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## MORRESEY, BEN PATRICK

The Morresey and McGregor Families would like to sincerely thank everyone for all their kindness and support shown to us all at the death of our beloved son and grandson Ben.

Thank you to all those who travelled for the funeral, for all the flowers, food and cards. We appreciate the thoughtfulness and caring shown to us at this time of grief and sorrow.

Sincere thanks

### An email received from a visitor...

We were recently in Kurow for a few days and decided to look around the Hakataramea Cemetery. What an absolute delight. It is looking so lovely and cared for, from the entrance gate to the native plantings and all the grave stones, beautiful and immaculate. Congratulations and many thanks to whomever is responsible, it's a real credit to you.

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# Growing biodiversity champions in the Waitaki Valley...

The Lower Waitaki Water Zone Committee is supporting the Hakataramea Sustainability Collective (HSC) with a further \$10,000 to continue its Community Native Nursery.

"The creation of the nursery is the stepping stone for the re-introduction of native biodiversity into the area," said Michael McMillan, Chair of the [Lower Waitaki Water Zone Committee](#).

"It's great to see community groups becoming more aware and wanting to learn about the native biodiversity in the areas they work and live in."

## Great beginnings

Launched toward the end of 2022, the nursery is a collaboration between [Waitaki Valley School](#) and the [HSC](#) to protect and enhance biodiversity in the region.

Principal Jane Severinsen explained, "The Waitaki Valley Community Native Nursery is a wonderfully rich, real-life learning opportunity for our tamariki. It's a chance to explore kiatiakitanga/stewardship and develop an understanding of the importance of biodiversity in the Waitaki and Hakataramea Valley."

Work is now well underway with the project. Volunteers and Waitaki School students have already sourced, nurtured and grown plants at the nursery, planting them at the Kurow Wetlands during a community planting day.

"With the help of our community we planted 450 natives into our local wetland," said Sarah Elliot, HSC Project Manager. "This not only enhanced the wetland, but it also gave students, their families and the community an opportunity to learn about how natives help build healthy habitats, biodiversity and clean freshwater."

According to Hudson, a student at Waitaki Valley School, the day was a hit. "I like going on field trips and learning about different plants. Planting our native plants into the community wetlands was really fun."

The project is helping to bridge connections between the school and the community. "Working alongside the HSC to develop and grow our Community Native Nursery is a wonderful way for the community and the school to work together," said Jane.



Waitaki Valley School students look after the plants at the nursery each week

Photo Credit - Chloe Lodge

## **Kids make the best teachers**

Every week, senior students at the school come down to the nursery to take care of the plants, learn about biodiversity in the valley and help with initiatives such as the recent Eco Sourcing Challenge.

For six weeks students, their families and community members were encouraged to scout out and collect seeds from a list of plants native to the area. They collected their treasures and brought them to the nursery for a community propagation workshop. At the workshop, they learned how to plant the seeds and nurture them into seedlings that could be either taken home or contributed to the nursery for planting in the community.

## **Building on success**

This new round of funding will be used to employ a nursery assistant to help maintain and coordinate activities on-site.

"We have so many incredible volunteers in our community," said Sarah. "Having a paid nursery assistant will ensure the continuity and effectiveness of their work by maintaining the nursery every week, running education sessions with students and making sure our community workshops and events are run as efficiently as possible."

The funds will also be used to purchase more native plants to be cared for by students and community volunteers.

HSC plans to plant these in a demonstration garden in the empty space between the nursery and the school.

"This will help people to get inspired and see what's possible. The community can explore the plants native to our region and learn how best to plant them and support their growth," said Sarah.

Penny, another student at Waitaki Valley, is excited to see what they can achieve together in the nursery. "I think the nursery is important so we can get more native trees around our area. I have enjoyed potting the plants and creating the wool pots. I am looking forward to helping to grow the nursery this year."

## **Waitaha Action to Impact**

FundThese funds were awarded through our [Waitaha Action to Impact \(WAI\) Fund](#) and the [Lower Waitaki Water Zone Committee's Action Plan](#) fund.



# Within Reach

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THE HEART OF THE UPPER WAITAKI

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This month, we welcome Alex to our Within Reach collection of artists.

If Alex Munro isn't painting, she's sketching. When she's not sketching she's drawing on the pizza boxes at Feliz & Sage.

Alex expresses her ideas and thoughts in every medium. She's not yet set on one in particular and why should she when years of creative wonder lay ahead of her. At just 15, Alex astounds the local community on a regular basis and we're all excited to witness her journey beginning.

In the Within Reach window Alex is exhibiting a recent art work created at home in Kurow, a quiet contemplation in acrylic. It's a striking work highlighting Alex's distinct use of colour and brushstroke.

In August, we are delighted that she has agreed to fill the walls of Feliz and Sage with her sketches and musings. It's going to be a rich display of the creativity of a young mind. More details to follow and a date for the opening.

*Within Reach, the He(art) of the Upper Waitaki is a year long exhibition of local artists displayed in the window of Kurow's Museum and Information Centre's West Wing. We still have a spaces available.*

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With the leaves now gone on the large trees in the wetland, the walk through it feels totally different than in the height of Summer. Take time out to go for a stroll.

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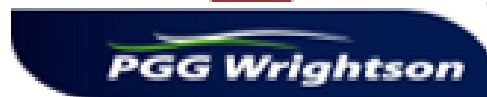


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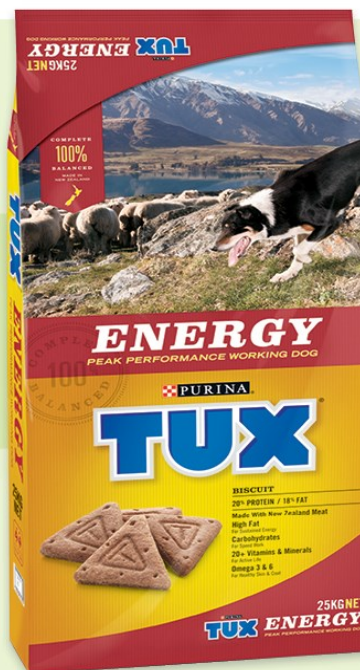
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More information, including nomination forms, can be found at [www.waitaki.govt.nz](http://www.waitaki.govt.nz), Council offices and at Waitaki District Libraries.

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# Nassella Tussock

Nassella tussock is an invasive grass which is spreading within South Canterbury and North Otago. It displaces other grass species and is unpalatable to stock. One mature plant can produce 100,000 seeds which can then be dispersed by wind, water, wool, machinery, or hay transported between locations.

There are several registered sites within the Hakataramea catchment and surrounding districts. With a series of recent discoveries on local properties it's a good time to ensure you can identify Nassella and understand the importance of effective control and preventing further spread.

North-facing hillsides and/or free draining soils where dry conditions or pastures open up each year are more susceptible to infestation, and landowners/managers should search land annually to identify and eliminate any plants even when there hasn't been a known problem previously.

Leaves are tough, tightly rolled and thin. They will not break when pulled and feel rough when you run your fingers down the leaf. Plants have swollen creamy coloured stem bases, and fibrous root systems making them difficult to pull by hand even when small. From October to December purple flowers on slender stems are displayed. These droop as they mature.

The HSC have brochures and 'field guide' identification booklets to distribute – please get in touch: [natalie@hakatarameasc.co.nz](mailto:natalie@hakatarameasc.co.nz)

If you're not sure about whether you've correctly identified Nassella, Environment Canterbury's Biosecurity team are also happy to pop out and take a look. Contact Environment Canterbury on 0800 324 636 or email [biosecurity@ecan.govt.nz](mailto:biosecurity@ecan.govt.nz).

# AHURIRI LINK

## NEWS FROM COUNCIL & THE COMMUNITY BOARD

### **Council is taking a mid-year break from meetings for the remainder of July 2023.**

The Council Meeting and Performance, Audit and Risk Committee Meeting that were originally scheduled to be held on 25 July have been deferred to Tuesday 8 August 2023.

The next Ahuriri Community Board meeting will be held in September.

## GRANTS & FUNDING

**Council has three funding rounds open in July that you or your community group may be eligible for:**

### **COMMUNITY GROUP GRANTS**

**Open 3 July - 4 August 2023**

Funding to help community groups and not-for-profits with projects and programmes that benefit the Waitaki community.

### **CREATIVE COMMUNITIES SCHEME**

**Open 3 July - 4 August 2023**

Funding for local creative projects that promote participation in the arts.

### **WAITAKI HERITAGE FUND**

**Open 3 July - 15 September 2023**

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Find more details and apply here:

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## WAITAKI CITIZENS AWARDS

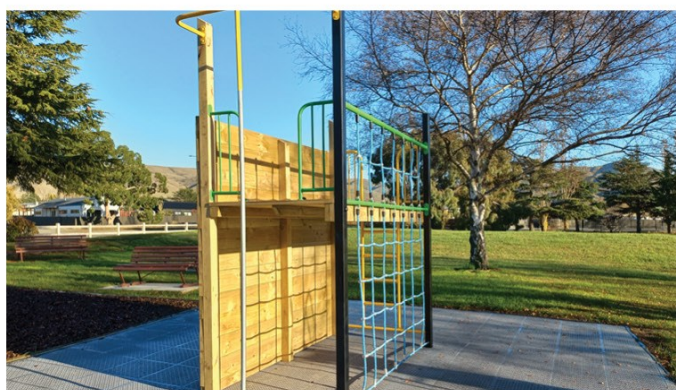
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More and the nomination form are here:

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## OTEMATATA DOMAIN

**The installation of the new playground equipment in Otematata Domain is complete and looking fabulous.**

We're looking forward to the next stage of park development throughout the Domain with new landscaping, pathways, lighting, irrigated plantings, shelters and a barbecue. Construction is scheduled to start in August.

Well done to the dedicated members of the Otematata Residents Association, who made all this happen as part of their Community Led Development Programme!



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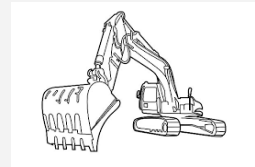




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