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## Geraldine brigade calls for close-to-base recruits

Geraldine Volunteer Fire Brigade is recruiting firefighters who are able to respond to callouts in business hours.

Chief fire officer Graeme Mould says, "We want people who are available during the daytime. We already have members who live in town but work outside Geraldine and we have shift workers; we're after people who are in town during the day. The average callout is about an hour.

"One angle we're taking is to approach business owners who may be able to let a worker go for a call out. The other angle is this one: to go to the community at large.

"There's no real firefighter profile. We have a big cross-section, professionally and age-wise. People need to be team players and reasonably fit, they need to be over 16, and they need to have the mindset of wanting to help, to serve.

"All the skills they'll need – the fire-fighting things – will be taught here at the station. Before they can ride on a truck, there's in-house training for four to five months, and then, to become fully-fledged firefighters, they do a one-week intensive course in Christchurch. After that, they're operational firefighters."

"Training is every Monday night and there are opportunities to move through the ranks or develop specialist skills such as road-accident work or officer training."

Graeme says the ability to prioritise firefighting is important. "Family and work come first for our firefighters, but



Geraldine chief fire officer Graeme Mould: "It's a set of gear waiting for someone to fill it."  
Photo: Jan Finlayson.

people need to be able to commit to a high percentage of the calls and training."

To find out more about being a member

of Geraldine Volunteer Fire Brigade, call Graeme on 027 221 3812.

Jan Finlayson

## Taking Relay for Life to the country

The South Canterbury public is being called upon once again to "Celebrate, Remember and Fight Back" for the Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life on Saturday 10 March.

For the first year the event is being held in Geraldine and Harcourts' Heroes from Geraldine was the first team to register.

Event co-chair, Karen McArthur, hopes that teams from Timaru and around South Canterbury will take part in the event being held at the rugby club. "We believe Geraldine can put on a fabulous event to cater to everyone. We kick off at 10am and finish up at 10pm as we want to see a family atmosphere and the committee also wants to be considerate to those that live around the rugby club.

"We would love people to support our teams fundraising around the track and come down for lunch and dinner and share in the atmosphere," says Karen. "It is such a special event to be a part of and with a national theme of 'superheroes' we would love teams to embrace that and see some wonderful costumes and colour around the track".

The committee is hoping to have more than 25 teams for what will be the 10th Relay celebration in the South Canterbury community, something definitely to celebrate says Leola Smith the South Canterbury Cancer Society's Centre Manager.

Funds raised from Relay for Life enable the Cancer Society to focus on giving back to those many people and their families who are going through a cancer journey, including the

24 people who were diagnosed in the past 12 months in the Geraldine community alone.

"We are forever grateful to the South Canterbury community," says Leola. "Our communities are always so giving and passionate about Relay for Life. This is a great opportunity for those who have never seen or heard about it to come and experience it for themselves."

The committee is holding registration nights at The Running Duck in Geraldine every second Friday leading up to the event. The next one is this week on 26 January. Or you can register at [www.relayforlife.org.nz](http://www.relayforlife.org.nz) or phone the Cancer Society on 03 688 0124.

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# Refurbished units opened at Waihi Lodge

Jacqui Dean and Waihi Lodge board chairman, Milne Horne, opening the Irene Firman wing and the new serviced apartments.

Photo: Jordyn Te Rahui-Hobbs.

Local MP Jacqui Dean and chair of the Waihi Lodge board, Milne Horne, opened the newly refurbished and redeveloped Waihi Lodge wing on Sunday afternoon. After years of planning and construction, the serviced apartments and the Irene Firman wing were officially opened for the use of residents and their families.

Ten small rooms, which used to be the Irene Firman wing, have been transformed into spacious, modern living areas. The new rooms and apartments are larger and each has its own en suite. Three serviced apartments were also installed for elderly residents who require some health care and assistance, but are not in need of full rest-home care.

These can be rented with a service fee for meals, cleaning and laundry.

Resident Wally Goodwin said of his new home: "It's just like having a brand new house. It is very spacious and light, just beautiful."

Jacqui Dean addressed the large gathering during the garden party, saying, "This is entirely in line with the Geraldine senior-care vision, which is happiness, wellness and love. If you're filling this building with that, then I think you've made a wonderful development for the community here."

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# The equivalent of Everest in a day

Geraldine adventurer Milan Brodina set off on his mountain bike at 5am on 22 December. Nineteen times he pedalled the approximately eight-kilometre return journey to Waitohi Hill summit along Kākahu's Patrick and Trig Roads, and, at 9.59pm, he stopped. He'd ascended 8,900 vertical metres, more than Mount Everest's 8,848 metres.

He's now an Everest, having completed the challenge that originated with another virtual conquest of the Himalayan peak. In his training for a real Everest climb, George Mallory, grandson of the early Everest explorer, cycle-ascended its equivalent elevation on Mount Donna Buang in Australia in 1994.

That achievement went largely without fanfare. Two decades later, however, Australian Andy van Bergen, seeing the concept's appeal, transformed it into Everesting, capturing the imaginations of cyclists the world over and daring those able to ride to an effective top of the world.

Milan says that each Everest's information has to be recorded and uploaded from GPS to the Everesting website. "It's reviewed and you're put on the list of people who've completed it – you become part of the Everesting cycling club."

During his near-17 hours on the bike, Milan gained around 470 metres vertically with each lap and on one of his downhill runs clocked



Four and a half hours into his Everest challenge, Milan had clocked up around 2,500 vertical metres. Photo: Jan Finlayson.

a speed of 75 kilometres per hour. He was sustained by "liquid food". He says, "I had that prepared; I rode past the car, grabbed a bottle and carried on."

Everesting is a huge test of fitness, even for this endurance race veteran. Milan says, "I thought I'd hit the wall, but I paced myself well and a few friends from Geraldine came and rode a few laps with me and that helped."

What prompted him to take on such a challenge? "I believe, as humans, we get comfortable. We've got everything we need. We are so comfortable, it's not common to get into an uncomfortable zone, but that's the place where you appreciate the comfort

more. That's the underlying theme," he says.

Relishing that full spectrum of experience means Milan usually has an adventure in the pipeline. What's next?

"With a friend, I am going to do a coast-to-coast crossing from Hokitika, riding a bike to Lake Kaniere, then running through the main divide and over Browning Pass, down the Wilberforce River then kayaking the Rakaia. Then it's more cycling and finishing at the Rakaia River mouth. It'll be a day and a half non-stop."

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## Two basic rules for parenting

One thing that is very apparent after more than 20 years of parent education is that there are lots of right ways to bring up kids. I reckon there are just a few essentials to parenting and if you get them covered off, I think you can freestyle the rest and things will be just fine.

Let's get it down to two basics – your kids feel loved and safe. If this is happening, I think you have already got a pass mark as a parent.

By the way, please note that I didn't say "loving your kids" was the basic, I said "kids feel loved". I'm sure every parent loves their children, but things get in the way and the child doesn't always actually feel that love. Maybe it's anger or discipline that is too harsh, maybe it is too busy in the home, or perhaps a parent isn't able to be with the child. Learning new and better ways to show love to your children should be a top task for parents.

The positive message? The basics of parenting are simple. If you get love and safety right, it's amazing how much else you can get "wrong" and still give your kids a great childhood.



# Luv-a-duck lunches resume in February



Luv-a-duck lunch organiser Jan Hill, left, and Anglican Parish of Geraldine administrator Audrey Butts. The church's weekly Luv-a-duck lunch "is a fun time for people to come together", says Audrey. Photo: Jan Finlayson.

Luv-a-duck has been on the weekly menu at St Mary's church for more than 20 years.

The regular community meals are known as Luv-a-duck lunches (though they seldom include duck). The lunches bring together people from across the district and have been the starting point for many enduring friendships.

With an invitation extended to anyone who would like to meet others over a two-course lunch, organiser Jan Hill says that Luv-a-duck 2018 will resume in February.

"It was started by people within and outside the church as a community outreach," says Jan. "We have a team who cook lovely meals ... sometimes we have a roast, we have wonderful puddings and there's always tea and coffee. There are special dinners at mid-winter and Christmas.

"We have regulars and often have visitors coming. We've made lots of friends at Luv-a-duck."

Anglican Parish of Geraldine administrator Audrey Butts says, "It's a fun time for people to come together, of all denominations and secular."

The project's spirit is infectious, with many contributors coming on board over the years. Jan says, "We have regular donations of meat by Ōrari Gorge Station, donations of venison, puddings, napkins, chocolates, et cetera, from people who come and from other community members. We use our own garden vegetables."

The meals allowed the group to help others on a wider stage. "We're able to give money to the Anglican missions board. The more you give, the more comes back," says Jan.

Luv-a-duck lunches resume on Friday 2 February at 12pm in St Mary's guild room (beside the church on Talbot Street). They are held every Friday apart from during holiday periods. Gold coin donation. All welcome. For more information, call Audrey at the St Mary's office on 693 8380.

Jan Finlayson

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# Bessie Quigley's memories of coming to Te Moana in 1909

"It was 18 September 1908 when our family left Liverpool on the *SS Devon*, a cargo ship with about a dozen passengers. We set sail for New Zealand, arriving just before Christmas. I remember the beautiful flying fish often landing on the desk [and], once, a whale went right under the boat.

"I was six years old and my brother was four... Our first stop was Cape Town, where the boat took on coal and fresh water. We spent a month in the Indian Ocean with no land but beautiful sunsets.

"There was an unscheduled stop when my brother, Hubert, went under one of the huge steering chains at the back of the ship. His best coat was covered in oil but mother didn't scold. After that, Hubert sent a lot of time with the ship's carpenter, who was making a model ship.

"Next stop was Sydney – we rose at 5am to see the sunrise. In Australia for a whole week, we were let off the boat during the day. We had Manly Beach for paddling, collecting shells and playing in the sand. We saw grass but were not allowed to run on it. Mother did not like us taking our clothes off so we didn't learn to swim. Hubert remembers a little kangaroo on the street.

"The boat arrived in Auckland to be met by friends from Mount Eden. We stayed a week and got to play on the grass. I don't remember coming from Auckland to Wellington but we caught the ferry and I remember the carpet on the stairs.

"We were met by Mr Taylor and were to go to Ashburton but that land had



Bessie Quigley (nee Mallinson), ex-pupil and teacher, and her brother Hubert Mallinson at the Te Moana School Centennial in 1992.

been sold and we headed for Klondyke. Edward Taylor had the run, made up of three river terraces on the north side of the upper Rangitata River. It was a hot nor'west day and the car was an open-tourer, so we were covered in dust. All the lizards were sunning themselves on the rocks and I told everyone that we couldn't stay in this place with all these baby crocodiles.

"We had a three-room house and Mum cooked for the workers – two ploughmen, farm manager, father and Terry Berry. Mr Millar, the water-race overseer, brought us each one-penny sticks of chocolate, which lasted a week.

"In December, we visited friends in Geraldine. As we came around the Woodbury Corner, a motorbike went past and our horse went up. On the Downs, we looked into Pleasant Valley and liked the area – and there were handy schools.

"On 1 July 1909, we took possession of

15 acres at Te Moana (£350). Father bought nine cows. We milked the cows anywhere as there were no cow bails as yet. Milk went to the stone factory in Pleasant Valley.

"Hubert and I went to the Te Moana School and were put in the same class – he was five and I was seven. We both had broad Yorkshire accents – the local children had trouble understanding us but the teacher was Scottish so there were no problems. We walked the half mile to school and I was soon put up two classes. I never learned to swim, as mother wouldn't let us in the cold water. Hubert, like all boys, spent his time with our spaniel, rabbiting in spring and in summer, birdnesting and swimming in the river without togs. He was paid for sparrow and thrush eggs but not blackbirds. That was no problem as eggs were easily converted to thrush eggs with the aid of a pen."

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Al Johnston is passionate about the farming industry and is very aware of the constant demands on his peers. “I’ve been in agriculture since leaving Geraldine High School in 1995 and I’ve seen a real need for a service that offers dependability and experience.

“Stress and exhaustion is rife in our industry, so if a farmer has to take a much-needed break or get on to another job, he or she needs to rely on someone with solid wide-ranging skills, focus and knowledge to get a project done.”

Al’s wife Anita is a crucial partner in the business. “She does the books, runs around for materials and is totally supportive. On top of that, she’s a volunteer reader-writer at Geraldine High School and is studying education psychology. We’re both very much aware of how much we depend on each other.”

Al gets a lot of different types of work as he says he can do pretty much anything required. “For example, I’ve been very busy with diggers and tractor work, as well as fencing and yard building. We started up 18 months ago, and the last 12 have been full on.”

Al’s background in farming is extensive.

His experience in management and as a stockman with cattle, sheep and deer has given him insight how to design and build yards for all these stock. “Knowing how stock move and behave is the key to successful design and building outcomes.”

Similarly, with years of experience as a fencer, he takes a great deal of pride in getting the job done right. “The farmer needs to be able to trust his contractor, and having the ability to focus on one task at a time ensures I can finish the job to a high standard.”

Al has been able to take on a part-time young worker, Cody Clarke-Wills, straight out of the Geraldine High School agricultural academy. Although there are serious gaps in skill levels nationwide, Al says he is impressed with the academy’s standards. “I worked with the academy’s kids on a couple of projects at school, and I was blown away by their level of ability.”

“Overall, however, there are fewer staff coming onto farms now with the experience and skills needed and this is particularly true of the larger operations – especially the dairy sector. The lack of skills leads to delays and breakdowns – all contributing to the killer stress. It’s a seven-day-a-week marathon for months at a time.” He says he’s concerned about the wellbeing of his fellow farmers. “Mental health is a serious topic in our industry. So, we’re here to help out.”

Drew Brown



Al Johnston has an extensive background in farming. Photo: Anita Johnston.

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## FINANCIAL FOCUS: Bitcoin – hit or myth?

One of the most published topics in the last few months has been the extraordinary rise in the value of the Bitcoin. The first question for many of us is – what on earth is Bitcoin?

Technically speaking, Bitcoin is a cryptocurrency. In layman’s terms, it’s simply a digital form of money.

Where Bitcoin differed from earlier cryptocurrencies, is that it when it was created (only in 2009) it was the very first decentralised cryptocurrency. This means it exists and functions outside of the world’s central banking systems. While a traditional currency, like a US dollar, is backed by the full faith and credit of the US Government, a cryptocurrency is not backed by anyone.

For generations the global monetary system has been run and controlled by centralised banks, although hardly with an unblemished record of success. Adopting this system, many countries have suffered from imperfect policy settings, experienced periodic bouts of uncontrollable inflation, endured bank corruption and even fraud.

Perhaps one of the attractions of Bitcoin is that it sits outside that centralised system. Bitcoin is controlled entirely by its users, transaction by transaction. How the transaction and ledger system supporting Bitcoin actually functions, is well beyond the scope (and space constraints) of this article but, generally speaking, Bitcoin allows users to quickly and directly transfer digital cash to any address around the world without requiring the permission of any third party. And its sophisticated and highly encrypted transaction controls are seemingly able to overcome more traditional transaction ledger issues such as double-spending or fraudulent entries.

The first real world Bitcoin transaction was made on May 22nd 2010, when a computer programmer from Florida used the technology to buy a pizza for 10,000 Bitcoin. At that time, the exchange rate for Bitcoin in New Zealand dollar terms was around 0.4 cents each. This priced the pizza at around NZ\$40.

Amazingly, only seven and a half years later, 10,000 Bitcoin are currently valued at NZ\$144.3 million dollars. That’s right, “million” is not a misprint. The lack of any guaranteed backing certainly hasn’t harmed Bitcoin’s popularity.

It is, by any measure, a meteoric rise. It’s no wonder so many people are suddenly asking – what is Bitcoin and should I buy some?

Regular readers of this column can probably already guess that I won’t be providing you with a recommendation to buy, or not buy Bitcoin.

What I will say is that you should be cautious in automatically assuming the current Bitcoin price (around NZ\$14,438 per Bitcoin) is a fair reflection of its value. Normally I am a firm believer that the market price reflects all available information about a security, but in the case of such a new and obviously “fashionable” item such as a cryptocurrency, it’s reasonable to have reservations that

market participants know all there is to know about Bitcoin. We should also be mindful that the hype that is propelling prices upwards today, could swing just as forcefully in the opposite direction at a moment’s notice.

In part, the global banking system survived the Global Financial Crisis because, at the time of greatest stress, the US Government effectively stood in the market and said to institutions and investors alike, that ‘we will not allow this system to fail’. Bitcoin does not have a Ben Bernanke or a Federal Reserve to stand behind it. Bitcoin hasn’t even been around for a decade yet, so it’s not even clear why this specific cryptocurrency should be worth so much more than all the other 1,318 cryptocurrencies you’ve never even heard of (you can see the full list of these at <https://coinmarketcap.com/all/views/all/>).

Most concerning of all however, given how much we really don’t know about Bitcoin, is the staggering rise in its price.

The Atlas Investor founder Tiho Brkan tweeted recently “Bitcoin is rising faster than any asset class we have seen over the last 400 years. The sharp bull markets including tech bubble of the late 1990s, US shares of the 1920s, oil in early the 2000s and even the famous South Sea Bubble do not even come close to the rise in Bitcoin.” None of these prior events ended well for investors who were present at the end.

Some have likened the rise of Bitcoin to the Dutch tulip mania of the 17th century when, at its peak, 12 acres of land were supposedly offered to purchase a single Semper Augustus bulb. Not surprisingly, tulip prices inevitably collapsed and the whole sorry episode was popularised in 1841 by the book *Extraordinary Popular Delusions and the Madness of Crowds*. I sincerely hope that book title doesn’t have equal relevance to the Bitcoin buyers of today.

I’ll admit, I don’t know what a Bitcoin’s true value is, but I suspect that very few people can honestly say that they do. Do you want a really scary thought? It’s possible that no-one knows. I’d certainly ponder that if I was considering spending \$12,000 to acquire a Bitcoin. As the dot-com sharemarket bubble in the 1990s proved, buying any asset with a rapidly rising price without having a good understanding of its intrinsic value is usually a flawed strategy.

Whatever your reaction is to the current Bitcoin frenzy, just don’t tell yourself it is an investment. It doesn’t generate any income and no-one in the world knows how to value it accurately, so we cannot classify it as an investment. Speculative? Absolutely. An opportunity to make some money? Maybe. But an investment? No chance.

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THE GERALDINE NEWS, THURSDAY 25 JANUARY 2018



# Film guy Keiran home for a break

Melbourne-based actor/writer/producer Keiran King returned to Geraldine for the holidays.

He and partner Emma Burnside were taking a break from the post-production of their latest project. "It's a thriller/science fiction movie called *Life on Earth: Severance*," says Emma, "You'll start hearing about it in the middle of the year."

Keiran says he has been in the acting business "since wagging school to sign up as an extra for *Lord of the Rings* ... I hadn't read the book and had no idea of the scale of the movie, but it gave me eight months work in various locations, first as an extra then doing stunts".

"That was 1999 and 2000, my fourth- and fifth-form years. I wasn't great at school anyway. I preferred to learn out in the real world rather than from textbooks; however I did study acting seriously for three years at the Hagley Theatre Company in Christchurch after leaving Geraldine. I enjoy acting and writing; there's always a story to be told. Now Emma and



Former Geraldine man, actor Keiran King and partner Emma Burnside. Photo: Hugh McCafferty.

I own a production company called Wee Arthur Films."

As well as helping out at his mother's café, Robbies, Keiran has been showing his partner round New Zealand. "We're outdoor adventure people. We've done a bit of hiking and are planning on doing a few more hikes before we go back."

Emma is enjoying the space and openness

here after the busyness of Melbourne. "People have time for each other. I think some of Keiran's success is that coming from a small town he knows how to build relationships with people – has time for them as people, not just as contacts. Making movies is like putting together a jigsaw; lots of people are involved."

Hugh McCafferty



## GERALDINE NEWS IN BRIEF

### School of Uke

Hugh and Fi McCafferty are offering ukulele classes through the Geraldine Academy of Performance & Arts this year (see ad in last week's issue for details).

Currently studying with James Hill to become accredited teachers of his method, they are using his Ukulele in The Classroom programme to teach music theory. Not only will students be able to strum and sing, they will also be able to use the ukulele as a melody instrument. For adults who missed out on music earlier in life, there is a class for adult learners. For teenagers who know a few chords and love to sing pop songs, there is also a ukulele jam option.

Submitted by Hugh McCafferty

### Rotary bursary for Pema



Pema is pictured being presented with her certificate by Rotarian Roger Cartwright. Photo: Submitted.

Each year The Temuka Geraldine Rotary Club invites Geraldine High School and Opihi College to nominate students for the Annual Rotary Bursary of \$3,000.00 to assist deserving students with further study. Applicants are interviewed by a panel of Rotarians.

Pema Gyltshen from Geraldine High School was the successful applicant this year. Pema is planning to study for a law degree at the University of Otago.

### Ashburton Creative Fibre Group

Ashburton Creative Fibre Group is moving to a new venue at the Plains Vintage Railway & Historical Museum in Tinwald.

Meetings are every third Monday in the month at 9.30am from Monday 19 February. Meetings are followed by a workshop, speaker or other activity. Non-members are welcome to attend from 11.30am.

Non-members are also welcome to join the friendly evenings with like-minded fibrecrafters or to attend the spinning classes.

For more information, please contact Pam on 307 2801 or Sue on 307 1435.

Submitted by Ashburton Creative Fibre Group

### Outdoor pursuits course

The Geraldine Lions and Lioness Clubs are offering full sponsorship to two or more suitable applicants to the Brunswick Outdoor Experience which will take place in Dunedin on 11 to 19 May this year.

The course includes a ropes course, initiative course, first aid, tramping, abseiling and kayaking – all under the guidance of qualified instructors. Participants work in teams. A reasonable level of fitness is required to attend the course; previous participants have ranged from 18 to 69 years of age.

Spokesperson Jane Thomas says the course encourages people to challenge themselves and do activities that they thought they could not do, as it will improve their confidence. "Do something else in life – get out there – don't just sit at home," says Jane.

The Brunswick course aims to build mental and physical strength, and gives the participants the opportunity to develop as people.

The Lions and Lioness Clubs encourage young people to take part in the challenging activities. "This course can turn them into very positive people."

Applications must be made before the beginning of March. To request an application form or for more details phone Jane Thomas on 693 9463.

Submitted by Geraldine Lions and Lioness Clubs

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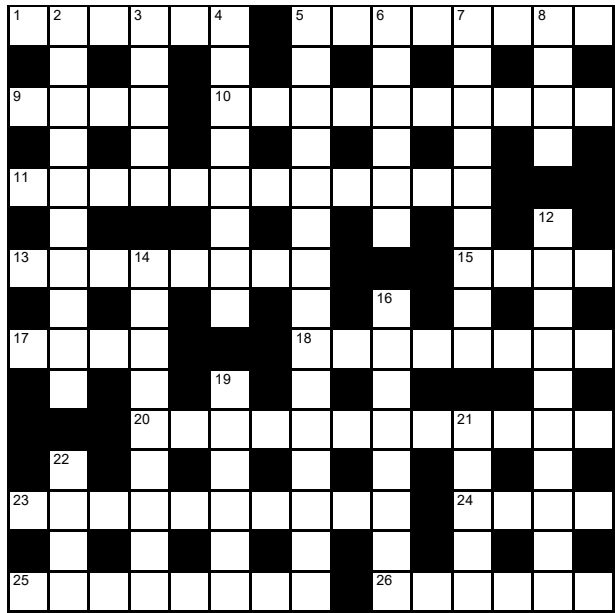
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JW CRYPTIC CROSSWORD 233



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The winner of crossword 232 was Noeline Neale.

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| <b>ACROSS</b>                                                           | <b>DOWN</b>                                                          |
| 1 Features empty bus carrying hop-dryer (6)                             | 2 Wavers when very large Black singer has a set-back? (10)           |
| 5 Chap with no friends but takes in little Donald. A capital fellow (8) | 3 Understand, not a day under the weather (5)                        |
| 9 Broken cane? Well spotted! (4)                                        | 4 Sure vision is impaired. i.e. leave it to stop the glare ... (3,5) |
| 10 Dilapidated couch sunk with awful end. Too bad! (2,4,4)              | 5 ... after all, it isn't the smallest (4,3,3,5)                     |
| 11 Drama bits put out for a 12-month - all done without music (5,2,2,3) | 6 They're at the centre of dad's brother's misfortune I follow (6)   |
| 13 Leaves the ranks with bad feeling (5,3)                              | 7 Acceptable with nothing left? (4,5)                                |
| 15 Neither sounds like having a chew (4)                                | 8 Cut into some sweet chillies (4)                                   |
| 17 Paydirt? Sounds pretty self-centred (4)                              | 12 A long way from being framed over dodgy dealings! (3-7)           |
| 18 Upset open receptacle (8)                                            | 14 Outside chances they are taken afar on the range (4,5)            |
| 20 Put off the booth for selling popular magazine (5,3,4)               | 16 Gets better at replacing the upholstery (8)                       |
| 23 Fourth, or worse - won't fit in (3,2,5)                              | 19 Taste spinach for a starter - it's tons (6)                       |
| 24 It may break the signal (4)                                          | 21 Does it draw the top of the castle? (5)                           |
| 25 To be so may take hard work (2,1,5)                                  | 22 Brook with strong feeling of anger (4)                            |
| 26 Step this way to go on horseback (6)                                 |                                                                      |



LAST MONTH'S SOLUTION

# Keep cool without blowing your energy bill

You can keep your home cool without blowing your energy bill, according to EECA Energywise.

Technical expert Allen Davison says more New Zealanders are using their heat pumps as air conditioners in summer and there are tactics to avoid big energy bills.

### Fan-only setting

For example, says Allen, using the fan-only setting helps you feel cooler by creating a breeze.

"This setting uses a lot less electricity than the full cooling mode. Keep your windows open while using the fan-only mode."

### Dehumidifying mode

Selecting the dehumidifying mode also uses less electricity than the full cooling mode.

"This works well if it's humidity rather than the temperature that's the problem. Shut your doors and windows in the rooms you're dehumidifying."

### Cooling mode

Allen suggests only using cooling mode on really hot days when the other methods aren't enough.

"Shut all your doors and windows in the rooms you're cooling. It's best to cool one



room as this is what most heat pumps/air conditioners are sized for. Set the thermostat to around 22°C. The room won't cool down any quicker if you set it lower, but you are likely to use more electricity by overcooling."

Avoid using auto settings because if you forget to switch the unit off, it will start heating if the temperature drops below the thermostat setting.

### Cleaning the filter

"It's also important to clean the filter of your air conditioner regularly because clogged filters stop the appliance running efficiently."

### Fans

"Floor and desktop fans are relatively cheap to buy and install, and much cheaper to run than air conditioning," says Allen.

### Cooling your house

During summer months, temperatures usually drop during the night. If this is the case where you live, make the most of these

refreshing hours by cracking the windows before you go to bed. You can even create a wind tunnel by strategically setting up your fans to force the perfect cross breeze. Just be sure to close the windows and blinds before things get too hot in the morning.

### Start grilling

It's obvious, but we're going to say it anyway: Using your oven or stove in the summer will make your house hotter. If it already feels like 100°C in your home, the last thing you want to do is turn on a 200-degree oven. Besides, who doesn't want to get more mileage out of their outdoor furniture and seasonal accessories?

### Last tips

If your ancestors survived without air conditioning, so can you. Sip cold drinks instead of hot drinks. Soak a tea towel or hand towel in cold water, wring it out and wrap it around your neck. Hold your wrists under a cold running tap.

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## Logan in SC rep team for Nelson tourney



Geraldine cricketer, Logan Sowden (above), enjoyed his day at the recent ODI between The Black Caps and Pakistan. Logan was in Nelson representing South Canterbury at the South Island Primary Schools cricket tournament. The tournament was disrupted by rain, meaning that not all games were completed.

South Canterbury finished third and Canterbury Country won the 55th annual tournament. Teams from 14 South Island districts contested the tournament.

Neil Wilson

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### GOLF

**Geraldine District Golf Club.** Saturday 20 January. Medal. M Jones 61, B Cleveland, D Goodwin 64, R Jeffrey 65, J Shirtcliff, M Patrick, A Leary 66, C Paton, G Gallichan, G Abel 67, R Lawson, I Smith, M McKeown 68. Putts: R Lawson 25.

**Grande Vue Golf Club.** Sunday 21 January. Stableford. G A Patrick 42, B McIsaac 41, Giles Patrick 40, J Muff, S Gately 39, C Seaton 37, D Stenhouse, A Muff 35. Nearest the Pin: T Kerr.

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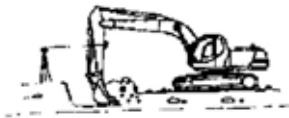
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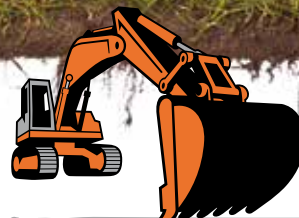


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J Paul Getty had a fortune, Everyone else paid the price. Based on true events! Christopher Plummer & Mark Wahlberg star in Ridley Scott's **ALL THE MONEY IN THE WORLD** (R13) VIOLENCE/OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE  
THURSDAY NIGHT AT 7PM  
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THURSDAY AT 2PM  
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Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson stars in **JUMANJI: Welcome To The Jungle** (PG) VIOLENCE, COARSE LANGUAGE, SEXUAL REFERENCES  
THURSDAY AT 4.15PM  
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SATURDAY AT 2PM

The amazing true story of PT Barnum, as told in this musical delight **THE GREATEST SHOWMAN** (PG) GENERAL EXHIBITION  
FRIDAY AT 4PM  
SUNDAY AT 4.15PM

A period drama following a happy couple who look to overcome the trials ahead when one of them becomes disabled. *A touching true story.* **BREATHE** (M) ADULT THEMES  
SATURDAY AT 4.30PM

**FERDINAND** (G)  
FRIDAY AT 2PM

**COMING SOON...**  
• Wonder (2/2)  
• Darkest Hour (2/2)  
• 50 Shades Freed (7/2)



## We all want clean, safe drinking water

### Now is your chance to give feedback on how we achieve this.

Come along to a Community Roadshow near you to give feedback on the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee's draft recommendations.

More than 100 recommendations have been made, focusing on our native plants and waterway life, water use on farms, drinking water, cultural sites, recreation and mahinga kai food gathering.

Everyone is welcome to attend a Roadshow to learn more about the recommendations, ask questions and give feedback. These events are family-friendly with activities for kids provided.

You can read the Draft Zone Implementation Programme Addendum (ZIPA) at the OTOP page at [ecan.govt.nz/otopzipa](http://ecan.govt.nz/otopzipa) or pick up a copy from Environment Canterbury offices or local libraries.

The Orari Temuka Opihi Pareora Water Zone Committee is a community led committee supported by Environment Canterbury and local councils.

 [fb.com/canterburywater](https://www.facebook.com/canterburywater)

### Roadshow details

**Geraldine** – Tue 30 January

3 - 5<sup>PM</sup> and 7 - 9<sup>PM</sup>, Waihi Lodge Function Room

**Pleasant Point** – Tue 13 February

3 - 5<sup>PM</sup> and 7 - 9<sup>PM</sup>, Pleasant Point Rugby Clubrooms

**Pareora** – Wed 14 February

3 - 5<sup>PM</sup> and 7 - 9<sup>PM</sup>, Southburn Hall

**Fairlie** – Tues 20 February

3 - 5<sup>PM</sup> and 7 - 9<sup>PM</sup>, Fairlie Golf Club

**Timaru** – Wed 21 February

3 - 5<sup>PM</sup> and 7 - 9<sup>PM</sup>, The Grosvenor



### Jacqui Dean MP for Waitaki



If you would like an appointment with Jacqui in Oamaru/Waimate/ Geraldine/Fairlie/Tekapo/Ranfurly/ Central Otago/Kurow or Twizel please phone our office.

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## AUDITION

Youth Production of  
**A FEW GOOD MEN** by Aaron Sorkins  
Directed by Kay Paterson  
Lodge Theatre: 4 - 13 May 2018

14 male / 1 - 2 female: Ages: 15 to 20 years  
Information evening: Monday 29 January at 6pm  
Auditions: Thursday 1 February at 6pm

Email: [kaypaterson9@gmail.com](mailto:kaypaterson9@gmail.com)  
Ph: 693 9986

### GERALDINE ROCK N ROLL

Commencing for 2018 - **Thursday 8 February**  
7.30 to 9.30pm

RSA Rooms, Talbot St, Geraldine

Any interested people are most welcome

Further information ph/text 021 716 661

### THE CLUB'S AGM WILL BE HELD ON Sunday 11 February at 5pm

BBQ, BYO at the Balloons:  
M&C Disseveld, Patrick Rd, Gapes Valley

Members and interested people  
will be most welcome.



## GERALDINE COMMUNITY DIARY - FEBRUARY 2018

### FEBRUARY ONE-OFF EVENTS

► **Geraldine RSA Golf Tournament**, Sat 27<sup>th</sup> & Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Jan at Denfield Golf Course. Great prizes, raffles and refreshments. All welcome. Ph Campbell 693 9301 for info.

► **Entertainment Afternoon** for seniors with Smokey Marshall's country music group, Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2pm at the SeniorCare Function Centre. All welcome.

► **Back To School** on Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Jan for Woodbury School, Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Jan for Geraldine Primary School, Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Feb for Geraldine High School years 7&13 students - all GHS students are back on Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb.

► **Geraldine Trotting Club Family Fun Day**, Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb from 12noon, free kids entertainment. For more info ph Lochie 027 215 3641

► **WAITANGI DAY**, public holiday Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Feb

► **Dog Obedience Lessons (7 week course)**, starts Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Feb, 6.30-7.30pm at Todd Park. Ph Janet 693 9331

### REGULAR WEEKLY & MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

► **Alzheimers SC Social Support**, Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Feb, 10.30am at Mundells. Ph Barbara 03 687 7583

► **Arthritis Exercise Class**, Thurs 10.30am St Andrew's Church Foyer. Ph Irene 693 9505

► **Blackboard Concert**, Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 7.30-10pm at Academy. Ph Adele 021 0236 9674

► **Books on the Brain Club**, Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2.30pm at Geraldine Library. Ph Liz 693 9336

► **Catholic Mass**, Sun 9am, at Church of Immaculate Conception

► **Children's Choir** Thurs 4.30-5.30pm at The Academy, restarts Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. Ph Adele 693 9041

► **Creative Fibre Group** (spinners & weavers), Mon 10am-3pm, Vintage Car & Machinery Museum. Ph Rosie 693 8319

► **Funergy Fitness Classes** Tues & Thurs 6.30pm at Geraldine Primary School Hall. Ph Lynda 021 264 4400

► **Gentle Exercise Class** for elderly, Tues 10am at SeniorCare Function Centre. Restarts Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Feb Ph Paula 971 1500

► **Geraldine Archery Club**, Sun 1pm at Orari Racecourse. Ph Stewart 693 9952

► **Geraldine Bridge Club**, Wed 7pm at Resource Centre, Thurs 7.15pm at Bowling Club, ph Helen 693 7566 for info

► **Geraldine Café Knitters**, Tue 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 7-9pm at Country Café

► **Geraldine Community Garden**, open Tues 4-5.30pm and Thurs 10am-12pm. All welcome. Ph Tim 021 204 4951

► **Geraldine Community Vehicle**, every Tues travelling to Timaru. Leaves Geraldine 9.30am, leaves Timaru 2.00pm. For reservations ph 693 1007, return fare only \$15.

► **Geraldine Craft Market**, Sat & Sun 9am-3pm, Cox St.

► **Geraldine Croquet Club**, Wed 10am & 1pm, and Thurs 6pm at Croquet grounds. Ph Suzanne 027 630 3990

► **Geraldine District Golf Club**, Men Sat & Wed 12.30pm, Women Tues 10am & Sat 12.15pm.

► **Geraldine Farmers Market**, Sat 9am-12.30pm at St Mary's carpark, local produce, food and music. Ph 021 175 6097

► **Geraldine Floral Art Group**, AGM and club meeting, theme "Petite Design", 7pm on Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Feb at RSA Rooms. Visitors welcome. Ph Ruth 693 7033 for info.

► **Geraldine Four Peaks Seido Karate**, general classes Tues & Fri 6-8pm, beginners Thurs 5-6pm. Ph John 027 204 5057

► **Geraldine Kindergarten Playgroup**, Wed 2.15-3.15pm. Phone Tracey 693 8888 for info.

► **Geraldine Ladies Friendship Club**, Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb, 10am at Denfield Golf Club. Ph Alison 693 9583

► **Geraldine Men's Fellowship**, Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Feb, 10am at RSA. Ph John 693 9833

► **Geraldine Patchwork Groups**, Tues 7-9pm ph Maureen 693 8328, and Thurs 10am-3pm ph Lynne 693 7625

► **Geraldine Photography Club**, "Favourite Place", 7.30pm Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Feb, Geraldine Resource Centre, ph Donna 693 7299

► **Geraldine Rock'N'Roll Club** Thurs 7.30pm at RSA, restarts Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. Ph Lynda 693 8652

► **Geraldine Scouts**: Tues 6.30pm Cubs at Scout Den. Ph Simon 027 836 6463

► **Geraldine SeniorCare** coffee morning Fri 10-11.30am at Seniorcare Function Centre, restarts Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. Ph Lesley 693 8057

► **Geraldine St John Youth**, Tues 7-8.30pm at St John's Rooms, restarts Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Feb. Ph Rick 027 405 9407

► **Geraldine Swimming Pool**, opening hours Mon-Fri 6am-6pm, Sat-Sun & Public Hols 10am-6pm. Ph 693 9466

► **Geraldine U3A**, Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 10am, SeniorCare Function Centre. Paul Sagar, "Sub Antarctic Islands". Ph Liz 697 4868

► **Geraldine Ukulele Jam** Tues 7.30pm at RSA rooms. Ph Maggie 027 272 0181

► **Grande Vue Golf Club**, mixed golf Sun 12.30pm, women's golf Wed 9.30am.

► **Hilton Geraldine Social Tennis**, Tues 6.30pm at Geraldine Domain courts. All welcome. Phone Anita 693 9844 for info.

► **Housie**, Wed 7.30pm at RSA Rooms. Ph 693 8270

► **Keep Active** Mon at SeniorCare Function Centre: 9.30am exercises and 10am DVD-Active Hearts Ph Pamela 693 8991

► **Knitting & Crocheting Group**, Fri 9.30am at Geraldine Library. Beginners welcome. Ph 693 9336

► **Luva duck Lunch**, Fri 12noon at St Mary's Church

► **Mainly Music**, Tues 9.30am at St Mary's Church, restarts Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Feb.

► **Milford Clandeboye Young Farmers**, Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 7pm, Heritage Hotel, Geraldine. All welcome. Ph Bruce 027 722 7681

► **Morris Dancing**, Tues 5pm at Academy. Ph Rhys 021 462 260

► **Parliamentary Service**, Jacqui Dean's rep available at Geraldine Resource Centre by appt. Ph 0800 679 248 254

► **Petanque**, Tues 10.30am-12pm at Geraldine Bowling Club

► **Pilates**, restarts Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 1.30pm at Geraldine Bowling Club, Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 5.45pm at GHS Library. Ph Liz 693 8577

► **Pleasant Valley Playgroup**, all welcome, drop in Mon 9am-12pm at the Old School, Pleasant Valley. Restarts Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Feb. Ph Rachel 027 271 4185

► **Plunket Nurse in Geraldine**, Wed, ph Paula 693 8177

► **Preschool Storytime & Craft**, Wed 10.30am at Geraldine Library. Ph 693 9336 for info.

► **Red Cross Shop**, Tues & Thurs 10am-3.30pm, Sat 10am-12.30pm

► **Rosie's Recycled Clothing Shop**, Tues to Fri 10.30am-3.00pm

► **Shine On Community Choir** Thurs 7.15-9pm at Academy. Ph Elaine 693 9793

► **Singing For Health**, Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Feb, 11am at SeniorCare Function Centre. All welcome. Ph Hugh/Fi 027 920 8751

► **St Andrew's Church**, Sunday, for times ph 693 9503

► **St Mary's Church, St Anne's Church, St Stephen's Church, St Thomas' Church**, ph 693 8380 for Sunday service times.

► **Tai Chi Chuan**, Chen Style Sat 9am and **Qigong** Sat 11am, at Geraldine Bowling Club. Ph Tim 021 141 9142

► **Walk in Wardrobe**, Sat 10am-12pm at The Lodge Theatre, restarts Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Feb, ph Andrea 693 8133

► **Yoga**, Thurs 9.30am & 6pm, at Academy, restarts Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. Ph Paula 693 8109

► **Yoga for Every Body**, Mon & Wed 7.30pm. Ph Leigh 021 105 0750

► **Zumba®** Tues 10am, St Andrew's Hall. Ph Gisell 021 0228 7049

### MARCH COMMUNITY DIARY LISTINGS

To list an Event or Activity in the March Community Diary please phone the Resource Centre on 693 7001 with the details by **Fri 16<sup>th</sup> February**.

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For more Geraldine events info phone 693 7001 or go to <http://www.geraldineresource.co.nz/calendar>







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