

The Tuapeka Times

Produced weekly by The Tuapeka Goldfields Museum & Visitor Centre

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

The cut off for 27th March edition of the Tuapeka Times is tomorrow, Friday 21st March at noon due to Otago Anniversary Day.

GENERAL.

Wanted: to rent 2 + bedroom house. Phone Shelley 0211794413 or phone 4859117 after 11am.

Clearing Sale of Stock & Plant: Friday 21st March 11am at Larsens property, 63 Gunn Road, Tuapeka Flat. All welcome.

Closing Down SALE: Up to 50% off almost everything. Last day Sunday 30th March. Great opportunity to stock up on birthday and Christmas gifts. Eftpos available. Lawrence Designed 44 Ross Place. Open Fri, Sat and Sun 10-2pm.

Waitahuna Lawrence Garden Club: 7th April meet outside Four Square 10-45am. Trip to Waitahuna Garden then lunch at Waitahuna Station Coffee Cart. Enquiries hosted by Lucky Lucy 021 2233025.

Tree and Garden Service: based in Lawrence. Planting, pruning, removals, garden maintenance and garden hedge pruning. Specialising in fruit tree care. Also serving surrounding communities. Contact Jon 022 620-7288

Joiner / Carpenter: based between Lawrence & Beaumont. General maintenance, renovation, restoration & commissions. Call or Text Iain on 02102486036.

GENERAL continued...

Art Commissions: Beloved animals, homes, gardens, symbolic still life's and more subjects and themes by local artist. Starting at \$50 for sketches. See Lawrence Creative Arts facebook group for artwork examples. Contact Hazel Smith 0273966982.

ECHO's: Doggy Daycare / Homestay. 20 years experience. Call Debbie 0211318551.

Mowing: Lawns/verges/empty sections/larger areas. For a quote call Greg 0272215930.

Tuapeka Vintage Club: Open 1 - 4pm Sundays. Everyone is welcome. Still wanting scrap metal for fundraising for the club, in particular corrugated Iron. Can be collected if needed. Please No Whiteware. Phone: 485-9652 or 485-9548.

Ceilidh and Scottish Country Dance Group: Lively social dancing, no experience necessary. Wednesday 7:00PM Waitahuna Hall. For more info contact: Quentin 021-148 7909 or email lawrence@dancescottish.org.nz

Weekend Painting Workshop With Owaka based artist Marie Reid: Marie is a master of whimsical animal painting. In this two day series she will take you through her secrets to painting birds and feathers, and all things nature. Start a new hobby for the colder months or take your current practice to the next level. Dates: 29th & 30th March. Cost: \$160 all materials provided. Limited to 10 spaces. Contact Rachel at lawrencecreativearts@gmail.com or ph 022 495 3055 for more information and details to book. Also check our Facebook Page @lawrencecreativearts

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Lawrence ^{1/4} Mile Club

Saturday 29th March
(postponed until Sunday 30th, if wet)

Start time 12pm at Wetherston's Straight
Adults \$10.00 / Children \$2.00 / Under 5 years - free
Strictly NO DOGS allowed



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GENERAL continued...

Part time work available at Lawrence Night n Day: 1-2 evening shifts per week. Application forms available at the shop. Call Wendy 0274146605 for more information.

Caravan Wanted: to hire by two members of the Tuapeka Vintage Club over Easter. Contact Roger 021 2045192

Sleepout for Sale: 1 room, price negotiable. Phone 027 6174017

Wanted: Person with chainsaw to cut firewood. Phone 027 6174017

MEETINGS

Tuapeka Goldfields Museum: Thursday 20th March, 7.30pm at the Museum.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

@YOUR LIBRARY: Ask us how to access a world of audio books, e-book, movies and entertainment, digital comics for all ages, craft and magazines and newspapers from across the globe - all for free through your library card.

Lawrence Toy Library: Open by appointment. \$60 per year. Check out our FB page and leave us a message to arrange a time to visit, or contact Stacey 0273410830.

Waitahuna Playgroup: Waitahuna Playgroup. Free for all preschoolers. Wednesdays 10am-12:30pm School Terms. 38 Waitahuna West Road. Enquires to Lanni 0212339500

Mainly Music: No session this Friday 21st March

Reminder: It's the GREEN/RED Bin this week

SPORT

Lawrence Golf Club: Leckie Challenge. 15th March. Owaka 4 ½, Lawrence 1 ½, Town 31 ½, Country 29 ½.

Lawrence Angling Club: Results Comp 11. Juniors Hemi Tuhura. Seniors Bob Moore.

CLAIM THE DATE

Every Wednesday - Coffee Time 10-12 noon at The Prospector Café. All Welcome.

MARCH 2025

- 20th:** Goldfields Museum Meeting, 7.30pm @ Museum
- 21st:** U3A Meeting, 1.30pm-3.30pm @ Golf Club
- 25th:** Indoor Bowls Practise, 7.30 @ Simpson Park
- 29th:** Quarter Mile Drags, Wetherstons Straight
- 29th:** Painting Workshop Marie Reid @ St Pats 10am-4pm
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- 30th:** Sunday Market @The Village Green, Ross Place
- 30th:** Quarter Mile Drags Rain Date, Wetherstons Straight

April 2025

- 5th:** Beaumont bike rally revisited
- 7th:** Garden Club Outing, 10.45 @ Four Square
- 13th:** Sunday Market @ The Village Green, Ross Place
- 16th:** Community Board Meeting, 3pm @ Service Centre
- 27th:** Sunday Market @ The Village Green, Ross Place

May 2025

- 28th:** Community Board Meeting, 3pm @ Service Centre

HOME SERVICES

Electrician: Registered Electrician based in Waitahuna. New wiring. Electrical Upgrades including fuse boards. Test & Tag. Tool Repairs. Phone Steve on 021 288 2246 / 03 485 9858

Computer Repairs: On-site or carry-in. Please contact Allan Lawrence on 021 0253 4406.

Cleaner /Housekeeper Available: Hardworking and honest. Can work miracles in an hour or two per week. Reasonable rates. Phone Suzanne 027 4148504

CHURCH NOTICES

St Patrick's Parish - 16 Colonsay Street: First Sunday of the month - Mass 11am. Rest of the Month - Vigil: Saturday 5.30pm.

Lawrence Presbyterian Church: Lawrence-Waitahuna Presbyterian Church Services - 10am Service at the Worship Centre each Sunday on the corner of Colonsay and Peel Streets. Enquiries contact Rev. Andrew Harrex on 485 9147.

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Rural Water Schemes

2025 RURAL WATER SCHEME MEETINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meetings for the following Rural Water Schemes are to be held:

Scheme	Meeting Date	Time	Location
South Bruce	Tues 25 March	7:30pm	Clutha District Council
Wangaloa	Weds 26 March	7:00pm	Kaitangata Golf Club
Balmoral/Tuapeka	Thurs 27 March	7:30pm	Clutha Valley Community Centre
Moa Flat	Mon 31 March	7:30pm	Heriot Church
North Bruce	Tues 1 April	7:30pm	Coronation Hall, Milton
Glenkenich	Weds 2 April	7:00pm	74 Boag Road, Gore
Waipahi	Fri 4 April	1:30pm	Waipahi Hall
Richardson North/South	Mon 7 April	1:00pm	Clutha District Council
Clydevale/Pomahaka	Tues 8 April	7:30pm	Clutha Valley Community Centre

Additional information is available on Council's website, www.cluthadc.govt.nz or phone 0800 801 350.

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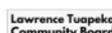


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Updates from the Clutha District Council
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Do you have a creative arts project in mind?

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The Clutha District Creative Communities Scheme second funding round for 2024/25 is closing soon!

To qualify projects must:

- Be in the Clutha District
- Be started and completed within 12 months of funding approval
- Any group, organisation or individual can apply.

Find out more and get an application form from: www.cluthadc.govt.nz/creative-communities or contact Council on 0800 801 350.

Applications close: 5pm, 20 March 2025



TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

Proposed Road Closures - NZ Hill Climb Champs

(Pursuant to the Local Government Act 1974, Schedule 10).

Clutha District Council proposes to close the following roads between 9am and 6pm for the purpose of the New Zealand Hill Climb Champs, on the dates set out below:

12 April 2025 - Reserve Road

13 April 2025 - Tuapeka West Road, from Athanaeum Road to Four Mile Creek Road.

If you object to this temporary road closure, please contact Council with your objection and grounds in writing before Friday 4 April 2025, to the Clutha District Council, Rosebank Terrace, PO Box 25, Balclutha 9240.

Steve Hill, CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Temporary Road Closures - Lawrence Quarter Mile

(Pursuant to the Local Government Act 1974, Schedule 10).

Clutha District Council is to close the following roads for the purpose of the Lawrence Rally:

Lawrence Rally 1/4 Mile Sprint, 29-30 March 2025 9am and 5pm

- Waipori Rd, from Wetherstons Road to Annan Street.
- Bloy Road to Thompsons Road only.

Please do not drive on these roads during the closures. We apologise for any inconvenience this may create for the travelling public.

Steve Hill, CHIEF EXECUTIVE

CLUTHA DISTRICT COUNCIL | www.cluthadc.govt.nz
Address: 1 Rosebank Terrace, Balclutha 9230 | PO Box 25, Balclutha 9240
Phone: (03) 419 0200 | 0800 801 350



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**B+LNZ Wormwise Workshop:
How to avoid worms this Autumn**

Monday 31 March, 10.15-2.30pm
Lawrence Golf Club, Lawrence

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Lawrence Chinese Camp Charitable Trust



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 Lawrence Chinese Camp

The past few months have been an exciting and busy time for the Chinese Camp restoration project, and we're pleased to share the latest progress with you.

Building Consent Granted

After extensive planning, reports, and discussions with our consultants at Origin, we submitted our Building Consent application to the Clutha District Council (CDC) in late November. In February, we received confirmation that our consent has been granted—an important milestone in the restoration journey. The Trust sincerely thanks the CDC for waiving all associated fees for this consent, a generous contribution to our efforts.

Archaeological Survey and Stage 1 Preparations.

In December, the Camp grounds were excavated for an archaeological survey, a necessary requirement before any work can be carried out on this historic site. This survey focused on the areas where sewer, water, and electrical lines will be installed as part of Stage 1 of the project.

The Trust has chosen to connect the Camp to the Lawrence sewage and water systems, ensuring a long-term, cost-effective solution. The alternative was to install an onsite sewer disposal system.

A team from Otago University, led by Dr Chris Jennings, spent two weeks carefully excavating key areas of interest along the planned route of trenches that will be excavated. Their work uncovered numerous historical artifacts, including bottles, glass, bricks, broken pottery, and other miscellaneous objects. There was a section of purpose-built drainage uncovered near the Joss House. An Open Day was held giving the public an opportunity to see close up what the archeologists were up to and what they were finding. Many of those who turned up were so intrigued with details and wished they could help with the dig which we had to politely say no to. A second team returned for a week in January to complete the dig, and we are now awaiting their official report—a required step before moving forward.

Once the report is received, we hope to begin Stage 1, which will include installation of sewer and water lines back to Lawrence township, electrical cabling between buildings and construction of a sewer pump station. As a result, all trenches from the archaeological dig have been left open. Access to the site is restricted until the pipes are laid to ensure everyone's safety. However visitors are still welcome to the carpark area.

Tender Process

In December, the Trust invited selected Otago-based companies to submit tenders for the reconstruction phase of the project. This work includes restoration of the Empire Hotel on its current footprint and re-establishing the stables to original size with toilets included. The tender process closed at the end of February, and we are currently assessing submissions.

Trustee Update

It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Trustee Richard Walter's wife, Edu, after a short illness. The Trust extends our deepest condolences to Richard and has granted him a leave of absence during this difficult time. In February, we welcomed Hector Wong as a newly appointed trustee. We look forward to his contributions to the project.

Funding and Support

The Trust has secured funding for Stage 1 of the reconstruction project. For the main construction phase, we are in discussions with major funders and have received positive indications of support.

However, we still need additional help, and we warmly welcome any support from the community. One way to contribute is through our Buy a Brick campaign, where donations will be acknowledged at the Camp. For more details on how to support us, please visit our website or Facebook page or contact one of our trustees

Thank you for your ongoing interest and support in restoring this important historical site.

Lawrence Chinese Camp Charitable Trust

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Lawrence Chinese Camp



CONTACT

Geoff Davidson

027 474 8098

Roger Cotton

027 284 6270

Building consent has been approved for restoration work on the Chinese Empire Hotel and stables of the Lawrence Chinese Camp.

Pre-construction work (archaeology, electrical, water and waste line installation) have commenced at the camp and will be completed soon with generous funding from The Trusts Community Foundation, Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust and the Otago Community Trust.

We are now seeking local support to help get the building restoration underway. This is the most exciting phase to date as there will be physical changes to the camp buildings. **Can you help with this fund raising initiative, by donating an old ewe or two?**

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