



NASEBY VISION Summer 2019 No 51

Dear members and friends

The biggest news in town is the fire that left the Ancient Briton hotel badly damaged. Our hearts go out to publicans Jan and Adrian, and building owner Roch Sullivan. The 'AB' has been a much-enjoyed attraction in Naseby for 156 years. The Royal hotel has been pressed in to full service however its smaller size will mean it will be operating at capacity coping with a busy summer crowd. We wish the team well as they re-establish themselves.

Film crew in town:

A feature movie is being filmed in the Maniototo area shortly and hundreds of production crew are being accommodated throughout the district. Some have been here for months, with many more arriving throughout January. It's going to be a busy exciting time with a lot of pressure on the small band of service providers.

Permanent part-time cleaning role in Naseby:

After many years of excellent service Carole Clark is resigning from her job as cleaner of Naseby public toilets (year-round) and the Swimming Dam toilets (in summer). If you know of anyone interested in applying for the job the contact person is Janice Remnant on 03 262 8502

Fire Danger in Naseby:

Fire poses a very real danger in and around Naseby and breaches of the rules are taken seriously. Open fires are prohibited at any time. In some circumstances, braziers, pizza ovens and outdoor enclosed fireplaces are acceptable however if in doubt, check with the local fire brigade for guidance. Please educate any visitors to your property about the rules. Recent callouts have been to casual guests who have no idea of the danger they create when they light up.

Fridge magnets:

With the Emergency Evacuation Plan can be picked up from Naseby Store. Some of these have been in use for a few years now and may have faded. Feel free to get a fresh one if needed. Ideally there should be one in plain view on every fridge in town.

Forest Closures:

The forest is closed to the public whenever the FWI (Fire Wind Indicator) reaches 'Extreme'. Signs will be posted around town and the gates to the recreational forest area will be locked. There is absolutely no entry at this time. Please be respectful and stay out. If you have visitors make sure they know about this. Most of the time the Sandpit area is not affected and offers an alternative for recreational use.

All it might take is a spark from a bike chain on a rock, a carelessly discarded cigarette, a badly placed barbecue or camp cooker, kids (or unwary visitors) playing camping, and we are vulnerable.

Remember the tracks are all shared. Be aware you could meet walkers, horse-riders or mountain bikers of all ages and abilities, any time, any place! Be safe out there!

Green Waste disposal:

Please take your greenwaste to the Ranfurly Transfer Station – open hours can be found on the CODC website. Piles of dry grass and garden waste can easily become a fire hazard if left lying around in odd corners.

Firewood supplies:

Ricky Ward has a good supply of dry firewood available right now. Safe the pre-winter rush and stock up early. Stacking wood is a great way to entertain summer guests! Phone Ricky on 027 470 1889

Naseby Dark Skies Project: -

The Star Party in September was popular with 122 people visiting the inflatable astrodome in the Town Hall followed by night sky viewing using Naseby Vision's telescopes with other enthusiasts giving expert help. There was an astro- photography session and a sausage sizzle based at the Naseby holiday park. Deemed a success, we shall arrange one again next year. Our grateful thanks to the Otago Museum and the Dunedin Astrological Society.

The Naseby Night Sky Photography competition closed in October with some wonderful entries. They are currently on display in the Naseby Store.

Category winners were: -

Overall Winner – Susan Davies

Runner-up – Shelley Evans

Highly Commended – Jan McKenzie & Leeanne Jenkins

School Student - Skye Nisbet

There has been some interest from people wishing to purchase copies of the photographs and Paul Bishop at the Naseby Store has such contact details.

The International Dark-Sky Association conference based at Twizel in October was attended by Naseby participants Jill Wolff, Neil Rout and Paul Bishop who came back enthused to pursue our application, and recognising the benefits of having a robust night-sky policy in place. We take our amazing night sky for granted! So many parts of the world simply cannot see more than a few stars (on a good night) and we have this amazing sight, night after night. Just look up!

Naseby Trees: -

Trees are a special feature of our town and we need to do everything possible to protect the special ones and ensure the rest are the right trees in the right place

- The Wellingtonia opposite the info centre which suffered dieback last summer had some surgery and mulch laid around its base to help protect its roots (twice). Thank you to Lindsay Robertson, Patty Nelson and Pete Smith for their working bee efforts.
- Many of our precious trees are reaching their 'senior years' and are under observation for signs of age
- The 'lightning tree' in Avoca Street appears to be making a good recovery and continues to be a tourist attraction.
- Trees near power lines create a high risk during high winds and when snow falls. With a (relatively) mild winter the growth rate has been rapid and branches may have climbed into the danger zone without being noticed. Its timely to take a good look at the trees on your property to check they are not getting too large, too close to buildings or overhead wires, creating shade, root damage or a nuisance to you or your neighbours. Conifers in the village can be a fire hazard and can also grow very large. Think about removing them before they become logistical monsters and replacing them with something more suitable. The Naseby Services list has local arborists and maintenance people available.

Playground update:

On site meetings have been held with CODC personnel to detail directly the suggestions for an improved rustic themed playground.

Naseby Tennis and Petanque Courts:

Thank you to those who remember the collection boxes at these two sites. The funds help replace nets and such. Hopefully the weeds over the tennis courts will be dealt to very soon.

Naseby Tlibrary:

Toys, games and DVDs can be borrowed and returned at any time without charge from the Reading Room at the Athenaeum.

Naseby Library:

is open on Tuesday and Saturday mornings from 10.30 until 11.30am. Librarian Karen (ably assisted by Christine) are working through the collection and recording on computer. Feel free to drop in for a look and a chat.

Naseby Summer Luge: Fundraising target has been reached and the Trust is now in a position to start construction later this year. The plan is to be rolling down-hill by the end of this summer.

Keeping in touch:

If you are a Facebook user these pages may be of interest to you

- Maniototo Buy Sell & Swap
- Maniototo's Burn (local radio station – tune in on 729AM for regular local info)
- Maniototo Mountain Bikers
- Naseby Forest Recreation Area
- Naseby, New Zealand
- Naseby Ice Rink Luge and Snow Park
- Central Otago NZ
- Maniototo Curling

And, don't forget the Central App

Positively Maniototo:

The local Maniototo-wide newsletter is available to read on-line, or pick up a copy from the Naseby Store, Maniototo Four Square, or More than Books. The latest edition is a bumper 32 pages filled with local stories and information. It is compiled by a hard-working team under the umbrella of Burn Radio. The next edition will be the first week in February. Any queries re advertising or articles of interest please contact Burn on 4449 729

Defibrillator:

The community funded defibrillator is located outside the Naseby Store. In an emergency the code to open it is on the outside of the box. Don't forget to call 111 at the same time.

Events and activities: -

- Maniototo Early Settlers Museum when the signs are out
- Curling Rink – open every day except Christmas and Boxing Days
- Naseby Information & Craft - open any time you see the flag out
- Naseby Athenaeum - Tuesdays and Saturdays 10.30 until 11.30am
- Christmas Eve Carol service – Naseby Presbyterian Church 7pm on December 24th – all very welcome
- Christmas Day service at St George's Anglican Church at 10.00am
- Maniototo Rodeo Friday 27th December at the Waipiata Rodeo Grounds from 11.00am
- Maniototo Garden Club annual Garden Tour (this year based in Naseby and Ranfurly) on Saturday 28th December – see posters for more info – tickets at the Store and Information Centre
- Lions Steptoe Auction (not to be missed!) – Saturday 28th December, 5pm at Naseby Town Hall – contact Tony O'Neill if you have items to donate, phone 027 272 3649
- Book Sale – at Naseby Town Hall 30th December 10.00 – 2.00pm
- Naseby Golf Club tournament – Sunday 29th December
- Annual Naseby Family Fun Day – Naseby Recreation Ground from 1.00pm on 1st January
- Heritage New Zealand's Hayes Engineering Hayes Road Oturohanga - open days Sunday 5th January & 2 February 2020

Naseby Vision membership:

There are now 376 Naseby Vision members. If you have made a donation at the AGM or since November, this next message is not for you. At this time of the year we ask members to consider a donation towards the costs of running the activities of Naseby Vision throughout the coming year. Your contribution also means we can respond quickly to fill small financial gaps for other activities in the town.

The (suggested) donation is \$20 per person or \$30 per household per calendar year (tax-deductible donation) goes a long way towards making good things happen in Naseby.

The bank account details are: - SBS 031369 0252771 00

If you have new neighbours please let them know about Naseby Vision.

Newsletters:

If you do not wish to receive Naseby Vision emails/communications please contact the Secretary, Hilary Allison on hilary.allison@xtra.co.nz or (03) 4772903 to be removed from the mailing list. If you have anything of relevance you would like included in the newsletter, please contact the Secretary, details above.

Good wishes to you at Christmas from the Naseby Vision Committee.