

**An introduction by the Chairman of  
Canvastown Community Association**

Kia Ora Katoa!

Welcome to this, my introduction as the recently elected Chairman of the **Canvastown Community Association**.

I acknowledge and thank Linden Armstrong for her long standing and valued service on this committee. She is now retained in her role as Immediate Past Chairperson.

My name is **Alan Rees** and I have resided in the Wakamarina Valley with my partner Aleeeze for 10 years.

I can truly appreciate being able to share in the beauty and tranquillity that is our wee piece of this paradise where we all live.

I am, like many of you, working from home, my area of interest is as a Fire Evacuation Specialist and Registered IQP for building related fire protection systems.

I have recently retired as a Maori Lands trustee after many years representing my whanau's interests in the central north island.

I join my fellow committee members comprising numerous personal skills and professional disciplines and sharing these talents within the community.

My kind regards

Alan Rees

***This is the first edition of the  
rekindled CCA Newsletter.***

***We want it to be locally focussed and  
a way of keeping you all informed of  
things happening in the community.***

***We hold a monthly meeting at  
Canvastown School on the second  
Tuesday of each month, starting at  
7pm.***

***You are all welcome to attend these  
meetings.***

# CANVASTOWN Community Association

*The Canvastown Enhancement Project under the MDC Small Townships Programme has progressed slowly with the Miners Hut & playground underway. There is now a need for a Public Meeting so that a draft plan can be developed for the Gold Monument Area opposite the Trout Hotel which will be presented to MDC. The public are invited to our next meeting on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August to participate in the planning (details overleaf). There is \$5000 funding for this area to include a picnic area, native planting & replacement fence. There is also \$10,000 funding for two more projects.*

*Busy Bees have been mowing the riverside grass, however an application has been made to the MDC to take this over.*

*A report on the state of the Memorial Hall was done and we hope to get some repairs and improvements underway. Karen Kellaway has volunteered to be the Hall Custodian who will look after bookings, hire of hall equipment etc. For all Hall enquiries phone Karen 03 5742103*

*Upcoming events include a Bluegrass Band Dance in August & Mike Johnston Historical Day in October. Keep an eye out for details in this newsletter.*

## Trout Hotel News



Welcome to the new folk who have moved into the area, we hope to welcome you to the Trout Hotel in the near future.

For your information we stock a few grocery items, milk, coffee, bickies and most importantly chocolate, along with bottles of fizz and chippies. We also offer takeaway hot food, fish, chips, burgers etc. Wednesdays we have a special menu with meals served in house for \$12 and would love to welcome you to the evening. It's a great way to met others from around the area, children are welcome with parents on these Wednesdays.

We like to be able to have entertainment on occasions but need your support to be able to do so. Our next evening will be a fun night quizzing, on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July, you will need to make up or join a team of four persons at the cost of \$20 per team. Teams will be limited in numbers and we are accepting entries now. Snacks and a light supper will be included in this price. The quiz will begin at 7pm. Make a night of it and come and enjoy a bar meal before hand, the kitchen opens at 5pm.

Social club members sell a meat raffle with seven draws on a Friday night and tickets are available all day, drawn around 7pm, costing \$2 per ticket, open to all to buy.

## Canvastown School

Next term sees us preparing for the annual **Cross Country event**, held in the paddocks by the Canvastown Hall. If you are keen to assist as a marshal or kitchen hand, your help would be very much appreciated.

The Canvastown School produce a **newsletter bi-weekly** during term time which is **distributed via email**. If you would like to receive a copy of this please email [office@canvastown.school.nz](mailto:office@canvastown.school.nz).

## Pink Ribbon Morning Tea

It may have been a cold start to the day outside but inside Canvastown Memorial Hall it was warming up nicely as people gathered to enjoy morning tea, a fundraising event for Breast Cancer research.

The kai table overflowed with tasty food contributed by members of the community, accompanied by and endless supply of hot drinks.

It was a great time for a natter and catch-up but there was still time to take part in 'pin the tail on the Flamingo' and the winners were the Wilson family, who were very pleased with their kete of goodies.

Thanks to all those who took part in whatever way in making this a very successful event. The final amount raised was \$465.50. Great support everyone for a very worthy cause.



## Coppermine Junction Bluegrass band

### Winter Hoedown



Dust off your dancing boots

Grab a few beers

And we'll see you there!

Proceeds to go to the Canvastown Community Association projects.

**SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION DEAL AVAILABLE FROM PINEDALE CAMP – Phn 574 2349 for details**

**Canvastown Hall**

**Saturday  
11 August**

**7.00pm til 10.30pm**

**BYO  
Food & Drink**

**Check out Coppermine  
Junction on YouTube**

**Get your tickets from  
Canvastown School**

**Phn 574 2103**

**OR**

**By phoning 574 1100**

**\$15 in advance**

**Or**

**\$20 at the door**

## A Piece of History—Deep Creek School

*Contributed by Linden Armstrong (Rush)*

As the Deep Creek area increased in population in the 1880s a school was opened in 1883 in the old Courthouse (on Grumetty Hill) with 23 pupils. By 1885-86 the school reached a peak of 83 pupils then rapidly decreased until it became an Aided School (where parents assist with teaching, board and maybe pay) in 1900.

The Golden Bar and milling brought more families to the area. Two new classrooms were built (one in 1912 for £141, and one later), on the terrace closer to the Deep Creek. They were both burnt down in 1919! The existing school house was built in 1916 along with another classroom but the roll was again down to 18.

Mining virtually ceased in the 1920s. Deep Creek School closed in the 1950s and children were taken to Canvastown by bus. Outward Bound now use the facilities for their training.

*Footnote: My Grandmother E Alice (Heyward) Fisk taught at Deep creek School in the early 1900s.*

*Reference: Gold in a Tin Dish, Mike Johnston*

We have a large display of historical photos in the Canvastown Memorial Hall which I am happy to show, phone 03 5742150.

## Public Meeting Notice

The Canvastown Enhancement Programme, under the Small Townships Funding through the Marlborough District Council, has progressed to the need for a public meeting to draft a plan to present to the MDC for the Gold Monument Area opposite the Trout Hotel.

The public are invited to attend a meeting -

**7.00pm Tuesday 14th August  
Canvastown School**

**BUY**

**SELL**

**SWAP**

### For Sale:

Small Chest Freezer (old)—\$50

Fridge/Freezer—\$200 ono

Dryer – \$150

all surplus to requirements

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