



Community Recognition

Every year, dozens of local businesses and individuals quietly show up for our clubs, schools and community groups. They donate, sponsor, volunteer and contribute without much fanfare.

This issue names them. Inside you will find the first Unplugged Herald Community Recognition, a collection of those who supported local organisations over the past year. Take a moment to read through and if you recognise a name, let them know their contribution didn't go unnoticed.



One Year In

A year ago, the first issue of the Unplugged Herald landed in Rangiora with a humble directory, a handful of local stories, and a simple idea: that our community deserved a place to see itself reflected in print.

Twelve issues later, that idea is still going. The Herald has introduced readers to clubs they didn't know existed, highlighted events worth showing up for, and quietly built a record of local life that no algorithm could put together.

To mark the occasion, this April issue is a little different. The usual directory takes a back seat to make room for something new: our first annual Community Recognition, a look at the individuals and businesses who have shown up for local groups, clubs and schools over the past year. You'll find it inside.

Thank you for reading, sharing, and being part of what this has become. Here's to the next twelve.

Cadets Lend a Hand at Ashley Gorge

On Saturday 28 March 2026, cadets from No. 88 District of Waimakariri Squadron Air Training Corps joined volunteers at Ashley Gorge to help mark the new Skyline Track. Working across hilly terrain, they installed orange markers to guide future walkers along the newly formed route.

Their efforts helped make the track safer and more accessible for the community to enjoy.

🏠 Thursday 2

LIVE MUSIC THURSDAY with Reminisce

Join us for Live Music Thursday featuring Reminisce with Anthony. Enjoy an evening of great music and good vibes. All are welcome! 5pm - 7pm - RSA Rangiora

🏠 Saturday 4

Recycled Clothing on King Street

Join us for Easter Weekend at Recycled Clothing on King Street! Enjoy thrifty fashion and support our community with proceeds going to Operation Cover Up. Shop for warmer clothing and accessories with prices starting from just \$2. 09:00-15:00 - 178 King Street, Rangiora

The 7th Kaiapoi River Wellbeing Walk

Join us at the Kaiapoi Food Forest, for a short stroll around the Kaiapoi River and returning to the Kaiapoi Food Forest. Please bring a koha /donation for Community Wellbeing North Canterbury's Kaiapoi food bank. 10:00-12:00 - Corner Of Cass & Meadow Streets and Oram Place, Kaiapoi

The Great Silverstream Easter Egg Hunt

Join us for the Great Silverstream Easter Egg Hunt! Find hidden coloured eggs in Silverstream subdivision for a chance to win a prize. Meet at the retail village sign to collect your activity sheet and map. Registrations required by April 1st. 10:00-12:00 - Silverstream Subdivision Kaiapoi, 29 Silverstream Blvd, Kaiapoi 7630, New Zealand

🏠 Sunday 5

Lisa Leeburn's Market in the Park

Join us for the Autumn Market in the Park at Victoria Park, featuring local vendors, live music, and family-friendly activities. Entry is by voluntary donation, supporting local businesses and community initiatives. 11:00-15:00 - Victoria Park

🏠 Tuesday 7

Model Shoot and Tutorial on Event Photography

Join us for a Model Shoot and a tutorial on Event Photography featuring a model dressed in Vintage attire. A great opportunity for members to enhance their photography skills. Club

🏠 Saturday 11

Autumn Plant and Crop Swap

Join the Autumn Plant and Crop Swap at Hope Community Trust. Bring your plants, seedlings, or produce to swap. Enjoy discussions about gardening and volunteer opportunities. 10:00-12:00 - Hope Community Trust, 115 East Belt, Rangiora

Upcycle Your Wardrobe - Clothing Sale/Fundraiser

Join us for a secondhand clothing sale to raise funds for TimeBank Waimakariri. Enjoy individually priced items and a 'fill a bag for \$5' offer. TBW members will be onsite to do small mending and hemming jobs for a koha. Tea and coffee available for \$1 a cup. Declutter your wardrobe: for donations contact tbwaimakariri@gmail.com. 11:30-14:30 - John Knox Rangiora, corner High and Kind Street

🏠 Tuesday 14

Nutrition Seminar

Join us for an insightful and practical seminar led by Kate, a certified nutrition expert from Longevity Nutrition! This event is free to everyone and ideal for anyone looking to support their lifestyle with science based nutrition strategies! 05:45 - Flex Fitness Rangiora, 12 High Street, Rangiora

🏠 Thursday 16

Games and Puzzle Night

Join us at the Rangiora RSA for a fun-filled games and puzzle night. Bring your favorite game or puzzle to share and swap with others. All are welcome! 6:30pm - 8:30pm - Rangiora RSA, Victoria Street, Rangiora

🏠 Saturday 18

Canterbury Autumn Show 2026

The 2026 Autumn Inhand & Ridden show will be held on the 18th of April at the Rangiora A&P Showgrounds. More details to come with an exciting schedule. Sponsors are welcome to support this event. 09:00 - Rangiora Show Grounds

Learn Preserving & Planting a Garlic Crop

Join us for a free workshop on preserving and planting garlic. Learn beginner-friendly methods to preserve your harvest and get tips on planting garlic for summer harvesting. 10:00 - Kaiapoi Community Garden

🏠 Sunday 19

Death Café North Canterbury

Death Café North Canterbury offers a safe and welcoming space to talk openly about any aspect of death and dying, with professional facilitation. There is no agenda, no product, and no guest speaker – you bring the kōrero, I bring the cake! Contact Liz 027-618-4891 and liza-w@outlook.com and deathcafe.com 2pm to 3:30pm - Amberley Library

The Vintage Fair North Canterbury

Join us for The Vintage Fair North Canterbury, a nostalgic event filled with charm and unique finds. Enjoy a delightful day at the Rangiora Race Course with various vintage offerings. 11:00 - Rangiora Race Course, 312 Lehman's Road

🏠 Tuesday 28

Quiz Fundraiser

Join us for a fun quiz night at Five Stags Rangiora! Prizes to be won and funds raised will support the new school playground. Teams of 4 to 6 players welcome. Book now! 6:30pm - Five Stags Rangiora

🏠 Multiple Dates

Give Us a Sign

A light-hearted comedy about Ken, an out-of-work husband who reinvents himself as a clairvoyant—with unexpected success. Full of humour and quirky characters, this local production promises an entertaining night out at the theatre.

Saturday, 18th April, until Saturday 2 May Check the website for times Rangiora Players Little Theatre, at the Northbrook Studios Cost: \$25

Nature's Symphony - a visual journey through our Forests

An exhibition by Marilyn Rea-Menzies showcasing the beauty of New Zealand's forests through photography, highlighting the unique ecosystems and the impact of introduced species.

26 April to 4 June Chamber Gallery Rangiora Cost: Free

Ongoing Must-Dos

Ohoka Farmers' Market

Join the real food revolution and eat your way to good health. every Friday 9 am to 12.30 pm Ohoka Domain

Oxford Craft Market

1st Sunday of each month 10 am to 2 pm Oxford Town Hall, Oxford

Oxford Farmers Market

Friendly Farmers' Market in Oxford. every Sunday 9 am to 12 pm Main Street Oxford, Oxford

Rangiora Church Street Market

Community Market, Car Boot Sale & Cafe in Rangiora 1st Saturday each month (except January) 8.30am to 1.00pm or 9.30am to 1.00pm May to September 353 High Street, Rangiora

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION - 2025 - 2026

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Rangiora Scout Group

2025 Raffle donations:

New World Rangiora, Chipmunks, Playland Papanui, Waimakariri District Council, Bunnings, The Warehouse Shirley, Willowbank Wildlife Reserve, Lilibell Crystals, HOYTS Northlands, Orana Wildlife Park, Christchurch Attractions, NomNom Kitchen, Red Elephant Mandeville, Hair Gallery Rangiora and Five Stags Rangiora for their donation to the Rangiora Scout Group 2025 raffle.

Kathy Thorpe for her donation to the Rangiora Scout Group 2025 raffle.

Groceries and donations:

Pegasus Pharmacy, Lily and George, Ninja Valley, Palmer Family and Arps Family for their support of Rangiora Scout Group.

North Canterbury Scout Zone camp:

Pak'nSave Rangiora, Farmer Brown Eggs, New World Ravenswood, New World Rangiora, Woolworths Waimak Junction, The Warehouse Rangiora, Hope Community Trust and Hunters for Hope for their donations towards food for the North Canterbury Scout Zone camp.

Dragon Boating

CanAm North Canterbury for sponsoring Year 12 student Tayla King in her bid to compete with an adults Dragon Boating team at regional and National events, including the New Zealand Dragon Boating National Finals at Lake Karapiro.

Ohoka Netball

Joe's Garage Rangiora for subsidising the indoor training facility for the 2026 season.

Little Diggers for subsidising Future Ferns hoodies for the 2026 season.

Sanders Contracting & Pork Corp for sponsoring team bags for the 2026 season.

Village Bakehouse for providing Player of the Day vouchers for Future Ferns and vouchers for volunteers supporting club trials.

Physio South for providing prizes for fundraising events.

Mandeville Super Value for providing Future Ferns Player of the Day items for the 2026 season.

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION - 2025 - 2026**North Canterbury Basketball**

Rangiora Mitsubishi, Black & White Coffee Cartel, New Balance, Mike Greer Homes, NC Sport & Recreation, Matthew's Roofing, Pak'nSave, Millbrook Kitchens, ERS Energy Systems, Chatterton Homes, Abbott Insurance, TDM Electrical, Hazeldine Construction, NJJ Architecture and Expol for their contribution to the Manaaki Support Fund, helping make North Canterbury Basketball's programmes accessible to all and supporting the development of equipment, officials, referees and coaches.

Waimakariri Riding Club

Andrea and Chris Marsden for their generous sponsorship of the Waimakariri Riding Club's annual Musical Freestyle event.

Styx Landscaping for their sponsorship of Team events and contribution of the Vetpro raffle prize for the Waimakariri Riding Club.

Kruse Travel Guide for their significant sponsorship of the Waimakariri Riding Club's Christmas Ribbon Day.

Rhiannon Moss Real Estate for sponsoring horse rugs for the supreme ridden and led classes at the Waimakariri Riding Club.

Summerhill Feeds for their ongoing product sponsorship of Waimakariri Riding Club events and the Vetpro raffle.

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Raewyn Bishop, Total Realty for sponsoring Big Brothers Big Sisters and supporting the mentoring of young people in our community.

Te Matauru Primary's China Cultural Exchange 2026 programme

Hazel Youngman, Total Realty for donating \$150 from every associated sale to Te Matauru Primary's China Cultural Exchange 2026 programme, funding cross-cultural experiences for local students.

NZ Motorhoming Lions Club

Tracy Henderson for her outstanding leadership in helping NZ Motorhoming Lions Club grow membership and keep the club thriving.

Rangiora Community Patrol

Rangiora RSA, Pak'nSave, Burbidge Automotive and Big Dave's Carwash for their ongoing support throughout the year, helping keep the patrol on the road.

There are many more supporters who deserve recognition but didn't make it onto this list. If you know of someone who should be included, send us an email at hello@unpluggedherald.com – the online version of this article will be updated to include them.



TechMate – Friendly Help with Everyday Technology

Do you need help using your phone, tablet, laptop, or computer?
Want to get more confident with everyday technology or learn how to stay safe online?
Do you find modern technology a bit overwhelming?

You're not alone – and that's exactly why TechMate is here.

All **TechMate** sessions are completely free, and we offer patient, one-on-one coaching with volunteers who understand that everyone learns differently.

Our friendly, knowledgeable volunteers offer support tailored to your needs and pace. Whether you're just getting started or want to learn something new, we're here to guide you. We are open to all, strengthening our community one connection at a time.

We can be found in the Rangiora Library, every Tuesday and Thursday from 11am-1pm.

No appointment needed for these drop-in sessions – simply bring your device and stop by! If this location doesn't suit you, you can find drop-in TechMate sessions across Christchurch on our website: www.techmate.org.nz

Looking for more dedicated time?

You can book an hour-long session at our central office: 213 Lichfield Street, inside the Christchurch Community House

Have questions or want to book?

Give us a call on 0800 766 763, or email us at info@techmate.org.nz

Calling all Card Players

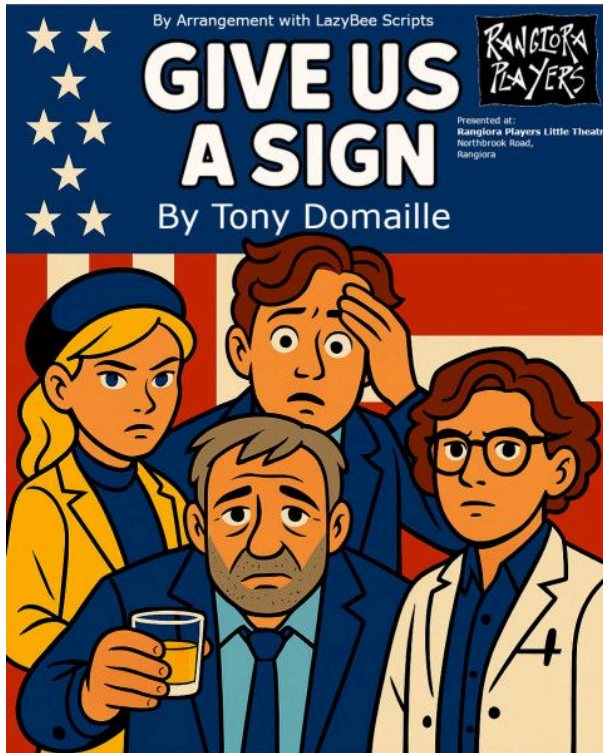
We are located in the Kaiapoi Club and offer weekly competitions for those interested in playing 500, Euchre or Cribbage either socially or competitively. Wednesdays - Euchre and 500; Fridays Crib. Contact Jenny 027 2626233.

Volunteers Wanted for Community Patrol

Rangiora Community Patrol is looking for new volunteers to help support local safety and assist NZ Police. Patrollers work in pairs, acting as extra eyes and ears around town, helping deter crime and keeping an eye on public spaces, businesses, and neighbourhoods.

The role is varied and rewarding, with volunteers helping report issues, monitor areas, and assist in everyday situations across the community. Just one patrol a month and attendance at a monthly meeting is all that's required, with full training, uniform, and support provided.

If you're keen to make a practical difference in your community, this is a great way to get involved. To register your interest, email rangiora@cpnz.org.nz



Give Us a Sign - Rangiora Players

Rangiora Players are delighted to bring their latest production, Give Us a Sign, a comedy by Tony Domaille, to the local stage.

The play follows Ken, who has been out of work for some time after being made redundant. With the household now relying on a single income and finances tightening, tensions begin to rise, especially as Ken continues to spend money on things his wife Rachel would rather he didn't. Determined to turn things around, Ken comes up with an unexpected business idea: becoming a clairvoyant, rebranding himself as "Ken the Klairvoyant."

Rachel is understandably sceptical, as Ken has never shown any sign of psychic ability, but things take an interesting turn when his new venture begins to gain traction. As Ken's reputation grows, he finds himself dealing with an increasingly colourful range of clients, leading to plenty of humour and unexpected twists.

The production runs from Saturday 18 April through to Saturday 2 May at the Rangiora Players Little Theatre, Northbrook Studios, with matinee performances on 25 April and 2 May. Tickets are \$25.

For show times, more information, or to book, visit rangioraplayers.org.nz

Waimakariri Bike Project – Ride It Forward

The **Waimakariri Bike Project** (WBP) is a local volunteer-led initiative helping people get back on their bikes and riding safely. Whether you've got a flat tyre, a squeaky chain, or a bike that's been sitting unused for years, WBP can help.

WBP runs free weekly workshops where you can bring your bike for basic repairs and maintenance. **It's not just about fixing bikes—it's about learning skills to keep them running.** The workshops are held every Wednesday from 6–8 pm at the back of Dudley Pool, 47 Church Street, Rangiora.

If you have an old bike or spare parts lying around, consider donating them. WBP recycles donated bikes and gives them to people in need, keeping the community rolling.

Want to lend a hand? Volunteers are always welcome—just drop in during a workshop night or contact us to get involved.

<https://facebook.com/p/Waimakariri-Bike-Project-100075871991007> or Google **Waimakariri Bike Project**



Keen to plant natives on your section, rural block or farm?
Want to create a native pocket forest, native shelter or restore a wetland?
Bring native birds, butterflies and bugs to your patch?
We can help you!

For free advice, expert help, plant lists, funding advice

Contact **Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust**



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BIODIVERSITY TRUST

Email: office@wbt.org.nz

Bringing Native Life Back to Your Land

Thinking about planting native trees or restoring a wetland on your property? The **Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust** offers free advice to help landowners create native shelter belts, pocket forests, or habitat for birds, butterflies, and insects.

Their team can provide guidance on suitable native plants, restoration planning, and possible funding options. Whether you have a small section, lifestyle block, or farm, they can help you bring more native biodiversity to your patch.

Contact: office@wbt.org.nz

Website: Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust www.wbt.org.nz

Searching for Trampers

The Rangiora Tramping Club is preparing to celebrate its 50th anniversary and is looking to reconnect with past and present members. If you've ever tramped with the club, or know someone who has, they would love to hear from you.

Contact: rangiora.trampingclub@gmail.com

Scouts Camp Brings Adventure to North Canterbury

The North Canterbury Scout Zone held a successful camp over the weekend of 27–29 March, bringing together around 170 leaders, parent helpers, Keas, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers from Kaiapoi, Waimak, Rangiora and Waipara Scout groups.

The weekend was packed with activities including tree swings, four-wheel driving, a slippery slide, flying fox, **river** walks, giant swing, tree climbing, dam building, air rifles, archery, rafting and bivvy building, among many others.

A big thank you goes to the organisers, leaders and cooks for the time and effort that made the camp such a memorable experience for everyone involved. The group also extends its appreciation to the wider community for their generous support, including Pak'nSave Rangiora, Farmer Brown Eggs, New World Ravenswood, New World Rangiora, Woolworths Waimak Junction, The Warehouse Rangiora, Hope Community Trust and Hunters for Hope.



What's happening today in Rangiora

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Share & Shout-Outs

Got a club, event, or local news to share?
Want to thank a volunteer, group, or business for making a difference?
Send it our way—we'd love to feature it!
— Cristian, Unplugged Herald

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Pass It On!

Instead of taking this copy home, leave it in a public space so others can discover local clubs, events, and activities too!

What is Unplugged Herald?

Unplugged Herald is an invitation to look up from our screens and reconnect with the world around us. It's a reminder that right here, in our own community, there are countless ways to engage, grow, and belong.

Rangiora App & UnpluggedHerald.com

We believe in technology that serves your life, not dominates it. Explore the Rangiora App and UnpluggedHerald.com - our curated, local platforms designed to help you stay informed without the overwhelm, so you can spend less time scrolling and more time living.

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