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Omarama Gazette



The Daily Wire

Keeping us connected

Monday, April 13, 2020

In this issue...

Making memories this Easter, our dairy entry and those notices to read and keep.

Hi everyone

***Please get in touch** if you have a message you want to get out to the community.

***Please scroll to the end for email order instructions and forms** for Four Square, instructions from Kurow Medical Centre and info from the Waitaki District Council.

Remember we'd love a diary entry from you for our community record about how you've spent your 'day in the life' in these extraordinary times.

Let's stay close whatever the distance

- Ruth

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subscribe to the Daily Wire.**

Here is the link to the Government's
one stop shop for all things
Covid-19 <https://covid19.govt.nz/>

Our Coronavirus Diary - Day Nineteen



*Glenburn Lambs weighing for the works, Photo: Mike King
Mike King is the 'water boy' (irrigation manager) for Glenburn Station.
Glenburn is the trading farm for Otamatapaio Station, a Reda of Italy farm.*

By Mike King

Dear Diary,
The 'essential work' never stops on-farm.
The lambs to be sent to the works were yarded up and weighed yesterday in time for the truck's arrival at 11am today.
The truck, which was on its way to Alliance's Smithfield Plant near Timaru, had collected stock from two other properties before its Glenburn stop.
On the finishing farms you still have to get lambs off the property.
The Alliance works are open but at different times so they can meet the Covid-19 restrictions and they are only taking a percentage of the lambs.
Something else that has caused little change is the 'self isolation' rule - I'm a 'lone soul' out here.

crossbred and black face lambs.

One thing that has been unusual is the weather.

With the abnormally warm, warm April, Glenburn, like most of the neighbours, still has pivots on to meet the grass requirements.

The daytime ground temperature is about 15C and nighttime it's 11C.

For the first time in my farming history I have had barley grass re-seeding in April.

The Botto Poala family are under lockdown in their hometown, Biella in Italy, about an hour-and-a-half from Milan, an epicentre of the Covid-19 infection. The message from the family is; "New Zealand, just be safe".

[Biella, in Northern Italy, has been a wool processing and textile centre for about 800 years and is where the Botto Poala family business was established in 1865.

Reda is the biggest buyer of quality, sustainable merino wool in the world, handling 2.5 million kilos of fibre a year that it produces into 7.5 million metres of cloth.

It sources some of its merino wool from New Zealand and the rest from Australia.

It exports to United States, European, Asian and Middle Eastern markets, and supplies fabric to such fashion industry names as Giorgio Armani, Gucci, Tom Ford and Hugo Boss and the emerging activewear market.]

Despite it being mid-April pivots are still on in most places because of drier than usual conditions.

Photo: Mike King



The weather that was
@ 44°29'30.1"S 169°58'20.3"E

March 2020

Highest temperature: March 14, 27.7C

Lowest temperature: March 18, -1.5 C

Most rainfall: March 3, 10.9mm

Total rainfall for March: 39.9 mm

Fenz Omarama Volunteer Fire Brigade



As a lot of you will have heard we had our first call since Covid-19 level 4 restrictions were put in place. I believe some of you were concerned for our welfare. Be assured we are taking this situation seriously.

For your info we have put a number of processes in place to keep our volunteers safe.

For fire calls, there will be only four in the truck and they will put on protective gloves and face masks on entering the truck.

For first response calls we will gauge the seriousness of the calls which come to us coded by colour.

For the less serious a first responder and a fire fighter will attend. For the more serious two first responders will respond where possible, with backup if required.

In the event of respiratory or cardio events we have a number of protocols to follow to protect us including putting on the proscribed Personal Protective clothing (PPE) in line with the strict requirements for Covid-19.

We also have a set of guidelines for the correct way to wear PPE and remove and dispose of it.

When we've finished responding the vehicles are also to be sanitised, inside and out, to make sure no cross contamination occurs.

We would much rather stay at home. So please stay safe and light no outdoor fires.

ground, the same if you are out cycling - no mountain biking but stay on the road or safe tracks.

- by Greg Harper,
Chief Fire Officer, FENZ Omarama

Easter 2020 - memories are made of this :)





Together at home

Please watch this from the safety of your couch *#nocallouts*



But here's one you could try at home :)

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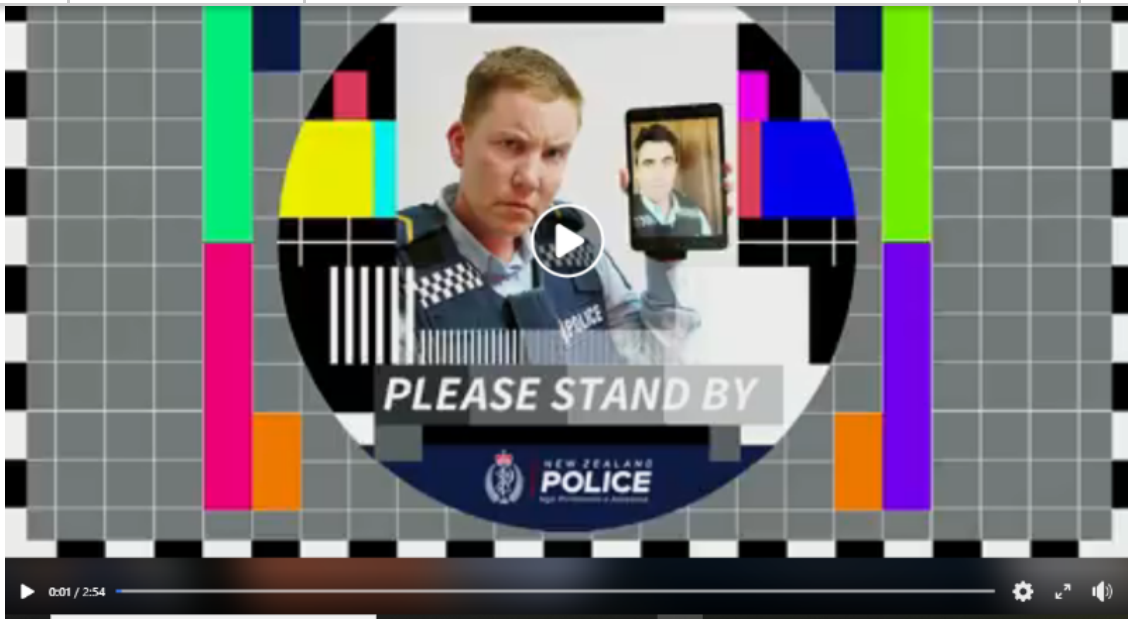
Sam Williams, 31, found he wasn't just missing playing sport, but also being able to catch live events on TV, with many major highlights of the year's sporting calendar **cancelled due to coronavirus**.

See if you can puzzle this out...

(Click on the photo to do the puzzle)

The answer - We're Better Together.
Omarama Golf Club Easter Tournament 2019

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The Noticeboard

Mobil Omarama will be open from 8am to 6pm
seven days a week including the Easter weekend.

Stay safe and be kind

Challenge Omarama - the store is closed.
Fuel is available 24-hours via the pump pay station.

FROM OTAGO CIVIL DEFENCE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMNET

🧊 We're in for some cold weather over the next few days, with the possibility of snow on the Lindis and Crown Range roads. Remember, if you're in need of essential winter supplies like heaters, blankets etc, you can still purchase these from online retailers during Alert Level 4.

FROM NETWORK WAITAKI

"We're two weeks into the lock down and are now planning for the future.

To ensure that we can keep the power flowing safely and reliably, we need to get back into essential maintenance and equipment replacement to ensure our network remains safe and reliable. Like any system it needs maintenance and attention so it doesn't break down.

Over the coming weeks, you'll start to see our crews out there getting back into work.

Some of the work we do means we can't keep everyone two metres apart, but they are working in their own extended bubbles and we have health and safety measures in place to minimise the risk.

Where possible we will do the work in such a way that we keep the power on, but there might be some work we have to do where we need to switch the power off.

We'll let you know well in advance if this is going to affect you - we know the timing isn't great but with enough planning we hope to minimise the disruption to your household. We apologise in advance for the inconvenience."

Network Waitaki ask that you refer to its [Facebook](#) page for regular updates

RUBBISH COLLECTION SERVICES

People are advised to put on disposable gloves before moving bins and to wash hands thoroughly afterwards. The handles can be a coronavirus hot-spot and must be treated like any other surface, doorknobs, stair rails etc, collectors say.

OMARAMA GOLF COURSE IS CLOSED.

SPORTS COURTS ARE CLOSED

OMARAMA AND OTEMATATA RESOURCE RECOVERY PARK

Omarama open: Wednesday and Sunday – 9am to 11am

Otematata open: Wednesday and Sunday – 1pm to 3pm

Household rubbish: Only bags of household/domestic waste and essential commercial waste will be accepted. There will be no charge for bags, however, there is a **limit of two bags per car, per week** (car registrations are recorded to monitor this).

Commercial rubbish: commercial waste from current account holders will be accepted with no gate charge, and invoiced later.

To safely manage these facilities under current circumstances and to protect the facility operators' wellbeing, please note the following conditions for using this service over the next four weeks:

- **No recycling (either clean and store at home, or dispose of as rubbish)**
- **No green waste**
- **Place all waste in the marked area**
- **One person out of a car at any one time only**
- **Please do not talk to the booth operator**
- **Please leave promptly**

And please, do not enter a recovery park if you are unwell, have travelled outside of NZ in the last 14 days; or have been in close contact with someone with a confirmed or suspected case of Covid-19. Thank you!

Essential services operating in Omarama

Omarama Four Square (*see below for how to place an order*)

Omarama Veterinary Clinic - *please phone ahead. 03 438 9868*

"The veterinary professional has been given an official 'essential service' status and therefore will continue to be able to supply seasonal requirements. We have had assurance from suppliers that there will be no issue with supply (or logistics), so we would urge everyone that there is no necessity to stock up or forward purchase.

When you do visit our clinics you may be met at the front door to ensure that we regulate the number of people in the building at any point in time. Phoning ahead can allow orders to be prepared in advance and these can be brought to your car.

Firewood supplies:

SupplyMoore Yard

"Under current conditions we are still able to deliver your firewood if supply is necessary, we would like to do this without any contact so delivery instructions are important, post delivery we will text our bank details for

Gas supplies:

Rockgas Mackenzie Country <http://www.rockgasmackenziecountry.co.nz/>

From AA New Zealand

Effective from Friday, April 10, WoFs, CoFs and driver licences that expired or after 1 January 2020 will be temporarily extended.

Once we start adjusting back to business as normal, the New Zealand Transport Agency will advise of expiry dates for these documents, which could extend up until 10 October 2020.

Vehicles are still required to be safe to operate on a public road.

If you're an essential worker, 15 AA Auto Centres nationwide can provide appointment-only WoFs and urgent vehicle repairs.

We've covered the key info about the extension and all of our services at aa.co.nz/covid-19-faq/

Waitaki District Council update

For urgent council issues over the long weekend phone 03 443 0300

The Otago Welfare Help centre will be operating 7am-7pm on 0800 322 4000 or help@otagocdem.govt.nz

Oamaru Hospital has released information about the plans it has in place to deal with the Covid-19 pandemic. Read about these and find answers to frequently asked questions [here](#).

All boat ramps at the Waitaki Lakes are now closed, this includes those administered by the Waimate District Council.

WHAT'S OPEN?

The council has launched a 'What's open in Waitaki' [page](#).

The directory will be part of the Covid-19 Waitaki Response page and aims to list all businesses that are staying open during New Zealand's Covid-19 Level 4 alert. The response page also includes information on council services and facilities, support for people and businesses.

At present, the list includes medical centres and pharmacies, vets, food and service providers, service stations and transport options.

Council economic development manager Gerard Quinn said it was still working with local businesses to fill this list and encouraged everyone who wanted to be included to get in touch and register by emailing wdced@waitaki.govt.nz. The council needs to know your location, contact details and a website link so people can check for any

are acting according to the law while staying open. If businesses are uncertain about whether or not they can continue to operate they are urged to contact MBIE by emailing essential@mbie.govt.nz or calling 0800 22 66 57 (9 am to 5 pm).

Waitaki District Health services

From today, there is a bright green tent by the side door of Oamaru Hospital's Emergency Department. This tent has been supplied by St John.

It will provide a clinical space for hospital staff to see persons that may have Covid-19 or other infectious conditions.

There will be security presence around the tent and no one is to enter this tent unless directed to by an ED staff member. ED staff members will use this space to take history and swabs where this is clinically indicated.

The tent will be used to keep the ED Covid-19 free for as long as possible.

The public are to present to the side door of ED if unwell.

Staff will talk to you through the intercom and may either have you enter ED or be directed to the tent.

IMPORTANT: Unless it is an emergency - call your GP anytime if you are unwell.

There is a GP available at all times

HOLIDAY HOME? Thinking of heading to the crib for a change of scene during lockdown? Yeah, we're thinking of flying to Mars. Just in case you're wondering, Virus says NO. You can only travel if you're accessing essential services or if you're an essential worker travelling to and from your essential work..

DELIVERIES please have the necessary items left at your door. Avoid any physical interaction with the delivery person and keep a distance of two metres. This will protect you both from exposure to COVID-19. Wash your hands thoroughly after receiving anything.

COURIER or post parcels and packages.

You should only post or courier items that are essential to the provision of the necessities of life. the postal and courier service is busy helping society receive items and goods that are essential. Adding additional pressure and burden to that service may impact on society's wider ability to get through this period and stop the virus.

WET WIPES Please pop them in the bin - don't flush them down the toilet. Wet wipes don't disintegrate like loo paper, so flushing them can cause major blockages and breakdowns at wastewater plants, and they'll break your loo, too. Do you really want to be stuck at home with your kids and a blocked toilet?

The Waitaki District pandemic response information page is here:

<https://www.waitaki.govt.nz/our-services/emergency-management/Pages/pandemic-response.aspx>

The Waitaki District Council facebook page is [here](#)

www.waitaki.govt.nz

Visit the dedicated Pandemic Response Page on our website: www.waitaki.govt.nz



Message from the Mayor

"May you live in interesting times." This ancient quote which is an ironic curse, seems to be an appropriate one for us in the current situation. These are indeed interesting times! Life has changed significantly for many of us, and we will have to adapt to it. For others who have been housebound or have limited mobility, sadly it may be more of the same. But for all of us, this is a time to step up and take responsibility for ourselves, and the people around us.

Please remember to stay connected to friends and family. Even though you can't visit them, you can still phone them on landlines, or contact them electronically. Keeping connected to other people is more important than ever, and it's necessary for most people's mental health. I'm looking forward to having a little more time to 'Facetime' with my extended family, using video chat whenever possible to see how everyone is.

Please make the most of the month ahead of us, and please take care of yourself and your family. These are interesting times, and we all have the ability to make them positive times. Best wishes,

Gary Kircher, Mayor for Waitaki



How to self isolate

All NEW ZEALANDERS who are outside essential services are asked now to stay at home, and to stop all interactions with others outside of those in your household. You can leave your home for fresh air, a walk, exercise, to take your kids, or the dog, outside but **only spend time with those you are in self-isolation with**. If you are outside, keep your distance from others. That means 2 metres at all times. Try not to touch any surfaces. If you do, wash your hands.



Essential Services are still running

Supermarkets, doctors, pharmacies, service stations, and access to essential services like banking, power, communications, postal services will all be available throughout New Zealand at every alert level.

If you do not have immediate needs, do not go to the supermarket. It will be there for you today, tomorrow, and the day after that. We must give time for supermarkets to restock their shelves, there will be enough for everyone if we shop normally.



Be kind. Check-in on the elderly or vulnerable

Now's the best time to start yelling over the fence at your neighbours! Swap phone numbers. Think of ways to keep people who aren't online in touch. Think about dropping supplies to those at home sick or that can't make it out. Just remember good hygiene and leave at the door or an agreed spot. Always stay 2 metres apart or more.



Need financial support?

Don't wait! Apply now. Visit www.covid19.govt.nz for info on how to access the government's economic response package or phone the Ministry of Social Development on 0800 599 009.

Need Help?

The Waitaki District Council call centre will remain open: 03 433 0300

For health advice call your GP, or Healthline on 0800 358 5453

Stressed? Call or text: Need to talk? 1737 This service is free, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Womens Refuge: 0800 733 843

Youthline: 0800 376 633

Age Concern Otago Waitaki: 021 0234 5882

Whitestone Taxis & Post (transport, delivery): call 0800 434 1234

How we're updating you

On our website, we'll post updates on Facebook and Twitter, broadcast updates via Real Radio 104 every morning (plus send updates to other stations). If you live in the Waitaki Valley check the Oamaru Gazette. In Palmerston listen to Happy Days Radio and Puketapu Radio. We are also finding ways to reach those of our customers who might not use these channels and get print material out to them. Stay safe, everyone.

www.waitaki.govt.nz



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against
COVID-19

Changes to Council Services

Our offices are close to the public but Council is still operating and focused on delivering essential services during this time.

Our call centre will remain open 03 433 0300, you can email us too at service@waitaki.govt.nz

Building

No building inspections will be undertaken. Proceeding with uninspected building work will ultimately delay a project and limit our ability to provide Code Compliance Certification. Please be patient and delay your building work until after the alert levels are reduced. If there are any safety concerns with respect to Building/Construction, contact Council for further guidance.

Rubbish and Recycling

Waitaki Resource Recovery Park is closed. If you don't currently have a kerbside rubbish collection service, please call one of the following businesses directly to organise this - Awamoa bins on 03 434 9445; WasteCo on 0800 341 1111; or Waste Management on 03 434 0031.

Our rural Transfer Stations and the Palmerston Landfill will continue to be open for rubbish drop-off but with limited opening hours and restrictions. Check our website for details.

Recycling isn't an option for hygiene reasons - please clean and store or treat as rubbish.

Council Facilities

Parks

All playgrounds are closed for hygiene reasons. When using the open spaces of our parks and reserves please follow social distancing guidelines.

Cultural Facilities

Oamaru Opera House, Horroster Gallery Waitaki, District Archives and North Otago museum are closed. Check the Culture Waitaki website for updates.

Waitaki Aquatic Centre

The Aquatic Centre is closed. All pre-payments have been automatically frozen for all customers (swim school & squad). Expiry dates on concession cards & memberships will also be extended.

Waitaki District Libraries

Libraries are closed but online resources including e-books, press reader, story box and movie streaming are available from the Library website. Please keep all library items in your home until Libraries are open again. No overdue fines and fees will be incurred.

Camping Grounds

All WDC camping grounds are closed. Our Camp Manager will endeavour to facilitate collection of units if necessary - phone 027 6866 901. Otherwise units may stay on site until it is publicly advised that the grounds are open for collection of units again.



Waitaki
DISTRICT COUNCIL
TE KAHUNHERA A ROHE O WAITAKI



Omaroma Four Square | 10 Chain Hills Highway | Omaroma 9448 | Phone: 03 438 9895

CLOSED SUNDAYS

While New Zealand is at Covid-19 alert level 4 and in our ongoing efforts to ensure the safety of our local and wider community, and our staff and their families - we offer the following options regarding your grocery requirements – should you be unable to, or simply prefer not to shop personally during this time of uncertainty.

1. Email order - and collect
2. Email order - and delivery (within the township).

This service is available Monday – Friday
Please send orders to - **omarama@foursquare-si.co.nz**

Emailed orders need to be received by 4pm (Sunday – Thursday) for delivery/collection Monday-Friday between (10am-12pm). **Please email if at all possible and refrain from phoning through orders.**

Please find attached a template grocery order form to be completed, which on receiving – our team will put together for you – for either collection or delivery. At this stage, communication indicates stock levels of core lines are being maintained, however further updates may see some non-essential lines reduced - alleviating unnecessary pressure on deliveries/transportation of goods.

Options for payment:

1. Charged to existing account
2. Payment by direct credit
3. Payment on collection

Any significant updates affecting this current service will be communicated.

Stay safe everyone.

From Alona and Blair, and your Four Square team

There are two ways to access the order form...

(In both cases the completed form must be emailed

to: omarama@foursquare-si.co.nz)

1. Click [here](#) to download the Microsoft Word form.

- * save it to your computer.
- * type in your order, save it, attach it to the email and send.

2. Click [here](#) to open the form as a PDF.

- * download the form and save it to your computer
- * print it
- * write your order on the form
- * scan it or photograph it, attach it to the email and send.

Shopping safely guidance now available

31 Mar 2020

Simple guidance is now available for people in New Zealand to keep themselves and others safe while doing their supermarket shop.

The information covers:

- how to prepare so you can get in and out quickly
- tips to keep 2 metres away from other shoppers and supermarket staff
- hygiene tips for while you shop
- what to do with your groceries when you get home.

[Find out more about shopping safely.](#)



Kurow Medical Centre and its satellite clinics
in Twizel (Mackenzie Health Centre Private Clinic)
and Omarama (Community Hall)

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM KUROW MEDICAL CENTRE AND MACKENZIE HEALTH CENTRE.

In order to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and to protect our vulnerable at-risk patients we have been asked by the College of General Practitioners to only see patients at our clinics if they really need to be seen.

For all other appointments, we will now do these via telephone OR virtual Consultations (for this you will need a computer, laptop or smart phone so we can send you a link to download). All screening appointments i.e. Health Heart Checks, Diabetic checks, Cervical Smears etc. will be re-scheduled for a later date.

**PLEASE DO NOT COME TO THE MEDICAL CENTRE
(OR OMARAMA COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAYS)
UNTIL YOU HAVE PHONED AHEAD FIRST!
WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO TAKE THE PRECAUTION
OF LOCKING THE CLINIC DOORS!**

Please be reassured you WILL be seen if your condition is urgent!

Our aim is to bring in patients one at a time from their cars.
Flu shots are now in and will still be given to patients who are eligible but this will now take place outside the clinics and preferably whilst you are sitting in your car.

Again phone ahead first to arrange a time with the nurse.

Thank you for your understanding during these difficult times.

Take care and keep safe, Juliet and Tim.

8 Wynyard St, Kurow

P: 03 4360760 F: 03 4360780

E: info@kurowmedicalcentre.org.nz

W: www.kurowmedicalcentre.org.nz

www.facebook.com/kurowmedicalcentre

The Mackenzie Health Centre is our Twizel Satellite Clinic at:

3A Benmore Place, Twizel. Phone: 03 976 0503 Fax: 03 436 0780

Omarama Clinic at Omarama Community Centre, Chain Hills Highway, Omarama.

Phone: 03 4360 760, Cell: 027 434 7464.

How goes it today?

Other places to find support - click below to go to websites

YOUR SAFETY COMES FIRST

- Police message to people facing family harm

The police are urging anyone with concerns or information about family harm in their community to get in touch as soon as they can, as level 4 restrictions bring new pressures to whānau and home environments.

"We want everybody to know police will continue to prioritise family harm incidents and we will come when you call," assistant commissioner Sandra Venables said.

"We realise this is a hard time for some families and we want them to know police are there for them.

"We know that for some people, home right now may be an uncomfortable or scary place.

"It may also be harder for some people to contact police or other agencies as they may not have easy access to a phone.

"Let me be clear, if you are in immediate danger and you cannot call us on 111, leave your house and get out of harm's way. Your safety comes first. Get to a safe distance and then ask a neighbour, or a passer-by (at a two metre distance) to call 111 for

think something's not right, it probably isn't.

"It's okay to call Police if you're worried about someone as they may not be able to speak up for themselves. It's everybody's responsibility to help keep each other safe right now through this challenging time. You could be saving a life.

"We know there are also people out there who don't want to harm their loved ones but who are facing an internal struggle. To them I say: please stay strong, please walk away and take a moment so you don't do something you'll regret to someone you love.

"You can reach out to us, or you can contact one of many support services listed on the Covid-19 website. They are there to support every member of your family and whānau."

The police have worked closely with Ministry of Social Development to ensure there is temporary accommodation for people under Police Safety Orders.

And police, the Joint Venture Business Unit, and MSD have also worked together to ensure 0800 Hey Bro (a number for men who feel they're going to harm a loved one) has been able to operate nationally during COVID-19.

"We know being around the same people 24/7 can be a challenge, and we know for some people this may make them fearful, at risk, or on the edge of doing harm. So if you feel fearful or threatened, please reach out."

A list of support services is below:

211 Helpline (0800 211 211) – for help finding, and direct transfer to, community-based health and social support services in your area.

Find your Local Women's Refuge by calling 0800 743 843 (0800 REFUGE) to be linked up with an advocate in your area.

Victim Support – call 0800 842 846.

Victim Information Line/Victim Centre – call 0800 650 654 or email victimcentre@justice.govt.nz.

Shine domestic abuse services – free call 0508 744 633 (9am to 11pm) if you're experiencing domestic abuse, or want to know how to help someone else.

Family violence information line – call 0800 456 450 to find out about local services or how to help someone near you.

Elder Abuse Helpline – call 0800 32 668 65 (0800 EA NOT OK) - a 24-hour service answered by registered nurses who can connect to local elder abuse specialist providers.

Tu Wahine Trust – call 09 838 8700 for kaupapa Māori counselling, therapy and support for survivors of sexual harm (mahi tukino) and violence within whānau.

Shakti New Zealand – call 0800 742 584 for culturally competent support services for women, children and families of Asian, African and Middle Eastern origin who have experienced domestic violence.

Safe to Talk – sexual harm helpline. Call 0800 044 334, text 4334 or email support@safetotalk.nz.

Rape Crisis Centres – call 0800 88 3300 for contact details of your local centre.

Male Survivors Aotearoa New Zealand – call 0800 044 344.

Tu Wahine Trust – call 09 838 8700 for kaupapa Māori counselling, therapy and support for survivors of sexual harm (mahi tukino) and violence within whānau.

ACC Sensitive Claims Unit – call 0800 735 566 for access to services related to sexual abuse or sexual assault.

Hey Bro helpline – call 0800 HeyBro (0800 439 276). 24/7 help for men who feel they're going to harm a loved one or whānau member.

Korowai Tumanoko – text or call 022 474 7044 for a kaupapa Māori service for those

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counsellor.

Youthline – call 0800 376 633, free text 234 or email talk@youthline.co.nz.

Kidsline – call 0800 54 37 54 (0800 kidsline) for young people up to 18 years of age (24-hour service).

Skylight– call 0800 299 100 helping children, young people and their families and whānau through tough times of change, loss, trauma and grief.

Oranga Tamariki – call 0508 325 459 (0508 FAMILY) or email contact@ot.govt.nz for concerns about children and young people.

MENTAL HEALTH TIP:

LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF NEWS YOU FOLLOW



Ministry of Health

Be kind



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from the Waitaki Emergency Response group

Otago Rural Support Trust: 0800 787 254 (0800 RURAL HELP) continues to provide its support service over the phone or on Skype/Zoom during lockdown.

They can help connect farming families with business advice, suppliers, financial information, health, and counselling services. Their services are free and confidential.

Guidance is going out to farmers about managing under meatworks' capacity restrictions.

See <https://beeflambnz.com> for details.

Industry groups and MPI have launched a stock feed planning service for all farmers nation-wide. Toll free numbers:

drystock farmers call 0800 BEEFLAMB (0800 233 352), dairy sector 0800 4DAIRYNZ (0800 4 324 7969), anyone can call 0508 AGFIRST (0508 243 477).

See MPI's [COVID-19 & Primary Industries FAQ](#) webpage for more information:

Industry and MPI are also preparing advice about the 1 June dairy "Gypsy Day" changes, which will be promoted by industry groups and Federated Farmers.



When circumstances beyond your control lead to a rural business crisis — be it financial, climatic or personal — the Rural Support Trust is ready to assist. Services are free and confidential.

0800 RURAL HELP (0800 787 254)

Cats - always pros at social distancing 🐾🐾🐾

how to follow rules 🐾



Living at Alert Level 4 Easter Monday Update

Thank you to all supermarket workers who may not have had a break over the Easter period. And thanks for everyone's efforts in staying home. Together, we are saving lives.

Are supermarkets open today?

Supermarkets are open as normal today (Easter Monday), though some may have reduced trading hours. Remember, if you can go to the supermarket, you should in order to keep delivery spots free for those who need them most.

How can I show my community spirit at Easter?

Many New Zealanders are reaching out to the community to ask how they can help others. For example, you can donate a trolley of food by looking up your local food bank online, or talk to them about donating financially to those in need. Don't forget to call your friends and neighbours regularly to check-in on them. Especially those aged 70+, or who live alone.

What can I do if I'm alone and need help?

If you can't get essential supplies and have no other support, your local Civil Defence Emergency Management group can help. A list of their local phone numbers is on our website, or you can call **0800 779 997**.

How can I keep myself safe if I live in an apartment building?

- Keep a 2-metre distance from people who are not part of your household.
- Wash your hands before you leave home and as soon as you get back. Use hand sanitiser, if available, as you enter and exit the common areas of the building.
- Gyms, swimming pools, and other gathering areas should be closed.
- If you need to touch a frequently used surface in a common area (such as a door handle, stair rail or lift button) use your elbow instead of fingers, or use disinfectant hand wipes after contact.
- If you need to use a lift, wait until it is empty and only enter with people from your household.
- Ask for deliveries to be left at the apartment building entrance for your collection.

Will I be penalised if my car's Warrant of Fitness expires during Alert Level 4?

Ministry of Transport has confirmed that all expired WOF will be deemed current during Alert Level 4, due to the inability to obtain new WOF/COF during this period. Only essential vehicles will be inspected during Alert Level 4.

How can I find out if my employer has received the wage subsidy?

We want wage subsidies to be as transparent as possible. You can search for businesses that have received the wage subsidy at services.workandincome.govt.nz/eps

How do I ensure my kids are continuing to receive education during Alert Level 4?

Preparations are well underway to support schools and students with distance-learning when Term 2 begins on Wednesday (15 April). Every learner in New Zealand will have at least one way to access education, even if they do not have a device or an internet connection at home.

Ministry of Education is working with telecommunications companies and internet service providers to connect as many households as it can, as quickly as possible. It is also working with schools to identify students who do not have a device at home. It will deliver as many devices and materials as possible, to students who will benefit the most.

You can find out more about how we're providing distance education provisions during Alert Level 4 at [Covid19.govt.nz](https://covid19.govt.nz).

Who can I contact if I see people not following the rules on self-isolation?

You can tell the Police by completing the online form at 105.police.govt.nz. Where possible, try to keep the phones free for those that need them in an emergency.

Got questions?

Find the answers faster at [Covid19.govt.nz](https://covid19.govt.nz)

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