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By Jan Hawkins COMMUNITY

Eight schools and 1500 students participated in Walk and Wheel Week this year, which was held 14-18 March.

Participating schools were Omakau, Clyde, Tarras, The Terrace, Alexandra Primary, Goldfields, St Gerard's and Cromwell Primary.

Sports Central and Central Otago District Council have teamed up to produce the annual week-long event which aims to encourage active transport to and from our local schools.

Active transport can be by biking,

scootering, walking, rollerblading or skateboarding - anything, as long as it is active.

Ella Brown, PE and Play Advisor for Sports Otago, says,

"Each day for the week had a theme to encourage hype.

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In the third of a series of Eat Local, we aim to support our hospitality industry as they face challenging times

If your FOMO is rampant, and you are longing for a catch-up with friends, we recommend that you investigate the many hospitality options in Bannockburn.

For Ladies Who Lunch and/or their male counterparts, there is little to equal the views from Mt Difficulty, Desert Heart and Carrick Winery and Restaurant on a fine Autumn day.

For the champion of platters, the Desert Heart is unmatched.

The cuisine is a mix of old favourites with exciting flavours and ideas from all over the world, combined with Central's amazing fresh produce.

The result is a creation of unique new food - fresh and full of flavour.

Co-owner, Jane Gill, says, "There's no pretence at Desert Heart; just good fun, generosity and down-to-earth hospitality.

We are keeping it real, with an aim to make people happy."

For one of the best night-time dining experiences, The Black Rabbit on Bannockburn Road in the village is an excellent choice.

"We have some signature dishes like our Crispy Porchetta and our White Chocolate and Hokey Pokey Cheesecake, but we do try to change thing around so it keep it all interesting," says head chef/owner Matt Crimp.

Their Half-price Pizza night on Sunday is

Anne from Christchurch, Tracey from Auckland and Susan from Christchurch enjoying the fine wares of Desert Heart served by the lovely Lou. Photo Supplied a very popular choice for our orchard and wineries workers.

If you'd enjoy a wide choice of Central Otago wines, then catch up with friends for lunch or dinner on the front lawn of The Bannockburn Hotel. Their speciality is their tapas and sharing plates.

A new experience this summer has been the Pizza and Wine Trailer in the grounds of Carrick Winery and Restaurant.

The pizza is simple, thin-crusted, fresh and delicious and the casual atmosphere as you watch the sunlight playing on the Carrick Hills is a fantastic boost for your wellbeing. Try it!

All of these Bannockburn venues offer outdoor spaces, which makes managing under Covid less difficult.

"We are predominantly an outdoor setting," says Jane Gill, adding, "We tell customers that the breeze we get is all about Covid prevention!"

In general, the biggest challenge has been staffing under Covid, and the biggest boost has been the continued loyalty of regular

Your hospitality urge may be for a simple wander around the wine-tasting offerings -Bannockburn has this in spades, with close to 20 wineries to choose from.

Some are open by appointment only; some have regular hours. Some offer a tour of the vineyard; most practice biodynamic viticulture.

You are best to check availability, especially as Harvest approaches.







Trades & Services

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Usually we would have a mascot visit the various participating school to create buzz, but with the current regulations we are giving out spot prizes and encouraging themed days.'

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Ella expressed gratitude to sponsors Central Otago Sports Depot, Highlands Motorsport Park, Alexandra Ice Rink and the Cromwell and Alexandra Pools.

She believes that the week is an excellent prompt for conversations around active transport, the environment, and how we can do our part to help, all by starting with something like the morning school commute.

"It would be great for parents and schools to continue to support this Kaupapa wherever and whenever possible, making our community a healthier place all round," she says.

James McCallum, CODC Roading Manager, says, "I actually participated earlier this week with my five-year-old daughter and we had a blast!"

Ella is delighted with the success of the week, saying, "I received such positive feedback throughout the whole week with schools and teachers sending me photos and sharing their stories with us with petrol prices at the moment I'm sure we had some very happy parents too."

Sport Otago say that children need to engage 60 minutes of activity each day and they are hoping to work on a solution to incorporate some movement before and after school for students who need to bus.

This could be as simple as parents dropping off their children a little further down the road from their bus stop, 'so our tāmariki can get in a walk before they hit the classroom'.

It could be allowing students to bike or scoot on school ground at lunchtime, or simply for students to be more aware of their environment on their usual route.





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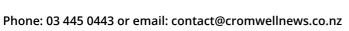
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Fire damage moves community services off-site

23rd March 2022

Damage caused to the Cromwell Community House last Wednesday during a fire in the early hours of the morning have left staff unable to continue working from the building on Murray Terrace and having to make other arrangements to service the community.

Manager Karen Palmer is frustrated that a fire that seems to have started in the alleyway behind the building has made its way inside the building causing damage to one of the rooms.

"The fire damage means we need to have repairs done, which should only take a few days but is still disruptive to our clients and those who regularly use the room to provide their services.

"We are still able to care for the community and do what we do, it's just a matter of re-arranging alot of our own work to ensure everybodies needs are met.

"I guess one of the saddest parts of this story is the fact that our community pantry which has been given to us by local school children from Cromwell Primary School in 2019 and has only just been refurbished with the help of volunteers from the Cromwell MENZ shed has been damaged.

"These kids took time from their school holiday to help," she explains

Trustees of the community house are pleased to be having the fire investigated, but bemused as to why anyone would want to intentionally cause damage to a building that is here to support everyone.

"Our staff are now working from other places to ensure the services provided can continue until work has been completed and they are able to return to the building.

Karen and Beth do great work in the centre and now having the added pressure of unscheduled renovations is adding to an already busy work schedule. "This is the last thing the Cromwell com-

Cromwell Community House team Beth Wood, manager Karen Palmer

in the alleyway behind the building last Wednesday morning. Photo Supplied

and chairperson Leigh-Anne Fox inspect the damage caused by a fire

munity needs, Covid is starting to bite and there are people within the community that need the support from the community centre.

"Thankfully many of the volunteers and

services that are offered are still available and restoring the building shouldn't take too long, but still, this is an event that quite frankly, we could all do without," says CCH Chairperson Leigh-Anne Fox.

If you need any information or help from the Cromwell Community Centre you can contact them on 03 445 1690 or email cromwellcommunityhouse@gmail.com





Because our roads are a part of the national network, changing any speed limit is not a simple matter of banging up another sign. A formal process must be gone through, and part of that is the consultation that is currently being undertaken by your council.

Because of the formality and complexity of the process, it is not done often but when it is, a significant number of roads or portions of roads are identified for possible reduction of speed limits, and in this case, for the raising of one. This time around there are 70 roads or portions of roads on the list.

Roads come into the process mostly through requests from the public. The main street of Clyde up to the Earnscleugh turnoff is the one I hear the most about; I've lost count of how many requests I've personally received for that to drop from its current 50km/h designation.

Around Cromwell, there are as you would expect quite a number of roads being looked at. For example, Ripponvale Road, Pearson Road and Sandflat Road are all being considered for a drop to 80km/h. When you look at the number of houses, businesses and orchards that have exits on to those roads, I'm sure you can see why consideration needs to be given to slowing traffic going past a little bit.

These are quite a number of other roads in and around Cromwell in the consultation, so please go online to the council website to see how the proposals may affect you. There are also hard copies available at the service centre. You can submit on just the Cromwell roads or the whole district or anywhere in between if you wish but you need to have your thoughts in to us by 12 April.

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Lot 47 Combined Rotary and Lions Community Fund of \$250,000.

Due to the success of Cromwell Rotary and Lions Clubs community fundraiser where a home was built by the community on Lot 47 and sold at auction in November 2021 with \$824,436.88 profit being realised there is funding available to support community projects.

Are you a registered charity or a local community organisation within the Cromwell basin?

Are you wanting to undertake a community project, but you need more

Then investigate the Lot 47 Combined Rotary and Lions Community Fund.

This money was raised by this community.

Therefore, Lot 47 Combined Rotary and Lions Community Fund wants to spend the money raised by the community, on the community.

No matter how big or small your community project is this fund may be able to assist you.

Minimum applications of \$25,000.00 but up to \$250,0000.00 are being sort by Lot 47 Combined Rotary and Lions Community Fund.





If your organisation is starting preparation work on a community project or in the final stages of a project but need more funding, then apply to Lot 47 Combined Rotary and Lions Community Fund.

Applications close on 31 May 2022. The outcome of all applications will be determined by the end of July 2022.

Application forms can be found at: www.lot47.co.nz

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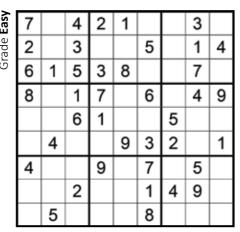
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Cromwell Rotary says "thanks" for helping with ERKs

23rd March 2022

The Rotary Club of Cromwell would like to say 'thankyou' to all those who gave generously to their appeal to raise funds to send Emergency Response Kits (ERK) to Tonga.

Rotary members took part in a collection outside Cromwell New World managing to raise money to supply one ERK and a small start toward a second.

The remainder of funds required for the second ERK was agreed to be paid by Cromwell Rotary Club.

These kits have already been released in Tonga. ERKs are a "first response" resource kit that can be quickly distributed to families in need.

Kits contain basic essential items needed for survival when disaster strikes.

Items such as clothing, water, a saw, a can opener, a spade, a tarpaulin and cutlery alongside other valuable items can be readily handed out to victims in crisis situations.

They are designed to support those affected by catastrophic weather and environmental events throughout Polynesia and Malenesia.

The kits can provide basic shelter and keep families protected from the elements



until further support can be reached.

Each kit costs \$600 which includes the contents, freight and storage and have been very important as a means of survival for people across the Pacific.

Organiser and Rotarian Jackie Dann was pleased to see Cromwell locals giving to the cause and helping out.

"Tonga has unfortunately experienced a volcano in January which means ERKs are being used in the region.

"Thankyou to those who gave during the col-

lection, every little bit helps and the more ERKs we have on-hand in these regions, the better equipped locals are if and when disaster strikes.

"With the recent volcano, we now need to replenish supplies," she says.

Each kit is a means of survival and having supplies on the ground ready to go in vulnerable countries is paramount to people's survival.

The kits are packed in Auckland before being shipped to Vanuatu, Fiji, Tonga, Samoa and the Cook Islands which allows prompt distribution throughout the regions.

Dine with Mine

This recipe is good for the aspiring home cook who likes to make fruit tarts or glaze cakes etc.... It's a vegan version, as many other neutral glazes use gelatine.

NAPPAGE or NEUTRAL GLAZE

- 900ml water
- 450 grams sugar
- 50 grams pectin
- 80 grams lemon juice

Mix the sugar and pectin and set them aside.

Heat the water to 45°C. This is the right temperature to start the pectin reaction.

Bring everything to a boil for about 3 minutes.

Take the saucepan off of the heat to start cooling the nappage.

Stir every 5 minutes to prevent a film from forming and cool the

When the glaze cools to 95°F (35°C), it is ready to use. Brush it onto your fruit tarts quickly.

> Corey Hume **Executive Chef** The Rees Hotel

Domaine Thomson Pinot Rosé 2021

"Our Pinot Noir Rosé is something rather unique, and it's made for people who come to our vineyard in Central Otago and see our vines, our soils, our terroir. Made in very small volumes, 100% from pinot noir grapes, and is sold only at our cellar door and to a handful of restaurants and wine shops in the region. In this sense our rosé is a true "local" wine.

The grapes selected for our rosé are picked two weeks earlier than for our Explorer and Surveyor Thomson pinot noirs as we look for the freshness and lower brix (sugars). It is hand-picked and spends 4 days having skin contact to pick up colour making it a darker shade of Rosé, moving away from the very pale rosé trend. It is fermented to dryness in 50% old French oak barrels, spending 3 months on lees. No malolactic fermentation and no fining. The wine is vegan friendly and certified organic which also adds to its appeal. It is extremely food friendly and pairs well with a variety of dishes".



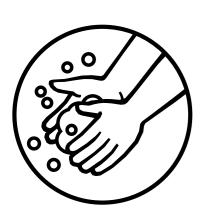


This weeks recipe and wine supplied by Domaine Thomson Wines

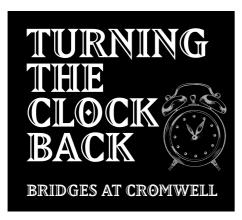


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As mentioned in an earlier article crossing the swiftly Clutha and Kawarau rivers to Cromwell was a challenge.

In the beginning the only way across was by swimming.

Next was by boat, then by punt. These were slow, and limited in the number people, horses or wagons they could take each time. They required the services of a

These were soon replaced by bridges. Since 1863 there have been six bridges built to cross the Clutha to get into Cromwell.

Four spanning what was known as Doctors Point.

Named after Doctor Corse, Cromwell's early doctor who opened the 2nd bridge. (This is near the current lookout at the intersection of Inniscort and Alpha



Streets). And two at Deadman Point (site of the current bridge).

The first built in 1863 was a foot bridge which a horse could cross. This was at the narrowest point above the junction of the two rivers and become known as the Cromwell Gap.

A flood in 1864 washed this bridge away and it was rebuilt. Number two was washed away in a flood in 1866.

In 1865 work had started to build a more substantial bridge down stream of Doctors Point.

Large stone piers were built, and a wooden lattice bridge was constructed to span the river and was a continuation of the "Main Street".

This bridge was completed in 1866. It could take horse and bullock teams towing carts/drays/coaches.

The lattice woodwork needed continual maintenance and soon became "rickety" and would sway alarmingly when horse teams crossed. This was replaced

with a new steel framed bridge in 1891 built on the piles for the lattice bridge.

This bridge was "over engineered "for the time and was suitable for motor vehicles. It remained in use till 1986, and for foot traffic till the lake shore was being formed for the filling of lake Dunstan.

There was a foot bridge at Deadman Point, and was the site chosen for the new bridge, the 6th to cross the Clutha to get to Cromwell. This was opened in the early 1986.

In the beginning tolls were charged to cross the rivers till the county/government took ownership of the roading network.

For more on the bridges see "The Old Cromwell Bridge" by Alexy Simmons Special thanks to Scott Bennet.

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Birthday Wishes

Having a birthday this week...

23 March Blair Mitchell **Tanner Stewart** Lochie Cornish

24 March **David Salmon**

25 March Debra Allen

26 March Mavcee Ellis

27 March Cairo Warbutron-Hansen Daniel Anderson Madison Ridder

28 March Brenda Crawford This week's birthday cake winner is...

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letter to the editor

Dear Editor

On behalf of the Central Otago Motorsport Club, we would like to offer our thanks to all that helped with the running of the 2022 Cromwell Street Sprint.

The event was a huge success and seemed to run like clockwork. Without the support of local business's, club members and volunteers the event would not happen. It is only with the ongoing support from local businesses that means we can make sure this stays as an annual event and creates a memorable day that everyone can enjoy.

Results and photos from street race can be viewed: www.centralotagomotorsport.org.nz

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Natalia Olssen with



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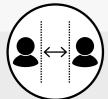
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Art for Heart's Sake

There is an unusual art event scheduled for Friday, 22 April, at 4 Lowburn Valley Road, Cromwell.

Emerging watercolour artist Natalia Olssen and husband John Olssen are opening their beautiful home for this event, supporting the National Heart Foundation of New Zealand.

When Natalia came to Cromwell she found that 'starting from zero', in terms of a new country and community, was very challenging.

"I found it a very liquid world," she says, "and I learned that when things are uneven, you need to find the stability within vourself."

This is when she turned seriously to watercolour, and for the last three years she has studied classic techniques, theories of colour and other formal studies.

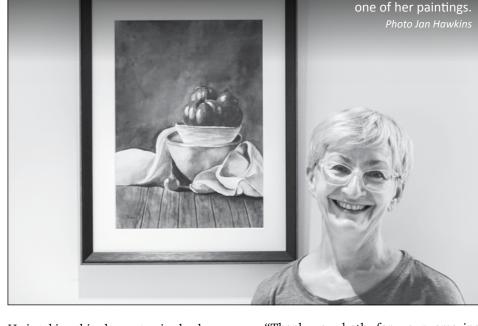
"My art journey was to find myself, and I like it!", she says.

She finds joy in painting, so when people began to ask her to sell her work, she was happy to share.

Natalia will have a dozen or so or her paintings for sale at the event.

A decade has passed since John had a stroke, but his gratitude of the support given by the National Heart Foundation in his rehabilitation is still very strong.

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He is taking this chance to give back.

For this reason, works from their substantial private collection will be included in the art sale.

They include Ralph Hotere, Graeme Sydney, Toss Wollaston, Olivia Spencerbower, Jeffrey Harris, Geoff Thompson, and various others. The asking prices range from \$600 through to \$50,000.

The funds from ticket sales will go directly to the foundation, as will a commission on all sales.

Lynne Saad, Support Care Assistant, National Heart Foundation of New Zealand, says,

"Thank you both for your amazing help to raise funds that will go towards funding vital heart research and supporting our mission to stop all people in New Zealand dying prematurely from heart disease and enable people with heart disease to live full lives."

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Cromwell Bowling Club - Alpha St, Cromwell. Enquire about booking our facilities by calling Jan Ireland, bookings co-ordinator on 027 444 5454

Cromwell Bowling Club - Every Wed morning 9.15am & Friday afternoon 1.15pm throughout the summer, weather permitting. All welcome including beginner bowlers. We can provide bowls, just bring flat shoes. Please call the club to register each week on 445 0071 or email: cromwellbowls@gmail.com. All info is on the website https://cromwellbowls.org.nz

Cromwell Bridge Club - Each Thurs evening in the Catholic Church Hall, Sligo St. Be seated for a 7.15pm start. Enq Elaine 445 4695 / Wendy 445 0214

Cromwell Community Patrol - Meets 2nd Mon of the month at the Cromwell Fire Station at 7.30pm. New members very welcome. Enq: Fraser 445 4140 Cromwell Community Playgroup - Friday,

9.30-11.30am, Lowburn Valley Hall, 0-5yrs FREE, all welcome. Enq Anna 027 2694 778

Cromwell (Hustler) Darts Club - Every Wed Nights at 7pm. Contact Darryn Ph 021 103 6124

Cromwell Community Toy Library - Thurs & Sat 9.30-11am. Enq: Text/ph 022 4 TOY LIB (022 4869 542)

Cromwell & Districts Promotion Group Monthly meetings every 2nd Tuesday. For more information contact info@cromwell.org.nz

Cromwell Garden Club - Generally meet 2nd Tues of the month. New members very welcome. Contact Jenny Pont 021 280 9809 or Trudy Nicholson 027 340 0789. New members welcome

Cromwell Geeks & Gamers - Meet last Tuesday of the month. Board Games. Ph: Ken 021 030 9051

Cromwell Karate - Tues & Thurs, Children 7-8pm, Adult-beginners, 8-9pm, Ripponvale Hall. Enq Dave 027 673 1438

Cromwell Lions - 4th Wednesday of the month form 6pm for 6.45pm meal, Cromwell Town & Country Club. Visiting Lions and new members welcome. Contact Graham Sim 445 0392

Cromwell Lake Dunstan Lions - 1st Thurs of month, 6.30pm. New members & visitors welcome. Enq: Sue 445 0678 / Julie 445 0069

Cromwell Menzshed - Dennis 027 2355 777 or Jim 021 2512 844

Cromwell RSA - 2nd Thurs of the month, 3pm. Cromwell Memorial Hall. Enq: Denis 445 0528 / Bill 445 0484

Cromwell Plunket Equipment Hire - Please ph/ txt Gen 027 891 0559 to make an appointment

Cromwell Plunket - Rooms open during office hours. Groups & after-hours available with bookings only. Enq Kim 027 771 9831

Cromwell Plunket - Mon/Tues and Alternate Wed, Clinics Celine Collins 027 245 9183

Cromwell Rotary - Meets 2nd & 4th Monday of each month at Town & Country Club, Cromwell. Visiting Rotarians and new members both welcome. President Stuart Heal, ph: 027 432 1847 e:rotary.cromwell@gmail.com

Cromwell Scout Group - Scout Hall, Ortive St, Cromwell. Keas: School years 1-3 Thurs 6-7pm, Enq: Jane 027 2716 351. Cubs: School years 4-6 Mondays, 6-7.30pm Enq: Robyn 027 677 4884. Scouts: School years 7-10 Tues 7-9pm. Enq: Ben 027 208 1377. Venturers: School years 11-14 Mon 7-9pm Enq: Geoff 027 756 5675. Enq: secretary@ cromwellscouts.org

Cromwell U3A - Cromwell U3A - Wed 16th March. There will be no meeting this month.

Cromwell Table Tennis - Monday night's 7-9pm at the Presbyterian Church Hall, Elspeth St. All welcome, equipment provided. Call or text Tim for more info 0274 341 724. \$5.00 per night

23rd March 2022

Cromwell Walk Group - We are a friendly informal group that meets Fridays for afternoon or day walks. For walk information call Morley on 021 370 676 or text him with your email address to go on the group distribution list

Cromwell Youth Trust - Variety of services available including Drop-In Centre, Holiday programmes and more for Youth aged 11-18years. More info www.cromwellyouthtrust.co.nz

Dance Classes - Preschool, ballet & jazz classes. Thursday & Saturdays at Presbyterian Church Hall. Enq 021 575 569. www.dancewanaka.co.nz

Death Café - Created to increase awareness of death. A group directed discussion with no agenda or objectives. This is not a bereavement support group or a grief counselling setting, it is open, respectful & confidential space where people can express their views safely. More info: Facebook: Death Café Cromwell

Embroiderers of Cromwell - Wed, 7pm, Tues, 9.30-noon, 44b Inniscort St. All welcome. Enq Lois 445 1526 or Yvonne 445 0682

Girl Guiding Cromwell - Pippins/Brownies/ Guides. Age 5 to 12. Meet at Lowburn Hall. Thursday term times from 4pm Ph: Glenda 445 3624

Keep It Green, Cromwell - Please return your boomerang bags to Paper Plus, Cromwell Pharmacy, New World or Fresh Choice. 1000 bags made in this community (thanks volunteers) please keep them circulating

Keep It Green, Cromwell - Cup Cycling coffee cups - participating cafes are Nichols, New World, Fresh Choice, Cromwell Bakery, Dough Sea Dough - please support this awesome way to reduce waste in our town!

Ladies & Men's Social Tennis - Wed, 10am, Barry Ave. Enq Ros 445 0754 or Dennis 027 2355 777

Mainly Music - On hold in red setting. Pls contact 445 3078 (Office) or E: mainlymusic4cromwell@gmail.com

Meals for Mums Cromwell - Providing home cooked meals to new mums of Cromwell. For more info, to register for the service or become a volunteer. Please visit www.mealsformums.weebly.com or Caroline Meyer: 027 226 2990 or Sarah Dickie: 021 082 91233

Meditation - Every Tuesday @ 8.30am. St Andrews Church, cnr Donegal & Blyth Sts. All welcome. Ph: 027 216 5165 for more information

Mini Gym - Cancelled this term. Our Committee has decided to put this on hold due to Government Red Light Restrictions. We will update when able to run again. For any info email admin@molyneuxeducare. co.nz or call us 445 0632

Narcotics Anonymous - Wed 6pm at the Cromwell Community House, 5 Murray Tce, Cromwell. Ph 0800 628 632

NZ Vintage Car Club Inc, Central Otago -Monthly meetings 8pm 2nd Wednesday of the month at the VCC Clubrooms, Litany St, Cromwell. Interested members of the public welcome. Enq John 027 533 5626

Patchwork Group - Thurs 9.30am, Clubrooms, 44b Inniscort St, new members welcome. Enq: Sandra 445 1428 / Chris 445 8332

Petangue Cromwell - Come along for a boule. Sundays and Wed, Sessions start at 1.30pm. Old Cromwell Precinct, access from The Junction. Enq to Margaret 445 3678 or Isobel 445 4479

Plunket Preschool Playgroup - Monday, 10am, for children aged o-5yrs, Plunket Rooms. Enq Kim 027 771 9831

Rock Climbing - Social Rock Climbing, meet Thursday evenings during daylight savings. Own gear required. Contact Kieran 021 0246 3139

Regular Meetings

Salsa Cromwell - Wednesday evenings, Bannockburn Hall. Class and Social Dance Enq Gina 022 237 6206 Facebook: Salsa Cromwell

Social Indoor Bowls - Come along to the Lowburn Hall, on Tuesday's and give Indoor Bowls a go! New members are most welcome. Social Bowls sessions from 1.30pm. Contact: Ev 021 136 1564 or 445 0809 for further info

Stay n Play - @ Kidsfirst Kindergarten, Cromwell. Wednesdays 9.30-10.30am. All families welcome. Runs during school terms

Tarras Yoga - All levels yoga for men and women at Tarras Hall, 7-8.30pm every Tuesday. Turn up! Or call Jennifer 022 0974 596

The Cromwell Kilwinning Lodge 98 - 2nd Wed in the month, 7.30pm

Ultimate Frisbee - Social ultimate frisbee sessions Mon 6pm @ Anderson Park, Cromwell. Free, all ages & abilities welcome. Enq: Kat 020 4076 5362

Volunteering South - Supporting & connecting volunteers & volunteer organisations. Contact kirsty@volunteeringcentral.org.nz or call 027 506 5777. www.volunteeringcentral.org.nz

Church Notices

Cromwell Presbyterian Church - 10 Elspeth St. Cromwell (along from New World) Sun service 10am. All welcome. See our website for more details. www. cromchurch.co.nz Enq to office@cromchurch.co.nz

St Andrew's Anglican Church - 9am Sunday. Cnr Blyth & Donegal St Regular services each Sunday @ 9am and @ 11am on 5th Sunday of the month. Rev Damon Plimmer 443 2440

Meditation - 8.30am Tues at St Andrews Church, Cnr Donegal & Blyth St. All welcome. For more info ph: 027 216 5165

Church Untamed - Sun Service. 10am, Cromwell College Auditorium, includes The Wild kid's programme: Youth in the Wild youth (yrs 7-13), 7pm Fri. Contact: Ps Ray 021 284 6419 www.churchuntamed.nz

Irish Martyrs Catholic Church - Sligo St, Cromwell. Mass times: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the month: 11am. 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month: 9am

Lakeside Christian Centre - A Life Church -Sunday, Lowburn Community Haall, 10.30am. Family Service & Children's Church Programme. Enq Pastor Bruce Wast 027 450 7618

Tarras Community Church - 1st Sunday of the

Heart of Fire Christian Church - Sunday 5pm Anglican Church Hall, Cnr Blyth & Donegal St. Ministering in the Healing Wholeness & Power of God. Pastor Tim 027 556 6443



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Time to say taihoa - urgent action is required

Cromwell News

Otago regional councillor Michael Laws today said that local government throughout the Otago region "need to urgently revise their draft annual plans because projected rate rises for the 2022/23 are simply not an option in the current 'cost-of-living' crisis."

"That particularly includes our regional council where we are projecting an 18.5% rates increase for next year.

I think such a rise in rates and local government charges would be a dreadful assault upon many struggling households and businesses. It cannot be business as usual."

Cr Laws said that the average 49.5% regional rates increase last year "was the result of past council failure and the imposition of costly central government policies."

"But I don't think we can use that excuse this year. Galloping inflation, the price of essential food items, the inabil-



ity to escape petrol and diesel price escalations... we should not adding to the household burden."

"In most parts of Otago, there is no public transport.

It is impossible to escape the diesel/ petrol costs and the grocery items that are going up every week."

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Cr Laws said many councils were ready

to launch their draft annual plans and go through the "tick box consultation phase.

Most people know local government consultation is a bit of a sham.

"So it rests upon us - the elected reps of our communities - to step up now and say 'taihoa'.

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The last day to have your voice heard is Friday, 29 April.

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