



WOODEND FRIENDSHIP CLUB

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Afternoon tea:- Carol Rowe-Mitchell and Angela Whitehead

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MEETING AGENDA

President :	Jack Dzenis Welcome/Visitors
Apologies:	(Secretary) Lyn Petrie
Birthday Wishes to:	Carol Smith, Tony Watson, Angela Whitehead, Margaret Brown, Anne Davidson, John Forster, Barbara Forrester, Maureen Landreth
Treasurers report:	David Marquet,
Mini Speaker:	Donna Sutherland
Raffles:	
Afternoon tea:	
Guest Speaker:	David Petrie speaking on the history of Woodend
Vote of Thanks:	Cheryl Judson
Thought for the day:	Peter Erwood

Presidents report July 2026

It was pleasing to see 47 members attend the mid-winter lunch at 5 Stags. These lunches are a valuable opportunity for members to connect across the club, not just sit with familiar faces. At future events, please take the chance to sit with someone you do not know and get to know them better.

The economic situation has not improved over the past month, so we must continue making decisions that protect our financial position. We look forward to the time when we can take a more flexible approach to our activities.

With spring just around the corner and winter nearly behind us, more options will soon be available to us.

Jack Dzenis
President

Activities report July 2026

We have had limited activities this month due our current economic climate. Hopefully we will be able to start up again with our activities in September. Getting back to normal will be a great thing.

We were still able to get together for a coffee morning at the RSA in Rangiora, with another good turnout. Our coffee mornings are sometimes limited by venue capacity, so revisiting local venues may be our only option. If anyone knows of a coffee place near Woodend that can accommodate 25 people, please let me know.

We enjoyed a wonderful mid-winter lunch at 5 Stags, with the highest attendance of any function so far this year. Please remember to collect a receipt after paying for your meal, as this provides an important safety record for you.

We have a film afternoon coming up and I would like to see as many people there as possible. This is something different and should be an enjoyable afternoon. We will talk about it a bit more at our monthly meeting.

Maxeen Dzenis Activities person

Mini Speaker Report June

Allan Pope, Reflections on Genealogy

Explained how his interest began and how this expanded in diverse directions.

Immigration, shipping and railways were some of the items covered. Specific mention was made of John Brogden & Sons railway contractors, ss *Strathmore* shipwreck on Crozets Island, search for John TURICH and Dr Francis Dillon Scobie MACKENZIE

Guest Speaker Report June:

Our speakers today were Sally and Ben from Waimakariri Library. They were both enthusiastic and it showed in their presentation.

Sally gave us an insight into the Heritage website that she has designed and updated. We enjoyed seeing some of the heritage from the Waimakariri district and enjoyed listening to Sally's knowledge in this subject.

She told us about different things in offer, from craft, through to genealogy and much much more.

Ben was passionate about all facets of the library and all that is offered for the children, teenagers', adults and older folk. They have books in a bag for book clubs to borrow, delivering of books to housebound people. Do you have slides that you never look at, well get along to the library and they will help you scan these onto a memory card. We were all quite surprised with all that

DIARY DATES

July 1st – Morning Tea at Rangiora RSA – begins at 10:30 a.m.

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

July 22nd - Film afternoon at Woodend Community Centre begins at 1p.m.

July 28th – Coffee morning (TBA)

August 5th – No excursion

August 19th - Monthly Meeting at WCC at 2.00 p.m.



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