



WOODEND FRIENDSHIP CLUB

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MEETING AGENDA

President :	Jack Dzenis Welcome/Visitors
Apologies:	(Secretary) Lyn Petrie
Birthday Wishes to:	Marie Lyons, Mary Scott
Treasurers report:	David Marquet
Mini Speaker:	Allan Pope
Raffles:	
Afternoon tea:	
Guest Speaker:	Sally O'Connell from the Waimakariri Library Heritage Team.
Vote of Thanks:	Jenny Pratley
Thought for the day:	Rex Ward

Presidents report June 2026

This report looks ahead to the future of our club. Several factors contribute to its strength. Our finances are in a healthy position, allowing us to support a range of activities. However, given the current economic climate and the hardship many are facing, we must remain mindful and respond with care.

Our other good feature is our membership. We have been able to keep our membership in the mid-seventies which is great. Through advertising in different forms of media, it has enabled us to reach our community in different ways. If we increase our membership too much it takes away the personal nature of the club.

We can strengthen the sales table by encouraging more members to bring items to sell. The table raises valuable funds for the club, and as noted before, we should not rely on only a few people to keep it well stocked.

I look forward to the time when life feels more normal again and the pressures of the current economic climate are no longer such a dominant part of our lives.

Jack Dzenis
President

Activities report June 2026

Again, we have had a month of limited activities. But we have the mid winter lunch coming up on the 24th June. If you have not put your name down for this lunch, please do so. The restaurant needs final numbers in the next few days. We had a good turnout last year therefore please support this event.

The highlight for this month was the morning at Black and White Café in Kaiapoi. What was so pleasing to see was the number of members who turned up. A total of 28 members arrived to have coffee or tea plus the cabinet food. Good to see the support for an event like this.

We are still reviewing our approach to excursions, particularly in light of rising costs and the impact on members. At this stage, I feel we need to be cautious about the total cost of a day trip, including bus fares, entry fees, and meals. As these expenses can add up and become significant for some members, we will pause excursions for the time being

Jack Dzenis
Activities person

Mini Speaker Report May

David Marquet JP, Reflections on life in the Post Office and retirement

Son of a Postmaster born in Christchurch, who later followed in the same employment in 1961 including 18 years as Postmaster at various locations including Waikari in the early 1980's. Has moved to 15 locations including Cust and Culverden, latterly to the Maungaturoto in the Far North where he retired. Made redundant in 1989 when Post Offices were closed wholesale throughout NZ, the family bought the local dairy and owned it for 10 years. He was given one month to vacate the PO house so they decided to build one of their own as they were not able to purchase it.

As the Postmaster was the local Registrar of BDM's he married 13 couples and was able to take Statutory Declarations. This ceased on termination of employment. The Rotary Club approached local MP and was made a JP which he has been for 36 years. The PO was bought by a local Charitable Trust becoming a Medical Centre, later expanding into a Rest Home and rental units.

David became Treasurer for each organisation he became involved in, including Rotary, the Charitable Trust, Kaitaia Fire Brigade which he joined in 2013. He began Volunteer Fire Service in 1971 serving in four brigades ending with 50 years, an attendance record of 98% including call outs and training sessions. He attended 7000 call outs. A record of which he is very proud.

After spending many years living in the North Island, David made the decision to move to Ravenswood Village in order to be closer to his son. Despite this relocation, his two daughters continue to reside in the North Island.

Guest Speaker Report May:

Sarah Perrin, Professional Photographer

We were pleased to welcome Sarah Perrin, a talented photographer, as our guest speaker for the session. Sarah graciously shared the story of her journey through life, culminating in her decision to pursue photography as her chosen profession.

During her talk, Sarah presented a selection of her photographs, offering an insight into her areas of passion and expertise. She particularly enjoys capturing images of families, scenic landscapes, and animals, which was evident in the diverse and captivating photographs she shared with us. In addition to her general photography, Sarah is highly sought after as a wedding photographer, a testament to her skill and reputation in this field.

DIARY DATES

June 10th – Lunch at Pineacres, Woodend at noon

June 17th – Monthly Meeting at WCC at 2.00 p.m.

June 24th – Mid Winter Lunch at 5 Stags – begins at 12.00 noon

July 1st - TBA

July 15th - Monthly Meeting at WCC at 2.00 p.m.

July 22nd - Film afternoon at Woodend Community Centre 1pm start



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