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Netball Trip Unforgettable



Our Toko senior A netball team had an unforgettable week at the 15th International Netball Festival on the Gold Coast.

The girls represented our school with pride, determination, and great sportsmanship, finishing 10th overall in the Under 18 grade. Throughout the tournament, they embraced every challenge, celebrated their successes, and gained invaluable experience competing against talented teams from across Australia, Fiji, and New Zealand.

A huge congratulations to Saffron Healey, (left) who was selected as our team's Most Valuable Player. This is a well-deserved recognition of her outstanding performances and leadership throughout the tournament.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our whānau who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to help make this trip possible

Finally, thank you to our incredible community for your generous donations, support and encouragement throughout this journey.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa.





Sporting Success

Congratulations to Sioeli Pulu, who has been selected for the South Island Scorpion Under-18 Rugby League Team. This is a tremendous achievement and reflects his hard work and dedication.

We wish Sioeli every success as he represents the South Island.



Upcoming Events

Level 2&3 Geography Camp: Tuesday 21st to Thursday 24th July
School Ball: Friday 31st July
Blue Mountain Sports Exchange: Friday 7th August
Open Evening: Wednesday 12th August

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Tokomairiro High School Newsletter
22nd July 2026

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Tēnā koutou katoa,
With Term 3 now underway, our campus is once again full of energy as students and staff settle back into another busy and exciting term. It has been wonderful to see everyone return refreshed and ready for the months ahead.
There is certainly plenty to look forward to over the coming weeks. Next week we are excited to welcome the first group of our Japanese students to Tokomairiro High School. International exchanges provide a wonderful opportunity for our students to build friendships, experience another culture and proudly share our own community with visitors from overseas.
Next week also sees one of the highlights of the school calendar – the Senior School Ball. We wish all of our senior students a safe and enjoyable evening and look forward to seeing the memories they create.
There is certainly plenty happening this term, and we look forward to sharing the many achievements and successes of our students with you over the coming weeks.

Welcome to Our New Staff
This term we are delighted to welcome the first two of three new teachers joining Tokomairiro High School.
Mrs Nadine Van der Merwe joins us while Ms Freeman is on maternity leave and will be teaching our Year 7 and 8 students. Mr Nigel Scarth joins our Science Department, teaching Science and Physics, while also taking on the role of Year 11–13 Dean. We look forward to welcoming Ms Lategan later this term, completing our staffing appointments for Term 3.
Please join me in making all of our new staff feel welcome as they become part of the Tokomairiro High School community.

Attendance Matters
Improving attendance continues to be one of our key priorities, and it is pleasing to see this focus making a real difference.
At our first assembly of the term, we recognised students who achieved excellent attendance during Term 2. It was particularly encouraging to see a significant increase in the number of students achieving outstanding attendance. Regular attendance gives students the very best opportunity to succeed, and we thank our families for their continued support in making school attendance a priority.
Congratulations to Reily Mathieson, who was the winner of our Term 2 Excellent Attendance prize draw.

Open Evening
Our annual **Open Evening** will be held on **Wednesday 12 August**, beginning at **6.00 pm**.
This is an opportunity for prospective students and their whānau to experience life at Tokomairiro High School. Visitors will have the chance to meet our students and staff, tour the school and learn more about the many academic, cultural, sporting and vocational opportunities we offer.
If you know of a family considering secondary school for 2027, we would greatly appreciate you encouraging them to come along.

House Competition
The House Competition continues to be one of the highlights of school life, bringing together participation, teamwork and healthy competition across a wide range of activities. During Term 2, students earned House points through the Cultural Competition, Cross Country, House Dodgeball, attendance, demonstrating our school values and many other opportunities across school life.
With the completion of Term 2, the House standings are:

- Ayson – 2,298 points
- Ross – 1,884 points
- Reid – 1,729 points
- Malcolm – 1,632 points

Congratulations to Ayson for leading the competition at the halfway point of the year. With another two terms still to come, there are plenty of opportunities for every House to earn points and challenge for the House Cup

Recognition Awards
A reminder that this is the final week for students to nominate themselves for our Recognition Awards in Sport, Culture and Service.
These awards recognise sustained commitment and involvement in school life over a number of years and are an important way of celebrating the many contributions our students make beyond the classroom.
Recognition is awarded at four levels:

- Bronze – two years of commitment
- Silver – four years of commitment
- Gold – six years of commitment
- Platinum – seven years of commitment

If your child believes they meet the criteria, please encourage them to complete their nomination before the end of the week.

Mid-Year Reports
Mid-year reports are currently being finalised and will be emailed to families next week.
These reports provide a snapshot of each student's progress and achievement during the first half of the year. They are an opportunity for students, parents and teachers to celebrate successes and identify goals for the remainder of the year.

Ngā mihi,
Vicki Wish
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Although we like to meet with parents/ whanau, we are not always available at short notice and may be teaching or working with students or other staff.





Snow Closures or Late Starts



At this time of year, snow and ice can occasionally affect travel. If we need to delay the start of school or close for the day, we will notify families as early as possible through:

- Our Tokomairiro High School Facebook page
- Email to parents and caregivers

Please make sure your contact details are up to date with the office so we can reach you quickly if needed.

School Bus Safety Reminder

Students exiting and entering the bus are vulnerable to passing vehicles, and drivers must take great care when they encounter school buses.

- Reduce speed to **20km/h** when passing a school bus, and keep an eye out for children who may walk onto the road,
- If you are dropping children off, or collecting them from a school bus stop, stand well back from the edge of the road and out of the way of the bus,
- Wait on the same side of the road to collect your child in a rural area so they don't have to cross.





Bible Reading for the Week

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.- *Phillipians 4:6*



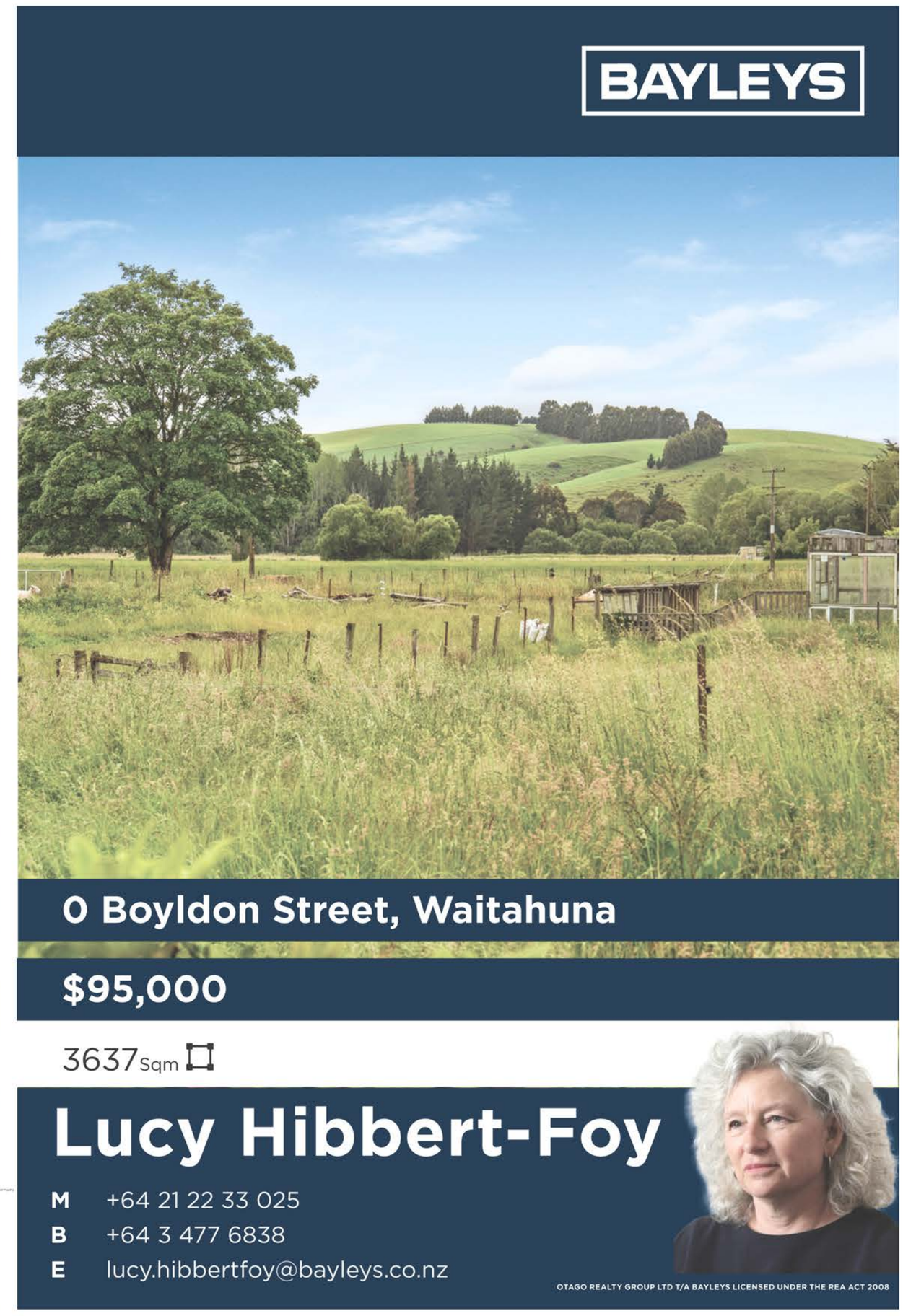
Gardening Workshop

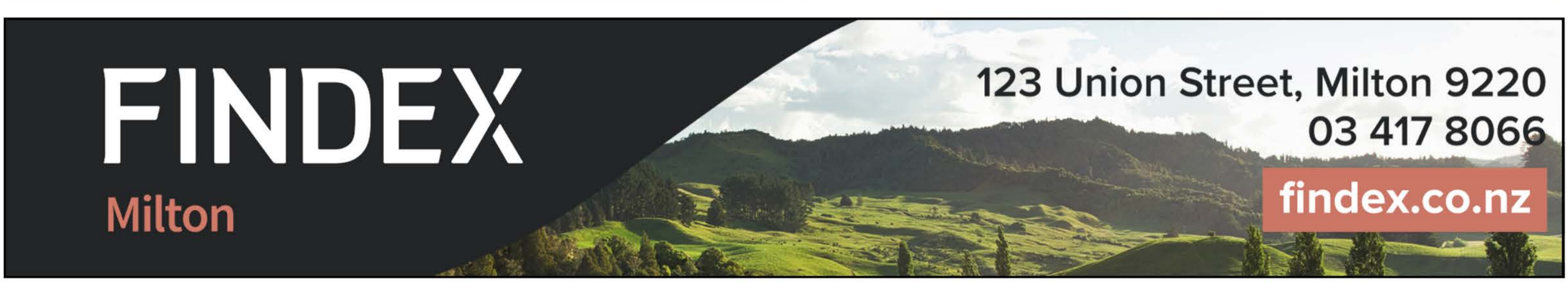
Ready to grow your own fresh veggies but don't know where to start? Join us at the Milton Community Garden this Saturday the 25th July from 10am to 1pm, for a fun, hands on workshop, packed with practical tips and tricks to help you create a thriving vegetable garden from scratch. Whether you're a complete beginner or looking to improve your gardening skills, you will learn the basics of planning, planting, and growing healthy, productive vegetables. Come along, get your hands dirty, ask plenty of questions, and enjoy a morning with fellow garden lovers. Everyone is welcome! Please register with Steph email stephanie@projectbruce.org or call/text 021 266 0942

Articles & Reports

Genesis relies on articles and reports supplied by the community to fill our pages. Please email these to genesis@tokohigh.school.nz







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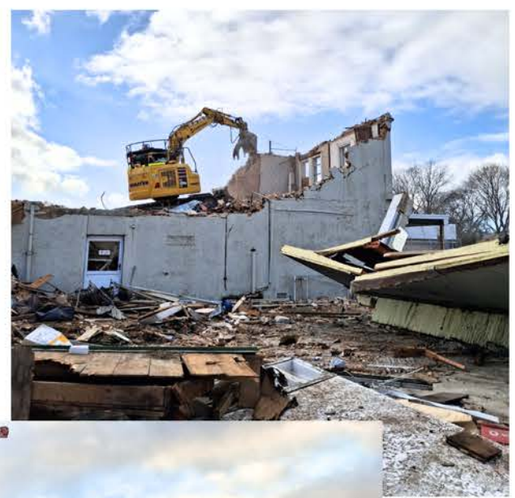



Two derelict buildings on Union Street, Milton, have been demolished to make way for a future landscaped community space.
Area resident Donald Stewart recently purchased the two properties and is privately funding the project along similar lines to his previous involvement with the cycle trail north of Milton and the redevelopment of Waihola cricket ground.
It is not a Clutha District Council project or part of the adjacent Elsie Stewart Community Library and Pool.

Toko Rugby Club Report

Last weekend Toko Premiers travelled to Outram to take on West Taieri pigs in a sudden death semi final match. Toko went into the match pretty confident of causing an upset.
However, Toko ran into two blitzkriegs called Connor Lawson and Callum Smeaton. One was a runaway bulldozer with a high speed gearbox at No 8 while the other launched more bombs at No 10 that kept Toko pinned back. Toko unfortunately went down 39-12 to a well drilled opposition. Toko played attacking footy and had plenty of opportunities to score tries. However option taking and desperate West Taieri defence kept Toko at bay.
For Toko they can hold their heads high as they never gave up and gave plenty of effort. The forward pack, while up against a bigger opposition, ripped into the match with gusto. While the backline caused problems for their opponents, they were left floundering under constant pressure.
That concludes the Toko Premiers 2026 season which I can say was a positive one. This team is extremely young in experience but the signs are very encouraging for upcoming years as they play very attractive attacking footy. Thank you to our fantastic sponsors, your continued support is very much appreciated. Also big ups to the team behind the scenes who do a lot of work. Now without our many supporters, keep the faith, we easily had the biggest fan base around especially on the away games. Next year is our year. Can't wait for 2027!
- The Judge

Toko Golf Club Results

Dave Dobbie Memorial - Ambrose
Saturday 18th July 2026

P Adams, T Condon & G Sheath	67	7.5	59.5
B Frost & B Carruthers	74	10.75	63.25
G Findlay & P Scott	70	6	64
B Dunlop & W Agnew	72	7.25	64.75
R Curd & J Clark	82	17	65
B Adams & S Bearman	74	7.75	66.25
F Taylor & D Matsopoulas	79	12.25	66.75

Public Health Nurse - Abby Brookland

Available Tuesdays and Fridays at Tokomairiro High School
Phone 027 241 1506 to make an appointment

Milton Indoor Bowls

The second week of play for the 2nd Round Cup saw the Milton Country Club with a bye and Glenledi played Moneymore . Both teams tied 4 all on games but Glenledi were ahead on aggregate scores 36-29.
The South Otago Fives were played during the week when Glenledi beat Lawrence in the fours and are now holders of the J.T. Sanson Cup. After 5 rounds Glenledi are in 2nd place with 66 points, Moneymore are 8th with 45 and Country Club are 9th with 44.

News from the Trenches

Woah woah woah!!! Everyone just calm the farm a tad. One non appearance in Genesis and you would think there was another big earthquake in town!!! I've had members stressing saying they looked for 45 mins for this report. It's ok your security blanket has returned
It's been all good at the RSA with good numbers watching the AB test series. Unfortunately no one has been successful with Pick the Scores and it will jackpot to AB test series vs Seth Efrica!!! Speaking of our sports comp, it's been humming along nicely with some high scores being recorded in the first few weeks. This week Game of the Round is Clutha vs West Taieri (you can't pick neither) as an option. I'd be surprised if anyone plays their joker this weekend as there is obscure matches this week.
Our Thursday night raffles are proving very popular and we have a guest performing the Ode this week. Along with our joker draw the amount is getting up high and there has only been one bonus prize struck. So make sure you are there on Thursday night.
My legal team are in discussions with a complaint relating to a story previously published.
Remember anything you tell me remains confidential as to the source. Sssssh.... *- Private Spike Pike*

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Council Updates & Notices

Updates from the Clutha District Council
Stay Informed, Stay Connected

GEM LOCAL - FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

Calling all Community Groups!



Clutha District Council has partnered with Strategic Grants to help local groups find funding more easily through GEM Local, a handy online database for small organisations.

Eligible non-profit community groups delivering projects that benefit the Clutha District can access the scheme if they meet all of the criteria (more info on our website), helping with grant opportunities, grant preparation tools and training.

We have 50 spots available for local groups, and its completely free.

Visit **www.cluthadc.govt.nz/gem-local** to check your eligibility and find information on how to register your interest.

A great opportunity to explore funding options for your next community project.

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Hours of work: casual, on-call as-needed
(no guaranteed hours of work)
Applications close: 5 August 2026

Full job description and application packs are available via office@milton.school.nz

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Milton Medical Centre

South Link Health Group

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Milton Medical Centre is seeking a motivated and patient-centred Registered Nurse/Enrolled Nurse to join our collaborative primary care team in Milton, Otago.

This part-time position offers clinical variety, opportunities for ongoing professional development, and the ability to make a genuine difference within our local community.

You will work within a well-supported, multidisciplinary team alongside an experienced GP, Nurse Practitioners, and Registered Nurses. Our integrated Access & Choice team — including a Health Improvement Practitioner and Health Coach — further strengthens our commitment to holistic patient care. The clinical team is supported by a Business Manager and an experienced reception and administration team, ensuring a well-organised and professionally run environment.

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- Understanding of cultural safety, cultural competence, and Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- A supportive, patient-first approach to care

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- Triage skills
- Vaccinator and/or smear taker certification
- Current ACLS certification
- Familiarity with Medtech Evolution

Ko wai mātou | About Us

We are deeply committed to equity, diversity, and inclusion. We want our staff to reflect the diverse communities we serve. We welcome applications from all walks of life.

We honour iwi diversity and spiritual needs, and our workplace is whānau-focused and supportive. We want to see the real you - both in your application and, if successful, at the interview.

Me pēhea te tuku tono | How to Apply

If you want to make a meaningful difference in the health of our Iwi, Community, and Whānau - and you enjoy working as part of a team - apply today!

Please apply via Seek or send a cover letter with your CV to:
The Business Manager, Milton Medical Centre manager@miltonmedical.co.nz

Please note that we don't always work to fixed closing dates and may interview candidates as applications are received.

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Friday 24 July, 4pm

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2026/27
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clutha FOUNDATION

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