

WAIRAU VALLEY NEWS

MAY 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

PLAYGROUP

WEDNESDAYS 9AM – 11AM
WAIRAU VALLEY PEACE MEMORIAL HALL
17 MORSE STREET, WAIRAU VALLEY

TAI CHI & QIGONG

THURSDAYS 11AM
WAIRAU VALLEY PEACE MEMORIAL HALL
17 MORSE STREET, WAIRAU VALLEY

WAIRAU VALLEY MEMORIAL HALL

AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY HIRE
MORSE STREET, WAIRAU VALLEY



THE VALLEY PEOPLE
WAIRAU VALLEY RATEPAYERS' AND RESIDENTS' ASSN

OUR NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IS ON:
WEDNESDAY, 15 MAY AT 7 PM
WAIRAU VALLEY PEACE MEMORIAL HALL
17 MORSE STREET, WAIRAU VALLEY

WV GOLF CLUB TWILIGHT GOLF

WEDNESDAYS FROM 5:30 PM
WAIRAU VALLEY GOLF CLUB
MORSE STREET, WAIRAU VALLEY

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INFORMATION

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ANZAC DAY Colouring in competition

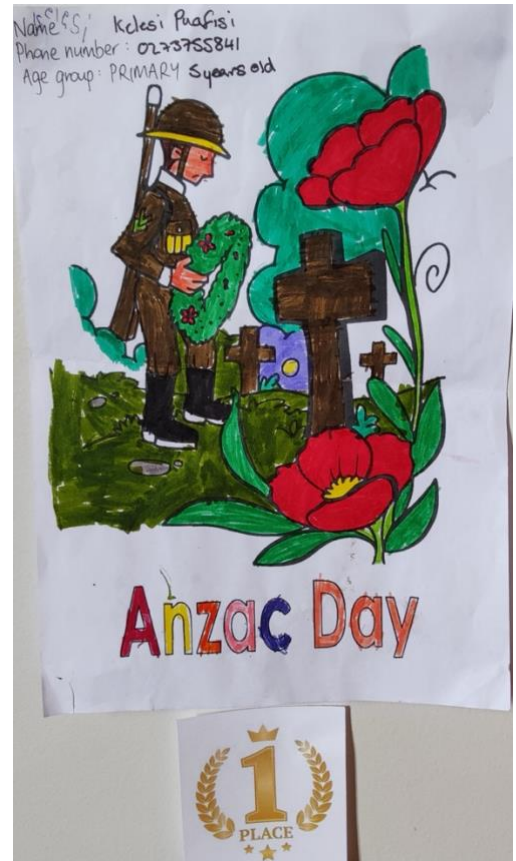


Here are the local students who won first place in our colouring in competition:

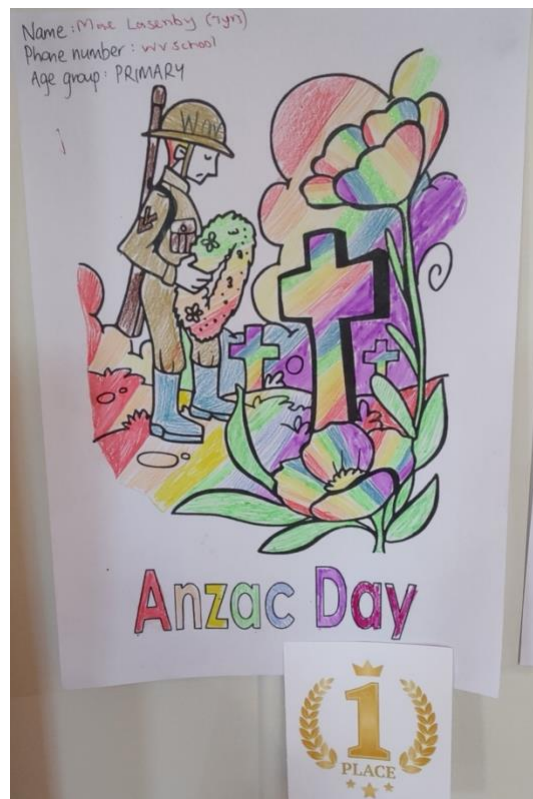
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Ages 6-9: Mae Lasenby

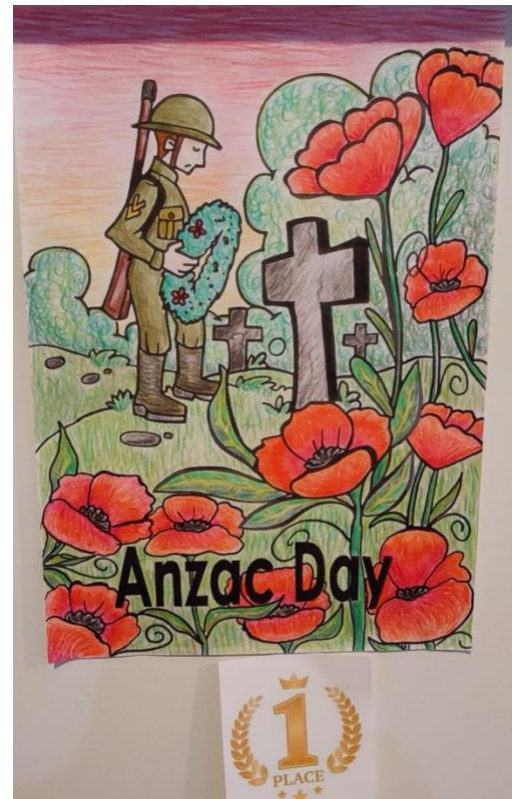
Ages 10+: Ruby Leov



Kelesi Puafisi, ages 2-5 winner



Mae Lasenby, ages 6-9 winner



Ruby Leov, ages 10+ winner

Mother's Day

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Wairau Valley Residents' and Ratepayers' Association

There is a lot going on in our area that will affect what we can do and how much it is going to cost us.

- Rate rises for 2024 (*Marlborough's council has no plans to cut back on its services "unlike some councils", contributing to a draft rates rise of 12.63%. (Stuff: Feb 22, 2024)*)
- The proposed Marlborough Environment Plan
- Flood mitigation
- Morse Street Bridge replacement
- Marlborough District Council draft Long Term Plan

To find out what is happening and get involved, join the Wairau Valley Residents' & Ratepayers' Association. We can be heard much more clearly if we join together to speak with the council. Join now by emailing us at thevalleypeople.wv@gmail.com with your name, email address and contact telephone number. We will send you details of our next meeting and how to become a member.

Dennis McAulay
Chairman

Wairau Valley Golf Club

The Wairau Valley Golf Club would like to thank the Wairau Valley Sports Association for their continuing support of our club.

We would like to remind users of the course/recreation area that it is a Council requirement that **all dogs on the course are kept on a leash**, and we do ask please that you take their waste home with you.

While it is always nice to see people enjoying the beauty of the course, we ask that you be extra vigilant if there are golfers on the course. Being struck with a golf ball is no fun and always unintentional.

Thank you.

Wairau Valley School

School board mid-term parent by-election.

Reminder when voting for the parent representatives to the school board that votes must be delivered to:

Returning Officer
2626 State Highway 63
Wairau Valley
7271

Voting closes at 4pm on Friday 17th May.
With postal votes accepted till 22nd of May

Signed
Susan Fox
Returning Officer

ANZAC Day commemorative service

Here are a few photos from our ANZAC Day commemorative service, held at the Peace Memorial Hall. We had a great turnout with around 160 people present. Thanks to all who attended and made it our best service yet!



ANZAC Commemorative Service

This year at our ANZAC Commemorative Service we were fortunate, once again, to have Squadron Leader Craig Dalgleish be our guest speaker.

With his permission we have a transcript of this speech here. A very moving and worthwhile read. Many thanks for this, Craig.

Good afternoon, and welcome to today's ANZAC Day memorial service. Thank you to the members of the Wairau Valley Community for the invitation. I want to acknowledge our veterans, community service representatives and volunteers, especially the younger generation who have come along.

The world is, in some ways, a very different place than it was when the first ANZAC Day was marked across New Zealand in 1917.

Those first services were mainly for families of fallen service personnel—an opportunity to collectively acknowledge their grief and loss. Almost every New Zealand family had been affected in some way. In those times, the fallen were not returned home but were instead buried close to where they had died. The markers, cenotaphs and memorials throughout New Zealand are inscribed with the names of the fallen, and these were often all that the families ever had.

I have been fortunate enough to visit several historic battle sites where New Zealanders have fought. I have also seen the war graves of our fallen at places like Gallipoli, Al Elmién, and Be'er Sheva. No one can gaze at the rows of grave markers and not feel the weight of their loss. At this time of year, I often reflect on those battles that claimed so many lives and wonder if they are still remembered. What have we learnt from such human endeavour and sacrifice?

I also remember, as a younger man, reflecting on Lt Col William Malone and the Wellington Battalion at the battle for Chunuk Bair in Gallipoli—wondering why a 56-year-old solicitor from Stratford would knowingly put his life on the line with his men in such a far-off place.

His letter to his wife on the eve of the battle perhaps offers some insight:

My sweetheart, in less than 2 hours, we move off to a valley, where we will be up all night and tomorrow in readiness for a big attack.... I expect to go through all right but, dear wife, if anything untoward happens to me, you must not grieve too much. There are our dear children to be brought up. You know how I love and have loved you, and we have had many years of great happiness together.

I am prepared for death, and hope God will have forgiven me all my sins.

My desire for life, so that I may see and be with you again, could not be greater, but I have only done what every man was bound to do in our country's need. It has been a great consolation to me that you approved my action. The sacrifice was really yours. May you be consoled and rewarded by our dear Lord.

Your loving husband, W.G. MALONE

LT Col Malone fell on the 8th of August 1915 at the Battle for Chunuk Bair along with 690 members of his battalion. Only 70 survived the day.

There are so many things to learn from this story of sacrifice:

- Understanding and insight into what Military service actually means.
- The power of comradeship.
- That sacrifice is not the individual's alone, but that family also carries it.

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The entire Gallipoli campaign has hopefully also taught us, as a nation, not to spend the lives of our young people too easily or entrust their command to other nations.

The years between World War 1 and now have been peppered with conflict—World War 2 would see war on an even greater scale. The Korean War, the Malayan Emergency, and the Vietnam War, to name just a few, along with contributions to Peacekeeping in Iraq, Sinai, Lebanon, Bosnia, East Timor, South Sudan, Afghanistan, and a multitude of others.

Each of these actions and operations comes at a human cost. However, they have also offered many lessons to those who are prepared to hear them.

One of the changes in ANZAC Day services over the years is that we now, also on this day, recognise the sacrifices and lives lost in all conflicts since WW1. Perhaps today we are now also acknowledging Service itself – after all, the survivors of conflict always carry scars, some visible and others not. Acknowledging this service can always be a soothing balm to those who carry those scars.

So, times might have changed – technology has certainly advanced. However, right now, wars are still being fought around the globe. New threats have emerged to our nation and its interests, from natural disasters to cyber-attacks, the threat of terrorism, and the heightened global tension over ever-shrinking resources.

Therefore, the requirement to fight for our national interests and preserve a rules-based world order have not changed. The willingness of New Zealand women and men to step up and serve their country has not changed.

Right now, around 1150 NZDF personnel are deployed overseas in training and peacekeeping roles. We know we walk in the footsteps of giants and take pride in our history, heritage, and culture.

So, what is ANZAC Day today?

It is a day for remembering and acknowledging.

From the original ANZACs to all those who have battled through all of the subsequent conflicts in which our nation has played a part, to today's young warriors.

- Those who have lost their lives,
- Those who have risked everything,
- Those who have suffered,
- The suffering and sacrifice of families, and,
- That we must learn the lessons that have come at such a heavy cost.

If happiness is a product of freedom, then freedom is the reward for courage. We should be grateful to those who have helped preserve our national ideals through sacrifice. In doing so, we keep the memories of those lives bright.

This remembrance and acknowledgement strengthens our communities.

Toku Toa he Toa Rangatira

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For more information, call **Maureen 572 2827**

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For more information, call **Kate 572 2847**

WAIRAU VALLEY PEACE MEMORIAL HALL Est 1919

Wairau Valley Peace Memorial Hall is on Facebook
Bookings - wvcommunityhall@gmail.com

WANTWOOD COMMUNITY ROOM

A cosy place to meet, the Wantwood Room houses local historical information. Call **Angela 572 2888** or **Sherridan 572 2886**

THE VALLEY PEOPLE

(WAIRAU VALLEY RATEPAYERS' & RESIDENTS' ASSN)

Please refer to the front page for their next meeting.

For more information, contact **Elsbeth McAulay 027 452 5331**

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Richard 572 2547 or **021 116 3002**.

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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Richard is our local JP and is available to help you out. Any questions, please feel free to call him. **Richard Peterson 572 2547**

WAIRAU VALLEY ANGLICAN CHURCH

Services will be confirmed at a later date, or for more information, please contact **Joe Keighley 572 8850**

WAIRAU VALLEY SCHOOL

For more information <http://www.wairauvalley.school.nz> or call **Lisa 572 2715**

WAIRAU VALLEY SPORTS ASSOCIATION

The Domain is a facility dedicated to the sport and recreational interests of the Wairau Valley. Please contact **Debra Schollum 572 2812**

WAIRAU VALLEY GOLF CLUB

Situated at the end of Morse Street, a challenging 9-hole course.
Secretary - Alison Graham 577 6554

TAI CHI & QIGONG

Thursdays 11 a.m. at the Wairau Valley Peace Memorial Hall. Only \$5. For more information, please call **Nancy 572 2884**

WAIRAU VALLEY BOOK CLUB

First Tuesday of the month. Registered with the Book Discussion Group. For more information, please call **Elsbeth 027 4525 331**

CONNECT & CATCHUP

2nd & 4th Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. meeting at the Wairau Valley Tavern. **NOTE:** This has been organised by a local resident.

WAIRAU VALLEY BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Jeymar Soap Shop - Richard or Jenny

Church Lane, Wairau Valley. For Body and Bath Care. www.jeymarsoap.nz

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ARE YOU NEW, OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE NEW TO THE WAIRAU VALLEY?

As a way of welcoming new arrivals to the Valley, we have created Newcomer Packs, which include information about our local groups, key contacts, and samples from local businesses. The option is there for neighbours to deliver the pack, or we can organise someone to pop over and say hello.

Please let us know of anyone you think qualifies for a Newcomer Pack.

Email wvcommunityhall@gmail.com

If you are a local business and would like to add some promotional material to the packs, please also get in touch.

WAIRAU VALLEY PLAYGROUP

AT WAIRAU VALLEY PEACE MEMORIAL HALL

EVERY WEDNESDAY 9AM-11AM

Our sessions are free and open to all children 0-5 years, and they provide local parents and caregivers an opportunity to meet other young families in our community. Every session is different, offering a variety of learning and play invitations.

Please bring along a drink bottle and morning tea for your child, and perhaps a change of clothes in case things get messy!

Senior community members are invited to come along to the first session each month.

Follow the Wairau Valley Playgroup Facebook Page for updates.