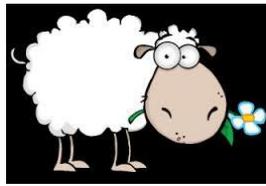


# THE HALCOMBE HERALD



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

## Community Walkway Opening

After just over 2 years of hard work, the 9<sup>th</sup> of April saw the official opening of the Halcombe Community Walkway. The weather was brilliant and the walkway looked a picture. A good crowd enjoyed bouncy castle fun, a sausage sizzle lunch, the famous Fire Brigade obstacle course and the grand finale lolly scramble to end the day.

The walkway was blessed by Richard Bain and then officially opened by Her Worship the Mayor – Margaret Kouvelis. The feedback from both locals and visitors alike has been fabulous and we are so appreciative of those who spent hours at working bees and supported the project in other ways. We especially thank Rangitikei Aggregates, Paul Hughes Contracting, Santoft Round Wood and Darraghs Mitre 10 for their generous contribution to this project. We also thank Vicki Powell, Richard Bain and Paul Hughes for the work that they continue to do keeping the weeds at bay!

We have had numerous requests asking if donations can still be made to the project so we are doing another ‘round’ of the Leave-a-Legacy and ‘Donate-a-metre’ fundraising campaigns. For more info see the back page of this newsletter. Funds will be used for trees and costs associated with the general upkeep.



## ANZAC Day

This year’s ANZAC events were another fantastic example of small communities embracing their history. A huge thank you must go to the sub-committee who again pulled together a wonderful commemoration on the 25<sup>th</sup> and engaging activities supporting ANZAC Day itself. This year commemorations started on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April with a concert & film evening in the Halcombe Memorial Hall. This well attended event included a screening of “For King and Country” from the NZ film archives. David Johnston read historical excerpts recounting the Battles of the Somme, describing the grim horrors of a trench-war fought in France 100 years ago. The hall was decorated in a WW1 theme and included a wall of knitted poppies, from the Waiouru Army Museum. A battlefield trench was replicated in the hall entrance and committee members dressed in army and nurses uniforms, handed out ice-cream and popcorn the old fashioned way. Feilding High School jazz band, “Neon Fusion”, performed brilliantly and \$350 was donated towards their trip to the international jazz festival they are attending shortly in Switzerland.



Decorations around the cenotaph included crosses commemorating Halcombe WW1 fallen soldiers, flags strung across the square and handmade clay poppies. The display was especially stunning at night with the inclusion of new spot lights lighting up the scene. The ANZAC day service, capably led by local pastor Gavin Scott, was brilliant again this year. The march was lead with a selection of army vehicles, followed by the Marton Pipe Band, dignitaries, the Halcombe Volunteer Fire Brigade, other community groups and members of the public. Extra seating allowed approx. 350 people to view the service in comfort.

Halcombe Liaison Councillor, Shane Casey lead the speeches, giving a moving recollection of his trip to Gallipoli last year for the 100 year commemorations. Mayor Margaret Kouvelis addressed the crowd with a spine-tingling reading, having personalised a series of letters written by two brothers, one at war and the other at home. Using the ‘Halcombe Heroes WWI’ book, Mayor Margaret had inserted the names of Halcombe men into the letter. MP Ian McKelvie also spoke and the crowd was graced with a flyover of Brendon Deere’s privately owned historic Spitfire.

The community really gets behind this service and this year saw extra groups and organisations laying wreaths. The 200 red clay poppies, made by members of the community, were on display around the cenotaph and looked a picture. These were offered for sale at the end of the service, with the funds to go towards next years ANZAC Day. Following the service a shared lunch was enjoyed in the Halcombe Memorial Hall.



## Halcombe Volunteer Fire Brigade – Sky Tower Stair Challenge 2016



The Halcombe Fire Brigade's Firefighter Sky Tower Stair Challenge team returned from Auckland last month with another fundraising trophy to add to their collection, having raised a total of \$31,736 on behalf of Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand. Since entering a team in the event for the first time back in 2012, the brigade have won the Outstanding New Fundraising Brigade award (2012), the top fundraising brigade award (2013) and three second

place fundraising trophies (2014, 2015 and 2016). In total, the brigade have raised a massive \$119,924 since 2012 and this was formally recognised at this year's post-event dinner when Halcombe was announced as the recipient of the Outstanding Community award. This is only the second time that this award has been presented and it takes the form of a carved taiaha which the brigade keeps on behalf of their community. At next year's event, Halcombe will present a taiaha carved from wood sourced locally to the next brigade to be bestowed this honour. A community event will be held at the Halcombe fire station at a future date to celebrate this achievement and to thank all of our supporters.

From left, Hamish Giesen, Murray Henderson, Ronald Thomas, Terry Cooney, Robbie Giesen, Adrian Henderson, Hank Kuyper, Dave Clarke and Colin Hirst. Centre, Kevin Darling and Joshua Kuyper, holding the specially carved taiaha. Photo courtesy of [www.stuff.co.nz](http://www.stuff.co.nz)



If you have lost or found something, have a question about something or need/want something – the Halcombe Community Facebook page is a great way to communicate to the wider community. [www.facebook.com/halcombecommunity](http://www.facebook.com/halcombecommunity)



## HALCOMBE TAVERN ANNUAL FAMILY GOLF TOURNAMENT for NON-GOLFERS!

10am Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July @ Hawkestone Golfcourse

Ambrose tournament (This will be explained on the day or Google it 😊!)

Teams of 3, or just come along and you'll be put in a team.

\$20 per person. Register on the day.

**Sausage sizzle lunch and everyone gets a prize!!**

~ Bring the whole family and a chilly bin ~



## 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](http://www.facebook.co.m/Desperate-Halc-wives)

## **HALCOMBE COMMUNITY TRUST**

The Halcombe Community Development Group invites interested parties to attend a meeting on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 7pm at the Halcombe Tavern. A discussion will be held on forming a Charitable Trust to assist in promoting, encouraging and developing all aspects of community development in Halcombe and the surrounding areas. If you have knowledge in this area, would like to be considered as a Trustee or are generally interested please come along.

## FERGUSSON ROAD CORNER

It's great to see work has started on the Fergusson Road/Halcombe Road intersection. This is a significant realignment of a dangerous stretch of road. As the \$1.5m project progresses there will no doubt be works that will affect travels, please be patient. The completion of this realignment is an important step forward for the safety of our community and visitors who pass through.



Halcombe Road between numbers 1221 to 1328 (a section of road between Halcombe and Kakariki), will be closed from **5.30am Sunday 19 June until 1.00am Monday 20 June.**

The closure is to enable a

large crane to manoeuvre sections of track for Kiwirail track maintenance.

Road users are requested to follow the sign-posted detours while the closure is in operation.

Detours will be sign posted from Pryces Line, Makino Road and Stanway Road.

## HALCOMBE COMMUNITY PLAN

# PHASE TWO

With 'Phase One' of the Community Plan completed (the Community Walkway), focus is now on beginning 'Phase Two'. This part of the plan involves revitalising the "Village CBD" beginning with a new fence along the Stanway Road end of the Domain and tidying up and painting the 'green Tennis shelter'. The HCDG has received funding from the Manawatu District Council for materials, paint etc... and funding has also been approved for refreshing the area around the Cenotaph. The proposed plan for the area is available to view at [www.halcombcommunity.co.nz](http://www.halcombcommunity.co.nz) We welcome your feedback.



## Playcentre

Whānau tupu ngātahi - Families growing together



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



If you call Manawatu District Council (323 0000) with an issue or query, ask the wonderful people who answer the phones, for a "transaction number". This enables you to easily follow up if need be.



## Halcombe Rugby Club 2016 Draw

18<sup>th</sup> June vs Bunnythorpe (Home)  
25<sup>th</sup> June vs Bush (Home)  
2<sup>nd</sup> July vs Massey Vets (Home)  
9<sup>th</sup> July vs Feilding (Away)  
16<sup>th</sup> July vs Linton (Home)

## Planning a winter event?



Book the

## HALCOMBE HALL



Perfect for birthdays – kids or adults.  
Contact Mel 328 8130 or  
[muzzah2000@hotmail.com](mailto:muzzah2000@hotmail.com)

# NEWS

## Bites

If you missed the **Halcombe Tavern Annual Duck Calling competition**, put it in the diary for next year (Thursday before Opening weekend) – a great event!  
50 pairs of **old gumboots wanted** for an art project. If you have a redundant pair or two kicking around, please contact Kevin Darragh on 328 8790.

A huge **thank you** Vicki Powell, Paul Hughes and Richard Bain who continue to keep the weeds along the walkway under control! The next **Halcombe Herald** will be due out in September. If you have any news that you would like included please email [Halcombe.community@gmail.com](mailto:Halcombe.community@gmail.com).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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For further information on upcoming events see [www.halcombcommunity.co.nz](http://www.halcombcommunity.co.nz) or



**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Halcombe Community Trust information evening.** 7pm. Halcombe Tavern.  
**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Halcombe Hall grounds Working Bee.** 9am – 11am. Halcombe Memorial Hall.  
**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Halcombe Tavern Family Golf Tournament.** 10am Hawkestone Golf Course. All welcome.  
**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Waituna West School Comedy Evening.** \$50 per ticket. Phone Waituna West School 328 6805.  
**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August. Mt Biggs Mid-Winter Hoe-Down with Live Music.** Details to come.  
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August. Halcombe School Quiz Night.** Halcombe School Hall. Details to come.

**HCDG Meetings – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month. 7pm @ Halcombe Tavern. All welcome.**

**Rachel Lane** (Chairperson)  
328 8594 [Jelanco@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Jelanco@xtra.co.nz)

**Jeannette Henderson** (Secretary)  
328 8647 [administrator@nzwcs.org.nz](mailto:administrator@nzwcs.org.nz)

**Mel Henderson** (Treasurer + Halcombe Memorial Hall contact)  
328 8131 [muzzah2000@hotmail.com](mailto:muzzah2000@hotmail.com)

**WALKWAY SPONSORSHIP**

Thank you for your support of the Halcombe Community Walkway. Please fill out the below form and email to [halcombe.community@gmail.com](mailto:halcombe.community@gmail.com) or post to HCDG c/- 210 Mt Biggs Road RD9, Feilding 4779.

**~~ CLOSE OFF DATE: 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2016 ~~**



Give a forever-gift to Halcombe's walkway. We are offering the community and businesses the opportunity to leave-a-legacy by sponsoring a tree. Each tree will have a mounted plaque placed in front of it with the sponsors name engraved. **\$100 per tree.**

I/we would like to sponsor..... Trees @ \$100 each.

The name/s we would like on the plaque/s are:

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In case we need to contact you please let us know your:

Email address.....

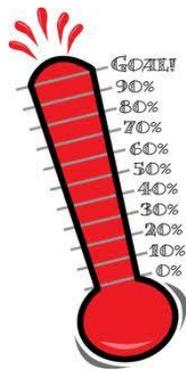
Phone number:.....

Payment is by (circle one):      Enclosed cheque      Internet Banking

Bank account details:

Halcombe Community Development Group 03 0626 0758235 00

**Reference:** Your name. **Particulars:** Your phone number.



**DONATE-O-METRE**

Donate 1m, 4m, 10m or however many metres you want!  
**\$25 per metre** (minimum 1m) and get your name embedded in the side of the walkway. Donate as a family, donate-o-metre for each of the kids, or donate as a business. Each metre along the walkway will have a plaque with the sponsors name engraved. Become part of Halcombe's history today!

I/we would like to sponsor..... Metres @ \$25 each.

The name/s we would like on the plaque/s are:

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