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SISS Tournament Week 2026

Congratulations to Evan Anderson, Dominic Dobson, Ty Fraser, Leon Healey, and Cash Scott, who represented South Otago at the Under 15 Rugby Tournament in Westport. The team had 3 wins and 2 losses, and finished an impressive 8th out of 17 teams, showing determination despite horrible weather and challenging conditions. They finished their final match against Ashburton College with just 13 players on the field.
Students Evan Anderson and Ty Fraser took out player of the day in two games, and a special congratulations to Evan, who was named in the Tournament Team for his outstanding performances.
Ka mau te wehi, e tama mā! We are incredibly proud of how you represented your our kura.
Lucas Stevenson was part of the SOHS Mixed Hockey team that competed in the SISS Mixed Hockey Tournament held in Nelson. This tournament was held over 5 days. The team won all games except their semi-final but played off against Taieri in the 3rd and 4th place game. They took the win 1-0 and were 3rd place overall in the South Island tournament. Great effort by the team for an outstanding result.
Our Senior A netball team finished their season as runners-up after a hard-fought final, going down 38–32 to Oxford Area School.
It was a close contest, and the girls showed incredible determination, fighting right through to the final whistle. While the result didn't go our way, we are immensely proud of their effort, resilience, and sportsmanship throughout the tournament.
A special congratulations to Saffron Healey, who was selected as one of only four Talented ID players in our grade. This is an outstanding achievement, with Saffron being chosen from more than 160 players. Ka rawe, Saffron!
We also farewell our Year 13 students, Daiha, Sarah-Jane, Pippa, and Caitlyn. Thank you for everything you have brought to our Toko Senior A netball team. From your humour and energy to your playlists and cooking skills, each of you has left a lasting mark on our team. We will miss you all and wish you nothing but the very best for the future. Once a Toko player, always a Toko player!



Thank you to all those businesses and individuals that have supported our students to attend these tournaments during winter tournament week. Your support makes it possible for the students to attend these events.





Upcoming Events

Course Selection Evening
Thursday 10th September

Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori
Monday 14th – Friday 18th September

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Tokomairiro High School Newsletter
9th September 2026

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Tēnā koutou katoa,
This week's whakatauki is taken from Paulo Coelho's Te Ruānuku / The Alchemist: Ko te whakatinanatanga pea o tētahi moemoetā te take e ngahau ai te ao - It's the possibility of having a dream come true that makes life interesting. For many students, the dream might be earning a qualification, achieving a particular result, being accepted for a chosen course or pursuing new and exciting opportunities for the future. Dreams, however, become reality based on the many ordinary choices we make every day. Choices like attending regularly, completing the work in front of us, preparing carefully, actively seeking help and continuing when progress feels slow or the task is particularly challenging. Even for students whose year has not developed as they had hoped, there is always time to take a step forward. Exams and assessments will bring pressure, but at the same time they offer opportunities. The possibilities for sustained effort to become something real and for our rangatahi to discover what they are capable of achieving is much more than just interesting - it's exciting!!

Union Street Roadworks
Fulton Hogan will be on Union Street to mill and asphalt the damaged road over the next two or so weeks. Students will need to be extra cautious about crossing the road. There will be multiple pieces of large equipment up and down the site all day, and there will be multiple changes in height across the site at varying stages. The workers will establish some areas that are best suited for crossing the road, and will put in place other measures to mitigate risk, however, there is still the uneven ground & fresh asphalt making it risky to cross over. Whenever possible, reinforce the need for care and caution around the work, especially with younger members of our school community!

Common Assessment Activities and Senior Course Selection
The CAAs are now well underway. Once the exams are completed on Thursday, we will be hosting a Senior Course Selection evening on Thursday from 6 pm. Choosing the right courses for NCEA is a vital step in shaping future opportunities. The subjects students will select in the coming weeks will influence not only their learning next year but also the pathways available to them for apprenticeships, tertiary study, and future careers. To support these important decisions, we invite all students entering Years 11–13 (this includes current year 10 students) in 2027, along with their caregivers, to attend our Course Selection Evening. The evening will begin with an introductory presentation about NCEA, including upcoming changes to the qualification, followed by the chance to learn more about the wide range of courses on offer, speak directly with subject teachers about content, expectations, and assessments, ask questions about how each subject can support future study or career plans and get advice on how to keep options open while planning ahead. This event is a valuable opportunity to make informed choices together. With the right guidance and understanding, students will be best positioned to set themselves up for success.

PTA Fundraiser: Jared Fell
There is still time to purchase tickets to the PTA's Magic performance on 18 September. Tickets are $50 each, food provided, drinks available to purchase. Doors open at 6pm, and the show starts at 7pm at Coronation Hall. Get your tickets at eventbrite, or scan the KINDO QR code in this newsletter or on the school facebook page.

CACTUS Programme
Paperwork is at the school office for students wanting to be involved in the 2026 Cactus Programme. The programme is a Combined Adolescent Training Unit Support. It is a 7 week Bootcamp for Years 8-13 students Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6:30 am to 8 am. Breakfast is provided. For an application form email stephanie@projectbruce.org or drop into the school office. Check the THS facebook page for more information.

As we move as a community into what is a more and more important part of the school year, let us encourage one another to keep in mind that it is the rare dream that becomes a reality in one dramatic moment. Dreams are built every day through good decisions, steady effort, a willingness to accept support and the courage to keep going. Let us make it our mission to walk alongside our rangatahi as they take the next steps towards making their possibilities real. Kia kaha, kia māia, kia manawanui.

Ngā mihi,
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CACTUS Programme Applications Open

CACTUS (Combined Adolescent Challenge Training Unit and Support) is a youth development programme for students in Years 8 to 13. This year marks the third year the programme has been running in Milton, helping young people build confidence, resilience, leadership, teamwork and self-discipline.
The programme runs from 12 October to 28 November, with sessions held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6.30am to 8.00am. Breakfast is provided after each session.
Graduation Day will be held on Saturday 28 November.
Application forms are available from the Tokomairiro High School Office or the Tokomairiro Community Hub.
For further information, contact Stephanie Daniel at stephanie@projectbruce.org.
Applications are now open and close 28th September.
Places are limited.





Bible Reading for the Week

Six days you shall labor, but on the seventh day you shall rest; even during the plowing season and harvest you must rest. *Exodus 34:21*



Milton Indoor Bowls

The Open Champion pairs were played at the Bowling Club last Tuesday. Players were playing for the Joan Brown Trophy.

Round 1: Russell and Lynne Copland 13, Elizabeth Read and Bronwyn Woodhead 1; Barbara Read and Stephen Woodhead 9, Gary Foster and Carol Rutherford 2; Graeme and Maree Hill 9, Ray Low and Carol Smaills 4; Alwyn Read and Dave Sutherland 5, Alistair Allison and Judith Hand 3.

Round 2: B. Read 18, R. Copland 2. G. Hill 10, A. Read 1. G. Foster 9, E. Read 3. A. Allison 9, R. Low 3.

Round 3: B. Read 9, G. Hill 8. A. Allison 9, G. Foster 5. R. Copland 7, A. Read 4.

Round 4: A. Allison 9, B. Read 6. G. Hill 10, R. Copland 5

Round 5: A. Allison Bye. B. Read 7, G. Hill 5.

Final: Alistair Allison and Judith Hand 10, Barbara Read and Stephen Woodhead 3. All players in the final were from Moneymore.

The South Otago Open Champion Singles were held in Balclutha on Saturday with 12 men and 11 ladies playing. Local Peter Grant was the men's winner, he plays for Milton Country Club, Te Houka's Ian Bennett was runner up and Paretai's Chris Moffit and Waitapeka's Mark Kingipokiti third equal.The ladies was won by Alanna Moffit, with Jane Wintringham second and Lily Paterson third.

Euchre Results

12th August 2026
Winner: Bruce
Loser: Di (Balclutha)
Raffle: Raelene

19th August 2026
Winner: Lyn
Loser: Dawn (Owaka)
Raffle: Maureen (Owaka)

26th August 2026
Winner: Pat (Owaka)
Loser: Maureen (Owaka)
Raffle: Marg

2nd September 2026
Winner: Raelene
Loser: Lorraine (Owaka)
Raffle: Maxine (Balclutha)

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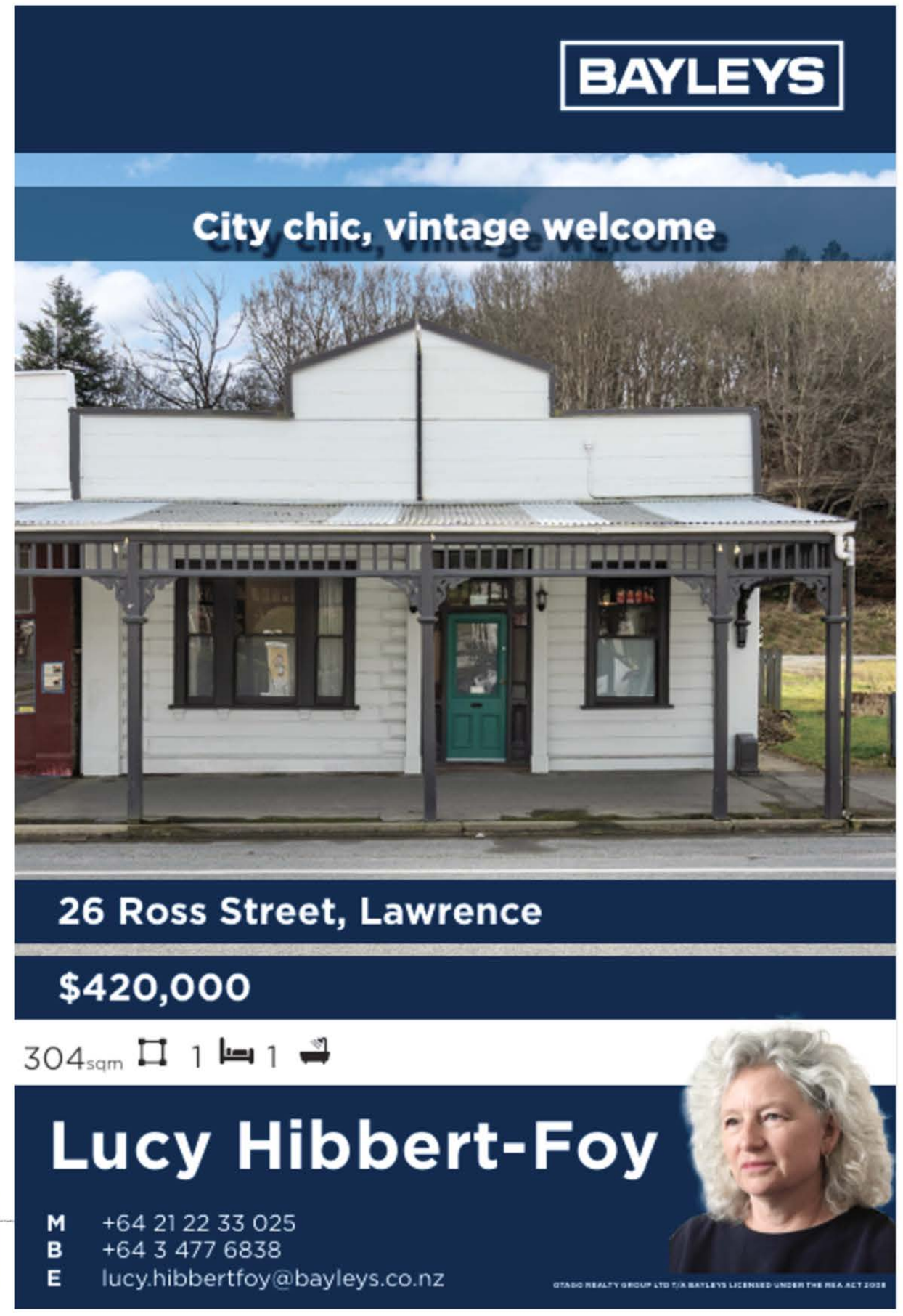

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK: 'Don't take the bull by the horns, take him by the tail: then you can let go when you want to' - *Josh Billings (1818-1885)*

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News from the Trenches

Well I've received a great deal of feedback over last week's column regarding the validity of some of my claims. I've been doing this column for 24 years and everything at the very least has an element of truth, some more than others. But at least it gets noticed. Keep the feedback coming and I can assure people all columns have been verified by my Legal Team to avoid Court processes

Already we are getting entries for our fantastic Quiz night which will take place on Friday 2 October under the watchful eye of our grand Quiz Master. So get your team sorted. I understand team including Storming Norman and Curious George have been swatting up everything from Flags to Queen Victoria reign so they're looking formidable. Each team contains 4 members.

On Monday we had a excellent afternoon tea to thank our wonderful volunteers for their contribution to a hugely successful Daffodil Day. Thank you for your help.

Our Pick the Scores jackpot is still heading upwards, not far away from hitting the $500 mark, some very close attempts but not close enough. Make sure all entries are paid for. Along with another disaster for those entered into our NPC Comp, the stress level is contagious with panic setting in already.

Another popular section which is proving very sought after is called Pikes's Fact Hunt. Wood Pecker's wraps tongue all way around their skull to protect brain when hammering wood.

Private Spike Pike

Toko Golf Club Results

LGU and Putting - 2nd September 2026
0 – 40.4
J. Good 100 – 22 - 78
J. Greene 107 - 18 - 89
Putting - J. Good 29 putts

Jo Hitchon Button- (Best nett for month) – J. Greene 72 Nett.
Anna Burnett Brooch (Best Nett LGU Day) -J. Good 78 Nett.
May Murdoch Tee (best Stb for month) – J. Greene 36 Stbs
E. Kennard Trophy (Best Putting LGU day) -J. Good – 29 Putts.

Cutlers Monthly Medal & Putting

1st	T Condon	84-13-71
2nd	M Scott	97-22-75 C/B
3rd	N Taylor	86-11-75 C/B
4th	P Sheath	91-16-75
5th	G Sheath	90-14-76
Putting	P Sheath	29 C/B G Sheath

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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Art with Heart

Art with Heart is a group that meets Mondays 10am-12pm at Te Whare Puawai, 34 Spenser Street, Milton.

We are a group of like-minded people who come together to explore visual art forms and exchange stories, stimulating discussion and non-judgemental support.

We provide art materials with the generous support of the Creative Communities scheme, and occasional workshops to help improve your techniques. Multiple mediums are available for you to play, explore and express your creative desires.

Beginners welcome. No experience necessary – just a desire to explore visual art.

A small charge of $5 per session is necessary to cover the hire of the venue. Everyone is welcome. We would love to see you there.

For enquiries contact Maggie on 027 374 0921. We look forward to meeting you.

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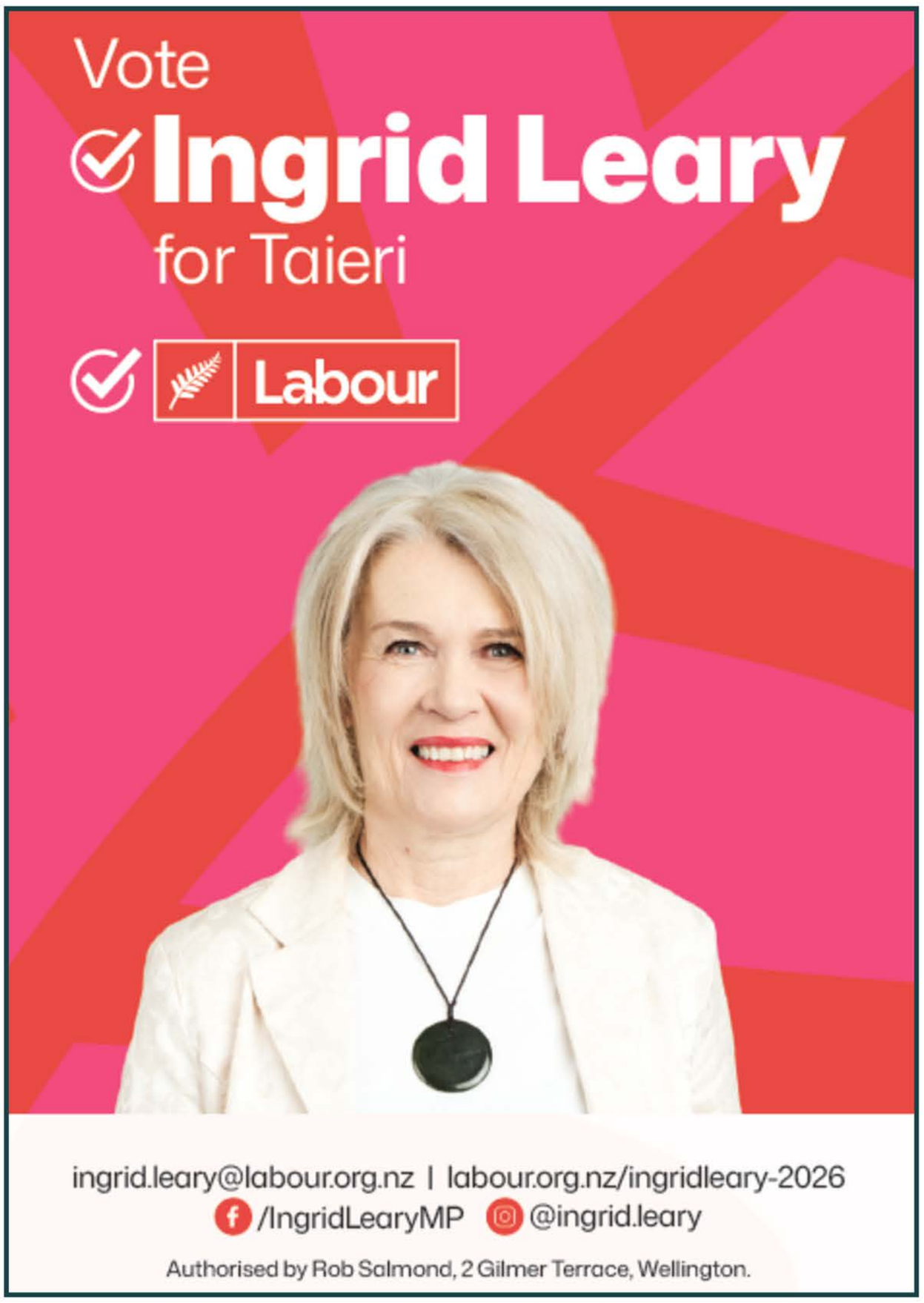



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Friday 25 September, 10am - 11am
Te Pou Ō Mata-Au Clutha District War Memorial & Community Centre, 6 Clyde Street, Balclutha

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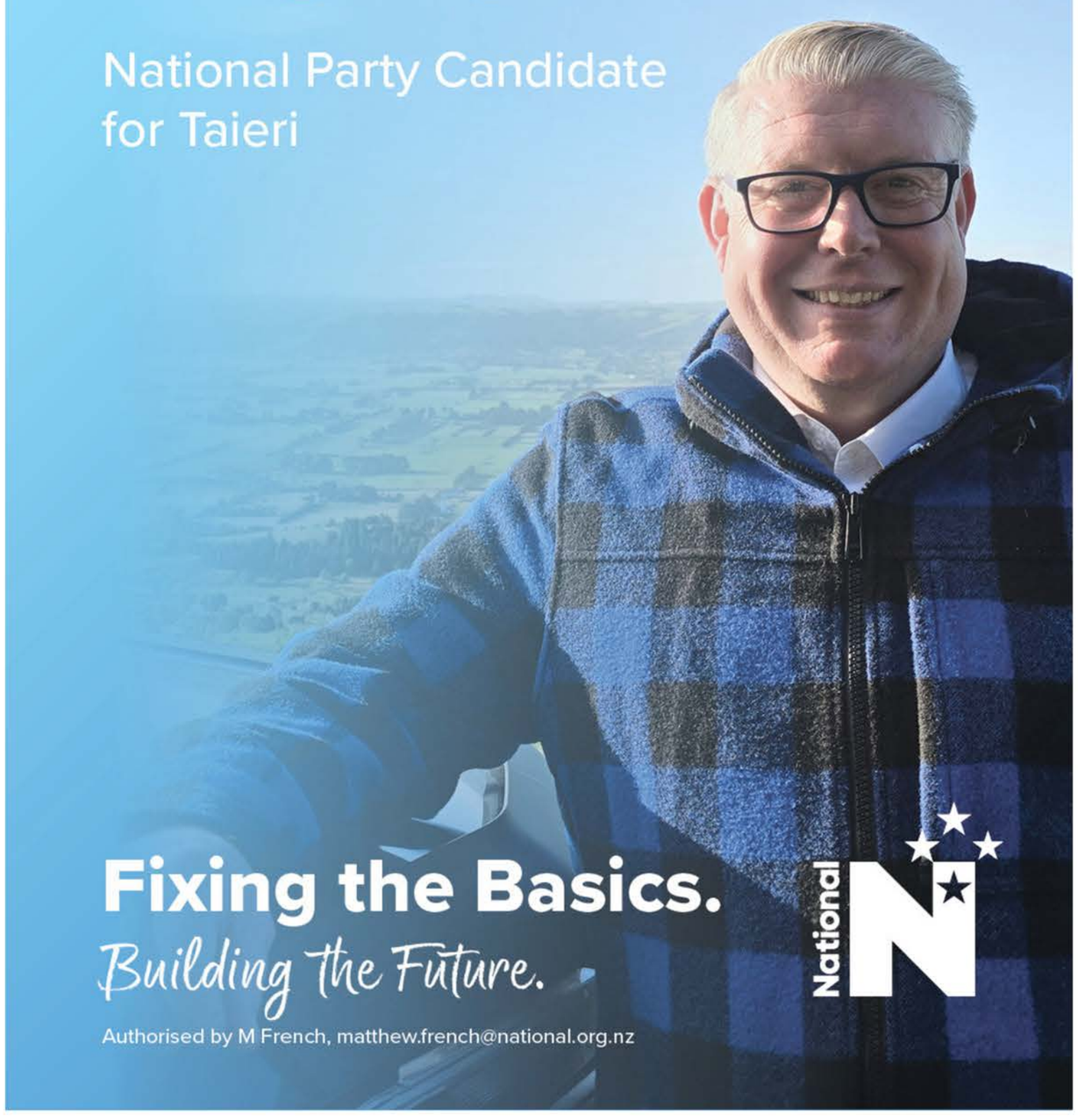
Authorised by Ingrid Leary MP, Parliament Buildings, Wellington.

Matthew French

National Party Candidate for Taieri



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PROPOSED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Proposed Temporary Road Closure
(Pursuant to the Local Government Act 1974)

LAKE TO SEA TRAIL RIDE - 31 OCTOBER 2026

Clutha District Council proposes to close sections of the following roads between 10.00am to 4.30pm on Saturday 31 October 2026 for the purpose of the Lake to Sea Trail Ride:

- Quoin Point Road (Akatore Rd end)
- Irishmans Road (last 200m at beach end)
- Akatore Road (at Easons Rd, also at Quoin Point Rd)
- Bull Creek Road (beyond Rapid 114)
- Eason Road (at intersection with Akatore Road)

Vehicles will intermittently be permitted during these closures as required and when it is safe to do so.

If you object to these temporary road closures, please contact Council with your objection and grounds in writing **before Wednesday, 30 September 2026** to the Clutha District Council, Rosebank Terrace, PO Box 25, Balclutha 9240.

Steve Hill
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

www.cluthadc.govt.nz | **Phone:** (03) 419 0200 | 0800 801 350
Address: 1 Rosebank Terrace, Balclutha 9230, PO Box 25, Balclutha 9240

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Second-hand SUNDAY

REGISTRATIONS WELCOME

If you're planning a spring clean, this is the time to do it!

Secondhand Sunday is a free, annual event where Clutha residents can put unwanted items out on their driveway for others to collect. You can also collect items you want from others for free.

Register online before Monday 28 September at:
www.cluthadc.govt.nz/second-hand-sunday

4th OCTOBER

between 9am – 12pm



RECYCLE RIGHT

It's Spring. A new season, and a renewed mission to help our community become more aware of Recycling Right in the Clutha District. We've kicked off two initiatives:



Bin audits: You may have already seen our Waste Team about, taking a peek inside recycling bins, to check that we're making the effort to Recycle Right. You'll be stickered according to how you're doing. Keep those plastic bags, soft plastics, lids and household waste, green waste, glass etc, out of the recycling bin, and be Recycling Right.

Our normal three strikes contamination system continues alongside the bin audit.

Glass Recycling: Have you checked out the new glass recycling service at the Milton Transfer Station (Bruce Street, Milton)?

The service will be trialled for six months, as a way of diverting glass from landfill, and to help develop and support better recycling processes for the district.

Bring your clean, empty glass bottles and jars and place them into separate bins for clear, brown and green glass. Remove lids and caps.

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