

The Grapevine

MOUTERE HILLS COMMUNITY NEWS

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Weaving Wonder



Care, time and patience go into each of Tanya Doty's willow baskets—and she loves sharing her skill with others.

From a little vintage caravan at the end of her garden, Tanya Doty makes willow baskets in an array of styles and shapes. Shopping baskets, log baskets, milk bottle carriers, plant baskets and egg baskets all count among her creations—no two of which are ever exactly the same.

The caravan is filled to the brim with various weaving materials and dried basketry willow, along with a collection of secateurs and awls. The only limit on Tanya's creativity within the caravan is getting the baskets out the door.

"I started making willow baskets about 12 years ago after attending a basket course with Peter Greer in Golden Bay," she says. "Peter was selling baskets at The Sarau Festival and was thinking about offering classes. I had been wanting to make baskets but wasn't sure how to start or where to get willow from, so I was ecstatic to have finally found someone who could teach me. After the first course, I went down to the Appleby river and collected crack willow (not the best for basket making) and made my first basket with a lid."

Tanya works at the Old Post Office in Upper Moutere four days a week, and says owner Joanne Costar has been extremely supportive in helping her get started with selling her baskets under the Heartstone label.

"If it weren't for her, we would have a very large collection and not much living space in our tiny cottage," says Tanya. "It's pretty special being able to talk to the people who are buying your basket and know where it's going to end up."

It takes many hours to make them, and I can get attached to some and keep them for a while until I'm ready to part with them."

Much of her knowledge has come from reading, watching YouTube videos and experimenting—and she's lost count of the times she's been over the Takaka Hill to Peter's courses, counting herself lucky to have such generous mentor.

"I've experimented with many different fibres and types of basket making, but I'm firmly addicted to willow," says Tanya. "I love the smell, and the sound it makes when I'm weaving. I love that it takes strength to construct a basket and that most of the willow I use is from my own small willow bed. I grow four varieties that have traditionally been cultivated for basket making."

Whilst it's possible to buy willow from a few places in the Nelson region, she plans to increase her own beds to keep down the cost. "Also, if there's no willow available, you have to wait until after the harvest at the end of winter."

Basket making is a labour intensive process and forward planning is essential. The harvested willow canes are left to dry for four to six months, then rehydrated before use by leaving them to soak for several days. It can take six to eight hours to make a log basket and once begun, needs to be finished in one or two goes before the cane dries out.

Achieving natural shades of brown, green and white also takes time, with the bark left on for green and taken off for brown and white. "We have an old outdoor bath in the garden, which I use to boil the willow rods for 12 hours before stripping the bark to get the brown shades."

White takes even longer, as it involves cutting the rods and leaving them to stand in tubs of water until they sprout in spring, then stripping the bark.

Tanya is now passing on her own knowledge, having recently run a series of pine needle basket making courses at The Old Post Office and at This-tle Hall in Wellington. "The technique is quite different from willow basket making," she explains. "It's an ancient coiling technique used by many cultures, and the materials used will usually be dictated by whatever is available locally."

"I was first introduced to this style of basket making 20 or so years ago at a course run in Motueka by Willa Rogers. I enjoy sharing what I have learned and it was an absolute pleasure to have several talented creators emerge from those courses."

For Tanya, the real joy of basketry lies in making something that's both decorative and practical. "It's a good feeling having made a very permanent useful household item from something that has sprung up from the earth, and when it's finally had its day, it can go back to where it's come from."

You can see Tanya's creations on her Instagram page @heartstonewillow. She is planning more basketry workshops in 2019. Keep an eye on the Old Post Office Facebook page or email 84baskets@gmail.com to register your interest.



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Bring your knitting, crochet, drawing, embroidery or any craft and enjoy the company with others and have a lovely tea or coffee with cake from the cafe.

Info: Marijke Lups 03543210

SOCIAL GROUP

Happy New Year!

After a brief Christmas hiatus, Social Group is starting up again on 24 January.

Join us in the Sunday School Hall at 1.30pm for cards, bingo, scrabble, etc and some afternoon tea.

Social Group meets fortnightly at the Sunday School Hall, Supplejack Valley Rd, Upper Moutere for fun and friendship.

Everyone is welcome.

For further information, contact:

Beryl (03) 5432 438

Shirley (03) 5432 122

Working bee with a great morning tea.

at the Moutere Hills Community Centre.



To make this fantastic community event happen we would love your help at one of our working bees. Can you spare **two hours** for the **set up on Saturday 2nd Feb from 9am** and/or the **pack down on Monday 4th Feb from 9am**? Please tell your family and friends to come along, there are plenty of jobs for all ages.

Can't help out physically? You could bring a plate of morning tea for everyone to share and join in the community atmosphere that makes this area such a great place to live in. Everyone welcome, make new friends and meet up with old friends.

Please contact Sam at sam@saraufestival.co.nz or phone: 543 2512 or 021 069 5991

MOUTERE HILLS COMMUNITY CENTRE



Dear Community

Happy New Year to you all. We trust you have had an enjoyable holiday break and have had an opportunity to spend quality time with friends and family while enjoying the beautiful weather that we have been having.

Over the past couple of weeks we have been working hard to put together a varied programme of activities for you to enjoy. It sees a return of many of the popular classes and social sports as well as an opportunity to try out some new activities. There is something on offer for everyone so look out for the new schedule in your letterbox or download a copy from our website.

We want to continue to offer a quality service in our Fitness Centre so have decided to offer an "off-peak" membership to add to our already comprehensive membership options. Along with this we will be offering some new classes and have altered some of the class times to suit the changing needs of the community. If you would like more details check out our website or contact Adele.

Moutere Hills Community Centre continues to be a great venue for functions, meeting and events. We have a wide variety of packages to suit every occasions and can offer a catering service as well. All packages can be adapted to suit your requirements, just give us a call to discuss your needs.

Kind Regards Katrina, Adele, Cindy, Cindus and Joan.

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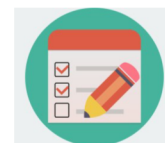


We want to hear from you.....

To ensure Moutere Hills Community Centre is continuing to meet your needs we are seeking feedback from the community about our services and programmes.

We have developed a survey about:

- **The Fitness Centre**
- **Fitness Classes**
- **Social Sports**
- **Functions**
- **Community Recreation**



Visit our website for the link to the online survey. A hard copy of this survey can be collected from the Centre.

Surveys can be anonymous or if you are happy to put your name and email address on it then you will go into the draw for a **free 3 month gym membership**.



Phone: 543 2516

Email: enquiries@mouterehills.org.nz

Website: www.mouterehills.org.nz





**FROM THE
MOUTERE HILLS
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

Dear Members and Community.

Have you recently obtained or requested any official information or records from Council?

The Parliamentary Official Information Practice Investigations (OIPi) team is currently running a survey regarding the performance of various local governments (including Tasman District Council) in providing information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA).

<http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/resources-and-publications/latest-reports/official-information-practice-investigations-oipi>

The Act ensures all public information is to be made available unless it needs to be withheld for specific reasons.

If you have any recent experience with requesting information from Council - *such as council meeting records, property records, or similar* - this is your chance to provide feedback on how well your information request was handled.

Go to the OIPi Ombudsman's survey to provide your feedback:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HWKZNWC>

Your participation will help ensure sure you have a good government!

With Season's Greetings.

Visit our website www.mhra.org.nz
or write to us at feedback@mhra.org.nz



**FROM THE
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RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

Dear Members and Community.

TDC advises that new, **lowered speed limits** have taken effect from **18 December 2018** on the following roads:

Lower Queen Street (extended), Landsdowne Road, Best Island Road, Barnett Avenue, Blackbyre Road, River Road (Appleby), Redwood Road, Research Orchard Road, Pukeko Lane

Most of these roads are changing from 100 km/hr down to 80 km/hr.

See here for a more detailed list: <https://www.tasman.govt.nz/my-council/about-us/media-centre/news-and-notice/speed-limit-changes-in-effect-18-december/>

Also see the [minutes of our recent AGM](#) for notes on a [new review process for speed limits](#) being established at TDC and how to get roads added to that review. Old Coach Road and Central Road had already been mentioned at the meeting.

<http://www.mhra.org.nz/files/meetings/2018-09-19-AGM-Minutes.pdf>

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Dear Members and Community.

On 30 November 2018, Tasman District Council has confirmed **the Waimea Community Dam will be built.**

Tasman Mayor Richard Kempthorne said: *"This project will deliver a secure source of water for our community for the next 100 years. It will greatly improve the health of the Waimea River, which can't sustain the demands we're making of it at the moment. The benefits for our region are immense and will be felt by everyone who chooses to make Tasman their home for generations to come."*

Construction is due to begin in early 2019 and will be managed by the Council-Controlled Organisation set up to run the project

Click here to read the full Council news item:

<https://www.tasman.govt.nz/my-council/about-us/media-centre/news-and-notice/waimea-community-dam-gets-the-final-green-light/>

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*May the calm be widespread, may the ocean glisten as greenstone, may
the shimmer of light ever dance across your pathway*



2018 was a big year in the WIO story. We delivered 10,201 participant days of activities – 3,139 credits were achieved by secondary students towards their NCEA and many students have gone on to work experience, jobs or further study following a programme. We trialled new programmes such as Service Industry Internships and Tourism. We joined forces with both the Duke of Edinburgh's International Hillary Award and William Pike Challenge Award to give more opportunities for our young people to experience success and build those essential personal and social skills. Other fantastic partnerships included the programme with Sport Tasman to engage with the youth of Kaikoura post-earthquake – awesome to be involved in this project.

In December we celebrated Hazel Nash's 70th birthday here at WIO – Hazel established WIO 33 years ago and donated the land WIO stands on – you're a true legend Hazel! And wonderful to have the original WIO staff and volunteers on site again. They too are full of youthful energy!

Looking forward to 2019 we have a few developments in the pipeline – the most exciting of which is a new septic system – good bye porta-loos! Thank you to everyone who put up with the less than ideal toilet situation! We're rolling out a few new programmes including Environmental Sciences and expanding our Adventure Therapy work with a few other initiatives to roll out during the year. Watch this space

So thank you to you all for the amazing support, aroha and care you have shown to WIO – we want you to know how much we appreciate it and that we are REALLY looking forward to working with more people in more places in 2019 inspiring positive change in individuals and communities.

The WIO Team

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Fine Dining Evening 7pm Saturday 23rd

We will be offering a relaxing evening, of fine dining, over five courses. Bookings essential check our website for menu details.



Cigars and Whisky 7pm Thursday 28th

A small group of whisky and cigar lovers have started a regular meeting on the last Thursday of each month. A new whisky will be introduced each month and a cigar available at cost.

Don't Forget

1st Thurs Folk Night

This month the 7th

2nd Thurs Quiz Night

This month the 14th

3rd Thurs Curry Night

This month the 21st

4th Thurs Cigars and Whisky

This month the 28th

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The Paint Brush Salute

When I was in the British Army, we had a saying 'if it moves salute it, if its stationary paint it'. A typical day during peace time, in any regiment always involved painting and cleaning something. They had to give us something to occupy us. I served with 14th Field Regiment of the Royal Artillery. I was with the logistics part of the regiment and our time was roughly divided as follows

10% parades and roll calls

10% smoko breaks

20 % driving vehicles

20% cleaning vehicles

20% painting camouflage on the vehicles

20% painting white lines in the carpark for the above painted vehicles to park in.

But in the late 80s and the early 90s the world was changing. In 1989 the Berlin wall came down and as Germany unified, the wall was slowly being turned into countless fridge magnets for the hordes of new tourists that were going to visit Berlin. What it meant to us in the British Army was that postings to bases in Germany became rare. No longer could you ask for a posting abroad, which in essence meant that you would paint and clean in a slightly warmer climate with cheaper beer.

As the world changed so did the colour of our paint. In 1990 Iraq's forces invaded Kuwait. Discussions in the United Nations, America and Britain lead to war being declared on Iraq by a coalition of western forces. In January 1991 we were told to prepare the regiment for war in Kuwait. Our task was simply this, repaint everything from green, brown and black to desert sand yellow.

New tins of paint and paint brushes arrived, and our troop started the process of turning every vehicle yellow. I must admit that I didn't join the Army to go to war, in fact it was being in the Army that turned me into a pacifist. Nor did I join to perfect my painting skills, but we had our orders.

By the second week of painting, a parade call was arranged. Sargent Taffy Jones marched up and down our lines lecturing us on the importance of our task. He was not happy with some of the painting on the Landrovers. They were not yellow enough. Plus, yellow paint and paint brushes had gone missing. "We are at [\(insert expletive\)](#) war and this is no time to be pilfering [\(insert expletive\)](#) army stores and supplies." He shouted. As we stood listening to his ranting it was hard to imagine anyone of us nicking yellow paint or brushes. As we got cold in the January weather the Sarge then came up with what he thought was a brilliant idea. "Right you [\(insert expletive\)](#) stealing lot, the solution here is simple. Tomorrow you will all bring in your own paint [\(insert expletive\)](#) brushes. I will check you have all done so at tomorrow's morning parade" he ranted.

The parade was dismissed, and we all went grumbling into one of the troop rooms. No one was happy. 'Buy our own paint brushes, he has got to be kidding' was the general consensus. Unfortunately, all of us knew he wasn't joking. With feelings running high, I came up with a great solution. I grabbed a chair and stood upon it to address the troops.

In my head this is what I imagined it to be.

I was standing at the barricades, rallying the men and women. "It is time to stand together against the injustice. It is time for our voices to be heard. Stand up for what is right. Not one of us should buy a paint brush. If they want us to go to war and fight they don't ask us to buy our own guns, so why should we be asked to buy our own paint brushes. This must stop now, or we give him the green light to carry on with his ridiculous ideas. Let us all stick together and be strong and send a message to our superiors." Big cheers and waving of arms greeted the end of my speech.

This was the reality.

I'm stood on a wobbly plastic chair. I can't see my fellow soldiers due to the heavy cigarette smoke that filled the room as someone had just 'crashed the ash' (army slang for passing the ciggies around). Coughing and spluttering I shouted out the plan for mass insubordination, of not buying a paint brush and the reason why. "Great idea count me in, I'm with you" came the replies.

We all left work that evening with the plan. I felt that if we all stood together I could then approach our Troop Commander with the issue and get it resolved.

The 8am parade came around and after the roll call, Sargent Taffy Jones asked if we had all got our paint brushes for inspection. The troop was silent. "Ok anyone [\(insert expletive\)](#) not got a paint [\(insert expletive\)](#) brush take one step forward." Being certain that we were all about to take that step, I took the step forward. The sound of my Army issue boots hitting the parade ground was deafening. It was the loneliest step that I had ever taken. Immediately I knew that I was the only one who had followed the plan. All the others had gone out and bought paint brushes or brought back the ones they stole in the first place.

Sgt Jones squared up to me and asked in his usual polite way, why I hadn't bought a paint brush. I began to explain why, when he rudely interrupted me and marched me off to the troop Commanders office. "You are going [\(insert expletive\)](#) to pay for this big time." Once standing in front the Major the troop commander, Sgt Jones rattled on about insubordination. Finally, he drew breath and the Major asked me for an explanation. I told him, like I told the troops that buying our own paint brush was the start of a slippery slope leading us to buy our own guns and weapons. Without taking in any regard to my argument the Major just said "Ok six more extra guard duties for you Private, now get out of my office" I replied, "Thank you Sir and do you want me to buy my own gun for those duties?" "8 extra duties" He shouted. I decided to quit the argument whilst my extra duties were still in single figures.

As I was leaving the Major's Office he stopped me, called me back in and handed me an envelope. "Congratulations" he said, "You're off to Aldershot for six weeks to train with the Army national hockey squad" and that was my contribution to the Gulf war. Probably just as well, as I was a better hockey player than a soldier. I never did do the extra guard duties. Hockey was far more important.

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 4 tablespoons of chopped herbs (your choice - I use parsley with mint)
 150g crumbled feta.



Method:

Set your oven to 190c
 Toss cubed pumpkin in garlic and a little oil and roast for around 40 minutes.
 Place barley and bay leaves in a large pot of cold water, cover and simmer for 40 - 45 minutes, drain and set aside to cool.
 Toss barley, pumpkin, herbs, oil and vinegar all together and season with salt and pepper if needed. Add crumbled feta.

I also use whatever vegetables I have on hand such as sweet corn red onions, cherry tomatoes etc.

Serve with salmon or some other protein and you have a meal.



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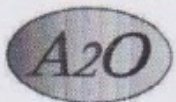
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Summer Tips Animal Care

As we enter the warmer summer months we also move into the high risk periods for several nasty diseases in our farm animals. Luckily many of these are preventable.

Facial eczema Facial eczema is caused by a fungal toxin in grass and results not only in skin disease but also liver damage and consequent ill-health/poor production. Animals can show no signs at the time of eating affected grass then die from liver failure several months later. There is no specific treatment for facial eczema so prevention options include drenching with zinc oxide, using zinc oxide boluses or adding zinc sulphate to the water supply. These should be started during February if not earlier. At the very least monitor spore counts from now until the end of May. Doing your own counts is easy, or you can have them done by us or the lab.

Internal parasites - drenching The pasture stages of worm lifecycles are driven by moisture and warmth and so worm control becomes particularly important over periods of warm, wet weather. Remember that "if you are growing grass then you are growing worms". How often you need to drench your stock depends on the product used, weather conditions, numbers of young versus adult animals and species of stock present on the property.

Barber's Pole Worm (*Haemonchus contortus*) usually appears from February onwards, especially after rain. *Haemonchus* is a blood sucker, so the symptoms are of blood loss rather than scouring as seen with other worms. Specific long acting drenches are best for coping with this as a lot of what appears to be resistance is actually reinfection. As pasture burdens can be high, reinfection can occur in a matter of days after using a short acting drench. If you wait to drench in response to an outbreak, you can still lose some lambs.

Contact us for drench advice specific to your property and situation.

Clostridia Clostridial diseases such as Tetanus, Pulpy Kidney and Blackleg result in sudden deaths often in young animals without any warning. Prevention by vaccination with '5 in 1' is simple and effective. The first vaccination should be given at lamb marking or weaning or at 6 weeks of age for calves. A second dose should be given 4 to 6 weeks later and a booster dose should be given annually.

Flystrike Most flystrike problems are seen following warm and wet weather. Sheep are most commonly affected and are initially restless and itchy followed by wool discolouration and loss and even death in severe cases. Prevention is much better than cure and involves avoiding dags by tailing, crutching and good worm control, shearing prior to summer followed by treatment with protective sprays such as Cyrex every 8-10 weeks over summer.

Viral Pneumonia This can occur at any time from now on. It is caused by a combination of pathogens and made worse by dusty conditions and close contact between lambs during yarding or when seeking shade under the same tree. You only have to look at the height from the ground of a lamb's mouth to realise how easily dust can be taken in to its lungs. Despite the name, Viral Pneumonia is rarely caused by a virus alone. Limiting yarding and avoiding dusty conditions will help. Dampening down of dusty yards will help considerably however this is not always practical.

Tummy Upsets

It's an every day event in the vet clinic to see pets with vomiting and/or diarrhoea. Pets are just as vulnerable to tummy upsets as people are, in fact probably more vulnerable due to their often poor food choices! Often we don't know the cause but when the diet can include anything from pet food through to bones, plants, compost, dead animals and poo, it's not surprising the digestive system sometimes doesn't cope!

A couple of vomits is not a big deal but when it continues dehydration is the main concern.

If your pet is still bright and happy, try these steps first:

- Remove food for 6-8 hours and if vomiting ceases you can introduce small meals of chicken/fish and boiled rice for a few days or try a small amount of your pet's normal food.
- Offer frequent small amounts of water or electrolyte such as Vytrate, but withhold for a few hours if vomiting continues.

If vomiting/diarrhoea are frequent and/or persistent and/or your pet seems lethargic, call the clinic for a checkup.

There are many causes of vomiting and diarrhoea. Often our examination and the details you give us provide enough information to diagnose and treat your pet in one visit. Otherwise further tests such as blood samples, faecal samples, xray or ultrasound may be necessary.

Barber's Pole worm (*Haemonchus contortus*)

Here's a bit more info on Barber's Pole which is common this time of year....Barber's Pole is a roundworm that sucks blood from the gut lining and causes blood loss, not scouring – what you will see is ill-thrift, lethargy and deaths.

It can seem to strike without warning, mostly in late summer and autumn, and usually after a spell of hot dry weather followed by some moisture. Sometimes a few heavy dews are enough to set off an 'outbreak' and irrigating paddocks will also have an effect.

Drenching is important but we don't want to use drenches unnecessarily – so what can you do?

- A faecal egg count (FEC) of lambs, even while still on their mum, can be a guide.
- If you are handling lambs, look for paleness of gums and eye membranes and/or 'bottle jaw'.
- If you do have lamb death/s, a post mortem is useful for identifying Barber's Pole worm in the gut.
- If you carried more lambs into winter than normal last season, contamination could be higher.
- Other things to consider include drenching history of hoggets and ewes over the last year, grazing history, feed levels and presence of wild goats.

For Barber's Pole we can use long-acting drenches throughout the summer and autumn to prevent reinfection. The best of these available contain Closantel e.g. Genesis Ultra. The downside of this is the long withholding period (56 days) which will interfere with sending lambs to the works.

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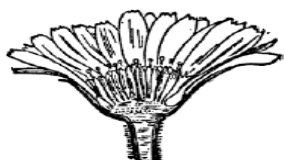
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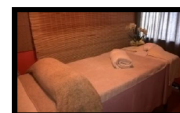
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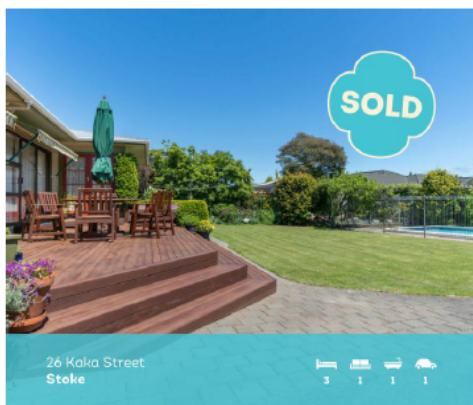
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Check out these two easy care and modern, 2 bedroom properties - great if you are thinking of downsizing!



Last year we saw a fascinating real estate market with some stabilisation of prices in the second half of the year. This year I'm finding that most property owners are keen to get an idea of the current value of their property, to allow them to not only set future financial goals, but assist them in property decisions - stay and renovate, downsize, upsize or just move. Whether you're thinking of selling now or in a few years, the current value of your home is worth understanding. If you are interested in where your property is priced in the market contact me via email (debbie.watson@tallpoppy.co.nz), phone or text (021 462629) and let's talk! (Note - it's free and there is no obligation!)



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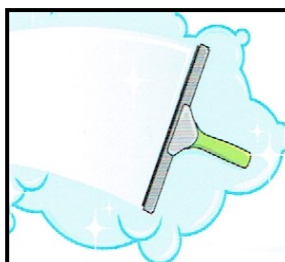
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