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### **KUROW RESOURCE RECOVERY PARK HOURS:**

Wednesday & Sunday 1pm-4pm

### **CIVIL DEFENCE:**

Kurow Civil Defence Committee met recently for a review - no major issues, fortunately. We meet every three months at the School. If anyone is interested in joining, please [email aligrant@wocis.com](mailto:email_aligrant@wocis.com) to discuss. Can we please remind everyone to review/update their emergency kits to ensure essential food, batteries, prescriptions, etc. are not out of date and that you have everything you need in a grab bag to last two to three days. Check out this link for more information: <https://www.civildefence.govt.nz/get-ready>

### **WHALAN LODGE AGM**

Postponed until further notice.

### **MAKING BEANIES FOR THE HOMELESS:**

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### **RATES DUE DATE EXTENDED**

Rates are due this week and we know many people normally pay onsite at Council HQ by either cash or eftpos. At this stage, our office won't be open by the 25th, so we're extending the deadline by another week. Please get in touch with our customer service team on 03 433 0300 or email: [service@waitaki.govt.nz](mailto:service@waitaki.govt.nz) if you are struggling.

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The Centre will remain closed until level 2. The answer phone is being cleared daily around 4 o'clock so do leave a message or ring the cell phone number provided in the message for anything more urgent.

WVS fundraiser "Life's a Bitch" was a great success last Saturday 14th August. A massive thank you to the Gold sponsors & the Silver sponsors, Waitaki Braids - who provided accommodation for the Bitches' Box crew, Ross Paton & his helpers who ran the bar, Jon Brocas who was on sound, Jim Meehan on lighting, Regan Laughton who did an amazing job as our auctioneer, Jan Collins & Sonya Eckhold for making the delicious chocolate eclairs, all the school families & community members who helped with the set up, on the night and/or clean up and finally all the people who attended the event. Without you ALL the event would not have been so successful.



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## The Matter Of Frozen Meat Exports to Mother England

CHAPMAN, Alexander Hamilton J.P., Farmer, Awakino, Kurow. (1852-1942)

CHAPMAN, Anna Louisa Chapman (nee Hille) (1864-1938)

1852, near Falkirk, Scotland, where he was educated and brought up to country life. He came with his father's family to New Zealand in 1867 by the ship "Silis-tria," which landed at Port Chalmers.

As a lad of fifteen years he entered the service of the New Zealand and Australian Land Company, and experienced much of the rough pioneering work of the back country in the early days. He continued in the service of the Land Company for eighteen years, and became manager of its Kurow station, at that time one of its best paying properties. He then took up land in the Hakataramea Valley, and resided there for two years, after-wards removing to his present property at Awakino, near Kurow.

By means of judicious management, and much hard work, Mr. Chapman now has a valuable mixed grazing and farming property of some 10,000 acres. Mr. Chapman's family consists of two sons, who assist him to work the property.



Mr Chapman devotes much of his leisure time to scientific investigation, and in this way has been able to do yeoman service to all the farmers of New Zealand by his discovery of the dry-thawing process for frozen meat, which is so important a trade in this colony. Previous to Mr. Chapman's investigation of the subject, it was held that the moisture which appears so plentifully on the surface of thawing meat came out of the meat itself, and many remedies had been tried to over-come this defect, and the disfigurement of the meat, and consequent lowering of price which it causes. But all such remedies were fail-ures, because they started from the wrong assumption; namely, that the sweating came from the meat itself. Mr. Chapman's experiments showed him that the so-called "sweating" of the meat in thawing was really the aqueous vapour of the air being con-densed into liquid water by contact with the cold surface of the meat, the meat at the same time absorbing the water till it became soft and flabby; and that, consequently, all that was required to overcome this long standing defect to the frozen meat trade was to place a water proof cover of any kind over or around the meat while thawing, the result being that meat so treated turns out clean and dry and bright looking, and is sold in the British markets as British grown meat. A disappointing result to his research, 'Mr. Chapman says, but one he is unable to con-trol, the British meat traders doing this for the sake of extra profit. They are, however, enabled to pay the colonial farmer more for his fat stock as a result Mr. Chapman was born in of this, and much of the increase in value of fat stock during the past three years is due to the meat being sold in England as home-grown and at home-grown prices. Mr. Chapman has tried unsuc-cessfully to get the meat trading people in Britain using his process to sell the meat honestly as frozen meat, dry-thawed, but has found them a very conservative class who will go only their own way. Yet though the method of selling as home-grown is a fraud, the New Zealand farmer shares in the benefit by the increased price which he now gets for his meat; a price which could not be obtained were the meat all retailed as frozen meat in the British markets.

Mr. Chapman visited London in 1901 for the purpose of introducing dry-thawing to the meat traders there, and the process is now widely used throughout the country, with the result stated; namely, that frozen meat is sold extensively in England as home-grown, but the New Zealand farmer gets better prices.

As the matter is one of exceptional interest an accurate description of Mr. Chapman's dry--thawing process will come in very properly in this connection. When Mr. Chapman him-self was in London, in August, 1901, he lucidly described it to a reporter of the *Financier and Bullionist* newspaper.



In doing this he said, inter alia: "Meat, being organic tissue, has the property of absorbing moisture--just like a sponge, though not to the same degree. When the cold surface of the meat that has been frozen is exposed to the atmosphere, it condenses and absorbs in the form of moisture the aqueous vapour which atmospheric air contains. The moisture so absorbed tends to spoil the appearance and quality of the meat; it is also injurious to such 'keeping' properties as the meat may possess. To prevent the absorption of in-jurious moisture in the de-frosting of meat has been a serious problem, upon the solving of which great ingenuity and much money have been expended. The principle upon which I have worked has been--not to over-come a natural law by costly and

elaborate methods, but to accept the operation of the law, and transfer it from the surface of the meat to another surface. This is accom-plished by the very simple expedient of en-veloping the frozen carcasses in air-tight waterproof coverings before the meat leaves the cold store. The result is that the aqueous vapour of the atmosphere is deposited in the form of moisture--not on the meat, but on the surface of the waterproof coverings. The surface of the meat, which would otherwise be wet, remains dry, and the quality is so well conserved in consequence that the meat thus treated commands a better price than meat which has been de-frosted by machinery."



The *Dunedin's* voyage was organised by William Soltau Davidson, the British-based general manager of the New Zealand and Australian Land Company, whose landholdings in the two countries exceeded 1 million hectares. The entrepreneurial Davidson had taken a keen interest in experiments from 1876, which had proved the concept, if not yet the economic viability, of shipping frozen meat around the globe.

Davidson decided to fit out a passenger sailing ship, the Albion Line's *Dunedin*, with a coal-powered

entire hold to 22 degrees Celsius below the outside temperature. Company employee Thomas Brydone was sent to Britain to study refrigeration technology and then handled the experiment in New Zealand.

En route, the 'Dunedin' became becalmed in the tropics. The crew noticed that cold air in the hold was not circulating properly. Captain John Whitson crawled inside and sawed extra air holes to save his historic cargo, almost freezing to death in the process. Crew members managed to pull him out by a rope and resuscitated him. More than a single successful shipment was needed to create a new industry. Davidson set to work creating a marketing and insurance structure to underpin refrigerated shipping. The new technology ultimately enabled the owner-operated (family) farm to become the standard economic unit in rural New Zealand for the next century. The *Dunedin* made another nine successful voyages before disappearing in the Southern Ocean in 1890.

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We have recently been to check in on our wine following the 2021 harvest. Our upcoming Pinot Gris, Rosè, Riesling & Gewurztraminer vintages are due to be bottled this month. The flavours these wines have coming through were top notch - we look forward to receiving the final product and getting these out to you!

Our Cellar Door is reopening from Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September, in time for Father's Day! There will be some small changes made to the menu and the Cellar Door however these are only minor adjustments to make your experience even better.

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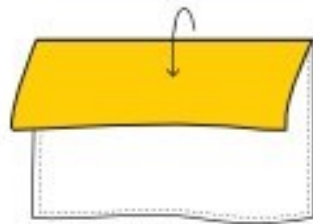
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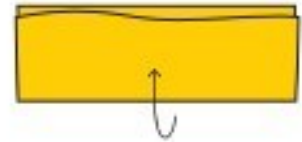
# How to make your own face covering



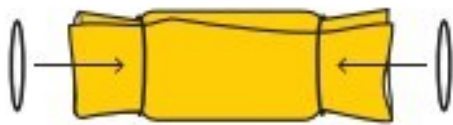
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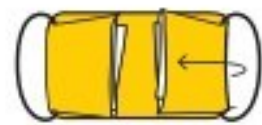
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Expressions of interest should be forwarded to:  
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Sunday 12 September 5.30 pm

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A review of ownership of shares in Network Waitaki is required to be held this year. The information below sets out the commencement of this process.

From Wednesday, 4 August 2021 copies of a report relating to the review of ownership of shares in Network Waitaki Limited and Trustees' comments are available on request from:

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Submissions on the review open on Monday, 9 August 2021  
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# Waitaki News

## It's Snow Time

Coming into Term 3 we have lots of new activities coming up. One of them being skiing for the Year 7 and 8's. For the majority of people having their friends up there with them made it a lot more enjoyable. Some of the Year 7's that haven't been skiing before said that they liked how it pushed them out of their comfort zone and challenged them to learn something they usually would never have considered. Overall there were only a few people at the end of the day that weren't looking forward to going back or didn't enjoy their day. We all think skiing is a great opportunity and are happy to be able to try a new thing with our friends.



The Year 7 and 8's at the Ohau ski field for the first time this term.



Whole school photo

## Practice Makes Perfect

It's that time of the year again, cross country! On the 13th of August the Waitaki Valley School students will be heading to the Omarama golf course to participate in the Upper Waitaki Cross Country. We have been busy practicing everyday at school, running the field or the road near the racecourse. Some of us are not looking forward to the race while others are really excited and are even practicing at home! The top runners in each race will move onto the North Otago cross country. Even despite not all enjoying cross country we are all going to give it our best shot. Hopefully all of our practice will have been worth

## Athletes of the Future

For the last couple of weeks Moana has been focusing on the Olympics and they have been painting New Zealand Olympic athletes. Some athletes they have painted include two first time Olympians Luis Clareburt and C. J. Bott. Peter Burling and Blair Tuke are competing in sailing and Sam Bewley is participating in biking at the Olympics.

Moana have also been sculpting their own trophies out of tin foil. Each student has made a figurine playing a sport to sculpt; some sports they have chosen include swimming, badminton, hockey, skateboarding, basketball, rowing, sailing, shooting, and the canoe slalom. Moana has been very busy supporting our New Zealand Olympic athletes!



Moana's Olympic artwork

## WONDERLAND GLOW SHOW and OAMARU OPERA HOUSE, OAMARU

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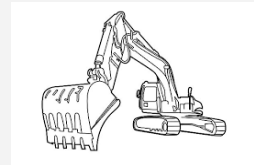
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**St John Twizel is turning 50!** So, if you or anyone you know has ever been part of the St John Twizel team, please get in touch with us so we can make sure no one misses the party.

We warmly welcome any stories, photos, or memorabilia associated with St John Twizel.

**Please contact Katrina on 027 902 9281, email [stjohntwizel@gmail.com](mailto:stjohntwizel@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook: St John Twizel 50th Anniversary.**



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