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Omarama Gazette



The Daily Wire

Keeping us connected

Friday, April 3, 2020

In this issue...

This issue is short and sweet - Omarama's Great Teddy Adventure, today's diary entry and the latest notices. Wishing you a great weekend @home.

Hi everyone

We would love to hear from you about how you're spending your **'Day in the life of Covid-19'**. Feel free to email or phone and I'll take down your words. Send photo's videos, whatever you find easy. Let's create a community diary about how we're spending this extraordinary time.

***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.

Just to let you know, things have quietened down a wee bit and so I have decide to take the weekend off. So, unless there is an urgent message, there will be no Daily Wire Saturday, or Sunday. Regular transmission will resume on Monday. Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Let's stay close whatever the distance
- Ruth

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

Photo challenge entries - Something borrowed

(and not returned...yet! 🙄🙄🙄)

This one must have been tough... no entries today

Here's mine - the coffee grinder I borrowed from my mum, oops.
Luckily, she's here and part of our 'bubble' so we're all enjoying a good brew.



The weekend's challenge ...

'My people are home, got myself a new do! ' - Pets with a new hairstyle.

Together at home

Let the games begin!

Go Waitaki!

From Aoraki Secondary School Sport

CHALLENGE TIME:

  Aoraki Isolation Challenge  

It's time to show a bit of school spirit and get active in your bubble! Staff, this includes you too!

We may not be able run our usual Aoraki Championships but get ready to go head to head and represent your school!

How to compete:

Participate in some form of physical activity, think outside the box and get creative.

Use the link below and fill out your 'activity log' there is no limit to how many times you can enter.

School entries will be balanced with their roll numbers to ensure the competition is fair.

<https://forms.gle/wCoccepMZJ4pd9qY8>

On top of this we have prizes for the following:

- Most hours participated (Please be honest)
- Most creative video or photo
- Funniest video or photo
- Best outfit

We will be posting your videos and photos to our Aoraki Instagram, you might even get a special feature on the Sport Canterbury Facebook Page!

Send your videos and photos to kate.ormsby@sportcanterbury.org.nz

Or to our Instagram account [aorakischoolsport](#)

AORAKI ISOLATION *Challenge*

REPRESENT YOUR SCHOOL, BE CREATIVE, GET ACTIVE
WITH YOUR BUBBLE!!

HOW:
GET ACTIVE > LOG YOUR RESULTS ONTO THE GOOGLE
DOCS FORM ATTACHED ABOVE > SEND US PHOTOS OR
VIDEOS FOR BONUS POINTS

WHEN: FRIDAY 3RD - - WEDNESDAY 22ND APRIL

Do you wonder why soap is the best virus buster?

Radio New Zealand's 'Our Changing World' has the answer, you can find it here:
[Covid-19: the science of soap](#)

Our Coronavirus Diary - Day Nine



From the kitchen window

By Ruth Grundy

Dear Diary,

As day nine clicks over into day 10 the feeling of being suspended in time and space somewhere between Christmas and New Year does not diminish.

Those first few days after the 'lockdown' announcement were a busy panicky jumble of 'new' as we all tried to get to where we needed to be, to be with those who we needed to be with, and to adjust to new routines and new rules.

Now that things seem more settled there's (maybe too much) time to think.

There's not much on the calendar and we all hope against hope, if we all do this hard thing it will all end in another three weeks. That three more weeks will be enough.

I understand now why prisoners kept a tally of their days served on their cell walls; one day can merge into another. Not that where we are is anything like a prison cell. Apart from there being a few more people in the house little has changed for me because I've worked from home for many years. As I make the trip to the washing line I think it could be just any other stunning autumn day in Omarama.

But it is different.

When I go walking first thing it's as if someone has turned back the clock – 30 years or more.

There's very little traffic, just the stock trucks. That's how it used to be.

But walking past Wrinkly's, it's eerily quiet.

It is that same eerie quiet which has spread across front lines in the battle against the virus at other gathering places across the world and it now protects Omarama. The advance guard.

I think that's the hard thing about this new week and maybe it will be in the weeks ahead too.

The waiting. Doing all we can to prevent the spread, preparing to face the worst but just waiting until it shows its face in our own backyard.

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non-coronavirus stories you missed today. I wonder how many read it.

My mother (82) has started a diary to record all this. She knows of no other time quite like it.

She remembers New Zealand's polio epidemic (1947 to 1949) and has vague memories of the restrictions placed on travel then.

My father (86) reminds me that my grandfather's first wife died in the 1918 influenza pandemic. The strange irony, had that not happened neither he nor I would be here. But mum would.

Through the 'blitz' – the German bombing of the UK in World War 2 - people kept diaries. They kept a diary not knowing how the story would end. They thought it would be worse than it turned out to be. Looking back, we know that peace was made, and the bombings stopped.

Waiting. I get the feeling we all want to do something, something to help, something that seems more of a contribution than simply staying home. Yet, staying home, staying in our bubble - the new lingo - is the best and the sign we care.

That's the other overwhelming feeling when out on my morning walk. Some in our community have given up businesses, jobs and more to keep us all safe. Some are working harder than ever before. And I for one am so truly thankful.

🎵 If you go out in Omarama this week,
you're sure of a big surprise. 🎵

Other towns may have teddy hunts - we have The Great Omarama Teddy Bear Adventure Story for every boy and girl!

This past week, Omarama's Lynda Allen has turned storyteller as she creates adventures for her collection of teddy bears all the while keeping the neighbourhood enthralled with the stories and waiting on tenterhooks for the next installment. Lynda has kindly allowed the 'Daily Wire' to share her bears' adventures. Thank you Lynda.

The story so far...

Lynda's teddies have escaped with one thing on their minds - creating mischief!

On Tuesday, they decided to have a picnic on the roof for a couple of days, Lynda writes.

"I think they were tired watching all the news on TV

So their excuses to being up there:

I wanted to watch SKY 📺

I wanted to watch the sky

I wanted to watch FREE VIEW 📺

I wanted to watch the free view 🌄

Thought I would bird watch 🦅

Thought the birds could watch us 🐥

Thought I would wave to everyone,

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I did point out to him, he has white fur, he was only going to get sunburn and become a Rasp-beary 🤪
I was the bodyguard. They paid me to
I was train spotting 🚂
I was plane spotting ✈️
I was waiting for the bus 🚌
Someone needed to hold the Umbrella
They told me they found more Choccy biscuits to eat
They lied 😭



Yesterday, disaster struck, oh no!

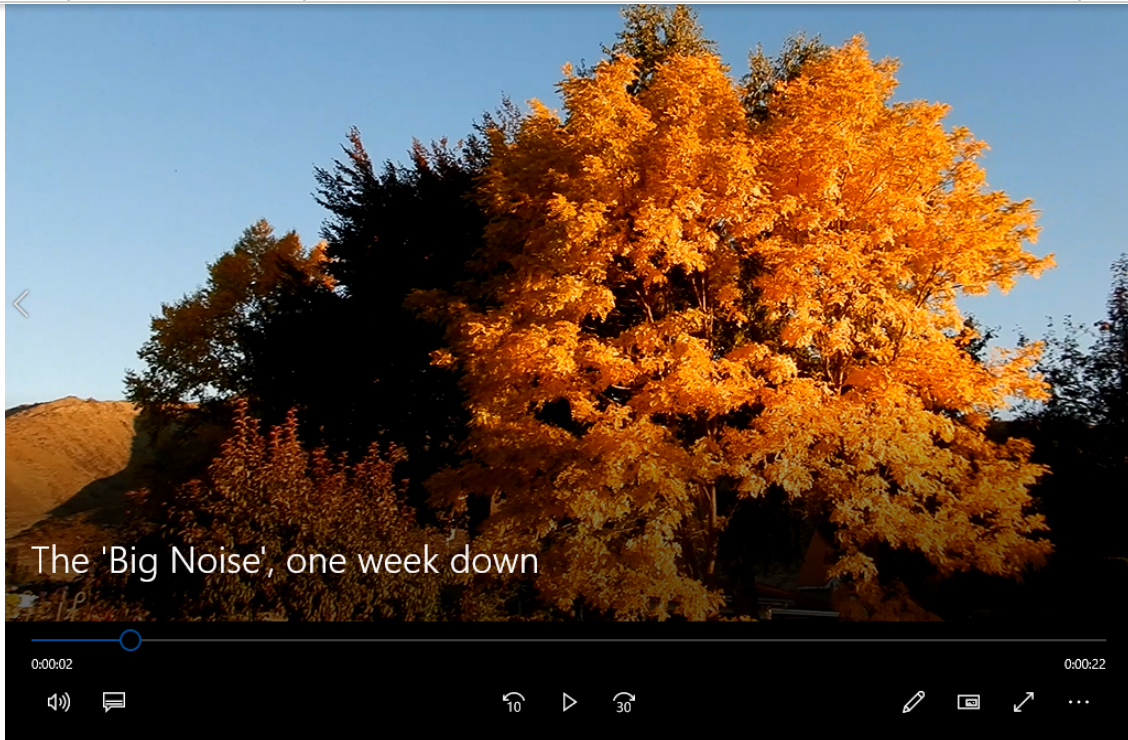
landing, so what could go wrong....they hadn't banked on knocking the stuffing out of themselves 😂

Good thing I can sew (only one teddy fainted when he saw the size of the needle) but I did accidentally sew a arm and leg back on a teddy wrong, all the other teddies laughed so hard they laughed their little heads off, so yes I did sew their little heads back on all the right way round.

Let me assure you, teddies are fine and on the mend, triage is set up to look after them, but I do think the nurse and doc went overboard on the PPE gear 😊 and we called in the big guns, the Peace Corps and Army Medic are helping out also 🚑🚒🏠



Tune in for more adventures next time in The Daily Wire.



COULD DO WITH MORE COW BELL? 🚨🚨🚨

Counting out Week One of 'lockdown' with the 'Big Noise' on Wednesday
was so cool. 🤔🤔

It felt great bashing those pot lids and hearing all the sounds from the backyard.

(Not all caught on film, sorry) 🎸🥁🎸

Tho' we could do with a little more practice, waddaya think?

The winners by a country mile were the 'horn' section and the soloist duck caller.

Let's go again next week when we count out week two.

Same time, same channel,

7pm, Wednesday, April 9 when the fire siren is tested. 🚨

The Noticeboard

HELP WITH WAGES

If anyone needs help or support with the wage subsidy and paying wages please give me a call and I would be happy to help. I am continuing to work from home in Omarama and have had lots of queries from clients already on how to deal with the wage subsidy, how to reconcile the payment and what to pay your employees and how to process it. Any questions please give me a call. *Keep safe, Lynley.*
Lynley Pryde, 021 333 942 lynley@launchoffice.co.nz www.launchoffice.co.nz

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A MESSAGE FROM WASTECO MANAGING DIRECTOR CARL STORM

Put gloves on before you move your bins and wash your hands thoroughly after you move them.

The handles can be a coronavirus hot-spot and must be treated like any other surface, doorknobs, stair rails etc.

Here is the link to the [website](#) for other updates about services.

PLAYGROUNDS ARE CLOSED

To prevent the spread of the virus all playgrounds are closed - this includes the school playground. This is because the disease can be spread on hard surfaces like swings and slides.

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)

The service stations

Firewood supplies

Rock gas supplies

Omarama Veterinary Clinic

" 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

we are currently awaiting advice from the NZVA Vet Council and MPI on what veterinary based tasks will be considered essential over the next four weeks.

Regards

Veterinary Centre Ltd – Management Team

Waitaki District Council update

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 wcded@waitaki.govt.nz. The council needs to know your location, contact details and a website link so people can check for any specific conditions.

Business owners are reminded that it is the business's responsibility to ensure they 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.

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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



covid19.govt.nz



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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

Easter trading hours

Good Friday CLOSED

Easter Saturday 9.00am to 6.00pm

Easter Sunday CLOSED

Easter Monday 9.00am to 6.00pm

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.**

* 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.](#)



ANNOUNCEMENT FROM KUROW MEDICAL CENTRE AND MACKENZIE HEALTH CENTRE

We as health care providers in the Mackenzie and Waitaki districts would like to extend our heartfelt support and comfort to everyone during these difficult and stressful times.

There will be many who have had to make huge sacrifices and adjustments with their lifestyles that prior to the lock down would never imagined possible. For some the biggest challenge will be isolation and for others too much close contact.

Thankfully the Community Care Centre is doing a fantastic job at reaching out to people who may need help with simple tasks like shopping or fetching wood for the fire, and Kurow and Twizel Community Vehicle Trusts continue to provide a great service for those unable to get to the shops or medical facility.

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such a valuable way to keep in touch and keep us motivated!

My daughter and three-year-old granddaughter were supposed to arrive from UK last week but missed the border closing deadline by one day! Heart breaking as it was for all of us we made a pact to talk every day on the phone, stay strong and not let this virus kill our spirits!

We as a medical facility are now doing the majority of Doctor and Nurse consults via phone or using virtual consults which is working well. We will continue to see all urgent patients requiring acute care at our clinics. In Kurow we have a separate building next to the medical centre and also fortunate to now have sole use of a building next to our Twizel clinic at Benmore Place. These buildings will be used solely for any potential suspected COVID-19 cases. This means our Kurow Medical Centre, Mackenzie Health Centre and Omarama Community Centre will be kept as safe as possible from the virus.

Flu shots are unfortunately in short supply across the country but will continue to be provided to all eligible patients once we have more in stock. When this restriction is lifted we'll be able to offer this to other patients. We strongly recommended you ALL get your shot this year to ensure our community is protected from the flu. Getting the flu and COVID-19 at the same time is not a good recipe.

I know I can speak for all my staff when I say we are sending you all our very best wishes and will continue to support you all during the lockdown. Please don't hesitate to pick up the phone even if you think it's trivial. We don't mind and will be more than happy to answer your questions or just chat! Tel: 03 436 0760 or 03 976 0503

Please stay safe everyone and ensure you follow the Ministry of Health guidelines for self-isolation: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-health-advice-general-public/covid-19-self-isolation-close-contacts-and-travellers>

Yours in health

Juliet Gardner

PRACTICE MANAGER

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.

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**(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!**

Call 03 436 0760 or 03 976 0503 to speak with the Doctor or Nurse.

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 4360 780

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

[Ministry of Health](#)

Be kind



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RuralSupport

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)



Just in case you haven't
smiled yet today 😊



Living at Alert Level 4 Friday 3 April Update

The information we all need to know about living at Alert Level 4 will change over time, based on how our collective response to the pandemic is progressing. Below are some updated answers to the latest FAQs:

FOR EVERYONE:

Should I be using the supermarket delivery system?

If you're healthy and under 70, you should go to the supermarket instead of shopping online. This leaves delivery slots free for the people who need them most. The 70+, and those with pre-existing conditions, are the most at-risk of developing serious complications after contracting the virus. Staying home could literally save their lives.

How can I safely deliver supplies to people who can't currently shop for themselves?

Call, video chat, text or knock on the door to ask if they need you to pick up food or supplies. Keep a 2 metre distance. Drop off supplies at the front door instead of going inside.

How can I purchase essential, non-food items that I need for winter?

Only businesses who have registered to sell essential, non-food items with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment can do so. All stores selling these essential items must adhere to strict guidelines to avoid the spread of COVID-19. This includes **limiting sales** to items that keep people warm, replace key household appliances, or maintain people's health, eg: blankets, heaters, kitchenware and appliances, whiteware, computer equipment, and mobile phones.

Where can I purchase essential, non-food items?

Stores that are open for essential, non-food items only include Noel Leeming, The Warehouse, Harvey Norman, Briscoes and Farmers. If you need to order, do so responsibly, only purchasing items that are absolutely necessary to help your household safely isolate, stay connected to work, or study from home while we all unite against COVID-19.

FOR BUSINESS AND WORKERS:

Can my business sell essential non-food items?

Businesses that wish to sell essential non-food items **must first register** with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. They can only sell essential, non-food items. (See list above for items they can sell.)

What precautions do businesses selling essential, non-food items need to take?

Your business must take all appropriate public health measures to avoid spreading COVID-19. This includes only taking online or phone orders. The orders must be delivered without making physical contact with the public. Storefronts must not be open, and the public cannot visit stores to select or collect goods.

Who can get the Wage Subsidy?

All New Zealand employers who have been adversely affected by COVID-19 are eligible to apply. This includes:

- registered charities
- non-government organisations (NGOs)
- the self-employed and sole traders
- contractors
- incorporated societies
- post-settlement governance entities.

How quickly does the subsidy come into effect?

Work and Income are working to pay the Wage Subsidy as quickly as they can. They need to check the information you've given them is the same as what's held by Inland Revenue. If it isn't, there could be a delay.

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.

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