



# CANVASTOWN Community Association



## Canvastown Community Market



**Saturday 10th October**

**10.00 am - 2.00 pm**



Come and join the fun – stalls include art & crafts from local **artists, everyone's favourite Taco Shack**, live music, clothing, plants ready for your summer garden, coffee, jewellery, soaps, Devonshire teas, white elephant and much more.

Cash Only Event (No EFTPOS)

All funds raised to go to community based projects.

Covid-19 Restrictions may apply.



### UPDATE FROM THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

#### Resource Consent

The Community Association have been advised that the Resource Consent to construct a public recreational area, including a replica miners hut, pathways and viewing area and associated signage, within legal road reserve and within the Riparian Management Zone of the Wakamarina River has been granted.

The consent states that on-going maintenance of the rest area, including the management of encroaching vegetation and the removal of flood-deposited debris, shall be undertaken by the Marlborough District Council. It has taken a lot of work to get this far and we are excited now to soon see some further work commencing.

#### Playground

The final plan for the playground has been printed and is ready to go live with including a new sun shade installation for which we will be seeking funding approval from the Pubs Charity and other beneficial sources.

#### The Te Hoiere Project

The Te Hoiere report and media release has been received and information events held in Havelock in July & September. For further information on the project, contact [heli.wade@marlborough.govt.nz](mailto:heli.wade@marlborough.govt.nz).

### The Rural Connectivity Group (RCG)

The Rural Connectivity Group are seeking any comments about cell phone coverage and performance of the new tower. Use the contact us link at: <https://www.thercg.co.nz/>

## TIT-BITS from THE TROUT HOTEL

Strange times we are all experiencing, thank you for working with us in the restrictions we are required to work with, hopefully we will soon be back to our new normal. Friday night's raffles are selling well and you need to be in quick for your tickets, only \$2 each.

The fundraiser we held for Alzheimer's Marlborough, was a huge effort for us, the high tea was very popular and we were chasing our tails to get everyone served, we had some beautiful cups, saucers and plate sets that we sold on the day, and the amount raised in the end was \$2420.00. My special thanks to Kerry, Jan and Gwen who helped me arrange the event, the Trout Social Club ladies who made some of the delish food, along with Kay from the Sneaky Beach Cafe who also supplied some amazing sweet treats.

We are planning to hold a Melbourne Cup fun day as usual this year, the date is yet to be confirmed, we will be selling 24 tickets.

Our Christmas party/raffle will follow a new format this year, we will be selling Raffle tickets in prizes that will make up your Christmas day food and treats. TICKETS ON SALE at the hotel. More details to follow.

### WHAT'S COMING UP

MELBOURNE CUP FUN DAY FUNCTION

BUGGER NIGHT EVERY WEDNESDAY

MINI CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 5TH DECEMBER

Thanks for your support of the Trout Hotel

03 5742888

See you bugger nights Wednesday

Social club meat raffles Fridays

### Donations and Grants



At the recent AGM, PAHT gave out over \$8000 in donations and grants to local community groups. Organisations in the Pelorus area who support the health and well-being of our community were given donations to help them with their important work. A Health Education Grant was also awarded to Jack Bowes-Clerke to help him with his dream to become a country GP in our remote area. There were some interesting displays from these health organisations, including Jo Douglas from St John's Havelock demonstrating the bone drill used to administer drugs into unconscious patients. Luckily she had a model bone, so none of us needed to volunteer for the demo.

### WHAT'S ON IN CANVASTOWN

**1st Tuesday of the month—Canvastown Ladies** 490 Tapps Rd, about 1pm

**2nd Tuesday of the month—Canvastown Community Assoc. Meeting,**  
7.00 pm in the Hall

**Every Wednesday—Bugger Night, The Trout Hotel**

**1st Saturday of the month —Music Jam Night, Canvastown Hall, 7.00 pm**

**Every Day—Takeaway Curries at Pinedale—Freshly made & frozen—**  
Phn 035742349

**Saturday 10th October—Canvastown Community Market**

**Saturday the 5th December—The Trout Hotel Mini Christmas Raffle**

### A Piece of History

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*Excerpt from Ghost Towns Of New Zealand, by David McGill (Reed Publisher)*

Deep Creek was the richest diggings up the valley and had its own township, with two stores, two hotels and a little white courthouse that is now a holiday batch. The area remained active up to 1923 with quartz reef mining.

Roy Rush grew up in Canvastown, where the neat little post office and community hall still function, if not as actively as the wayside pub. His wife grew up at the top end, among the miners, her mother running the boarding house and her father the Fisk Hotel. The Rush family have settled for halfway.

Mrs Rush was born in 1909, when her mother was teaching at Deep Creek; her father had built the swing bridge over to it, obviously a gallant fellow.

When she was two they moved up to Top Camp, where the battery was. "It was so noisy going day and night," she said, "you only woke if it stopped."

Her mother ran the post office and looked after forty boarders, many in whares round the two-storey boarding house.

Creek names demonstrate the gallows humour of the miners—Dead Man's, Maggoty, Dead Horse and Doom. But Mrs Rush remembers the "high old jinks" at euchre parties, dances and singsongs. Her dad had the first Ford, around the First World War. On pay day the miners would want to get down to Canvastown or Havelock; on the return journey there would always be fights in the back seat, and her father never knew whether to risk stopping. It was back to work stone broke for another two weeks.

She took the miners hot tea and four plates of food at a time, tied in a tea towel. There were floods and fires enough, but the fact that she was sent off to boarding school at thirteen years of age may have had more to do with the miners.

The Otago Daily Times for 6 January 1865, observed, with a sigh of relief written between the lines, that Canvastown was returning to its original obscurity, as "once more a few shanties will be all that remains to mark the scene of the great rush". Otago looked forward to welcoming back its miners and the Old Identities up that way to getting back their pastures. Unfortunately for Otago, the miners headed towards the West Coast.

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