

THE HALCOMBE HERALD

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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 School

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 is going to be the biggest ANZAC day service that Halcombe has ever seen. Halcombe residents and the wider community are invited to commemorate the day that marks 100 years since Gallipoli. The 31 local men that lost their lives in WW1 will also be specifically commemorated with 31 named white crosses and red poppies. Flags and bunting will be flying above army vehicles on display. A pipe band and military personnel will lead the community on a march from the school to the parade ground around the Cenotaph. A formal military service will be conducted (Note: this will include a firing volley). The Memorial Hall will have a static display of history around WW1 as well as some local history of the 31 men that died. A commemorative booklet about the 31 Halcombe men that lost their lives in WW1 will be available for sale. As always there will be a shared lunch afterwards at the Memorial Hall. We look forward to seeing a great community turn out.

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**WE NEED
YOU**

Pre-ANZAC Day Working bee this weekend

Please can we have some help!

SATURDAY 18TH APRIL 9AM @ Memorial Hall.

A variety of jobs to be done inside the hall and outside.

Please bring weed eaters, gloves, secateurs and wheel barrows/trailers.

Congratulations

Murray (Muzz) Henderson is just like a good red wine, getting better with age! Or could his secret be the cross-training he does at the community working bees...? Either way, Muzz is having an absolutely superb shearing competition season. Results include 5th in the Golden Shears Open Final in Masterton, 4th in the North Island Shearer of the Year and just last week he won the Open Plate at the NZ National Shearing Championships in Te Kuiti. Muzz and his wife Mel are amazing contributors to our community and own Baa-Zilians Shearing. A huge congratulations from us all Muzz!



For faster and more efficient communication we would like to send the quarterly Halcombe Herald and other community notices, electronically (don't worry we won't clog your email!!!). For those who don't have email, or would prefer to receive a paper copy of the Halcombe Herald, we can still post you out a hard copy. Please fill out the below and send it back to us at HCDG c/- 210 Mt Biggs Road, RD9, Feilding, 4779.

Name:		
Address:		
Email Address:		
Please can I/we receive the Halcombe Herald by: (Please tick one)	Email	Post

Halcombe Rugby Club

All the best to the Halcombe Lions for this coming season in the Senior Reserve division.

Home Games @ Halcombe Domain are on the following dates:

- 2nd May VS COB
- 9th May VS Linton
- 23rd May VS Bunnythorpe
- 20th June VS Feilding
- 11th July VS Massey Vets
- 25th July VS Ashhurst



Halcombe Volunteer Fire Brigade

It's been and busy few weeks for the Halcombe Fire Brigade and we've certainly benefited from the increase in our numbers following the arrival of new recruits Murray Henderson, Paul Jukes and previously from the Apiti Volunteer Fire Brigade, Penny Lloyd and John Brummitt.

In between responding to the siren, our firefighters have once again been busy fundraising on behalf of Leukaemia & Blood Cancer ahead of the 2015 Firefighter Sky Tower Stair Challenge. This year's event has even more meaning as we're completing the climb in honour of Halcombe School student Tyler. Tyler is 5 years old and was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia (ALL) in November 2012. Our fundraising total currently sits at just short of \$5,000 but we have a number of big fundraisers coming up including a movie night being organised by David Johnston and our annual stock drive, overseen by Adrian Henderson. Plus we also currently have a raffle running – see details below.

By far our biggest and most anticipated fundraiser each year though is the **charity auction** held at the Halcombe Tavern. This year's event will take place at **8pm on Saturday 9th May** and we already have some incredible items available, including a once in a lifetime opportunity for 2 people to receive an hour's instruction in the RNZAF's helicopter simulator at Ohakea. We are still on the lookout for additional auction lots so if you would like to donate an item or a professional service, please contact Kevin Darling (details below) or any of your local firefighters.

Thank you for your continued support and remember that should you have any questions or concerns regarding fire safety, we're here to assist.



Halcombe Volunteer Fire Brigade 2015 Firefighter Sky Tower Stair Challenge RAFFLE

\$5 per ticket

Be into win 1 of 3 great prizes:

- Retro fire engine drinks cooler valued at \$500 (pictured above)
 - Load of dry firewood delivered locally
 - Beach set donated by Smiths City Palmerston North.

**Tickets available from members of the brigade or by contacting
Kevin Darling (328 8580; 027 244 5407).**

NEWS *Bites*

A huge congratulations to all those involved with the **Halcombe School Gala**. Crowned the "best Gala ever" a new record was set with just under \$19,000 raised!

Sarah and Brent Rolston would like to say a big THANK YOU to all those who have assisted them following the devastating fire of their home. They are getting things sorted now but say they couldn't have done it without everyone's generous support. Thank you.

Keep an eye out for the **new painted event signs**. We would love to know what you think... Are they easier to read? Are the new locations better?

Half of the **Halcombe Community Walkway** has been edged and plans are underway to improve the ease of maintaining the planted areas. More trees will also be planted late April/Early May. Watch this space. Many thanks to the core crew of people who manage to fit working bees into their already busy lives!

A huge thank you to **Taumata O Te Ra Marae** for hosting a wonderful powhiri and morning tea on the morning of **Waitangi Day**. It was very well supported and all who attended thoroughly enjoyed it. Unfortunately the Family Fun day due to take place at the Domain in the afternoon was called off due to weather.

Steam Traction Engines are coming to Halcombe this weekend – Saturday 18th April. Come and have a look late afternoon around the Halcombe Rugby Club Rooms area – you won't miss them!

WANTED

- People to join a spraying roster to help keep the weeds on the Domain embankment at bay.
- Some people to help in the kitchen on ANZAC Day.
- Someone who's a dab-hand on a paintbrush to paint a sign frame.
- Expressions of interest from people who may be keen to help run some Friday night activities/sports for kids in the hall.
- People to assist with the Barn Dance and Kids Halloween disco later in the year.

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WHAT IS IT? The Long Term Plan (LTP) highlights the Council's plans for the next 10 years (2015-2025). It sets out what work the Council will do, what services they will provide and how it will all be paid for (Yes, it will cover-off whether rates will be increased).

WHY SHOULD I CARE? #1. It's the plan for the area we live in so affects every one of us. #2. As a rate payer it's your money. #3. Is there something that you would like to see done around the village or wider area? If so, this is the time to get it on the list! If ya don't ask, ya don't get!

HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE? View the plan online at www.mdc.govt.nz or pick up a paper copy from the Council office. We encourage you to read it (some light bedtime reading perhaps!!). There is going to be information sessions with static displays, a pop-up stall attended by Councillors and a 'Mayor in the Chair' session where you can ask questions and discuss any issues or ideas you have relating to the Long Term Plan. Details are as follows:

- **Thurs 23 April: Information Session:** Kimbolton Hall, Kimbolton 7 - 8.30pm
- **Fri 24 April: 'Mayor in the Chair'** at Feilding Library 11am - 2pm
- **Tues 28 April: Information Session:** Te Kawanu Memorial Rec Centre, Rongotea 7pm - 8.30pm
- **Wed 29 April: Information Session:** Feilding Library 7pm - 8.30pm
- **Fri 1 May: Pop-up stall at Feilding Farmers' Market** 9am - 1pm

HOW CAN I GIVE FEEDBACK / PUT FORWARD IDEAS? Submissions can be made by individuals or as a community or both! The Halcombe Community Development Group will be pulling together some ideas on behalf of the community and we would LOVE YOUR INPUT! Keep an eye on www.halcombecommunity.co.nz and the Facebook page or come along to the May meeting (4th May 7pm @ Halcombe Tavern) where we will be discussing it in detail.

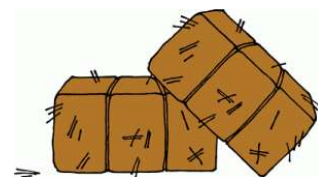
Those of you who missed the Good Ol' Fashioned Knees-up last year, mark this years BARN DANCE on your calendar!



COMMUNITY BARN DANCE

Saturday 1st August

Halcombe Memorial Hall 7:30pm - late
Live band. Cash Bar. Supper provided.
Adults only. Further details to come.



UPCOMING EVENTS



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



1st Monday of the month. **HCDG Meeting:** 7pm Halcombe Tavern

Every Wednesday. **Desperate Halc-Wives Yoga:** 6pm. Halcombe Memorial Hall. NB: 22nd April at Rugby Club rooms

Saturday 18th April. **Steam Traction Visit:** Halcombe Rugby Club rooms from late afternoon.

Saturday 25th April. **ANZAC Day Service:**

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Saturday 9th May. **Halcombe Volunteer Fire Brigade Charity Auction:** 8pm Halcombe Tavern.

Saturday 1st August. **Community Barn Dance:** 7:30pm Halcombe Memorial Hall.

Saturday 31st October. **Kids Halloween disco:** Halcombe Memorial Hall. Start time TBC.