

NEWSLETTER

“THE WOOLLY WAFFLER”: September 2026

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Kia ora koutau, Welcome all to the September issue of the Woolly Waffler. A bit earlier this month as I am away travelling soon and will not be here at the end of the month. I'll be back for the October issue.

There still seems to be plenty to report on.

Sadly we all heard of the passing of Dolly Parton recently. She was a truly iconic performer and clever song writer, she will be greatly missed in the music world. She was equally well known for her generous donations to Charities, one of her favourites being Books for Kids, with the same dedication that we have for Literacy. She had gifted over 300 million books to children. Incredible. I hope other celebrities will follow her lead.



One of her favourite quotes was
“The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you
gotta put up with the rain”

At our last meeting, instead of having a speaker, we held a Show and Tell session. Members brought along an item to talk about and share with others. Several items were brought along, all interesting. A really entertaining session. Some of the items are pictured here.



Robyn brought along a medal that her Grandfather, Artie Knight won for the 100yds race in 9.45 seconds.



Trish brought her Chinese Jade Puzzle Ball, intricately carved from one piece of jade with 4 layers inside.



Mary A brought along this jewellery pendant her mother wore and found out it was a silver antique tinder box with a strike surface on the bottom.



Caroline brought a recent painting of her dog, Lottie painted by Susie Verry.



Hilary brought a French book presented to them when friends they made in France came out here to visit.



Marilyn brought medals that her Grandfather won in the Boer War.



Marianne couldn't bring her horse so she brought an ornamental one and told us about her interesting journey with horses since she was a child.



We had a very successful market day on Saturday at St Lukes Church, the proceeds are to bolster our Administration Account.

We had a great variety of baking, preserves, plants, books and all sorts of Bric a Brac to sell and we made a profit of \$612.00. Also plenty of helpers on the day, thank you, ngā mihi nui.

Lovely sunny day and a great new gazebo as well although there were not as many customers this time.



AREA 1 IFF Day
26th September 2026
9.30am - 3pm

HyGIENE KITS FOR YOUTH

34cm
25cm

Sew a drawstring toilet bag (drawstrings provided by Cambridge) and bring it along

Bring toiletries for Hygiene Kits for 15–24 year olds to donate to Ko Wai Au Trust.

Cambridge

Location: Taylor Made Community Space
22a Taylor Street
Cambridge

Morning tea and lunch provided.

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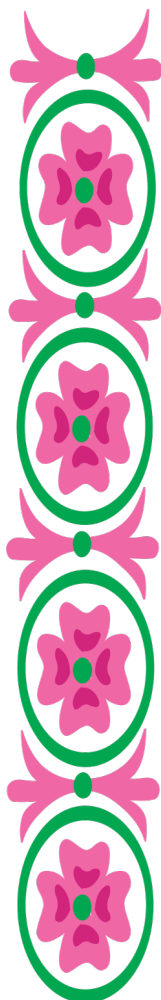
It was a busy day at Colleen's place last week putting together the packs for the Hospital and Women's Refuge. Many thanks to those who were able to help on the day.



These emergency packs were presented to the Hospital and were greatly appreciated.



These distraction packs were presented to the Women's Refuge and were also greatly appreciated.



Don't forget the Garden Ramble, plan ahead!



These brightly coloured, very cosy blankets were a project undertaken for our Make a Difference Day. They were presented to the Women's Refuge and greatly appreciated.





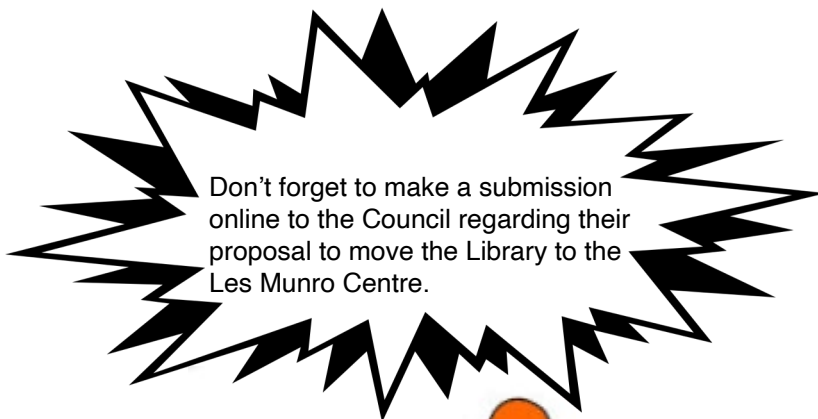
Maryanne represented our Altrusa club as the adjudicator for the Speech competition at Te Kūiti Primary School. Ngā mihi nui Maryanne.



Not to be missed!



The Literacy evening for Primary Schools has been held at Centennial Park School where top literacy students, nominated by their school, received a chosen book. The guest speaker was Kimba Allison, an author writing children's books from Pirongia. The evening was well attended by students and their whanau and concluded with drinks and eats for all. Thank you to all the members who were able to be there.



Don't forget to make a submission online to the Council regarding their proposal to move the Library to the Les Munro Centre.



Please remember a \$ donation for the Food bank at our next meeting.

Coming up:

Next meeting: 6th October. The District Governor, Margaret Melhop will be attending.

Apologies please to Jane before 8pm Saturday, dinner must be paid for if you have not made an apology.

Rocket into Reading packs will be put together in October for December.

3rd December: Christmas market stall in Rora Street.

