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Woodville, Kumeroa, Hopelands, Papatawa, Ballance, Maharahara West

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Woodville Water Dam

It was great to see a number of Woodville residents take the chance to see their Impounded Water supply first hand.

Over the next 12 months, Council will be emptying this dam in two stages, to enable removal of sludge and sediment. In summer, the dam walls will be reshaped to increase the amount of water stored, and the sides lined in an impervious material.

If cost-effective, a new floating cover will be installed, that seals this dam from storm water runoff or wind carried debris, to avoid algal blooms that have plagued the current supply.



Above - residents at the Woodville Dam hearing about the plans Council has to improve the

The photo to the left is a picture of the Dannevirke Impounded water supply cover. The picture gives an idea/example on what a floating cover looks like, and what is planned for the Woodville Dam. It has a raised concrete ring beam between the grassed area and the cover. This ensures any water captured on the cover, does not influence the water below.

Meet Lighthouse Centre New Zealand



For over 15 years, Lighthouse Centre New Zealand (LCNZ) has been a place of peace and learning for people from around New Zealand and all over the world. Guests enjoy the tranquility of meditation away from the hustle and bustle of busy life. Set on five acres in Gladstone Street, LCNZ operates its own organic garden and orchard, providing fresh produce for the tasty, wholesome meals served daily. The Lighthouse Centre also regularly offers programs on meditation free of charge, as a service to the community. The next presentation is on Sunday June 26, at 11:00am.

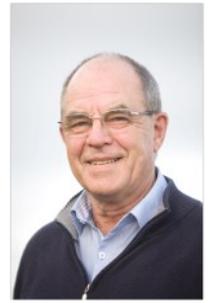
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If you'd like to get to know this special part of your community, you are welcome to come along, say hello, take a stroll around the gardens, and enjoy a free vegetarian lunch! To contact us or inquire about our next presentation, please phone: 06 376 5003 / email: newzealand.info@knowthyselfassoul.org



Councillor's Corner

There is a description of the improvements planned for the impounded water supply covered elsewhere in this issue, so I won't comment other than to hope that those that took the trouble to visit the site a couple of weeks ago, found it worthwhile. After what has been perhaps the best summer/ autumn I can remember, winter has finally arrived and with it drinkable water. Unfortunately you can have too much of a good thing. Eg: Yet again a repeat of the flooding problem that has beset the residents of the south end of Ormond and Ross streets, and Weber street for many years. Currently work is under way to divert water from Weber street and it is planned to meet with affected residents next week to discuss options relating ponded water.



The Southern Tararua Business Award night was a very successful evening, with the following Woodville businesses featuring prominently with merit awards presented to: Ormond street motels in the hospitality section; Culinary Vista in Emerging business category and Fishspot in the retail section. Murray Judd Joinery was also a finalist. An excellent result for Woodville businesses given that 110 entries were received over 8 categories. If you have an issue or suggestion relating to Council or community issues please call and have a chat with me at the Lindauer on Tuesdays between 10 & 12. I get tired of talking to myself so please help me out.

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Project Tararua and WDV (Woodville District Vision)

On Sunday 22 May a number of Woodville residents gathered at the Woodville School to converse about actions that would strengthen the district and town. Here's what we talked about: Imagine a community garden and fruit trees on the school grounds (WDV has already purchased 10,000 litres water storage for maintaining a future community garden through the summer) which is the scene of regular gardening sessions, plus sessions in the school hall when the local young technology whizzes teach those of us older folk who need help with smart phones and in return the older folk teach them about home skills. In a year or two the veggies and fruit could be bartered at a regular market on the school grounds which could include other locally made food and drink, and soon you have a visitor attraction in the form of a farmers market. (We all know that the more money a visitor spends in our town the better off our town is).

Interested persons can work with our local TDC councillor to get a local cat bylaw established (TDC already has this on their Council agenda for June). Yet other interested people can get behind the existing plan to construct a shared track from Woodville to the Gorge to meet up with all the other walking and cycling tracks that finish at the Ferry reserve. And while all this is happening, surely someone in Woodville could get a Taxi licence and be the means of transport to WINZ and other out of town appointments that are not eligible for the health shuttle?

Later this year the Council is shifting the Library and i SITE to the other side of the road (with an expansion of the library we hope). That leaves the existing building empty for us to consider what sort of activity would work to keep that building open. What is needed is access to the Lindauer Gallery 7 days and activity beside the Woodville Tree. We talked about an exhibition gallery (used by Museums and artists from all over Tararua) with a unique business alongside it to keep the building open. We don't yet know what kind of business might work in that space. Do you have some thoughts on what would work in that building and also grow our town? In another conversation, between 3 local ladies a week ago, the suggestion was made that a specialist chocolate shop might be just the ticket !

Meantime we talked about branding for Woodville. What are your ideas? A word of warning though: Branding really works well only if it refers to something that is unique to your district or town – it needs to be something no-one else can use or take away from you. Woodville has been the Windfarm Capital (there are lots of windfarms all over the country now), a Pioneer Junction (hundreds of places are Junctions, and every town in NZ was started by Pioneers). Gorgeous met with a fair degree of disapproval when it was first mooted, and we have discovered that "Wood Ya" is used by Kawerau. How do you want to see Woodville branded? WDV will help with the practical part of new branding by setting aside some funds for new signage on each of our entrances.

The **Tararua Lions** held their Frock Swap fund raiser at the Woodville Racecourse in February. We would like to thank all those who attended, swapped "frocks", bought items, had afternoon tea and made the afternoon the success it was. We raised \$1,000 which we presented to the Arohanui Hospice last month. We have been asked if the event will be held next year and when, so plans are in the pipeline!

There were items of clothing (very good quality) left, along with jewellery, new shoes and white elephant stall items. The Dudley Arms have kindly let us have half of their late business premises on Saturday 4 June to sell the above, all money raised will go to local charities. We will have our tables ready for selling from 10am onwards.

Florence Kathleen Harding - born Woodville 1892

Raymond J Seymour

I stopped off in Woodville last weekend (01.05.16) and whilst taking coffee and cheese-cake at your 'scrumy' cafe, I read the April edition of the Woodville News. I noted your request for articles and knowing my Grandmother was born in Woodville in 1892, have penned a few lines on her. She was a 'tough' woman - perhaps that's how they bred them in Woodville!

This is a story about Florence Kathleen (Kitty) Harding (pictured right) who was born in Woodville on the 10th February 1892 to Frederick Harding and his wife Rose Brown. Frederick and Rose had three other children: George Frederick Harding, born 30th June 1886 at Otakio, Taranaki and killed in action on 12th October 1917; Georgina Harding, born on 5th July 1888 at Waimate Plains, Taranaki and Louie Harding, born 24th September 1890 in Palmerston North.

Fredrick Harding had been born in Bristol in 1857 and arrived in New Zealand with his family in 1867. Rose Brown had been born in Coalfield, Worcester in 1856. She also arrived in New Zealand in 1867 with her parents, along with two brothers and four sisters. They then had four more children in New Zealand.

Frederick Harding married Rose Brown on 3rd September 1885 at St. Luke's Church, Christchurch. He was a nomadic farmer. Shortly after "Kitty" was born, the family moved from their rented land in Woodville, along with their few cows, across to the West Coast of the North Island and then followed the coastline north, taking up land at Oparure, near Te Kuiti. Kitty was about two years old when they arrived at this location. Within two years of their arrival at Oparure, Kitty's father died. He was then 47 years old and Kitty was about nine. His widow, Rose and the four children continued breaking-in a farm in the bush, but two years after her husband died, Rose went missing. Her remains were found about a year later, indicating that she had probably been murdered.

The patriarch of the family was now George. He was 17 and his three sisters were 15, 13 and Kitty was 11. Some months after their mother's death, an aunt arrived to check on the family, as she had received no recent communication from Rose. On ascertaining what had happened, she sent George off to work in the Hangaeki Lime Works and the three girls left with their aunt and moved to Napier.

On the 16th June 1915, Kitty married Frederick Karl Wallace Seymour in Otorohanga. They had six sons, namely James Fredrick Seymour (1916-2012), George William Seymour (1920-?), Ashley Seymour (1922 and killed in action at Cassino on 1 May 1944), Robert Seymour (1924-2013) and John Henry Seymour (1926-?). Their sixth son was born and died in 1930.

Florence Kathleen Seymour (nee Harding) died in Hamilton on the 14th August 1979. Her husband, Frederick Karl Wallace Seymour had pre-deceased her in 1977.

Raymond also writes: ... she had six boys - one was a stillborn. Of the 5 surviving sons, three served during WW2; my father James Fredrick; George and Ashley (killed at Cassino). My father, James (Jim) was awarded the Greek Gold Cross with Crossed Swords for his part in the rescue of the King of Greece off Crete.

The **Junction County Music Club** are having a club visit to Whanganui Country Music Club on Sunday 26 June and invite member of the public to join them. Leaving Woodville Stadium carpark at 10.30am, returning to carpark at approximately 6.30pm. Cost \$25 (Bring own lunch, cuppa provided). Contact Jackie 06 376 4194 or Alex 06 376 4909.

The Tararua Lions, in conjunction with the Pahiatua Lions, are holding their annual book fair sale on the 10th and 11th June. We are now looking for good quality books, jigsaws, cd's etc. etc. If you wish to de-clutter your book shelves you can drop your items off to Stephanie Bonser, at 116 Grey St. West, phone 376 4073.....if you are unable to deliver she will gladly collect them from you!!! The Lions thank you in anticipation of your help.

What's On

Housie - Every second week - Saturday 4 and 18 June . At the Old Folks Hall, 1.00 pm.

Woodville Country Spinners meet every other Tuesday at the Anglican Church Hall, Fox Street at 10.30am. Joy Cumming 376 5409

Woodville Districts Vision meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Supper Room in The Stadium, at 7 pm. Membership is \$5 per annum, and anyone interested in Woodville can attend.

Papatawa Garden Club first Monday of the month. Further enquiries to Margaret Worboys 376 4023 or Kay Ball 376 5252

The Junction Country Music Club day is on the second Sunday of each month starting at 1.30 pm in the Old Folks Hall. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a great afternoon of country music.

Everyone is welcome at the **Organ Museum**, 50 Tay St on the 3rd Saturday night of the month at 7pm for our monthly **Hymn Sing**.

Woodville Bowling Club AGM 19th of June at 1pm at the Woodville Bowling Club, all welcome.

Do not be angry with the rain; it simply does not know how to fall upwards

Vladimir Nabokov



Florence Kathleen HARDING

Young at Heart

Holy Trinity Anglican Church hosts a social afternoon for older folk on the fourth Thursday of every month. Starting at 2pm, people gather in the parish hall, at the corner of Amelia and Fox Streets, Woodville, for a convivial chat, fun activities and a tasty afternoon tea. Some months the afternoon is themed, for example in April the afternoon was an ANZAC tea dance.

Any older person is very welcome to come along. Please contact Rosie McMillan (063765972) if you need help with transport. While we might be getting older, we're all still young at heart.

Woodville School

Woodville School were lucky to have had a sponsored trip to Te Papa funded by the Earthquake Commission. Our Rata Room and Mana Ako spent the day there on Wednesday 18th May and it was just totally awesome.



Our Junior Ako spent some time down at the Ferry Reserve doing a Manawatu river project.

Don't forget Friday Pancake Breakfast - in the school hall every Friday at 8.30am. Great company and great food for \$1.00. Everyone welcome



On Sunday 29th May the doors of the **Woodville 4-Square** were shut early for stocktake in preparation of **Robyn and John van Tuyl** closing the doors for the last time and handing the keys over to the new owners.

I am sure I speak for all the community when I say a sincere and very big **THANK YOU** for 20 years of exceptional service. You have grown the shop to now include everything a community needs, you've always been so very obliging and will get in products that your customers want, you were always very gracious with staying open late to cater for us stragglers who arrived at the shop door at a few minutes before 7pm, the shop was always bright and welcoming, your staff happy and you've all always greeted your customers in a friendly way. You will be missed. We wish you all the very best in the path that you now take.

To Bryce and Renee - welcome to Woodville, to our 4-Square and we look forward to getting to know you.

Have you noticed the change in the newsletters name - **Woodvillean**. The 'an' means someone (or in this case something) who comes from Woodville and it is pronounced Woodville-e-an. Similar to Chilean (someone from Chile). The history of this suffix is Latin with the general rule of thumb being that if the place name ends in a vowel, then use *-an*.

From the Editor - Please remember to send me your stories, poems, quirky bits of information, anything of interest. Anyone having a birthday, celebrating something special? Our community newsletter really does need your input.

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Submission Deadline

Submissions for the next edition close by **Thursday 30 June 2016**. Please submit by email to wdvnews@hotmail.co.nz, or contact the editor. Editors decision on publication of items is final.

Keep Moving
If you don't use it
you'll lose it



Boot Camp - every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 6pm, Woodville School Hall. High level exercise - no pain, no gain!

Tai Chi - Thursday 10am at the Old Folks Hall

Indoor Bowls Wednesdays at 1.30pm in the Old Folks Hall

Give the **gym equipment at fountain Square** a go - get together with friends/like minded people and have some fun while toning up and burning those calories!