

# DOING THE GOOD STUFF IN 2023

50  
YEARS

WAKEFIELD  
COMMUNITY  
COUNCIL

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*"A community is not just about being close to people. It is also about feeling connected and playing a part in what happens."*

-Darrell Latham

Sumner Community Hub

## TOGETHER FOR WAKEFIELD: OUR COMMUNITY, OUR COUNCIL

With 50 years of service, the Wakefield Community Council Inc. stands as a collective of local residents dedicated to the betterment of our community. Its annually elected committee strives to uphold our objectives as an incorporated society. Our council stands as a testament to the power of collective action in creating a thriving and inclusive neighborhood. We actively encourage community engagement, welcoming all to join us in our ongoing mission to build a stronger, more connected Wakefield.

# A LETTER FROM OUR CHAIR

I just want to thank you all for a very productive, challenging and rewarding year. Time for us to reflect on the year gone by. A lot has happened over this past year. We established meeting as a management committee at the end of last year 2022 to manage our house keeping and ongoing with the community council. Thank you to Amby, hall booking officer and Sam, the hall cleaner, who do an incredible job with their roles. Stuart Watts, thank you for your continuous support in the upkeep and seeing the best for the hall. Your handyman skills have been a blessing. The management committee have done a good job steering the hall in the right direction. We continue our work in the day to day upkeep with the hall with partnership with the TDC.

Thank you to our TDC ward Councilors, Dan, Mike and Christeen, as well as Stuart Bryant, who attends our monthly Wakefield Community Council meetings and the support and guidance they give us regarding Council issues. Supper blessed to have very open and supportive Council staff in the TDC who are open to answer questions involving projects and issues in the Wakefield Community. It's been important for me to keep a positive, open, two way relationship with Council, for the best interests of Wakefield.

A big thank you goes to Tony (WCC Treasurer) and Chelsea (WCC Secretary) for their roles in the management committee and the Wakefield Community Council. Your wisdom and knowledge is an asset in the growth and development of the management committee and Wakefield Community Council. Your hard work always gets noticed, and I thank you deeply. You both have grown over the last 12 months. It's been my pleasure to work alongside of you, to see the best for Wakefield and the Wakefield Community Council.

We all play our part in the functioning of the Wakefield Community Council. Our diversity in knowledge, age, wisdom and passion towards our community is not only special, but unique. We have done Wakefield justice in giving it a voice and seeing not only the now but for the future. We aren't here for ourselves but for the success of the growth of Wakefield. This year has made us stronger as a group as we have relied on the connections we have all made. No doubt some days have been harder than others, but knowing how much support and kindness we all have for one another, has been heartwarming



My highlight of the year was the Wakefield Community Anzac Service. Again this year, myself and the support of the Wakefield Community Council, we ran another successful, beautiful service, that included many Community organizations and key speakers. Hearing the positive impact and feedback from members of Wakefield Community and afar, has definitely been rewarding and I hope we did justice for past and present service men and women in Wakefield.

I also want to acknowledge the growth in our membership over the last 6 months. Having more of the community engaged with not only Wakefield issues but the wider TDC issues that we are informed by our ward Councilors and TDC staff. I would like to thank the Wakefield Community for your ongoing support in seeing Wakefield blossom in our proactive, driven and open community council. The strength of love we stand together. The numbers in people, we can achieve greater.

It's been my pleasure once again to be the Chairperson for the Wakefield Community Council. I thank you for allowing and trusting me to lead the management committee as well. I have grown as a person, learned to better myself and continuing to upskill as a Chairperson. I've had a great year and having you all walking along beside me for the same goal has been definitely rewarding Bottom of my heart, Thank you. We have accomplished a lot In this past year, but this is only the beginning. Wakefield is our place, Community is our family, let's work together Hand in hand, side by side, for the best outcomes of our special village, village of Wakefield.

**Julian Eggers**

Chairperson



**Nathan Dunn**

Deputy Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathan Dunn". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned on a light yellow background that tapers to the right.

## FROM OUR DEPUTY CHAIR

It brings me great joy to share the remarkable progress and unity within our Wakefield Community Council. As Deputy Chair, I am excited to highlight the impactful projects that underscore our commitment to community well-being. From revitalizing public spaces to actively supporting local businesses, each initiative is a testament to our collective dedication to creating a vibrant and thriving community.

A warm and hearty welcome is extended to the new members joining our Management Committee and greater community members. Their fresh perspectives and enthusiasm promise to inject new energy into our ongoing endeavours. Together, we look forward to see what 2024 brings us and to ensure that Wakefield remains a dynamic and close-knit community.

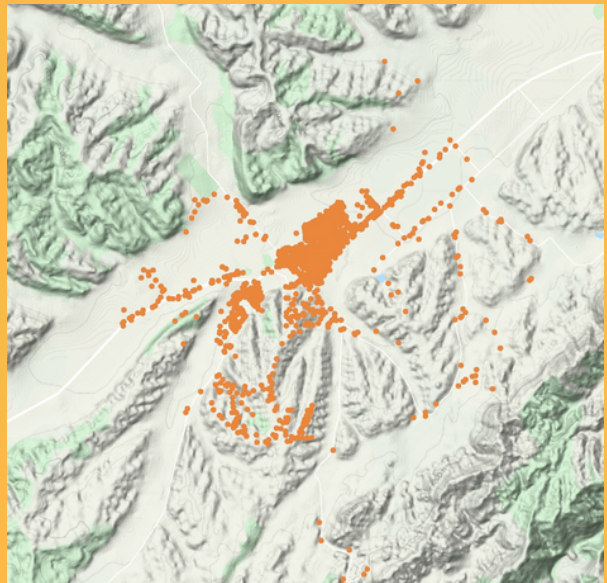


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# OUR OBJECTIVES

## THE WELL-BEING OF WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY HEALTH, SUSTAINABILITY, AND RESILIENCE

We are dedicated to cultivating a resilient and vibrant Wakefield, prioritising the health and prosperity of our community members and the sustainable development of our neighborhoods.



**59 STREETS UP FROM 46 IN 2018**  
**1082 HOUSES, FLATS, AND COTTAGES**  
**+20 AWAITING VALUATION**

# HOW WE'RE MAKING IT HAPPEN

## ADVOCATING ON LOCAL ISSUES

Actively engaging with the Wakefield community through consultations and town hall meetings, ensuring that their concerns and priorities are effectively communicated to TDC, advocating for the representation of our community's interests in broader regional projects.

## PARTNERING WITH LOCAL INITIATIVES

Collaborating closely with existing local initiatives, to actively support and amplify their operations, providing resources and guidance to bolster their success and encourage the flourishing of passions already prevalent within our community.

## TANGIBLE IMPACTS

We work closely with the Tasman District Council to implement tangible improvements in our community, revitalising public spaces like our Whitby Green and upgrading amenities such as toilets, playgrounds, Baigent Reserve, Genia Drive playground, and the Robinsons Reserve rubbish bin. We strive to create a lasting positive influence on our community's well-being and overall quality of life.

# OUR VALUES

## CONNECTION

We foster connection through regular community events, creating a tight-knit community where individuals can get involved while connecting with neighbours.

## PARTICIPATION

We support community-driven initiatives, empowering local voices to shape the community and fostering a sense of ownership in our collective contribution to the betterment of our home.

## SUSTAINABILITY

We support local businesses and initiatives that contribute to the long-term economic and environmental health of the community, ensuring a sustainable and balanced future.

## WHAT WE DO

- MONTHLY PUBLIC MEETINGS
- MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS
- SUBCOMMITTEES FOR KEY ISSUES
- SUPPORT LOCAL EVENTS
- ADVOCATING FOR OUR COMMUNITY



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# WORKING TOGETHER TO PROVIDE FOR THE GOOD OF OUR COMMUNITY

With thanks to our committee, our membership, volunteers, and the Tasman District Council we have been able to respond to the needs of our community

**4** VILLAGE EVENTS

**2** SPECIAL ISSUE  
PUBLIC MEETINGS

**24** DONATIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS AND LOCAL BUSINESSES

**11** PUBLIC MEETINGS

**5** NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

50 YEARS

## OF PROJECTS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

### THE COMMUNITY POLICE STATION

The Wakefield Community Council (Formerly the Wakefield Ratepayers Association) was a fierce advocate for having two Police officers in our station, ensuring our community always has someone available when we are in need.



### WAKEFIELD HEALTH CLINIC

The Wakefield Community Council Advocated for our health clinic, ensuring our community has care close by, keeping us healthier at home.

### BUS STOPS FOR WAKEFIELD

We advocated for bus stop locations that made sense for both passengers and neighbouring homes. More and more Wakefield residents are enjoying the bus each month.



# EVENTS IN 2023

**ANZAC SERVICE AND DISPLAYS**

**WCC AGM 50 YEARS CELEBRATION**

**MEET THE CANDIDATES (X2!)**

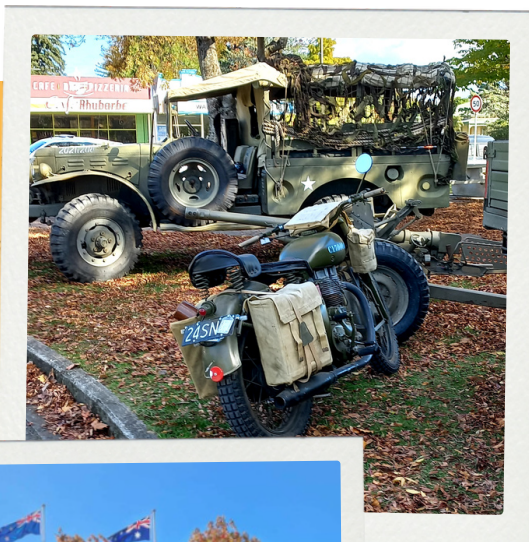
**OPENING GENIA DRIVE RESERVE  
PLAYGROUND**

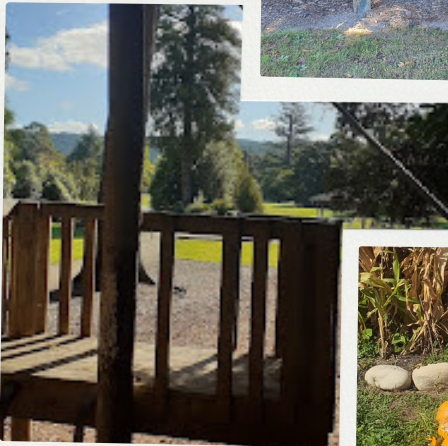
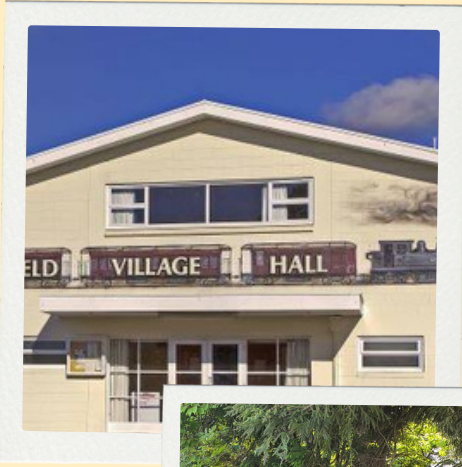
**FAULKNERS BUSH PLAYAREA COMMUNITY  
CONSULTATION**

**POST MEMORY HERITAGE TRAIL LAUNCH**

**WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY CAROLS**

**WAKEFIELD LONG TERM PLAN WORKSHOP**





## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2024

THERE'S SO MUCH TO WATCH OUT FOR IN 2024.  
CHECK YOUR INBOX FOR OUR MONTHLY AGENDA, MINUTES  
OR GRAB THE LOCAL NEWSLETTER, [WINDOW ON WAKEFIELD](#)

**FEASIBLE OPTIONS FOR REPLACING  
THE VILLAGE HALL  
(WAIMEA SOUTH TRUST)**

**NEW PLAYGROUND AND LAYOUT  
FOR FAULKNER RESERVE NEXT TO  
SH6**

**COMMUNITY VEGETABLE GARDEN**

**OPENING OF BAIGENT RESERVE  
(ON NORTH SIDE OF WAI-ITI STEAM)**

**WAKEFIELD ANZAC SERVICE**

**WAIMEA SOUTH COMMUNITY  
FACILITY CHARITABLE TRUST**

# PROJECTS WE'RE SUPPORTING

Want to read more? Click on the name of the project

## THE BIG BAKE UP

HALL USERS – LIVE WELL,  
COUNTRY PLAYERS, SEWING, ART  
GROUP



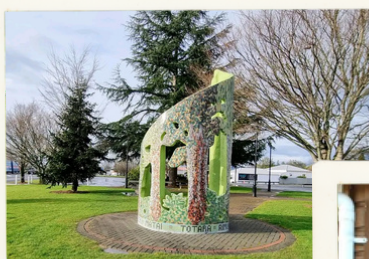
## POST MEMORY HERITAGE TRAIL

VILLAGE GREEN SCULPTURE  
RENOVATION



VILLAGE KIOSK REFURBISHED  
AND NEW ROOF

## HOMES FOR WAKEFIELD



WAKEFIELD SECURITY CAMERAS



WAIMEA SOUTH COMMUNITY FACILITY CHARITABLE  
TRUST



## DOING WHAT WE CAN

**While we don't always have the final say, we will always advocate fiercely on the behalf of our community**

- More options for smaller, more affordable housing
- New cell tower location

## WORKING TOGETHER

**The Community Council continues to connect and share ideas and resources with other community groups and organisations.**

- Partnering with TDC to advocate on the behalf of our community
- Waimea South Community Facility Charitable Trust for a new community hub
- Attending flood risk meeting at Brightwater Community public meeting
- Workshop meeting with other Tasman community councils (Chairperson).

## DAILY SUPPORT

**Chair can be contacted via email with concerns**

**The Village Hall is available for**

- Local groups
- Regular meetings
- Celebrations (wedding, birthday).

## THANK YOU TO OUR HALL STAFF

AMBY COWE  
STUART WATTS  
SAMILA SARGENT

We wanted to recognise the hard work of the Wakefield Village Hall staff and thank them for ensuring the hall runs smoothly

# YOUR 2023-2024 REPRESENTATIVES

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## Committee:

Colin Gibbs

Jean Gorman

Melissa Woodhouse

Richard Martin

Brent Eggers

Anna Naygrow

Annemarie Kidson

Ewan Crouch

Lydia Mitchell- loved member, resigned to non-voting membership as she no longer lives in Wakefield.

## THANK YOU!

**We wouldn't have been able to work without the support and generosity of passionate individuals, and organisations**

Thank you to all dedicated volunteers, supportive members residents and the business community.

Thank you to the Tasman District Council for your faith in us to use your money wisely and deliver on our goals.