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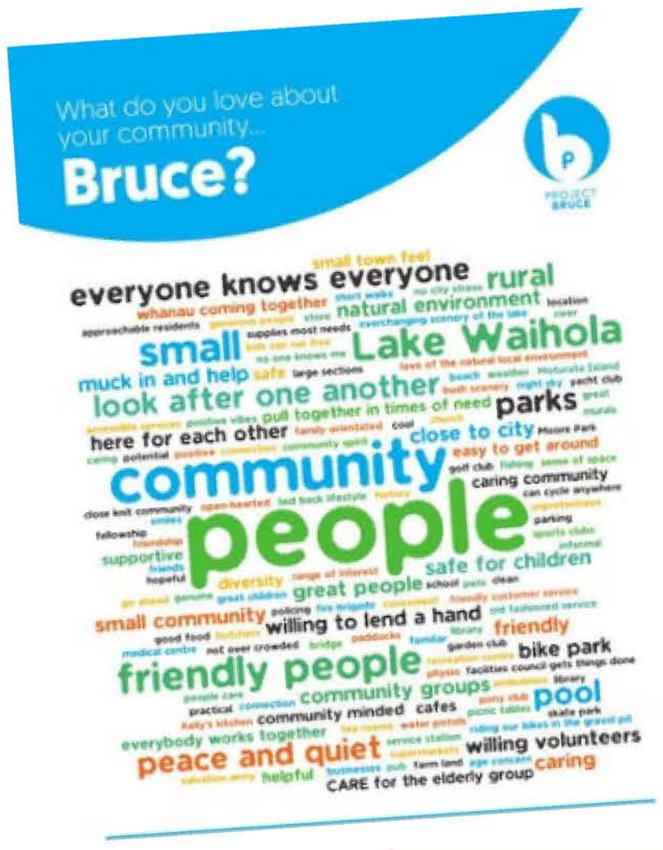

Mammoth Mission Accomplished

After almost a decade of supporting community-led development across Milton, Waihola and Taieri Mouth, Project Bruce will conclude on 31st May 2027, following the successful completion of the mission we were created to achieve.
Since its inception, Project Bruce has helped strengthen community connections, support local leadership, foster collaboration, and create opportunities to shape their own futures.
Today, those foundations are firmly in place.
Tis decision reflects confidence in the strength, capability and momentum that now exists across our district. Rather than an ending, it marks a successful transition, with the relationships, knowledge, leaderships and networks built through Project Bruce continuing to support future initiatives for years to come.
Over the coming months, we'll be celebrating the achievements, partnerships, and people who made this journey possible.
To everyone who contributed their time, energy, expertise and support: thank you. This success belongs to our entire community.

Orientation Day

We will be holding an orientation day for all incoming 2027 year 6 students on Monday 30th November. Please note the change in date.
Students can arrive at school from 8.40am and will be returning to their primary school at 12pm. Any questions please email erica@tokohigh.school.nz

Order Your 2026 Magazine NOW!

Orders for our 2026 School Magazine remain open through Kindo at a cost of $20 per copy. The magazine is a lovely record of the school year and the many experiences and achievements of our students.



Toko Senior A Touch Attend Pre Nationals Tournament



Last Saturday the team travelled to Queenstown to compete in a Pre Nationals touch tournament. We had a great first game against Taieri going down 5-4. Our next two games were against Wakatipu and Mt Aspiring. These were hard games too.
Overall it was a great day out and we are excited for Nationals in December.

Upcoming Events

Year 7 & 8 Camp: Tuesday 17th - Friday 20th November
NCEA Exams: Continuing through November
Year 6 Orientation: Morning - Monday 30th November
Prizegiving: Tuesday 8th December

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Tokomairiro High School Newsletter
18th November 2026

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Tēnā koutou katoa,
IWith just a few weeks of the school year remaining, our attention is increasingly turning towards the arrangements for the end of term and preparations for 2027. There is still plenty happening across the school, with our senior students continuing their NCEA examinations and our junior students involved in a range of learning experiences and activities.

NCEA Examinations

Unfortunately, like many schools across New Zealand, we were affected by the disruptions to NCEA examinations last week. This was a frustrating experience for students who had prepared for their assessments and were understandably keen to demonstrate their learning.

We appreciate the patience shown by students and whānau as the situation was managed. Our focus remains on supporting students through their remaining examinations and ensuring they have the information they need about any arrangements arising from the disruptions.

Year 7 and 8 Camp

Our Year 7 and 8 students are heading to Camp Iona this week. With a busy programme of activities planned, we hope they enjoy the opportunity to spend time together, try something different and make some lasting memories.

A big thank you to the staff and parents who are accompanying our students on camp, as well as everyone who has helped with the organisation. Their willingness to give their time makes experiences like these possible, and we are very grateful for their support.

Preparing for 2027

Last Friday's Teacher Only Day provided staff with an opportunity to undertake professional learning in restorative practice and continue planning for the curriculum changes being introduced in 2027.

There are significant changes ahead, particularly in the organisation and delivery of learning programmes across Years 7–10. Our teaching teams are working through these requirements to ensure that our programmes meet the expectations of the new curriculum while continuing to provide a broad range of learning experiences for our students.

Planning is progressing, although there is still considerable work to be done. We will continue to keep whānau informed as our arrangements for next year are finalised.

End-of-Year Activities

We are currently finalising plans for two activity days on Friday 4 December and Monday 7 December. These days will provide students with opportunities to participate in activities outside their usual classroom programmes as we approach the end of the school year. One of these days will have a particular focus on giving back to our local community.

Throughout the year, Tokomairiro High School receives tremendous support from local businesses, community organisations and individuals. Whether through sponsorship, donations, volunteering or simply giving their time, this generosity makes a real difference to the opportunities we can provide for our students.

We would like our students to have the opportunity to acknowledge that support in a practical way by contributing to our community. Staff are currently exploring a range of activities through which students can lend a hand and make a positive contribution to Milton. We look forward to sharing more information about both activity days once the arrangements have been confirmed.

Prizegiving – Tuesday 8 December

Our annual Prizegiving will take place on Tuesday 8 December.

This will be a half-day for students, who will be expected to return to school in the evening for Prizegiving. This is an important occasion in our school calendar, providing an opportunity for students, staff and whānau to come together to recognise and celebrate the achievements and contributions of our young people throughout the year.

Further information about the timing and arrangements for the day will be shared with whānau closer to the event.

BYOD for 2027

With Black Friday sales approaching, we would like to remind families that students entering Years 9–13 in 2027 will need to bring a laptop or Chromebook to school. For those considering purchasing a device, the recommended options available through Noel Leeming may be a useful starting point. Please remember that tablets and iPads are not suitable alternatives.

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It is my pleasure to present this, the 59th Annual Report of the Tokomairiro Historical Society AGM, held in the Museum, 51-53 Union Street Milton at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 10th November 2026.

We received a Grant of $3,000 from the Otago Community Trust towards new carpet in the Information Centre area which was gratefully received.

Two of our members are undertaking level 4 Certificate in Museum Practice, we wish them well in their endeavors.

The Clutha District Council is reorganizing its financial support to local organisations, including Museums and Information Centres. They appear to have looked favorably on our application.

The Annual Book Sale raised approximately $1,100.00, with sales throughout the year adding extra to this amount.

Kerry Hodge Photographer took some pictures and information of the Museum to promote our organisation on the Hub community website.

There have been a number of Groups visit throughout the year and many individuals looking for family information. There has been a considerable number of requests for genealogical information, and quite a few donations of family information donated in return.

There have been a considerable number of noteworthy donations throughout the year and we thank the Donors for considering us caretakers of their treasures.

Special thanks to Noeline Milne for the time and effort she is putting into the cataloguing of these articles and the many others that were not well recorded.

Members have attended the Combined Museums meetings throughout the year, as well as extra meetings with C.D. Council representatives.

Our thoughts are with those members who have suffered bereavements during the year.

My thanks go to the Volunteers without whom we could not be open as regularly as we are. Special thanks go to Secretary Noeline and Treasurer Wendy for leaving me with very little to do.

Nancie Allison

News from the Trenches

This upcoming Friday night at Milton RSA is a battle Royale in a sports night competition vs the mighty Milton Fire Brigade. So if you want to see competitiveness then come to view one particular Fireman when they get rolled. Results will be published next week. Speaking of firemen, it was brought to my attention this particular Fireman (non RSA member) on sprinting to a call-out discovered that Milton has a jandal thief who only steals one jandal as opposed to both. Why only one?? I have no idea, but Burls is sticking to this story, I mean the fireman. My legal team don't like me using names but this was to protect the other people.

Our Darts Extravaganza is rapidly filling up so make sure you get your name entered. Already we have just over half of the spots filled. Don't delay. Also our Spuds have arrived as well, due to the popularity of this Comp (judged 4th best in the world by Spuds Monthly magazine) there are limited Spuds available for entry. So don't complain if you miss out, that's on you.

Apparently no one has slept or stopped celebrating on Wales after the stunning result last weekend beating the ABs. Subsequently no one struck the Pick the Scores this week, not even Chuck could make it 2/2. So this week onto the match vs England. Good luck picking that one.

Finally everyone has been looking forward to seeing Pikes Fact Hunt which this week confirmed that if a hippopotamus is upset or agitated, (doesn't take much), they secrete a red liquid from their body. Personally I think if you are that close to a ticked off Hippo, last thing I'd be noticing is the red liquid.

Private Spike Pike

Bible Reading for the Week

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

Proverbs 15:1

Toko Golf Club

Results - 10th November 2026
Game of the Day -Mulligans

18 Holes

G. Coote	43 stb
J. Good	36 stb
P. Keddell	32 stb
M. Cain	30 stb
H. Vollweiler	29 stb

9 Holes

A Smales	52 - 19 - 33
N Cubitt	64 - 25 - 39

Closest to the pin, 9 & 18
J Clark

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Sunday 22nd November

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SATURDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2026

5.00pm at Clubrooms

1. Present/Apologies
2. Confirm Minutes last AGM 22 November 2025
3. Matters Arising last AGM
4. Presidents Report
5. Treasurers Report
6. Election of Office Bearers
7. Setting of Subscriptions

Apologies to Secretary: Lisa Day 027 697 4192
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