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The Addams Family

"Life is not all lovely thorns and singing vultures, you know."
Come join Morticia and her spooky, kooky, lovable family as they go through the trials and tribulations of having a teenage daughter!
ONE NIGHT ONLY! Wednesday 27th May 7pm (doors open 6:30pm)
Our students have put in a blast load of hours, so come one and all to show them your support!
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In the words of Morticia "Normal is an illusion.







A Visit from Corrections Dog Handlers



The students from the Te Kaika Hub were lucky enough to have a visit from two Corrections dog handlers.
We got to see three dogs, Colin, Chief, and Rodney, in action! We watched them sniff out scents and indicate, patted them, and asked plenty of questions about what it's like being a dog handler. Thank you to the Corrections team for giving us such an awesome opportunity!





Upcoming Events

The Addams Family: Wednesday 27th May
Teacher Only Day: Friday 29th May
Kings Birthday: Monday 1st June
Year 9 and 10 Camp: Tuesday 2nd June to Friday 5th June
Cultural Competition: Wednesday 1st July

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Tokomairiro High School Newsletter
27th May 2026

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Tēnā koutou katoa,

It has been an incredibly busy and eventful week here at Tokomairiro High School, with two major highlights bringing plenty of energy to the kura.

Earlier this week, nearly a third of our students travelled to the Edgar Centre for our annual sports exchange against East Otago High School. Our teams represented the school with pride, determination, and resilience across the day's competition. While East Otago once again narrowly claimed the overall win, meaning we have now perfected the art of finishing second, our students competed exceptionally well and should be proud of both their performances and conduct throughout the event.

At the same time, anticipation is building for our production of The Addams Family, which takes place this week. This is the first full school production staged at Tokomairiro High School in several years and represents an enormous amount of work from students and staff alike. From rehearsals and choreography to set construction, costumes, lighting, and backstage preparation, countless hours have gone into bringing the show to life. We are excited to welcome local primary schools to a special matinee performance, followed by our main evening performance on Wednesday.

NCEA Common Assessments

Last week, many of our students completed the NCEA Common Assessment Activities for reading, writing, and numeracy. I was extremely impressed by the mature and positive approach shown by our ākonga throughout the assessment period. Students approached these assessments with focus and determination, and they should be proud of the way they conducted themselves. Results are expected to be released by the Ministry of Education in late June or early July.

Teacher Only Day

A reminder that this Friday, 29 May, is a Teacher Only Day, and the kura will be closed for instruction.

This day provides valuable time for staff to engage in professional learning, curriculum development, and collaborative planning. Our current focus is continuing to strengthen our local curriculum so that learning at Tokomairiro High School remains meaningful, relevant, and connected to our community.

We appreciate your ongoing support in allowing staff this important time to continue improving teaching and learning for our students.

Year 9 and 10 Camp

Next week, our Year 9 and 10 students head off to Te Anau for their much-anticipated camp experience.

This four day adventure offers far more than just outdoor activities; it is an opportunity for students to challenge themselves, strengthen friendships, develop resilience, and create lifelong memories. Throughout the week students will take part in kayaking, tramping, rock climbing, archery, orienteering, fishing, mini golf, and a variety of team-building activities.

We know this will be an unforgettable experience for many of our young people, and we wish them all the very best for a safe and enjoyable week away.

Cultural Competition

Preparations will soon be officially underway for one of the true taonga of our school calendar, the annual Cultural Competition. The Cultural Competition has a long and proud history within our kura and continues to be a special occasion that brings the whole school together. It is always fantastic to see students from all year levels working alongside one another in support of their houses, building connection, belonging, and pride within both their house and the wider school community.

This year's competition will take place on Wednesday 1 July, and we are looking forward to another memorable afternoon filled with energy, commitment, and outstanding performances from all four houses.

Turf Update

Excitement continues to build around our new turf facility, with major visible progress happening on site. Late last week the underlay began being installed, and this week we are hopeful that the turf itself will start to go down. After so much planning and fundraising, it is incredibly exciting to finally see this project becoming a reality for our students and wider community.

We are still awaiting the outcome of our final funding applications before officially moving ahead with phase two of the development.

Recognition Badges

Recognition Badge nomination forms are now available from the school office.

Students are able to nominate themselves for Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum badges across Sport, Culture, and Service. These awards continue to be a wonderful way to celebrate the many different ways our students contribute to school life and the wider community.

This is now the third year of the programme, and it has been pleasing to see the number of students striving towards these recognitions continue to grow each year.

Mid Year Reports

We are currently making some significant changes to the structure of our mid-year reports for Years 7–10. These changes are designed to better align with the new English and Mathematics performance indicators being introduced nationally. Because data from the new SMART testing system will not be available until close to the end of term, mid-year reports will now be published at the beginning of next term.

In the meantime, NCEA students can continue to monitor their progress through the NZQA portal, while the Parent Portal provides families with up-to-date assessment information throughout the term.

BYOD

Digital learning continues to be an important part of teaching and learning across the school, and all students are expected to bring a suitable device to school each day.

We are noticing an increasing number of students arriving without their devices. As a reminder, the school no longer has devices available for short-term classroom loan. To fully participate in learning, students should arrive each morning with:

- their device,
- fully charged,
- and ready for use in class.

Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Ngā mihi,
Vicki Wish
Principal | Tumuaki

Transport Required

We are seeking support with transport for two students travelling from Kaitangata to Tokomairiro High School on Mondays and Tuesdays.

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SHOWING UP

Showing up consistently, even when I am unmotivated, is important because it keeps me on track and stops me from falling behind. By showing up consistently, I give myself more opportunities to learn, improve, and achieve my goals.

BEING ON TIME

Being on time is important because if I am late, I miss out on important instructions, which could cause me to fall behind. That key instruction could be the reason I do not achieve my goals so being on time is very important.

BEING CURIOUS

Being curious has helped me a lot to learn more and improve. Asking questions and exploring ideas helps me understand my work better and stay engaged with my learning.

BEING COACHABLE

Being coachable means listening to feedback and learning from it. I show this by taking advice from my teachers and trying to improve. Being coachable helps me get better at my work and achieve my goals.

BELIEVING IN YOURSELF

Believing in myself helps me keep going and reach my goals. Having confidence in myself helps me maintain a positive attitude and achieve at a higher level. For example, I always believe that I have the potential to achieve more, which makes it easier for me to set clear goals and work towards achieving them.

BEING CONSISTENT

Being consistent has helped me a lot to achieve my goals. Completing my schoolwork on a regular basis helps me stay on track and stay in touch with my learning.

Whakaute, Haepapa, Hiranga
Respect, Responsibility, Excellence

Bible Reading for the Week

May your father and mother rejoice; may she who gave you birth be joyful!- **Proverbs 23:25**

First Foundation Scholarships



Kendra Clark and George Stark were awarded the First Foundation Scholarships at prizegiving last year. The scholarship comes with three main pillars: financial support, mentorship, and work experience.

In April, they were flown to Auckland for the Night of Firsts, where they met their mentors, graduating scholars, the entire First Foundation team and their sponsors.

Kendra says that "talking with my mentor has already helped me feel more confident about university and career pathways, and I am looking forward to learning from their experiences and advice over the coming years. In such a short amount of time, First Foundation has already affected me so positively and made me more confident and excited about my future".

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Students Win *Moana Jr* Roles

Congratulations to LyriQ Pedofski and Ruby Barnett for being selected as cast members in the South Otago Theatrical Society's upcoming production of Moana Jr.
We look forward to seeing you on stage. Well done!





Mrs Ruta Reid - a tribute by Mrs Liz Jack



Mrs Ruta Reid

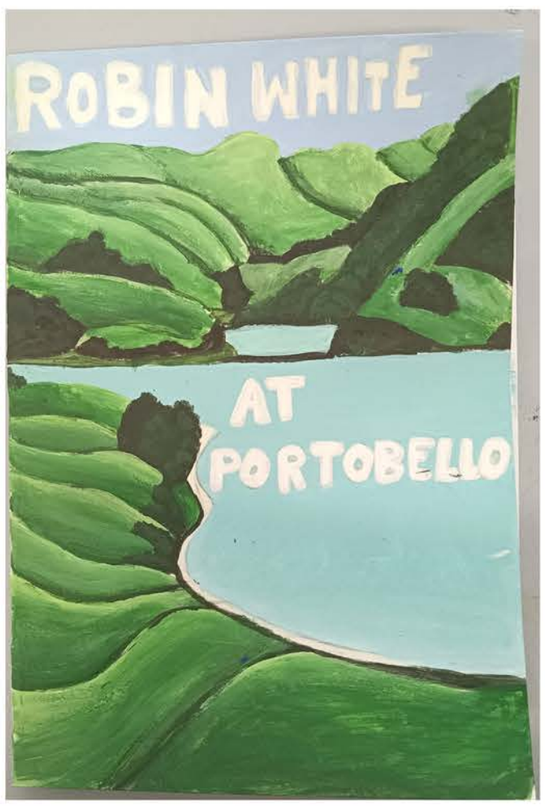
Liz Jack first met Ruta Reid when they were both playing hockey in Dunedin. They became farming neighbours at Milburn, and both taught at Tokomairiro High School.
This is an excerpt from the eulogy that Liz gave at Ruta's funeral earlier this month.

Ruta and I were colleagues at Tokomairiro High School for a long time, and her contribution to the school was enormous.
In the late 1980's Ruta progressed from relieving at Tokomairiro to a full time permanent position and then to Head of the Physical Education Department.
The school roll back then was large enough that classes often had to share the gym, so it was basically team teaching, and I got to see Ruta in action, and what an amazingly skilled, highly organised, efficient, resourceful and resilient teacher she was. I don't use those adjectives lightly.
As Head of Department she was responsible for the delivery of the physical education curriculum across the seven year levels. from10-11 year olds through to young adults of 17-18.
In between each class, there were often quick changes of equipment needed. When classes were doing a block of gymnastics, most of the gear would be able to stay put at least for the morning, then dismantled for lunchtime games such as indoor cricket, hockey, touch and so on, then back for the afternoon classes.
And speaking of lunchtimes: Ruta spent a lot of those in the gym as well, conscious of the safety needs of the students, so she was often eating on the run. She had a great relationship over the years with keen and reliable senior PE students who also helped, but she was always mindful that the buck stopped with her. Trampolining, vaulting horses and shinning up the climbing ropes were banned if she was not there. Passion, commitment and dedication to the needs of her students are also key to describing Ruta as a teacher. I should add that she also taught science classes, where the same attention to planning, preparation and detail prevailed.
Her other big responsibilities, apart from involvement with school sports teams, especially netball at the weekends, were the annual whole day/whole school activities: I'm talking here of the Swimming Sports, Athletics Sports and Cross Country events, and this was where all staff had their eyes opened to Ruta's organising efficiency, and by the time I was in Senior Management I was able to appreciate it even more.
No doubt Ruta would acknowledge that she had a good team, but we just did what we were told....Ruta had it all running like clockwork. I think that the only thing that annoyed and frustrated Ruta on those days, was the number of notes that she would receive in the morning for students to please be excused, when she knew darned well they were 'malingering'.....
Ruta and I spent probably the last 20 years of our careers as colleagues at Tokomairiro. She retired a couple of years before me but she was soon back in the staffroom and classrooms, as a relief teacher.....for several more years!
Karen Vollweiler, who followed me as Deputy Principal, said Ruta was a wonderful reliever, always willing to step in and help, the only proviso being don't call Tuesdays, as that was firmly golf day!
So here was a woman who loved her job, demanding though it was. She excelled at so many sports and physical activities, and loved seeing young people gain confidence, put in the hard work and thrive. And who was also mindful that not all students enjoyed PE, they could be reluctant, nervous, tentative. To whom she showed kindness, encouragement and understanding (unless, of course, they were just malingering)!
Ruta, and rest easy, dear neighbour, colleague and friend.



Continuing with Robin White Study

I swear we look at artists other than Robin White, but seriously - when they make them this good it's hard to look elsewhere! Fresh off the back of the Portobello field trip, Peter King and Sophie Greer have started on their cover pages for a handmade book on Robin White's time on the Otago Peninsula.
Not to be outdone, the Year 9/10 class has had an early look into the same artist.
Ben Scott's painting study here shows great understanding of form and composition. Ka rawe artists!





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Air quality becomes degraded during winter due to the use of wood burners combined with cold calm weather, and the occurrence ofinversion layers. Always make sure the wood you are burning is dry. It's better for you, your home, and the environment.

Burn Dry, Breathe Easy tips:

- Stock up on firewood before Christmas to allow it to dry out before the following winter
- Stack your firewood off the ground, out of the rain and with plenty of airflow so it dries faster
- Use a wood moisture meter to check if your firewood is dry enough to burn. Less than 25% moisture means more heat and reduced smoke
- A well-built fire of scrunched up paper/firelighters, kindling, and firewood with plenty of airflow ensures a well-heated home and less smoke
- Don't burn wet or green firewood, treated wood or household rubbish like plastics as they can release harmful toxins into the air.
- To reduce smoke overnight, make sure you can still see flames when you turn your fire down.

Find out more at orc.govt.nz/burndry

Taylor Park Dog Park

IIt has been a LONG haul from our first public consultation and approval, going on to form a Milton Dog Park Working Group – to Council approval, fundraising and appointing Contractors
Fast forward to many working bees and Yes, our working group certainly putting in the hard yards, as did many locals who turned up to help out.
We were a bit surprised when we discovered a layer of concrete under the asphalt and gravel that we did not anticipate, then to the many truck loads out, and even more in with good soil
But here we are now with a wonderful assest for the K9's to visit and enjoy with their humans. This facility has a fabulous mural, dog shower, as well as seperate areas for both small dogs and big dogs, tipable water bowls, lighting, an agility area to challenge and amuse all, plus seating. This is all set among majestic heritage trees.
The secured fenced areas are accessed by the main double gated entrances, with a poo bag dispenser and bag disposer there. The small and large dog areas both have EMERENCY EXITS. We have had complaints from other user who find these gates open and fear their dog may escape. Please folks, these GATES are for emergency situations ONLY, where someone may not feel comfortable and can't get to the main gates. A few are currently using these gates as exits. We don't want to have to bolt these shut, so please use the main entry and exit gates, unless an emergency has arisen.
We plan to have a park celebration day - Date to be advised, but in the meantime the park is open for business and for you to go up to and enjoy.





GIVE IT A GO!

Our students have been busy stepping out of their comfort zones lately with some incredible "Give it a Go" opportunities!
A group of our tamariki travel weekly to visit Clutha Community Riding, experiencing the absolute joy of horse riding aimed at boosting health, well-being, and personal growth.
We also had a fantastic turnout for Enabler Day, a wonderful event designed to let kids try new sports in a fully inclusive and supportive environment. This day was all about making sure every child had the chance to partake in sporting events they may not have tried before.
Seeing our tamariki tackle these new challenges was a great display of determination, courage, and resilience. It was absolutely wonderful to see everyone building confidence, supporting their peers, and experiencing genuine success through movement. We are incredibly proud of our tamariki for giving it a go and showing such fantastic sportsmanship!







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- *Formal Fundraising raffle*
- *School Ball 2026 tickets*
- *Turf Fundraising 'sponsor a square metre'*
- *Genesis Donation*
- *School Magazine 2025*
- *Past School magazines*

News from the Trenches

Plenty of action happening this week at the RSA. The membership draw has consequently been struck prior to me bagging Andrea last week which she regarded as karma but it reflects how popular our Thursday night raffles are humming along. Speaking of Thursday night, it seems as if the Manson family have taken over permanent residence of the joker draw with Greg not guessing correctly last week. Not to say they haven't had the chances.

Speaking of chances our Super Sports Comp is getting close to an exciting conclusion with 13 entrants within 4 points of each other. With extra points being credited for last couple of rounds, this puts the pressure on the leading candidates to ensure there is no margin of error as every game is vital. Who can hold their nerve?? All will be revealed on Saturday 27 June the prize giving being held. Remember it will be a Hawaiian night theme so make sure you dress accordingly.

Unfortunately due to increased costs we have had to raise the prices for drinks, we've held off as long as possible but the rises are minimal and inevitable. There was a proposal of an amnesty for these price rises not taking effect on a Sunday, however this writer couldn't manage to convince those who make the decisions. If anyone is available RSA is looking for volunteers to drive the courtesy van. Let the bar staff know if you are keen.

Private Spike Pike

Toko Golf Club Results

Semi Finals - 16th May 2026

G Findlay bt M Adam
N Clark bt M Clark
D Gold bt T Condon
B Cowie bt M Harwood
B Bearman 38pts
J Day 37pts

P Sheath bt B Hill
G Sheath bt F Taylor
L Moana bt B Carruthers
M Scott bt MJ Adam

23rd May 2026 - Final Club Champs

Snr N Clark bt G Findlay
Inter D Gold bt B Cowie
Silver J Greene bt L Day
Jnr A G Sheath bt P Sheath
Jnr B M Scott bt L Moana
Bronze ll P Keddell bt K Partridge

Euchre Results

6th May 2026
Winner: Maxine (Balclutha)
Loser: Di (Balclutha)
Raffle: Raelene

13th May 2026
Winner: Dawn (Owaka)
Loser: Kathleen
Raffle: Russell

Toko Rugby Club Report

On Saturday the Toko Premiers travel to Clutha to take on Civil Empire with Toko full of confidence after previous performances.

Clutha came out steaming from the start and used their power both in the forwards and backline to complete a fairly comprehensive victory 64-31. For Toko, Damon Clement (2) McLeod Glaister, Sam McDonald and Jason Calder scored tries which reflects that Toko never gave up and offered plenty on attack. However up against a top class team, small mistakes were punished severely. Strong for Toko were Josh Sanders, Caleb Shaw in the forwards while McLeod Glaister was smooth in the backs. Toby Greene and Brodie Ferguson added impetus off the bench.

Toko unfortunately suffered some serious injuries and we wish those players a speedy recovery. Next week is Topp Cup in Balclutha with Toko players featuring in both teams. Toko gets a week off the following week to lick their wounds

The Judge



Toko Junior Rugby Club

Results - Round 5

POD = Player of they day
ROD = Rippa of the day
TOD = Tackler of the day
CC = Coaches Choice

Rippa Toko White
POD: Isaiah Kohey
ROD: Alfie Bichan
Rippa Toko Gold
POD: Lexie Griffin
ROD: Ollie Agnew
Rippa Toko Blue
POD: Maddox Hancock
ROD Layton Rhodes

Yr 3/4 Toko Blue
POD: Liam Calteaux
TOD: Tom Hayes
Yr 3/4 Toko Gold
POD: Alex Garden
TOD: Julian Kohey
Yr 5/6 Toko Blue
POD: Swade Baker
TOD: Kairon Kohey
Yr 7/8 Toko Gold
POD: Adam Woodhead
TOD: Harry Leckie
CC: PJ



This beauty is coming up for auction!!! 1st of JUNE on TradeMe.
link will be at facebook.com/ourpoolmilton



Milton Indoor Bowls

Interclub was again played on Tuesday night. Moneymore had a bye and Glenledi played Milton Country Club. Glenledi beat the Country Club 17-8 and the Country Club won 6-5. In the second game the Country Club beat Glenledi 9-7 and drew 10am giving them a win 5-3.

On Saturday a South Otago representative travelled to Invercargill to play Southland for the Friendship Trophy. Southland had a huge win beating South Otago 114-54. In the two rounds of pairs they lost 14-10 and 21-3 and the four rounds of singles were beaten 19-5, 16-8, 14-10 and 16-8. In the fours they lost 8-4 and had a draw 6-all.

On Sunday the Henselite singles were played with only 4 players from Milton taking part. There were 14 entries and 7 qualified for post section play. In the first round Christine King had the bye and Alanna Moffit, Robert Wilson, Richard Ray beat Chris Moffit, Jane Wintringham and Lily Paterson.

The Semis saw Alanna beat Christine 14-10 and Robert beat Richard 14-10. It proved to be a close game in the final with Alanna winning 13-10 over Robert. Alanna will now play off in the southern zone finals the first weekend in July.

Genesis Advertising Update

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34 Union Street, Milton

Sunday 31st May

10:00am Holy Communion Service
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Situation Vacant

Tokomairiro Waiora Incorporated has an opportunity to join the team!

Whānau Ora Kaitūwhana

- Full-time position (40 hours per week)
- Tokomairiro (Milton) based
- A Social Work degree (BSW), or equivalent, is desirable

Tokomairiro Waiora Inc. is seeking a compassionate and motivated Whānau Ora Kaitūwhana to empower whānau to achieve their wellbeing goals. You'll take a mana enhancing and holistic approach toward your mahi, helping whānau access the right supports, strengthen resilience, and create pathways to positive outcomes.

If you're passionate about community, connection, and kaupapa Māori practice, we'd love to hear from you. To request a position description, or to apply with your CV and cover letter, email contact@tokowaiora.co.nz

Public Notices

Tokomairiro Community Recreation Centre AGM
9th June 6.30pm
at the Toko Gym

Public Notices

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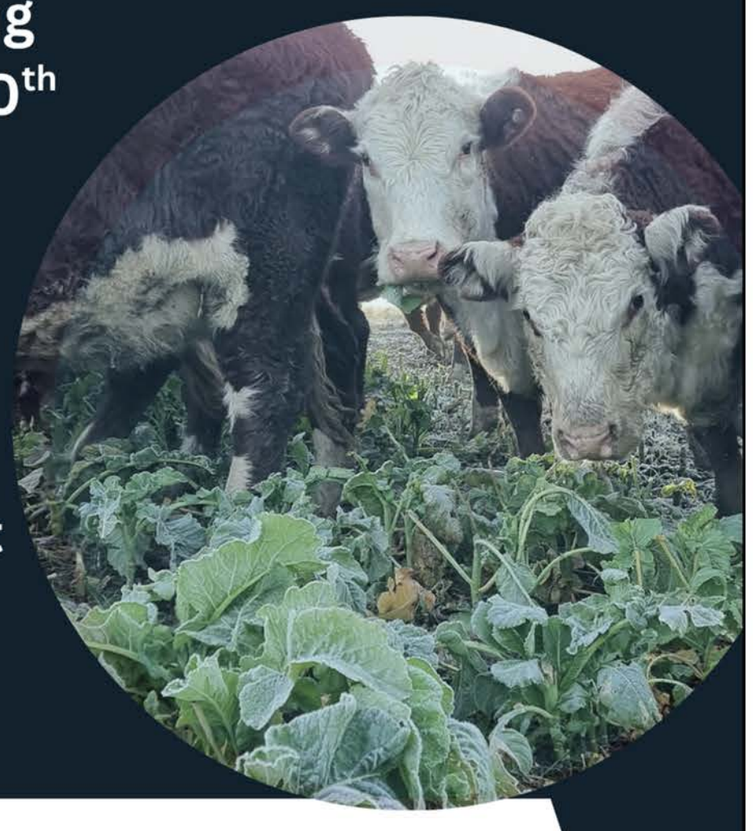

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Genesis Deadline - 12 noon Monday

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Bruce Community Calendar JUNE 2026

Wednesday 10th June - 2pm, Tokomairiro Historical Society meeting

Wednesdays
WOMEN'S SPACE at the Toko Hub 2-4pm
JP Service Desk at the Library, 3pm-5pm
3:30-4:30 Board Game afternoon @ the Library

Thursdays
MILTON COMMUNITY SHED behind the Showgrounds
BRIDGE at the Senior Citizens Rooms, 6:45pm—All welcome
TAI CHI at the Milton RSA, 1pm, ph 027 279 1602

Fridays
CROCHET 10-11am @ the Library
Friendship Group meets at 1:30pm at old Senior Citizens Rooms. Ph Christine 021 028 46101

Children & Youth

Every Wednesday 10am-11am Lovell's Flat Playgroup, Bryce Memorial Hall
Every Thursday 10:30-11:30 Toddler Time-Milton Library
Thursday and Fridays, term time. 9.15-12: Playgroup @ Te Whare Puāwai, 34 Spenser Street, Milton, 0-5yrs, Free, Morning Tea provided

For the full calendar, visit www.projectbruce.org/community-calendar

PROJECT BRUCE



Council Updates & Notices

Updates from the Clutha District Council
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Lovell's Flat Hall CONSULTATION



Council is inviting feedback on a proposal to demolish the Lovell's Flat Hall, and develop the pool and reserve area.

The Lovell's Flat Hall Committee have considered future options for the hall, given its deteriorating condition and lack of use. The committee's preferred option is to demolish the hall, but keep the pool and reserve land for public use. The committee has also expressed an interest in developing a toilet and upgrading the reserve, so it can continue to be used as a picnic area.

We are keen to hear from people in Lovell's Flat and its surrounding communities.

Let us know your thoughts. You can scan the QR code to read more and submit online, or call into Council's Rosebank office or your local community library.

Consultation is open now, closing at 5pm on Monday, 8 June 2026.

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