



The Woodvillian

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Sharing information with the people of
Woodville, Kumeroa, Hopelands, Papatawa, Ballance, Maharahara West

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Welcome to Woodville - Antique Fabric & Lace

Woodville's newest retail shop, straight from the streets of Onehunga, Auckland, has been brought to you by John Preston and Peter Thornton.



Attention all local sewers and quilters, crafters and knitters, embroiderers and crocheters: You have to see what is on offer in the Brightwell Building on Vogel St now, at "Antique Fabric & Lace". How long is it since we could buy such things as ball dress fabric and sewing notions, quilting and craft fabric, embroidery threads or furnishing fabric in Woodville? (In fact, some of their stock looks to be a better selection than what is available in Palmerston North). Welcome John and Peter to Woodville. We can feel some extra pizzazz in our town and our community coming on fast.



Returning Home

I was contacted by Helen Hill (Faulkner) from Australia several weeks ago. Here is what she wrote ...

I was in Woodville with my mother recently and we stayed a few days at Ormond Street Motel which was just lovely, all newly decorated and Joy was so welcoming.



The late Len Faulkner

The reason we were here was to bring my dad (Len Faulkner) home from Australia, as promised. To lay in the earth that gave him life, nurtured him and to be with his beloved mother. He is now home to rest with my grandparents at the Old Gorge Cemetery. My grandparents were Henrietta and William Faulkner. They lived in Ormond Street Woodville. My Dad, Len is pictured (*right*) with his older brother, Jack Faulkner.



As a child Dad delivered newspapers and would sweep the railway station before and after school as my granddad ran the Woodville railway cafe. He went on to serve with the RNZAF based in Fiji and also at Shelly Bay, Wellington. He met my mother Dorothy in Fiji. Dad worked for the NZ Railways up and down NZ as the Station Agent after the Air Force days. Also trained as a nurse and went to work for NAC (National Airways Corporations) and then worked

in their other three businesses. He eventually followed us girls over to Australia so he could be close to his grand children.

My retired Dad used to help us out around the Drop Zone at Wilton/Picton in Australia because he was very comfortable around aircraft as we operated a number of twin engine planes, at Sydney Skydiving and Parachute School for over 3 decades.

I'll be visiting him at least once a year now and catching up with my Faulkner cousins in Levin, PN, Woodville and the big smoke (Auckland) as my Dad used to say.

A gathering of the Faulkner family and Blatchford's at Old Gorge Cemetery



Councillor's Corner

The programme for the earthworks on the Woodville impounded supply (dam) is a little behind time due to wet weather. The main dam has been emptied and when dry enough, work will begin, reshaping and enlarging prior to lining. The temporary smaller dam should be completed by the end of this month.

Plans have been finalised for the redevelopment of the "new" Woodville service centre/library/I-Site building. Contracts are currently being finalised with builders and tradesmen, however it is not imagined that work will begin prior to Christmas and May 2017 looks like being finish date. The new building will provide the following objectives: Fit for purpose, Meet Public Library standards, Additional car parking, Accessible customer service: attract more visitors, meet health and safety, improve efficiency, one stop services hub, future proof, public toilets, meet I-Site NZ requirements, earthquake proof.



Check out the new addition to Fountaine Square (picture right). At last a welcome replacement to the old big slide. Council took on board the suggestion from some of the older pupils at Woodville School. They were bereft when the old slide was taken away and wanted something suited to older children.

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Woodville Girl Guides

Woodville Girl Guides are looking for more leaders. Katrina Metcalf says "I find it very rewarding and when a pippin looks at you and says 'you are the best leader' my chest almost explodes with pride and accomplishment. Our sessions are weekly during term time on Wednesdays from 5 to 6.30pm at the Events Centre, Vogel Street, Woodville.

You can help girls who are Pippins (5-6 years), Brownies (7-9), Guides (9 years to Year 9) and Rangers (Year 9 to 18 years). Whatever skills and interests you have, no matter how much or how little time you have to spare, one of our roles is bound to suit you. The Guiding programme is packed with activities and challenges giving you the chance to experience them along with our girls. Your contribution is sure to be appreciated by the girls and the best bit is you have lots of fun!

Any inquiries please contact Katrina Metcalfe 021-212 3656 or 06-376 5347 after 6pm.



Woodville District Vision (WDV)

WDV has many functions, of which one of the most important is to ensure the community spirit is strong in our town. We contract with the Tararua District council to provide community board type functions for Woodville, to promote Woodville both from a business and lifestyle perspective and to enhance the welfare of our town. We are funded by the TDC, however all activities are undertaken by volunteer contributions. We are fortunate in that we have a base of long term volunteers who willingly give of their time and energy for the betterment of our town. Fancy taking part? Join our fun team to make our community a great place to live.

Are organisational 'visions' and 'mission statements' your thing? WDV currently doesn't have either, and with age grows wisdom (so I am told) and I have come to see the importance of having a vision which describes what we are trying to achieve in the future and a mission statement which describes how we get there. If you are interested in getting involved please call Maggie on 376 5991.

Discretionary Funding: WDV has a small pool of discretionary funding for community projects. If you have or are planning a project that is for the betterment of our community and require some financial assistance please contact WDV (Robin on 376 5901 or Maggie) for an application form. Funding, if approved, will be to a maximum of \$1,000.00 and at the discretion of the WDV committee. If you are planning a project please let us know so that we can plan accordingly. Applications need to be in by the 20th of each month, with the last round for this financial year by 20th April 2017.

Woodville Playcentre Update



Emma Foster

At Woodville Playcentre we are welcoming the new season! We are all very excited to have a new playcentre trained facilitator Viv Wolstencroft on board! Her own children have graduated and she joins us with experience in numerous roles across the regions playcentres. Viv has quickly proven herself to be an exceptionally valuable member of the team and it's a delight to have her on board.

Our beloved Shannyn moved on early this year and we were pleased to make a visit to her and the team at the Pahiatua Early Learning centre. What a great job they have done refurbishing there and a wonderful time was had by all. The children all enjoyed a hui in the sunshine with the favourable weather and a very pleasant time was had as we mingled and enjoyed the change of environment and meeting friends old and new as we climbed trees and explored.

Our new facilitator Viv and Reuben enjoying a quiet moment in a book

Our thanks to Woodville Lions for their support with upgrading our safety gates! And thanks to the Woodville community for their great support of our garage sale, Eastern and Central Trust, Pub Charity and especially Waireka Community Trust. Our building has been repainted and we have had safe low maintenance soft fall turf installed in our multiuse swing area. It is so soft and lush our also new president suggested it was fit for sleeping on – but perhaps it would better suit a teddy bear's picnic!

Spring being the time for new things – we celebrated our duffy books being distributed with a PJ party and wrapped up our winter sessions together by emptying the winter vege from the gardens to make way for the new! Home went the spring onions, celery, lettuce and silverbeet in anticipation of more preschool finger friendly food such as cherry tomatoes, raspberries and strawberries. Perhaps by the time they've grown the delighted amusement of watching a bubble blowing snail will have passed and my little 2 year old will delight in tastier samples than escargo! No snails were harmed in the making of this article.

If you have a pre-schooler/s in your care drop in some time for a visit and meet the Playcentre whanau - you're always welcome. We are open during school terms on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.15-12.15 at 45 Ross St.



Jeanne and Jacob - he only has eyes for Mum. Playcentre is all about families learning together

Kumeroa-Hopelands School Quiz Night

Friday 18th November at Kumeroa Hall. Happy Hour and Sausage Sizzle starting from 6pm. Quiz starting at 7pm.

BYO Drink and Snacks. Free tea and coffee available. Great raffles, auction and spot prizes

\$40 per team of four - to register team phone 06 3764542 or email office@kumeroa.school.nz

What a wonderful afternoon we all enjoyed to farewell Bill and Savita Lala. Many thanks to Kevin McIntyre, Ross Lockyer and others for sharing their early memories of Bill and Savita's lives in Woodville. Thanks also to Kevin for the lovely photographs which I know were much appreciated by their family. Grateful thanks for all monetary donations. A lovely afternoon tea was prepared by Papatawa Womens Institute with food supplied by many of the ladies attending. Thanks also to Papatawa Garden club for the lovely flowers presented to Bill and Savita. I am sure you will be pleased to hear Bill and Savita are now settling into their new home in the Bob Scott Retirement Village in Petone. Last but not least, thank you Maggie for a wonderful report in the October 'Woodvillian'.

What's On

Housie - Every second week - Saturday 5 and 19 November. 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.

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**.

9 Hole Twilight Golf - Thursdays with tee off between 4-6pm. Pahiatua Golf Club. \$5.00 for members \$8.00 for visitors Meal to follow, order before play. All welcome. Prizes every night. Come along and have some fun. Contact number: 376 5625

Woodville Bowling Club invites "YOU" to give bowls ago. Our **Twilight** nights started on Thursday 3 November and will be on every Thursday over summer. 6pm start followed by a bbq, bowls available.

