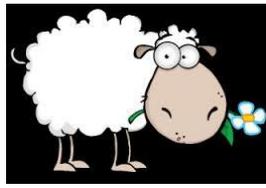


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A community newsletter brought to “ewe” by the Halcombe Community Development group.

Halcombe Community

ANZAC Day Service

25th April

10:45am March from Halcombe Rugby Club

11am Service at Halcombe Cenotaph

Followed by a shared lunch 12-noon @ the Memorial Hall

– please bring a plate to share.

Further details on

www.halcombecommunity.co.nz or 

**This year we commemorate Passchendaele
 - Battle of Mud, horses and Flanders Fields.**

*Ceramic Poppies will be for sale after
 the service*



“That future generations are aware of the courage and sacrifice of New Zealanders at Passchendaele and the Western Front during the First World War, which greatly influenced our sense of national identity and the development of our nation.”

It's all go!

April is a big month for the Halcombe Community, with ANZAC Day and the famous ‘Auction Night’ all within a week of each other. Both events take a lot of organising and we thank those who work hard to make them such great events. Make sure you note the dates down and come along.

This year you will note that proceeds from the Auction Night are to be split between the Firefighter Stair Challenge and the Halcombe Hall Kitchen upgrade project. The Hall has seen good growth in its usage over the last few years and feedback has been that a more user-friendly/caterer-friendly kitchen will allow further growth. Grants will also be sought for the upgrade, via the Halcombe Community Trust (HCT), however grant applications that show community input have a greater chance of success. It's great to see groups within the community working together and we look forward to a cracker event!

Welcome to those who have moved to the area – come along to one or both of these fabulous events and see what makes our fabulous community so special!

Halcombe Volunteer Fire Brigade and Halcombe Community

AUCTION NIGHT

Saturday 29th April – from 6pm

HALCOMBE TAVERN

Proceeds from this years Auction Night will be split between the Fire Brigade Stair Challenge (Leukaemia and Blood Cancer) and the Halcombe Memorial Hall Kitchen upgrade project

If you have goods or services that you would like to donate, please let us know!


 Firefighter
 Sky Tower Stair Challenge



HALCOMBE COMMUNITY PLAN

PHASE TWO

As this Halcombe Herald goes to print the Domain fence along Stanway Road, (which we estimate is over 60 years old!!) is being re-done as the first step in the Phase II 'CBD upgrade' plan.

The HCDG is also working with CD Surveyors to finalise the plan for the cenotaph/Stanway Road area and this will be presented to Council for their approval in the coming months. We do want your feedback though so please check out the plan at www.halcombcommunity.co.nz.

Winter is coming...
Take the weather-risk out of your event and

Book the
HALCOMBE HALL!
NOTE – there is a new booking procedure: Please email halcombe.community@gmail.com



Working Bee



Walkway Update – Plaques and Planting Working bee

The 2nd lot of plaques have arrived and a plan has been devised for planting so a working bee is planned for **MAY 7th 9am – 3pm.** You don't need to come along for a the whole time but an hour or two would be most appreciated 😊



Ceramic Poppy Making 2017

This year the ceramic-poppy-making started off with a hiss and a roar with 16 people coming along! Over 200 poppies have been made, some of which have been personalised with the names of soldiers (listed on the Cenotaph) imprinted on them. The poppies will again be on display at ANZAC Day and some will be for sale following the service. For more information contact Jeannette Henderson at halcombe.community@gmail.com or phone 328 8647



DID YOU KNOW?



Benefits of eating local honey

Raw honey contains bee pollen, which is known to ward off infections, provide natural allergy relief and boost overall immunity. Honey's ability to prevent allergies is based on a concept called immunotherapy. How so? The bees in your neighbourhood go from flower to flower collecting

pollen but when a you consume local raw honey, you also consume that same offending local pollen. After some time, an allergy sufferer may become less sensitive to this pollen that previously caused problems and experience less seasonal allergy symptoms. Many seasonal allergy sufferers have found local, raw honey to be helpful because it desensitizes them to the fauna triggering their allergic reaction. For more info see <https://draxe.com/the-many-health-benefits-of-raw-honey/> or contact Pure Halcombe Honey on 328 8647 .

Thank you very, very, very much...



~ Year 7 and 8 pupils from Halcombe School ~
For spreading the pile of mulch at the Monteith Street end of the walkway.



If you have lost or found something, have a question about something or need/want something – check out the Halcombe Community Facebook page



www.facebook.com/halcombcommunity



Desperate Halc-Wives Halcombe Community Yoga Group



WHAT: This is a fun, light hearted and casual yoga group for ordinary people. Based on ashtanga yoga this is a very basic and relaxed yoga class. It is intended as a form of physical re-alignment / stretch / strength without any deep and meaningful 'naval gazing'.

WHEN & WHERE: Wednesday evenings (during school term time). Halcombe Community Hall, Willoughby Street (across from the Fire Station) 6:30pm.

GEAR: A non-slip mat and comfortable, relaxed fitting sports clothes are ideal.

COST: \$25 per school term or \$5 casual.

CONTACT: www.facebook.co.m/Desperate Halc-wives



Halcombe Playcentre – Willoughby St.
Monday and Wednesdays
9am – 12 noon.

MANAWATU DISTRICT COUNCIL Draft 2017/18 Annual Plan

What is the Draft Annual Plan?: It is effectively a plan that shows how rates are to be spent. Every 5 years MDC adopts a **Long Term Plan (LTP)**, which outlines projects and rate spend for the following 20 years. The Annual Plan is an annual review of this LTP and any variations or changes to the LTP are then outlined in the Annual Draft Plan.



Why should we care?: It's important to ensure you know what's planned for your area, especially seeing it's your rates money that is being used! The Annual Plan process is also a great opportunity to have your say and make submissions in things that YOU think rate payer money should be spent on. Do you drive a piece of road everyday that you think needs widening? Is there an intersection or a drain that you think needs work to make it safer? Do you think one of the Council owned facilities needs work? Do you have an idea that you think the Council should do? – The Annual Plan process is the time to be heard!

Can anyone make a submission?: Anyone can make a submission, individuals or groups!

Where do I start?: The public consultation period opens from Monday 27th March and closes Friday, 28 April. From Monday 27th onwards you will be able to visit Council's "Have Your Say" website <http://haveyoursay.kiwi.nz/Home/> for a copy of the consultation document and supporting documentation. There will also be instructions on how you can make a submission. You are encouraged to make a submission even if it is simply in support of projects that have been signalled in the documentation to be funded in 2017/18. There are also three community feedback sessions or come along to the April HCDG meeting (Monday 3rd April 7pm @ Halcombe Tavern):

- Kimbolton Town Hall, Monday, 10 April at 7.00 pm
- Feilding Public Library, Wednesday, 12 April at 1.00 pm and another session at 7.00 pm
- Southern – Te Kawau Memorial Recreation Centre, Rongotea on Wednesday, 19 April at 7.00 pm

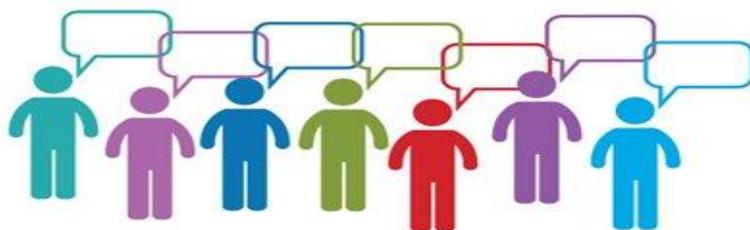
Two items within the Draft 2017/18 Annual Plan, directly concerning Halcombe include:

1. Halcombe Water Treatment Plant

In 2017/18 Council had planned to install a water reservoir at Halcombe at a cost of \$225,000. However, initial investigations have shown that a better quality water supply can be provided through installing a water treatment plant. A treatment plant will enable Council to supply water that meets the National Drinking Water Standards and will be considered as part of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan. The \$225,000 loan funding will not be required and there will be no impact on rates.

2. Halcombe Water Reticulation

Council is proposing to increase the amount of funding currently in budget for the renewal of existing water supply infrastructure in Halcombe. Council has already committed \$90,000 towards this project. An additional \$150,000 spent in this area will improve the water supply service throughout the village. The total cost of this project will now be \$240,000 however there will be no impact on rates as this proposed budget increase will be funded by depreciation.



New to the area?

Keep up to date with what's going on – like the Halcombe Community Facebook page and send an email to halcombe.community@gmail.com to be included in our email distribution list*

*Don't worry, we won't bombard your inbox! ☺

The Annual Rotary Club

"Bill's Walk"

Sunday, April 30 at 8:15 AM - 2 PM.

A fun 20 km walk from Silverton Farm, Halcombe to Feilding, via farms and rural roads, with refreshments available midway.

All proceeds go to St John's Ambulance, Feilding.

Entry: \$20 minimum donation.

Additional sponsorship is encouraged - forms available.

Transport for walkers to Silverton Farm departs Feilding near Clock Tower, Manchester Square at 8:15am. Walk starts at 9am.

Morning tea provided.

Registration to:

Bill Abbiss 06 323 6177 or

Ayvonne Hook 06 323 3232.



Keep an eye out for details about a Winter Community get-together!



Quick facts on Passchendaele

This year marks 100 years since the Battle of Passchendaele.



- Based in Ypres Belgium
- Passchendaele is also referred to as the 3rd Battle of Ypres and involved the capture of the Belgium village of Passchendaele near Ypres in Flanders.
- 5,000 New Zealanders died in Flanders Fields between 1917 and 1918 (compared to 2,7721 NZ soldiers who died at Gallipoli).
- NZ sent the highest number of soldiers per capita in WWI. 5,000 soldiers from our then population of 1.1 million, is equivalent to 20,000 soldiers losing their lives today.
- The British had pounded the Germans with 4.2 million shells in the two weeks before the Battle of Passchendaele.
- The darkest day in NZs military history was October 12th 1917 during the Battle of the Bellevue Spur (part of the Battle of Passchendaele), where there were over 3,000 NZ casualties IN ONE DAY (Gallipoli had a total of 2,721 casualties over 9 months).
- Over 4,600 NZ servicemen still lie in the Fields of Flanders today and are buried or commemorated in around 80 cemeteries and memorials found throughout what was known during WWI as the Ypres Salient.
- As a 'City of Peace', Ypres still remembers the tremendous human cost of WWI to soldiers and civilians alike. Every night at 8pm they stop traffic passing through the Menin Gate and play the Last Post in memory.

Playground/Domain area

Over the coming months, MDC will be doing work around the Halcombe Playground and Domain area. Work is scheduled to sort out the drainage issues and also to bring the playground up to the new safety standards. New cushion-fall will be installed and tables/play equipment may be shifted around a bit. They will also be giving the memorial bench-seat a "birthday" so don't panic if you see it has gone – it will be returned! The fence between the Domain and Playground will also be removed to allow for drainage work to be done.



Waitangi Day Powhiri

No rain jackets were required for this years Waitangi Day Powhiri! Around 50 people attended the fabulous event, with well over half indicating that it was either their first time on Taumata O Te Ra marae or first time on any marae. A great experience was had by all and a huge thank you must go to George Kereama and family for the effort they put in to hosting the community for this special event.



NEWS Bites

Well done to all those who organised and supported the **Halcombe School Gala** day – it was a fantastic day and just under \$18,000 was raised! Please note that we are asking for **Hall bookings** to be now done via email – this just allows the workload to be shared a bit more. **Congratulations** to Muzz Henderson on another stellar effort at the Golden Shears! 5th in the Open Final!



UPCOMING EVENTS



For further information on upcoming events see www.halcombcommunity.co.nz or



Sunday 16th April. St Michael & All Angels Stanway Easter Service. 9.30am.

Tuesday 25th April. Halcombe Community ANZAC Day commemoration. 10:45am March from Halcombe Rugby Club. 11am Service at Halcombe Cenotaph followed by a shared lunch at the Halcombe Memorial Hall.

Saturday 29th April. Auction Night. From 6pm. Halcombe Tavern.

Sunday 30th April. Bills Walk. 9am. From Silverton Farm, Halcombe to Feilding.

Sunday 7th May. Walkway Working bee. 9am – 3pm. Halcombe Walkway.

HCDG Meetings – 1st Monday of the month. 7pm @ Halcombe Tavern. All welcome.

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