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## JUNE

### Friday & Saturday June 10 & 11 Swan River Folk Festival

Join DUCW members Matt and Monica Black and their hard-working team for the tri-annual Swan River Folk Festival. Take the 5-hour drive north from Winnipeg and enjoy great food, great fun and outstanding entertainment. Our very own 'Up From Down Under', comprising of didgeridoo player **Gerry Gordon** and guitarist vocalist **Jenny Gates**, will be playing several sets of Aussie music for those in attendance. Past events have been big successes, so if you are looking for a weekend in the country and a chance to experience the diversity of cultures in and around Swan River, then make a date to head up to the Folk Festival this year.

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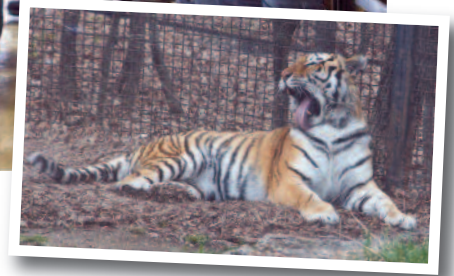
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## A Day at the Zoo

With a few rain spots and umbrellas in hand, 20 club members ventured out to Assiniboine Park Zoo for an interesting look behind the scenes. With our tour guide, fellow DUCW member and Director of Zoological Operations Tim Sinclair-Smith, first stop was the Kinsmen Discovery Centre. The kids loved dropping coins into the twirl slide to help raise money for the Zoo.

We toured the aquatic fish and fruit bats, and passed by the snakes en route to the farm animals. There was a special visit with two of Santa's reindeer, which we were allowed to pat and spent some time learning more about.

Then it was on to the construction of the amazing new "Journey to Churchill" – a world-class exhibit that will include the International Polar Bear Conservation Centre, the Sea Ice Passage, Aurora Borealis Theatre, and authentic land and water habitats for polar bears and other northern species. It will be a must see for every Winnipegger when the exhibit is completed in 2013.

Next stop were the lions and Siberian tigers. We also met the camels, which was a highlight for many because we were able to get up-close-and-personal by feeding them

carrots – AND we all left with the same number of fingers that we started with. The kids also welcomed this time to play in one of the two outdoor playgrounds at the Zoo.

We then got a look inside the animal ambulance. It is an old ambulance that has been converted to allow the Zoo to transport small to medium-size animals.

We wrapped up the organised part of the morning with a tour of the newly opened Toucan Ridge. There we saw tropical plant and animal species from South and Central America, such as toucans and ocelots, as well as capybaras, the world's largest rodents which also happen to be semi aquatic.

With the formal part of the day over, we were set free to tour or revisit our favourite area of the Zoo. Those with young families had a picnic lunch and watched the kids play in the larger outdoor playground by the café.

If you haven't been to the Zoo lately, it's definitely time to make a return trip to experience all the changes taking place on a weekly basis.

On behalf of everyone who attended, a big "thank you" to Tim for taking us on this wonderful adventure.

*Lynley Davidson*

## editorially yours

Jenny Gates



Rain, snow and shine. Yep, we've had it all. But I think it's a fairly safe bet that summer is here to stay. So what are your plans for the next few months? As long as it's outdoors, I don't think it matters!

Unfortunately, not sure what is in store for Club members between now and September. Without a Social Coordinator this year, we've relied on the usual suspects - ANZAC Day being our most recent 'usual' - to fill up our calendar. Yes, the formal dinner is going ahead in October, as is the AGM (Nov) and the Christmas Party (Dec), but between now and then, have you got any ideas? Let us know.

In the meantime, here is a jam-packed issue of the newsletter for you to enjoy.

First up, by all accounts the morning at the zoo was a fantastic event (page 1), as was our ANZAC Day commemoration, which included the quake fundraiser and Gordon's birthday celebration (page 3). There seems to be lots of exciting stuff going on in Australia and New Zealand (pages 4 and 5), and we have the opportunity to get to know two of our newest members, Chris and Keri Watson (page 6). Kudos to Murray Burt for taking time out from cottage life to pen the latest on the Commonwealth (page 7), and there are a few other bits and pieces to entertain and inform.

And DON'T FORGET TO FILL OUT YOUR CENSUS (page 4).

If you have any holiday plans that you want to share with us before and/or after the fact, feel free to send them along - photos welcome.

And if you want to organise an event or have any ideas you want to send along, we'd love to hear from you about that as well.

Hopefully we'll see a few of you up in Swan River for the Folk Fest (see pages 1 and 3). The sun will be shining, and what better reason to get out of the city!

It was great to see those who turned out to the ANZAC evening. The numbers were down a bit from previous years, but that may have been due to the weather - at least I hope that was the case. This is a very important event in our calendar as this is the origin of our Club, and we owe it to those who served for our freedom.

The evening was enjoyed by those there, with good food, some fun with a few games of 2-up, and the fundraiser for the earthquake relief. We raised an additional \$1,500 to go down under, which brings our overall total to more than \$15,000 - not bad for a club with only about 150 members, eh! Everyone should be proud of their efforts. Thank you to all those who helped by donating items and money to the cause.

This summer's events will be a little sparse because without a social coordinator, the executive is taking a break for organising events. If anyone wants to come forward and organize something, give me or one of the executive a call.



## president's ramblings

Terry Roberts

And now for those who have missed her, Panda is back after a short break due to events beyond her control.

"The off-leash park is a fantastic place this time of year. Water like you would not believe, and mud puddles everywhere to run through - every long-haired white dog's dream. You can't tell when Winston has been to the park, but you can tell I've been there. Mind you, it does have its drawbacks - baths and rinses with warm water, not something I enjoy. What is the point of running through mud and water if you only go home to get clean?! Everyone is complaining about the wet, but not me. It's great, the best time of year. See you at the dog park."



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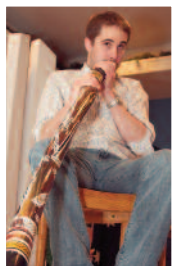
Happy birthday Gordon!

**ANZAC Day  
Potluck and NZ  
Earthquake Fundraiser**

On Saturday April 30, approximately 35 people came together at the Scandinavian Cultural Centre to commemorate ANZAC Day. Members of the General Monash Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion and the DUCW, along with family and friends, and even a few visitors from out of town, participated in the very moving service. It was made even more so by the reading of some names in memoriam, and one of the most rousing renditions of our three national anthems that many of us can remember.

By the way, two of the visitors were Judy Powell's niece and her husband, Michelle and Tony Tierney, who dropped in as part of their round-the-world adventure.

After the commemoration, we waited patiently for the potluck dinner to be set up, and then dined on some wonderful dishes. We knew the ANZAC Day cake was coming, but everyone was surprised – especially Gordon Keatch – when we brought out a candle-lit birthday cake and sang happy birthday to him. Many happy returns, Gordon!



While we dined, Thibaut Lauwers serenaded us with the didgeridoo, and then Charlie Powell led us all in several games of Two-Up.

Shortly afterward, the live auction got underway.

This was a great opportunity for those who couldn't make it out to the Hands Up 4 NZ event to dig deep and raise money for Christchurch. There were lots of great items up for bid, and all eyes were on Terry Roberts, our President AND Chief Auctioneer! It didn't take long for all items to be 'won', and at

the end of the event, we had raised \$1,500. This money will be sent directly to the Waimakariri Earthquake Relief Fund. (See page 8 for a description of the need in that part of New Zealand.)

Thanks to everyone who helped setting the food out and running the kitchen, to Lori Blande and Cathy Zitzelsberger for ordering and picking up the cakes, and to everyone for coming out and making the entire night, with all its exciting elements, a great event.

**Family Day at the Zoo!**

[see full report on page 1 of this issue]



Cute camels!

**SWAN RIVER FOLK FEST  
"Celebrate Your Culture"**

**Swan River Curling Rink  
Friday June 10 – 10 to 10 pm  
Saturday June 11 – 11 to 11 pm**

Explore the 15 pavilions showcasing music, dance, ethnic foods and cultural artefacts. The Grand March and Opening Ceremonies start on Friday at 7:00 pm. Adults \$4, children (5-17 yrs) \$1 (under 5 free).



Mason Rack. <http://www.flickr.com/photos/timwu/2470431678/>

**Aussie Band returns to the 'Peg!**

The **Mason Rack Band** from Queensland, Australia, will be appearing at the Park Theatre, 698 Osborne St Sth, on Thursday **July 28, 2011**, as part of their *Limits of Grip* CD release 2011 Canadian Tour. Tickets are on sale now at Into The Music (245 McDermot Avenue), the Park Theatre, or by phoning 478-7275. Advance tickets are only \$10.00, plus service fees, and \$15 at the door.

This new album breaks all genre rules – a classic mix of blues, jazz and roots complemented by the modern flavours of country punk, jazz, alternate rock and reggae funk. According to lead singer Mason Rack, "Each song was created naturally, by jamming in the studios, being daring, and showing the diversity we are known for in our stage shows. The basic formation of each track was laid down in less than a week. My favourite track on the new album is *A Hard Goodbye*, which reflects on my days of drinking and drugs. It was a difficult time and this song is a tribute to now being sober for 12 years." Check out their latest video: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=9WckhnJmGhY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9WckhnJmGhY)

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Going with the flow ... testing the new facility outside Kings Cross police station. Photo: Steve Lunam.

## QuickieLeaks exposed

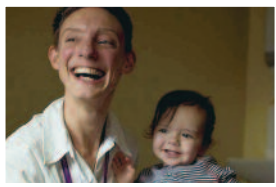
[Apr 17, 2011] Drunken hooligans peeing over ATMs and multiple other locations have led the Sydney City Council to set up new public conveniences. Affectionately called "pissoir" by some, the pee stations have received favourable reviews by users. Some of the loos have a turnstile "modesty door" that covers the peeer's vitals. Others have no door, but their makers insist they are designed to block any view of the action. AND there is even an iPhone app to help you find them.



Dr Matt Greenless with a cane toad fitted with a radio transmitter to track its movements. Photo: Quentin Jones.

## Researchers jump on toads' breeding lair

[Apr 20, 2011] At last, the secret hideaway of cane toads has been found. In the largest investigation of its kind, scientists and council workers used radio tracking devices to uncover Sydney's first known breeding site for the pests – a pond in an industrial park in the Sutherland Shire. And after tracking and capturing about 500 toads, scientists believe they have stopped the pests taking a foothold in the city. Numbers are reportedly declining, the result of the coordinated attack on a potentially serious problem.



Lifesaver Yishay Orr is doing post-graduate training in children's heart surgery. Photo: Jon Reid.

## Hard work is the best medicine

[Apr 30, 2011] Half her life ago, Yishay Orr began undergraduate medical studies. And in two to three years the 36 year old will finally finish her training. For today's super-specialised doctors in the most rigorous disciplines, the road to qualification is tough and very, very long, and paved with many

sacrifices. Fully qualified to treat adults, Orr is now a post-graduate fellow learning paediatric heart surgery at The Children's Hospital at Westmead. She loves turning a baby "from blue to pink in a few hours ... one of the most rewarding things you can give someone is 70 years of their life."

## Letters scent with a little something extra

[May 5, 2011] Aromatic postage stamps infused with eucalyptus oil will give mail deliveries a distinct Australian scent when they are released this month. The printer of the stamps said the scent could freshen up

the musty files of stamp collectors for decades. "The eucalyptus scent is encapsulated into little bubbles and we put that



Bush fresh ... the eucalyptus-infused stamp. Photo: SMH.

varnish." The Farming Australia issue features four 60¢ stamps depicting native horticultural products – bush honey, macadamia nuts, tea-tree oil and eucalyptus oil, the latter embedded with the Scentprint varnish.

# Census 2011

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Prince William and Catherine Middleton after their wedding at Westminster Abbey. Photo: AP.

**Support for the status quo**

[May 4, 2011] The Royal Wedding appears to have given the British monarchy a much-needed boost, with fewer people supporting New Zealand becoming a republic compared to nine years ago. Approval of the royal family leaped to 74 per cent from the 60 per cent it stood at back in July 2002 when the question was last asked. And there has also been a turnaround in expectations about whether New Zealand will become a republic in the next 20 years. What would you like to see for NZ?



Iron from a roof on top of cars parked at the Albany Mega Centre. Photo: Brett Phibbs.

**And it keeps on coming!**

[May 4, 2011] New Zealand is looking for a break from Mother Nature after yet another strike. Shocked residents of Auckland watched in a mixture of amazement and terror as a tornado struck yesterday. The tornado's indiscriminate path caused damage to homes and streets, hammering some and leaving others close by untouched. One man was killed and fourteen people, including several children, were injured. "The sky split - there was light on one side and clouds on the other, then the wind started spiralling." Yikes!



Energy drinks. File photo: NZ Herald.

**Energy drink guidelines to be reviewed**

[May 6, 2011] New Zealand and Australia have ordered a review of caffeinated energy drink guidelines. Ministers responsible for trans-Tasman food and beverage regulation have decided to address ongoing health concerns surrounding the drinks. Ironically, Australia does not allow Australian-made energy drinks and "shots" with high caffeine levels to be sold, but bi-lateral trade rules mean that if the product can be sold in New Zealand, it can be exported to Australia, which is reported to have given NZ manufacturers a lucrative export niche. Currently, there are no studies for chronic effects of caffeine consumption by children, even though 73% of children consume caffeine through tea and cola-type drinks, and the consumption of caffeine-containing products had risen exponentially. "The adverse effects of caffeine under these circumstances can be a serious problem."

Computer image of the shrunken head of a Maori warrior en route to New Zealand. Photo: www.moreeuw.com.



**Maori to retrieve shrunken head**

[May 9, 2011] The tattooed, shrunken head of a Maori warrior starts a long voyage home to New Zealand today when France hands the mystic relic back more than a century after explorers took it away. Maori elders will perform chants, prayers and other rituals to honour the dead man, a relic of the ancient practice of mummification of Maori killed in battle. Tribal custom forbids the head being photographed or filmed, but a computerised image gives a haunting impression of a high-cheekboned youth, masked with swirling

green tattoos, a crooked-toothed grimace, and a gruesome gash where one eye should be. The demand for preserved heads drove the true Maori to stop getting the tattoos and preserving their relatives' heads.

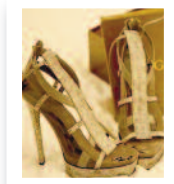


File photo: NZ Herald.

**Red alert over 'hostile' kiwi found in Russia**

[May 10, 2011] A kiwi has reportedly made its way 14,000 km to a Russian city park, with suspicions it may have been smuggled. Russian media reports said the kiwi was found in a "decorative garden" near Sochi port, and local conservationists were concerned for its safety. A Department of Conservation spokesman said he was very surprised to hear about the kiwi and was baffled about how it might have got there. "It certainly didn't fly there." Sochi has a moderate climate, not unlike New Zealand's, so the kiwi has a good chance of survival. Which is just as well, since they are a species threatened with extinction.

Lady Gaga is donating her Guccis to a fundraising Telethon for Christchurch. Photo: www.stuff.co.nz.



**Shoe in for a good cause**

[May 11, 2011, www.stuff.co.nz] Lady Gaga is giving up her size 39 faux croc Guccis to help raise money for Christchurch. The pair of limited-edition Gucci heels, autographed by Lady Gaga, and barely worn, has been donated by the star as part of the Rise Up Christchurch - Te Kotahitanga Telethon that will be held on May 22 on Maori TV. As well, the online auction component is now underway at sella.co.nz and the current lead items are once-in-a-lifetime experiences for football fans - two priceless Manchester United packages. Shoes or football ... your choice. All for a good cause!

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## Chris and Keri Watson

Chris hails from Auckland, New Zealand, and took his schooling at Forrest Hill, Takapuna Intermediate and Westlake Boys High School. He then attended Auckland University of Technology, completing a computer course. He went on to work at the university for seven years.

In 2004, he decided to travel, taking a Contiki tour around Europe. The next year, he went back for a wedding and also toured Scandinavia and Russia. It was on this trip that he met Keri, though they parted company and he returned to New Zealand.

In June 2006, Chris came to Winnipeg for three weeks. In November the same year, it was back to the 'Peg for ten days to experience for himself a taste of a real Manitoba winter. In February 2007, Keri went to New Zealand for three weeks and she and Chris travelled around both the North and South Islands.

In July that year, all the visits paid off and Chris came to Winnipeg, initially on a one-year working visa. Keri made it official by buying Chris his first winter shovel wrapped in a pretty red bow. In 2008, they both did a Mediterranean cruise. It was on this cruise, while visiting the Greek Island of Santorini that Chris proposed to Keri.

Wedding bells rang in September 2009 when they were married in Beausejour, Manitoba, and two months later there was an after-wedding party in New Zealand. The next February they took their honeymoon cruise of South America and Antarctica. This enabled them to achieve their goal of visiting all seven continents.

Chris found programming work here at Protegra in Winnipeg. He plays badminton at the University of Winnipeg Club.

Keri Schewe was born in Estevan, Saskatchewan, but grew up in Beausejour. Her father currently works at AECL (atomic energy) in Pinawa, Manitoba. She attended Edward Schreyer School and took a Success College Course in Travel Counselling. She spent three years in Frobisher Bay, Iqaluit, among the Inuit as a travel agent.

Back in Winnipeg, Keri worked for Carlson Wagonlit and is now with Continental Travel as a corporate travel agent. (Hence all the trips!) She likes to fish and is not



Keri and Chris, posing picture perfect. Below, playing two-up at the 2011 ANZAC night at our club.

squeamish about threading night crawlers on a fish hook.

Chris and Keri heard about the DUCW from some stranger who picked up on Chris' accent at a random garage sale, though they also knew about us from Lou Savisky and the Beausejour Dairy Bar (see the October 2009 issue of the *Yarn*).

We wish them all the best for their future.

*Gordon Keatch*



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years, was passed into Lok Pal law with an undertaking it be ratified by August 15, Independence Day.

Naturally the government, which was trying to pass a spineless version, balked at this intrusion into its legislative functions. But Hazare's sit-in in Delhi, and his determination to fast to the death if necessary, caught the zeitgeist of millions at all levels of society. As a result the usually passive middle-classes hit the streets and sent the media into a frenzy.

The government was caught unawares. There were dozens of peaceful marches across the country supporting Hazare. And this was just five days ahead of five state elections. Pent-up anger and resistance to this most corrosive issue could not be ignored. Hazare's demands could take an ugly turn if he fell ill or died.

However, the tug of war between powerful interests who have secured all sorts of statutory protections against wrong-doing for themselves, and the activists who want the strong ombudsman to take on corruption, is only just beginning.

### Quake drinking leads to suburban booze ban

They're winding the clocks back to prohibition time in Christchurch, NZ, these days, a by-product of earthquake disruption.

Booze is being banned in public places in two western suburbs, Riccarton and Ilam. The reason is attributed to the fact that the February earthquakes have closed most inner-city bars. Fractiousness as a result of the uncontrolled drinking has forced police to devote more than half their patrols to the area. An extension of the ban to Merrivale-Papanui and Akaroa is in the cards.

Riccarton-Wigram Community Board chairman Mike Mora said residents "have had a gutsful" of alcohol-related trouble in their streets. "This [the ban] is what the people are asking for," he said.

Councillors say the ban is from May 19 to November 30, but that it could be extended or made city-wide if unruly drinking is not curbed. A council motion for a total ban did not win support.

### Island offered wave-powered electric generation

Stewart Island is being offered a green opportunity to adopt a wave-powered hydroelectric generating system to displace its reliance on the expensive and noisy diesel operation.

Tangaroa Energy is pushing the sea-wave proposal for the east coast of New



Zealand's southernmost island, which is a national park with a population of about 200. The firm says it would be a cheaper and cleaner alternative to oil and more reliable than wind power. The premise of the idea is that wave motion causes submerged water wings to drive a hydraulic system and power electric generators.

Residents at public hearings were told the 8m by 8m Norwegian-designed device could generate about 250 gigawatt hours a year, half the island population's need. Cost was put at about \$1.8 million NZD.

The idea was neither totally embraced nor rejected by residents. Stewart Island community board chairman Jon Spraggon said he was not convinced that the project was feasible. "I think the concept is good, but I don't think Stewart Island is the right situation for it."

### NZ flag burning legal, high court says

The Supreme Court of New Zealand has quashed a flag-burner's conviction. According to a legal expert, as a result, the nation's flag can be burnt "any time, anywhere" without fear of arrest.

Valerie Morse set a flag alight in an anti-war protest in Victoria University's law school grounds, opposite the Cenotaph, during the 2007 ANZAC Day dawn service, and was convicted of offensive behaviour.

The Supreme Court ruling said that earlier rulings had mistaken the meaning of offensive behaviour in the Summary Offences Act.

While Ms Morse hailed it as a victory for freedom of speech, a former soldier saw the decision as ridiculous and deplorable: "I can't think of a time any more sensitive with the right people in the right place than ANZAC morning in our nation's capital while the morning ceremony is ongoing."

*Murray Burt is president of the Manitoba branch of the Royal Commonwealth Society and member of the Advisory Board of the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative.*

### What's that?

#### Slavery in New Zealand?

An accusation in the UN relating to New Zealanders and slavery has shaken public sensibilities in Kiwiland. But that's the term an expert on human trafficking has called fishing trawler employment on foreign charter boats that are fishing mainly Maori quotas in the country's exclusive economic zone.

That notwithstanding, Labour Minister Kate Wilkinson and Fishing Minister Phil Heatley deny there is any problem. The accusation addresses the circumstances of about 2,500 men working in what have been described as sweatshop conditions on 21 aging Asian boats.

The brouhaha began with a *Dominion Post* report written by Michael Field that the men are beaten and forced to work for days without rest. Their pay is between \$260 and \$460 a month, but their catch, marketed as produce of NZ, is worth about \$300 million a year.

Matt Friedman, UN regional program manager in Bangkok for the Inter-Agency Project on Human Trafficking, said: "This kind of thing must be stopped." He acknowledged that not all the boats involved were bad. But chasing down the facts was hard for police because crews spoke languages not spoken by authorities. "Governments don't like to tinker around with industries that add to their economy. The trick is to stop the slave boats without hurting the legitimate businesses."

About 26 million people were living in slavery around the world, he said. "Unlike trafficking into the sex industry, this industry is just now being exposed. But slavery on boats appears to be a common problem all over the world. These workers aren't New Zealand citizens, aren't employed on New Zealand-operated vessels, they often don't speak English, and leave our waters once fishing is finished."

### Indian fasting wins public ombudsman

Appalled by government apathy toward the increasingly uncontrolled levels of corruption in Indian governance and public life, Anna Hazare, 73, a latter-day Gandhi with great public credibility, decided to protest by fasting early last month.

It worked. His demand for tough changes in the law – notably services of a powerful ombudsman – a bid that has taken him 42

## remember

members of our club

### All nine lives well lived

It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that we let you know about the passing of Elaine Clairmont's 21-year-old cat Tabitha (Tabby). Tabby passed away at 12:10 am on April 26 in Elaine's arms on the way to Southglen Veterinary Hospital. In Elaine's words: "A big thank you to Dr. Bhandari and the wonderful staff at Southglen for staying past midnight to accommodate us. I truly appreciate it. Rest in peace my angel ... we will miss you terribly."

### Get well soon, Clifford!

And poor old Clifford Clairmont recently had a tumor removed from the left side of his body – the incision is about 4 1/2 inches long. He also had a few teeth removed, but what a trooper. As sore as he is, he still wags his tail. Atta boy, Cliffy!!!

## thetailend

that which wags our club

### Take Me Home Small Dog Rescue

Elaine Clairmont and April Kehler are putting on a garage sale on Friday May 27 to Sunday May 29 at 24 St. Elmo Road (in St. Vital). All proceeds from the sale will go to Take Me Home Small Dog Rescue. If you have any items to donate (no furniture or computer monitors, please) or if you would like to help us during the sale, please call April at 254-5499. Lunch will be provided to volunteers.

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[www.dairygoodness.ca/getenough/](http://www.dairygoodness.ca/getenough/) — are you getting enough calcium?

[www.hww.ca/media\\_viewer2.asp?id=129&Language=E](http://www.hww.ca/media_viewer2.asp?id=129&Language=E) — How roo'd!

[www.winnipegfringe.com](http://www.winnipegfringe.com) — theatre and performance at reasonable prices

[www.afwpg.ca](http://www.afwpg.ca) — in case you want to learn French over the summer

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Waimakariri Mayor Ron Keating stands outside the historic Blackwell's department store. Photo: [www.stuff.co.nz](http://www.stuff.co.nz).



### Waimakariri Earthquake Relief Fund

Following the live auction for quake relief at the ANZAC Day commemoration on April 30, Past President Lynley Davidson contacted the office of Waimakariri Mayor David Ayers, and this is their communication.

Hi David

I am Lynley Davidson from Winnipeg, Canada. We held a fundraising event for victims of the earthquake, and want to know if the Waimakariri Earthquake Fund is still accepting money. If there is still a need in this area, we would like to make a donation. How can we go about doing this? Look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely, Lynley Davidson

Hi Lynley

Thank you very much for thinking of us here in Canterbury after the earthquakes. Yes, we are still accepting money as we anticipate that people and community groups are likely to need help for two or three years during the rebuild process.

As you are probably aware, the area of our District that was worst hit was the south-east corner, particularly parts of Kaiapoi and in the beach settlements of Kairaki and The Pines. The greatest damage occurred, for us, in the September earthquake, although the February aftershock also made things worse. We have about 300 houses now standing empty and we anticipate that about 750 homes will have to be rebuilt or have major repairs. Getting ready for this has been a difficult coordination task, but we should be starting physical work on the ground sometime next month.

I am copying this email to our Finance Manager and he will be able to tell you how to transfer the funds.

Thank you once again. It has been most moving to see the way that people both from other parts of New Zealand and from overseas have rallied to the support of the people of Christchurch, Waimakariri and Selwyn, those being the three most damaged Canterbury Districts.

Kind regards,  
David Ayers, Mayor

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