

NEWSLETTER

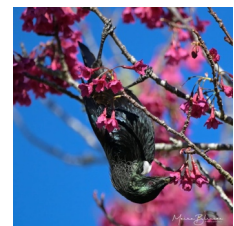
“THE WOOLLY WAFFLER”: JUNE 2026



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SPEAKERS:	Mary Anderson
NEWSLETTER:	Ros Snow

Kia ora koutau, Welcome all to the Woolly Waffler for July.

We are in the real winter now, enduring our fair share of rain, chilly winds and more than our share of frosts! I have had to rescue a few plants in the garden which do not like the frosty weather.



I hope all of you are keeping warm and managing to avoid the few cold bugs that have been around. School holidays have been and gone and we are well on the way to spring now with the early cherry blossoms that the Tuis love, coming out.

Our speaker at our last meeting was Dave Simes who is the Operations Manager of Civil Defence, Western Waikato Emergency Management.

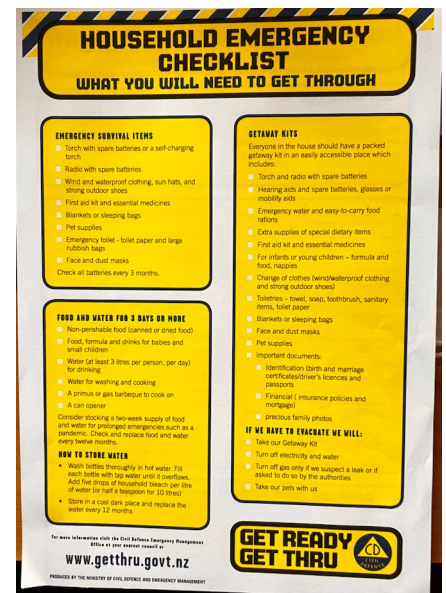
He has grown up in this area and has had a 33 year career in the Police so is well suited to now be in Emergency Management, a group of people trained to help in an emergency.

He explained the importance of First Responders who can be neighbours, friends, community as well as the Emergency services. We all need to be prepared for any emergency, to not be complacent thinking “it won’t happen to me”.

A State of Emergency can only be declared by a Mayor and there is set criteria to be followed. It is important that we all have an evacuation plan including the pets of the household.

Dave handed out booklets to Get Ready and a Household Checklist as well.

Caroline thanked Dave for his interesting and informative talk.



Hello Ladies

I hope you have all had a good month. For me, it has been both busy and relaxing.

It started by heading off to the Bowentown Holiday park in my motorhome. This is an annual mid-winter jaunt I've been doing a few years now. The weather was sunny and very mild. Perfect for both a morning and afternoon walk along the beach with the dog. In between, there is time to sit in the sun and read and chat to passers-by. The onsite café does a very good coffee and has a small but delicious menu. Nice for a holiday treat. I was expecting it to be busy being school holidays, but not too many people about.



Then it was back home to continue helping with the monumental task of clearing out a house that has accumulated decades of belongings. Sorting through it felt like stepping straight into a living museum of the last 100 years. Definitely not for the faint hearted, and it's not finished yet!

That was a rude awakening on Saturday morning! I presume you were all woken with a big jolt from the earthquake? For me it was extremely noisy, with the house vibrating and the bed shaking. The dog wasn't sticking around and bolted outside, only to return and leap up on the bed to safety. Thankfully, everything is safe and sound here, other than a new crack in the concrete path.

Back to business now. Thank you, Mary A., for organising David Simes to speak to us about his role as Operations Manager – Civil Defence for Waipa, Otorohanga & Waitomo. A most interesting insight of the ongoing preparation for events and a behind the scenes look during a Civil Defence Emergency.

\$67.50 was collected for the Journey Church foodbank.

A gentle reminder - please let us know if you will not be attending our meeting. We advise Panorama the numbers attending on the Thursday prior to our meeting to enable them to plan and order food. They have been very accommodating with our fluctuating numbers, often being few short of the number advised. It was a shambles last month. I hope we can do better in the future.

Apologies to Trish this month.

See you next Tuesday.

Caroline



Our new officers on the Board were inducted by Trish with an interesting travel theme. She welcomed our new President, Caroline and presented her with the President's pin and the Gavel.



Trish then inducted each of our officers who were present and presented them with a Goodie bag to help them through their term of office. Thank you for volunteering your time to represent us.



At our last meeting we decided to donate to the Kailakuri Health Care Centre in North Bangladesh, as our overseas project.

The centre was established 35 years ago by Dr Edric Baker who is brother to our member, Hilary. The centre provides health care to the poor by the poor. Local staff are employed and are trained on the job.

The medical practices are simple, appropriate and cheap but they still rely on outside funding to operate. Funding goes direct to the centre with no middle management.



COMBINED CHOIRS CONCERT

*Te Kuiti Silver Belles and Rosetown
Choristers invite you to an uplifting afternoon
filled with joyful harmonies, vibrant voices,
and true community spirit.*

*Come and experience the magic of two choirs
joining together to create one unforgettable
sound!*

2pm Sunday 9th August St Brides Church, Otorohanga

Entry by \$10 suggested donation

Faamanu Fonoti-Fuimaono's, finalist in the Kiri Te Kanawa 2026 NZ Song Quest, has received a full scholarship for two years to the Royal College of Music in London. Your donations today will help Faamanu with his accommodation and other living expenses.

Several of our members are singing in the Silver Belles Choir so here is an opportunity to support them and hear them sing.

Photo Gallery



Mary and her siblings at the garden party for her Mother's 100th birthday in London.



Jenni with her grandson Robbie at Mapara Falls where she grew up.



Elaine and Rob in Norway



A wooden church in Norway



Marg at Lake Constance in Austria, soaking up the sun and enjoying the flowers.



A typical view of the Austrian mountains.



Frost on the outdoor table at Jenni's place and a magnificent view of Mt Ruapehu from the top of Jenni's farm, a beautiful day after the frost.

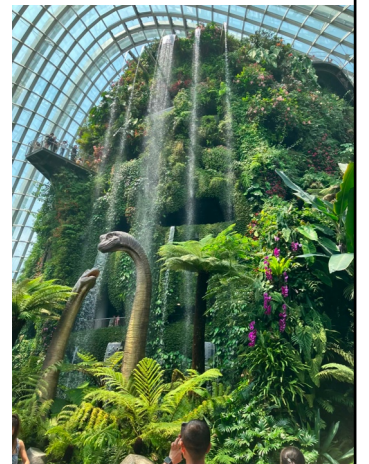




Lisa sent photos of her trip to family in Perth, including fishing and a winery visit.



Lisa's grandchildren enjoying an activity at Shoppington, Te Kuiti.



Jane has been enjoying the sights and the warm temperatures in Singapore, on her way to Scotland.

Happy Birthday

In August.....

Mary Andersen
Mary-Anne Goddard
Marilyn Mackinder
Janey Martin



So many photos this month, Nga mihi. It is great to see the members enjoying their travels overseas.

Please remember a \$ donation for the Food Bank at our meeting, nga mihi nui.

Keep warm, keep reading and keep having fun, see you at the next meeting.

Coming up:

Our next meeting: Tuesday 4th August.
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Springtime!

5th September: Stall at St Lukes market
10th September: Literacy evening at Centennial Park School
10th December: Christmas stall

