 55.61%, M Burridge & E Lyon 54.20%, S Anderson & A Numan 51.28%.

BOWLS

The first Geraldine Temuka Indoor Bowls Championship of the season was the Crotty Shield. The fours competition had entries from all of the seven clubs of the association. There were some tough matchups during the day resulting in there only being two qualifiers after the earlier games. The GTCC team of Ray Christensen, Michael Higgins, Dave Baker and Gavin Harris went through unbeaten, to come up against the Milford team of Merv Davey, Maurice Parke, Karen Cooper and Alistair Martin in the final. It was all one-way traffic for the GTCC team with all four players playing some great accurate shots and holding good position during most of the ends. This left Davey and his team trying to upset the heads to get some much-needed points as the score was 10-0 after 7 ends. Milford scored on the last two ends but it was too little, too late and the final score was 10-5 to GTCC.

CRIBBAGE

**Results after Round 3.** Pairs: B Lewis & L Bateman 24, J Ellery & C Coulter 23, S Thompson & A Wilson 21, P Kippenberger & R Brylkowski 20, J Scott & J Cooper 20, K Inwood & R Hartley 19, M Burridge & G Imms 19, E King & M Ellery 18, F Kippenberger & J Griffith 17, C Flannery & G Rate 17, H Holmes & B O'Keefe 15, R Bray & S Rinaldi 14. Games: R Bray & S Rinaldi 3 v C Flannery & G Rate 8, M Burridge & G Imms 6 v F Kippenberger & J Griffith 7, P Kippenberger & R Brylkowski 6 v J Ellery & C Coulter 7, E King & M Ellery 5 v B Lewis & L Bateman 8, J Scott & J Cooper 7 v H Holmes & B O'Keefe 5, K Inwood & R Hartley 4 v S Thompson & A Wilson 8.

HORSE & PONY CHARITY SHOW

**Sunday 3 April.** In-Hand Ponies. Turnout: A Smith/William, T McKerrow/Regent Park Gossip Girl, R Brockett/Maungapiri Quintessa. Mare: Gossip Girl, Quintessa. Gelding: Woodlands Park Gold Medal/S Boles de Boer, William, Soliloque/R Kirk. Handler U16: R Kirk, T McKerrow, A Smith. Handler 16+: R Brockett. Champion In-Hand Pony: Woodlands Park Gold Medal/S Boles de Boer. In-Hand Hacks Group A. Young Stock Turnout: Teddy/T Malama. Adult Turnout: H Dippie/Disco Dolly, F Waddington/Zeus, A Laxton/Lord Vadar. Mare: Daffi/S Clay, Disco Dolly, Honey/C Wilson. Gelding: Lord Vadar, Martini Henry/K Horton, Billy/T Waddington. Handler U16: C Wilson. Handler 16+: A Laxton, T Malama, S Devries. Horse judge would most like to take home: Daffi, Lord Vadar, Martini Henry. In-Hand Group B. Adult Turnout: K Coles/ Samuri, I Swart/Amour, M MacDonell/Indian O to B Grand. Mare: Kit Kat/N Currey, Amour/L Rose, E Goodman. Gelding: Gumpnugget/L Clyne, The Canterbury Draught/S Gorrie, Tor/A Dean. Handler U16: I Swart. Handler 16+: L Clyne, R Boles de Boer, S Gorrie. Horse Judge would most like to take home: Gumpnugget, Samuri, The Canterbury Draught, Tor. Champion In-Hand Horse: Daffi/S Clay. Best Handler U16: R Kirk/Soliloque. Best Handler 16+: L Clyne/Gumpnugget. Lead Rein: O Cronin/Kinkora Sparkle. Fancy Dress: O Cronin/Kinkora Sparkle. Ribbon Hack. Best Presented: K Coles/Samuri, K Hodder/Oscar, K Thorn/Amour. Novice: K Thorn, F Archer, H Dippie. Open: K Thorn, K Hodder, K Coles. Rider Equitation: K Hodder, K Thorn, K Coles. Saddle Hunters. Best Presented: L Pattie/Rhythmic Quest, F Waddington/Zeus, T Waddington/Billy. Novice: F Waddington, E Goodman, L Rose, T Waddington. Open: F Waddington, L Pattie, T Waddington. Rider Equitation: L Pattie, A Dean,

E Goodman. Standardbred/Riding/Pleasure Horse. Best Presented: S Thompson/ Lakeview Montego Bay, M MacDonnell/Indiana O to B Grand, L Clyne/Gumpnugget. Novice: S Thompson, M MacDonell, C Wilson. Open: S Thompson, M MacDonell, C Wilson. Rider Equitation: R Boles de Boer, C Wilson, M MacDonell. Champion Ridden Horse: K Thorn/Amour. Best Rider on a Hack: L Pattie. B&C Ponies. Best Presented: D Ratahi, C Corban, N van den Bosch, L Smith. Novice: L Smith, D Ratahi, N van den Bosch. Open: N van den Bosch, L Smith, D Ratahi. Rider Equitation: L Smith, N Van den Bosch, D Ratahi. A & Hunter Ponies. Best Presented: R Sugrue/GP Antonis, T McKerrow/Regent Park Gossip Girl, S Boles de Boer/Woodlands Park Gold Medal. Novice: T McKerrow, S Boles de Boer, R Sugrue. Open: T McKerrow, R Sugrue, S Boles de Boer. Rider Equitation: S Boles de Boer, R Sugrue, T McKerrow. Champion Ridden Pony: T McKerrow/Regent Park Gossip Girl. Best Rider on a Pony: S Boles de Boer. Supreme Exhibit of Show: T McKerrow/Regent Park Gossip Girl. Reserve: L Pattie/Rhythmic Quest.

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