

# Community Contact

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**Kids! I have hidden a little mouse somewhere in Community Contact! Can you find it?**

## What's happening at DOC?

The Haast Visitor Centre has had a small spruce up with flag poles concreted in and the retail area receiving a fresh coat of paint. A large Geographx map has been installed as well as some gorgeous panels encouraging and inspiring all to get out and Learn, Connect, Inspire and Educate. At the Franz VC the team have come up with some knowledge sharing displays and this month Kim Bryant-Walker, member of the VC team, shares with us her Critter of the Month: Velvet Worms.

### Velvet worms/Ngaokeoke



Velvet worms, or Peripatus, are one of our planet's truly odd creatures. They look a bit like a caterpillar in a sleeping bag, and are in fact not worms or insects, instead belonging to their own unique invertebrate group. They are called 'living fossils' because they have remained mostly unchanged for the last 500 million years! Velvet worms range in size from 2 to 8cm in length and can have up to 16 pairs of cute little stumpy legs. In NZ, of the 30 possible species of Peripatus, only 9 have been officially described. Along the West Coast we can find Velvet worms from the Ooperipatellus species, which have even been found living under rocks by the Tasman Glacier! Velvet worms live on the forest floor and can easily dry out through the pores in their velvety skin so prefer shady, cool and damp areas – like under a rotten log or in some leaf litter. Velvet worms can live for up to 5 years and females can produce 10 – 20 young each year. Some species lay eggs and some species bear live young and give birth to perfect mini velvet worms. At night time, they will venture out to hunt for small insects to eat, which they catch by squirting out a super sticky glue substance from glands on either side of their head. The twin jets of glue can accurately hit prey several centimetres away, and they can squirt even further when defending themselves from predators. In NZ, Velvet worms are under threat because of habitat loss and predation from birds, rats and hedgehogs. Because they are so unique, they are targeted by collectors who will remove adults and disturb their habitat. There is so much we do not know about these fascinating animals, their ecology and their distribution in NZ, and this insufficient knowledge is also a threat to their populations. You can help protect Velvet worms by planting and protecting native plants in your garden. If there is a rotten log, leave it there! You never know if a Velvet worm might move in! For more information, check out the Doc website.

[www.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz)

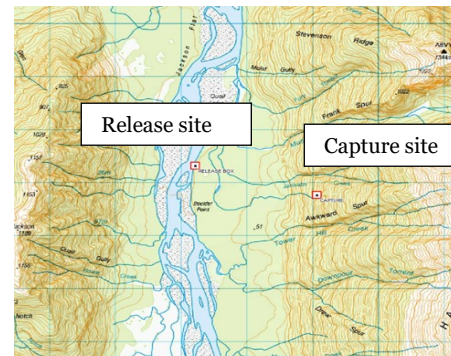
Haast VC numbers for the 12 mths July 16 to June 17

| 2017    | 2016   |
|---------|--------|
| 100,116 | 96,161 |

### News from Jacinda & Kailash –Bio assets & threats team members (helping to keep our pests under control and protecting our flora and fauna)

On 12 April, the community welcomed 11 Haast Tokoeka chicks back to the Haast Tokoeka Sanctuary. One had been named “Ben” as a small chick and “Krusty” and ‘Moonlight” were named by the community. We already had a kiwi called “Moonlight” so this kiwi was called “Atarau” which is Maori for moonlight. The chicks were all fitted with transmitters before being released. Blair Hoult has been checking on the chicks from his plane and the kiwis’ transmitters have let us know that all chicks released are still alive.

An update on Ben: Almost three months had passed since Ben the kiwi was released into his new home on Music Flat. This meant it was time for his transmitter harness to be changed. The signal from his transmitter told us that he had moved quite a lot, about 2 km in fact (see the map below).



Ben had made his way 300 meters up a steep ridge close to a small creek. The steep terrain made it hard for ranger Heath to get to Ben but it offered some lovely scenery on the way up. Ben's transmitter was also turning off and on, which made tracking Ben very tricky. Finally, ranger Heath made it up the hill to Ben's new neighbourhood. However, Ben thought Heath could do with some more exercise so he ran from his burrow and up the hill but he wasn't quick enough to get away from Heath. Ben was given a new transmitter and a new harness. He was in very good condition. He now weighs 2250 grams so he has gained 150 grams since he was released. This is great news and tells us he is coping well in his new environment. We will be keeping a close eye on Ben over the next few months to see where he moves to next.

We are extending our search for Haast Tokoeka and have been catching kiwi around Joe creek up the Arawhata river. We are interested in kiwi sightings or calls in the wider Haast area, Cascade, Arawhata, Jackson and Waitototo in particular. If you have seen or heard a kiwi outside the sanctuary boundaries could you please contact Jacinda at DoC in Haast [jamey@doc.govt.nz](mailto:jamey@doc.govt.nz) or call 03 7500183.

**News from Lizzie –Visitor Assets team member**  
Gillespie's beach, tracks and campsite have seen some attention in recent months. First, we added an extension on to the bridge over the lagoon, making it possible to re-open the walking track to the Miner's tunnel, Galway beach and the seal colony. As this goes to print, new toilet facilities at the campsite are in the final stages of completion. The new toilets are a flush system with two individual stalls, one wheelchair accessible. This will be a great addition to the busy campsite, providing campers and day visitors first rate toilet facilities. The carpark has also seen a small extension. This will provide more space for campervans in the busy summer season. We also plan on completing some more landscape work around the car park during the winter months.



**Weed of the Month:** Oxygen weed, *Egeria* *Lagarosiphon major* and *Egeria densa*  
Over the last few weeks the biothreats team has been tackling problem aquatic weeds. Target species are *Egeria densa* and *Lagarosiphon major*. These plants are in the oxygen weed group and look very similar (see image below). Both these plants are very hard to control. In larger infestations eradication is often not possible. Both plants grow from fragments and for this reason can be spread readily via water flow, boats and trailers, eel nets, diggers and incidents of ornamental pond flooding.

Both plants have wide ranging impacts in recreational fisheries, boating and the biodiversity of our beautiful lakes. These aquatic weeds can form vast underwater meadows which shade out native species. Other impacts include impeding water ways and contributing to flooding risks.

#### ***Lagarosiphon major*:**

The Department of Conservation is conducting a trial of a new herbicide, AquatholK, to treat infestations of *Lagarosiphon* in Lake Ianthe. This herbicide only affects certain target weed species and has shown promising results when used in smaller waterbodies. Several areas of *Lagarosiphon* have been treated with different application rates. By monitoring the treated *Lagarosiphon* over the

next few months, it will be possible to determine the dosage rates required for treatment of this weed in a large lake. This will determine the feasibility of ongoing treatment or complete eradication of *Lagarosiphon* in Lake Ianthe.

#### ***Egeria densa*:**

*Egeria densa* is naturalised in the North Island, Christchurch and Marlborough. On the West Coast, there are only three known sites. These are at isolated ponds on private property. *Egeria* is easily identified in the summer as they exhibit small white flowers, which can be seen floating on water surface.

**Large scale control is more likely to be done by council or DOC, but it is helpful to alert them about either of sightings.**

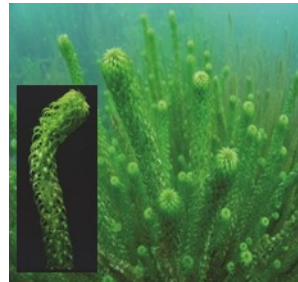


Figure 1. *Lagarosiphon major*



Figure 2. *Egeria densa*

**For further information, visit websites:**

Weedbusters-[www.weedbusters.org.nz/](http://www.weedbusters.org.nz/) or

MPI's check-clean-dry webpage-  
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outdoor-activities/check-clean-dry/](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/travel-and-recreation/outdoor-activities/check-clean-dry/)

Or contact your South Westland  
weedbuster: [nirobb@doc.govt.co.nz](mailto:nirobb@doc.govt.co.nz)

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Tamsin from the Kea Conservation trust is holding an evening talk in Franz Josef on the 3rd August @ 7pm Te Waonui Hotel. She will also be visiting Kids First on the 3rd and Haast School on the 4th August. Both these sessions are open to the community.



Department of  
Conservation  
*Te Papa Atawhai*

**HARI HARI INDOOR BOWLS**

Indoor bowls is now up and running. We meet every **Wednesday at 7.30pm** in the Community Hall. All welcome, including children.

A gold coin donation would be appreciated. All bowls and mats are supplied.

Any questions please contact Charles Lucas 7533155 or Tom Clarkson 7533039.

**COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

A reminder the Community Association meetings are every **third Wednesday 7pm in the Community Hall.**

Please support your local community and help make our town somewhere you would want to stop.

Enquiries to Brian Manera (President)



**WOODHAM SHIELD TIME**

**First Game**

**Hari Hari vs Franz Fox Haast**

**Sunday 6 August**

**We have the shield hanging in the town now so let's get behind the team and keep it where it belongs.**

**Red and White all the way**

**Let's Go Hari Hari**



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**Thank you in advance for your support.**



# NEWS FROM HARI HARI

## HARI HARI ST JOHN REPORT

### Training.

We had a very entertaining training night held in the Hari Hari Community Hall on the 19<sup>th</sup> June. This was run by Nicola Conn and we had to compete in teams doing quizzes and drawings. This was volunteer week and all members were presented with a card from Maggie and Nicola, and the Acting TM for West Coast Emma Cameron also presented a small gift and card from herself and our DOM James McMeekin. Thank you Emma for bringing us snacks to keep up our energy for the quiz!!

The winning team comprised of Claire Harris, Maggie Houston and Bev Clarkson. Yes!!!! We received a cake of chocolate as a prize. Hope you enjoyed it, Bev! It was Bev's last training night.

### Dear the Community of Hari Hari.

We are volunteers in the St John Organisation because we enjoy helping people in their time of need and serving our community. However, we are only humans and we are volunteers. Our crew currently only has 8 operation members. Therefore we cannot crew our ambulance every hour of the day. Currently many of our crew members contribute 24-36 hours a week minimum (that's 2 or 3 shifts) over and above everything else they do including working, coaching and managing sports teams, being active members in other community organisations and most of all being with our families. Also we do feel we are entitled to some social and relaxing time as well.

We would love to have some more people join our crew to help us have our ambulance on the road 24/7. Without new recruits this is not possible. So whilst we are waiting for more support and members in our awesome group, please be aware we may not be able to help you in your time of need and you may be awaiting an ambulance from Hokitika or Franz Josef instead.

We do appreciate your on-going support of our wonderful team and if you are interested in joining please talk to one of our friendly crew members or contact Maggie Houston, our Station Manager. (Maggie is friendly too!!)

Next training nights after the Community contact has been received by you are: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> August. Please come along and join in to see if this is for you. We start at 7.30pm and it will either be at the Ambulance Station or Community Hall, Main Road, Hari Hari. Please contact a team member and ask for the location. No obligation to join. Would love to see you there.

A big thank you to Mary Molloy for helping me out with Traffic control recently to allow the Heli to take off safely from the Hari Hari Clinic. You look good in an ambulance vest!!

Keep warm and safe.

Maggie Houston SM



Tania Wyatt, Clair Harris, Debra Manera, Nicola Conn, Bev Clarkson, Vicky Guilfoyle  
Tom Clarkson, Maggie Houston, John Clarkson

## NEWS FROM HARI HARI

### GEORGE SCOTT ROBERTSON

While watching the recent rugby tests the name of the Crusader's coach, Scott Robertson, came up, reminding me of a man of similar name who lived here and who also had a tremendous effect on the game of rugby in South Westland.

George Scott Robertson was born in London on 8 November, 1857. He was educated at Edinburgh University and in late 1874 arrived in Dunedin on the ship Hydaspes where he worked for a stock and station agent. He brought with him his love of rugby football, and through 1880 to 1884 he represented Otago.

In 1884 he was picked to tour New South Wales in the New Zealand rugby squad. I think this would be the first N.Z. team to play overseas. They wore dark knickerbockers and stockings, and a dark blue jersey with a gold fern leaf on the left breast.

George played a wing forward, playing in all four tests, scoring four tries, each worth two points. After the tour he left Dunedin and came to Westland. In 1890 he arrived at Hendes Ferry and was appointed teacher of this small home school. The district was very fortunate to have such an educated man as teacher, as previously all four teachers had been mid to late teenage girls.

The Ferguson children living at Little Wanganui (Poerua) lived too far away to attend this school, so George approached the Education Board to build a school more centrally located. The Board supplied finance for doors, windows and roofing. Large trees were felled on what was to become George's land across the road. These were pit-sawn and carried to the top of Middle Hill where the school was built. George carried this timber on his shoulders, making many trips. The school was built by locals and opened in 1892 and was the first official public school in Wanganui (Hari Hari).

George resigned from teaching in 1900 after marrying his second oldest pupil, Caroline Hende, on 28 June, 1899. They were married in the "Big Room" at Hendes Ferry. On 21 August, 1901 he took up 197 acres of land on the corner of Ferguson Road, (later Robertson Road) and the Okarito Bowen Road (Main Road). On the same date, his wife Caroline took up a block of land stretching from the top of Middle Hill all the way to the domain. It was on this land that they built a five bedroom house in 1902 and named it Glenalmond. Today it is the house of Dwayne and Tracey at the motels.

After this George devoted his life to farming, felling and burning the bush and clearing the land. He milked a few cows, raised calves and fattened cattle. He was a main force behind the forming of the Inter Wanganui Dairy Factory, being elected first chairman of the Board. When this opened in 1908 he built his dairy herd to 30 cows and still fattened cattle. He became the owner of the first cream separator on 31 August 1911.

About 1906 he gathered together a few young local lads and taught them the basics of rugby. The early teams consisted of 10 to 12 players, and games were played against Ross and Whataroa. He coached all these players and then would referee the games.

For many years the district did not have a school committee, so he got people together to form a committee and was elected chairman in 1916, a position he held until his untimely death. He died on 26 April, 1920, from infected boils on his neck. He was survived by his wife Caroline and three sons. Alan Lslie who owned a butcher shop in Westport, Louis Stephen, who farmed George's original block of land and George Harold Hope, who established the tea rooms in 1934.

*By Charles Lucas*



**Kia ora koutou katoa,**

I haven't received any contributions by email this issue.  
The minutes for the RCS are up in the Ross Store.

One of the things that I've been thinking about just lately are the "Community Profiles".

I love hearing your stories. They are beautiful and they matter and they need to be shared within our community. The feedback is that our community loves reading them, which is great!

Now in saying this...I get that you all are a little shy.

You Coasters. Born of pioneers, to miners, farmers. Stoic and resilient. I see you. I've heard a little about your history. You come from a long line of innovators. Of All Blacks. Boston Marathon runners. Kiwi Rugby League players. Servicemen. An incredible whakapapa and history.

I understand that you might wanna stay under cover. Not be put on a pedestal. Put in the lime light or seen as a big noter. It's a pretty honourable - humble way to be.

But like I said to a significant local gentleman one day, who politely declined to be interviewed because he wanted to "stay under the radar" - I just want to remind you that this is the Community Contact...not The New York Times.

The truth is that we all **LOVE** seeing people we know, in print - with their photo - their story - big or small - anything they have to say honest and good.

**It's ok - to celebrate ourselves. It's positive. It sends the right messages to our kids that it is good to have a voice in the world and that what they have to say is important too.**

So when I come to you for your reflection - don't fob me off out of fear or being bothersome. Respect that I am asking you. It's a privilege. Mostly mine and those of our readers. I'm taking time to notice and I do it because I believe that it matters to most people within our community. I say 'our' because we are all responsible for it.

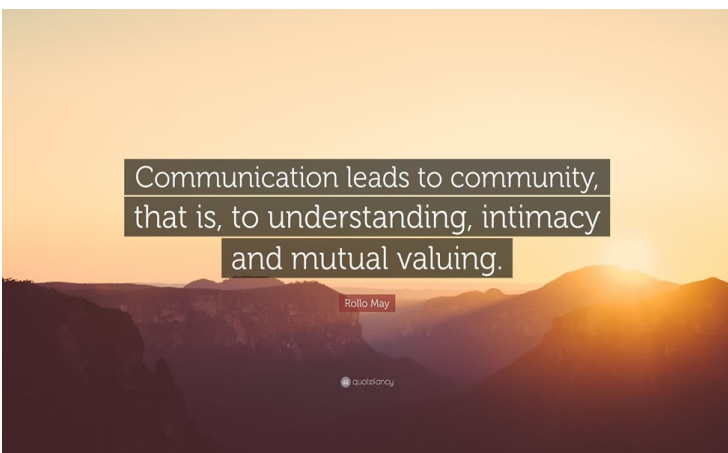
**When you step up ...you encourage others to do the same.** It's impactful. It means something to us all. Without your voice - I'm left with very little content to share.

Communities are built on good people to follow. We need that. There are lots of you here with knowledge and memories to honour and respect. So my request is simple.

Please share your stories with us.

Nga mihi

Muri

**COMMUNITY CONTACT DONATION BOXES****THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT ROSS COMMUNITY!!**

It is mid - July as I am writing this and I am needing to submit for publication. I will be collecting the donation boxes at the end of the month and will deposit the total into the CC account, contacting Brenda Monk directly to let her know.

I will be sure to update you with the amount donated - which will be counted on premise at both the **Ross Store** and **The Empire Hotel** and be signed off.

**A big thank you to these establishments once again!!**

**A very special thank you to a very caring local lady who loves the publication and so wanted to ensure its continuation, that she has begun regular automatic payments. Thank you Ruth. And yes I'd still very much like to interview you!!**

**MCR: MY CAKE RULES – 2017 BAKE OFF!!**

The first event by the **C.A.R.E** (Community Assisting Ross Enterprise) **Group** is happening **Sunday August 13** at the **Ross Community Hall**.

By now you might have seen the promotion posters for this up and around our town, inviting entries by our local children and adults.

The idea is to create something delish - using the base of a recipe, but adapting it with your own flair to produce a new and innovative taste sensation!

Winners will be voted by our local Ross community – so please come down and support our bakers and experience some fun and perhaps exotic new flavours!

Upon entry you will be given a token to vote for your favourite cake. The cakes will be set up with a glass jar in front and without the name of its baker.

To encourage multiple tastings, the slices will be a slither at \$1 per slice. There will be **free tea, coffee or hot chocolate** to enjoy with your selection.

**All registrations at the Ross Store. Adults - \$7.50**

**Kids – FREE.**

**Entries are to be in by 9 am sharp!**

**Doors open to our community at 10 am**

**and judging will take place at 12 pm.**

The aim is to kick-start some fun events for our town. We welcome any assistance on the day and certainly going forward with future projects.

See you all there.

**WEEKLY LOTTO DRAW**

The **C.A.R.E** Group have begun a weekly lotto draw at the Ross Store. There are 40 tickets at \$2 each and the winning number will be the 'Bonus Ball' drawn every Saturday night. The winner gets a \$40 cash prize and you will be notified by phone by the lovely Salena Wilson. The aim of the draw is to assist the **CARE** Group with kick-starting our community events rollout.

Thank you for your support by playing! What we all put in - our community gets back!!

**COMMUNITY PROFILES: Jack Greig****Who are you?**

My name is Jack. I've lived on the Coast for 8 years. I was born in Christchurch - lived there first. I go to South Westland Area School, year 13. I'm a Board of Trustees representative. I play rugby for Westland High 1st IV, cos there's no club rugby at the moment at my grade level...umm yeah.

**What are you passionate about living on the West Coast?**

The freedom. Doing what you want I suppose. The people. It's pretty chill. Going to hang out with mates in Ross. Going to the rugby field. Kicking the ball round and stuff.

**Got any favourite teams locally?**

South Westland. They haven't won many games this year but...ahh well...

**What sort of things have you been involved in lately?**

The YES Programme - Youth and Emergency Services...so we spent 5 hours learning about five different services.

**What were they?**

St Johns. Red Cross. Fire Service. Police. Land Search and Rescue.

**What was that about? What was that programme based on?**

Just getting input on what the emergency services do for the community. Now we join the services for like two months - voluntarily.

**Really? Wow! Do you get to choose the service?**

Yeah we got to choose the service.

**Who did you choose?**

I chose the fire service. I'm going to be going to the Ross Fire Brigade - but we can't go to any call outs or anything cause we're not trained for that but we go to their trainings.

**What has been your biggest takeaway from that? What have you come to realise about those services and the people that work in them?**

How much stuff they do. How many things they do for the community I suppose. I thought fire people just put out fires... but they do lots of stuff. They help with medical problems, car crashes - lots of stuff.

The police...they give lots of chances...before anything happens.

Land rescue...the dogs...like how they can sniff people from 6 hours before and still find them. So they can follow a track...people's footsteps - that's pretty cool.

**That is cool. As a young person here what do you want to see for the future of the Coast?**

More events. Such as sports events. Cos there's a field here that doesn't get used that much...other than Kiwi home games...and maybe bands and stuff...

**Like who?**

I dunno...Sticky Fingers...Six60...

**Yeah! What do you think our community needs more of?**

People going to stuff. Contributing...to like working bees and stuff.

**What are your plans over the next four years?**

Probably university...

**What are your options?**

Canterbury and Lincoln.

**Looking to specialise in?**

If I was going to Lincoln I'd do Ag Science...if I was going to Canterbury I'd do a Bachelor of Commerce...yeah..

**Would you come back to the Coast with those skills?**

Depends if the options came up - there are lots of other places to go.

**Is travel on the cards for you?**

Yeah at some point...after.

**Where do you see yourself going?**

Probably Australia...I quite like it...or the States.

**Not Europe? Not England?**

Nah not England. (laughs)...

**Ok cool - I think we've covered it. Awesome Jack.**

Sweet.



# FRANZ JOSEF

**It's all go in FJ at the moment!!**

## ***Kids First***

Our children learn through play. We see this when they confidently work alongside each other in art, drama and outside play. We have celebrated Matariki by making, eating soup together, and being involved in fun traditional Matariki activities. A highlight was Maui visiting us sharing Māori mythology. The tamariki enjoyed listening to the legends and singing waiata. Children often venture into the bush with their teachers to explore the natural environment that surrounds them. We would love to have new families join our Kidsfirst whānau. Please contact 03 7520202, if interested.

## ***Franz School***

Franz Josef Glacier School have been busy this term learning about storybook and film characters. The junior room have created amazing artwork and stories about everything from Winnie the Pooh to The Enormous Crocodile. The senior room did a personal inquiry about a hero or villain from their favourite books and stories as well as learning to write a detailed description of a character. The final results are awesome!

## ***Community***

David Stapleton from West reap came and held a MSD & Vulnerable Children's West Coast Community Response forum for an invited audience. It was interesting to hear that David would possibly be able to facilitate support and funding streams towards areas where we were lacking this in regards to vulnerable people in our community.

If you are wanting to keep up to date with what's happening in FJ please email [franzjosefcdo@xtra.co.nz](mailto:franzjosefcdo@xtra.co.nz), Alternatively if you have something happening you want the community to know about, get in touch and we can make sure it gets out.

## ***From the CDO***

Well Jack Frost was definitely visiting this morning, took me ages to scrape the ice off my car. My fingers were numbed for a long time! The cycleway extension which will link the school & kindy to Cron Street looks amazing. It should be finished by the time this goes to print! It will be awesome to have a safe bike track to school & Kindy from the township.

!

## ***Coming up....***

- FJCC General Meeting August 2nd ,7.30pm FJ Medical Centre
- Franz Josef Derby- date TBA
- Christmas Market 3rd December

**Have a  
great  
month!!**

***The landing winter quizzes***—Monday nights @7.30pm fundraising for community groups. Monday Aug 7th for the Community Contact!! Dust off your brain cells!!

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## TRUSTPOWER COMMUNITY AWARDS

The 2017 Trustpower Community Awards were held on Monday 10th July at the Beachfront Hotel in Hokitika. Fox Glacier Community Development Society (Fox Inc) were nominated, and Hilary Millard attended on our behalf.



We were lucky to receive a Regional Award. Hilary had the following comments from the night:

“Fox Glacier Community Development Society won the Sports and Leisure category ahead of the Hokitika RSA who also developed a new community centre.

I had been invited to the awards because I had made the nomination. I was not expecting to do so, but as a representative from Fox Glacier I accepted the award on behalf of the community who had worked so hard raising money and helping with the build.”

These were some of the comments made:

*“The winner of the Sport and Leisure category is a group that has celebrated a huge milestone in the past 12 months—the completion of its new community centre. Congratulations to the Fox Glacier Community Development Society.”*

*“Hundreds of volunteer hours have gone into planning, design, building, and operational management of the Centre. The group’s goal was to make their town more vibrant, spirited, and attractive with the community centre at its hub. It’s fair to say you achieved this.*

Thank you Trustpower for the award, and thank you to Hilary for the nomination.



Well done to the Supreme Winner on the night, Westland Industrial Heritage Park.

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Sunday 6th Aug - Hari Hari

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Circuit Training - Tuesdays 6pm  
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Volleyball - Wednesdays 6pm  
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Want to get an activity going?  
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## WHAT'S ON...

6th Aug: FFH Vs. Hari Hari

9th Aug: Quiz Night

17th Aug: Fox Inc General Meeting

23rd Aug: Bingo Night

August General Meeting  
17th August 7 pm  
Fox Glacier Community Centre

Annual General Meeting  
16th November 7 pm  
Fox Glacier Community Centre

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South Westland police welcome Constable Callan Nikora to the Franz Josef Police station. Callan will be living in Whataroa and will introduce himself here once he's settled in with family.

The majority of car crashes in South Westland have been in ice/grit areas. The main reason for the crashes are simply speed. Too fast for the conditions. Slow down or you will get caught out.

## June 21<sup>st</sup> 2017 Haast Hall

### Haast Community Allstars

This month our meeting was held in the Haast Hall on the 21<sup>st</sup> June. We had a good turn out of 15 people. We welcome Lesley White and Colleen Barton to our group.



Thank you to those who brought the wood to keep us warm on a cold day. The Allstars will donate a new shed on the porch to keep our wood dry and also a new BBQ.

For our dinner we had at Silverside, mustard sauce, mashed potatoes, carrots, cabbage and beans.

Myreen Kain kindly made us a delicious chocolate self sauce pudding with ice cream and cream.



Thank you Fay Eggeling who helped us in the kitchen. We all appreciate the help and enjoy her company.

This month we will have a movie on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> of July at 3.00 pm. All are welcome. Please bring a gold coin donation for the Hall.

Next month we hope to have our dinner at the Heartland Haast Hotel on Wednesday 16 August 2017.

## Haast Housie

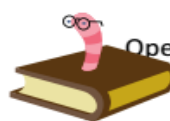
Housie is now back in the hall.



### Haast Playgroup

Monday 10:30am to 12:30pm  
Wednesday 11:30am to 1:30pm pre-school for the big kids with Karyn; Thursday 10:30am

**Wear your high visibility vests when on the road.  
Worst times to see you are early morning and late evening. Be seen!!!**



### Haast Community Library

Open Saturdays 12.30pm – 3.30pm  
at the Hall in the Haast township.

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OKARITO SANDFLY REPELLENT is a locally designed product brought about by the necessity to fight the brutal sandfly whilst Richard Saunders and Edwina Clarke entertained their kayaking guests on the Okarito Lagoon.

In 1989 Edwina arrived on the West Coast and Richard, 10yrs later in 1999. Both worked at Glacier Guides in Franz Josef, Richard as a guide and Edwina in sales and customer service. After that they went to work for Ian and Debbie James and their kayak business in Okarito, and shortly after purchasing the business from them, made it their own.

The repellent was originally supplied to their guests whilst on the Lagoon and it soon became apparent that due to the demand from their clients there was a need to formalise a product for the market place..... so Okarito Sandfly Repellent was born – 100% locally owned and operated with the best quality oils sourced from overseas.

The dream for Richard and Edwina is to continue the growth of their product and for them to come back to Okarito to live permanently, once their son has finished his last school years, and be able to run and manage this business from Okarito.

Already stocked in many outlets around the country and DOC visitor centres, you can see their website [www.okaritosandflyrepellent.co.nz](http://www.okaritosandflyrepellent.co.nz) if you'd like to purchase online or are interested in stocking their product... they'd love to hear from you.



## OKARITO FLOODING

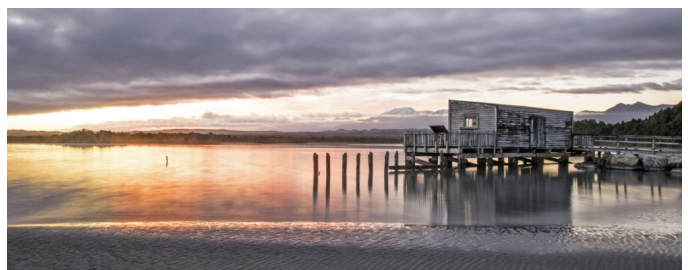
After watching the mouth of the lagoon slowly get smaller and finally become blocked and with some heavy rain due to hit the West Coast, it was apparent that outside help would need to be brought in to reopen the lagoon.

Jimmy Arnold came with his digger and started work on creating an opening in order to get the lagoon to flow again working through some heavy rain. A few properties were affected and needed to move belongings from ground floors of homes and garages. The lagoon could be seen in the distance flooding all the way to the sealed road that is our "main road".

In the mean time locals rallied to make sure everyone was ok and seen to. Ian James monitored the lagoon and the work in progress at the mouth and also let us know via emails as to what procedures to take given that we couldn't yet use the town supply of water.

Deputy Mayor Helen Lash came to see what the situation was and the following day Mayor Bruce Smith paid a visit to check things out for himself.

Happy to say that after two days of heavy rain the water level very quickly dropped and village life returned to normal after a few days following that.



## CHURCH SERVICES—August 2017

**August '17**

| <b>Catholic</b>  | 1st, 6th               | 2nd, 13th | 3rd, 20th | 4th, 27rd, |  | 1                      |
|--|------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|--|------------------------|
| <b>Ross</b>  |                        |           |           |            |  | 2                      |
| <b>Hari Hari</b>   | 9am                    | 5pm Sat   | 9am       |            |  | 3                      |
| <b>Whataroa</b>  | 10.30am<br>M.tea after | 9am       | 10.30am   | 9am        |  | 4                      |
| <b>Franz Josef</b>   | 5pm                    |           | 5pm       |            |  | 5                      |
| <b>Fox Glacier</b>   |                        | 11am      |           | 11am       |  | 6 Woodham Shield       |
| <b>Haast</b>   |                        | 5pm       |           |            |  | 7 C Contact Quiz-Franz |
| South Westland Catholic Parish: Contact Fr. Michael Mahoney, 0210333746 or 037534140<br>Note: This mass is the normal parish schedule. It is wise to check that a mass has not been changed for some special reason.   |                        |           |           |            |  | 8                      |
| <b>Anglican</b>  | 6th                    | 13th      | 23rd      | 27th       |  | 9                      |
| <b>Ross</b>  |                        |           |           |            |  | 10                     |
| <b>Hari Hari</b>   |                        | 1pm       |           | 9.30am     |  | 11                     |
| <b>Whataroa</b>  |                        |           |           |            |  | 12                     |
| <b>Franz Josef</b>   | 3pm                    |           |           |            |  | 13 Woodham Shield      |
| <b>Jacobs River</b>  |                        |           |           |            |  | 14 Quiz night Franz    |
| <b>Haast</b>   |                        |           | 5pm       |            |  | 15                     |
| Anglican Contact: Rev'd Vivien Harber (03) 755 5125  |                        |           |           |            |  | 16                     |
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