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## Cromwell's new centenarian

Tom Landreth, Cromwell's new centenarian, relaxing at home. Photo Jan Hawkins

By Jan Hawkins

"Good genes, good diet, and good luck," are Tom Landreth's best guess combination for his centenarian status, although "It's not something you expect to happen," he adds.

Tom occasionally likes a tippie of

whisky, but he believes in moderation.

He must be doing something right, as he still has his driver's license, lives independently, is a stalwart of the Cromwell RSA, and long-term member of the Lions and the Golf Clubs.

He made the media five years ago

when he hit a hole-in-one, aged 95.

Tom was born on 15 December 1919 to a family of four boys and two girls. His father, William, was a teacher in Owaka.

Tom moved to Dunedin to pursue a degree in chemistry at the University of Otago.

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## “Remarkable teacher and an outstanding educator”

By Leigh-Anne Fox

Cromwell Primary School's final assembly for 2019 was tinged with sadness last Thursday as they farewelled their much-loved deputy principal and teacher, Mrs. Karen Huffadine.

Inspiring and passionate are just two words that were repeated throughout the special “this is your life” themed assembly as guests spoke of impressions and moments, and the impact Karen had on many.

Beginning her teaching career at Goldfields Primary school in 1985, Karen then went on to teach at Hawea Flat school in 1995 before arriving at Cromwell Primary school at the end of 1998.

Student Ollie Dicey took the role of master of ceremonies, introducing special speakers such as Board of Trustees Chairperson Shane Livingstone, who described Mrs. Huffadine as a remarkable teacher and an outstanding educator who had set the benchmark high.

Principal Wendy Brooks expressed her respect and admiration for Karen and described her support as invaluable.

The school's choir group sung while the assembly finished with a presentation of a tree of knowledge sculpture to represent Karen's contribution to education. The school Kapa Haka group then performed a haka.



Many Cromwell families have felt Karen's integrity as a teacher.

As she spoke a few words to thank people, Karen commented on the courage she now needs to begin a new direction and the way she has looked to Cromwell Primary school's year 6

leavers for inspiration.

Mrs. Huffadine plans to travel more, and although she will not be in her dedicated classroom in 2020, she plans to take on a part-time role and is looking forward to a little extra time with her family and friends.

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Winemaker Alan Peters-Oswald in the Nanny Goat Vineyard on Queensberry Terrace. Photo Supplied

## Passing the baton - from Archangel Wines to Nanny Goat Vineyard

By Jan Hawkins

This week saw the official opening of Central Otago's newest vineyard and tasting room when Nanny Goat Vineyard celebrated the continuation of Archangel's sound foundations under new ownership and label.

Nanny Goat winemaker Alan Peters-Oswald is keen to acknowledge the work of Archangel's founders Ian and Mary Zurakowski, and their foresight in planting the vines on the picturesque site on Queensberry Terrace.

He respects that the Archangel brand told a very personal story of family history, struggle, and perseverance.

Nanny Goat Vineyards are now keen to continue to build their own legacy from the site.

Alan was born in Roxburgh and grew up on a smallholding, farming goats.

He obtained his Diploma in Viticulture and Wine Production in Marlborough, working for Cloudy Bay, and for him returning to a Cen-

tral Otago vineyard feels like coming full circle. "Central Otago is where I was raised, it's in my blood.

It inspires me to pursue the impossible, the creation of the perfect Pinot," says Alan.

The Nanny Goat Vineyard brand was established in 2004 by John Valmorbida, founder of the Joval Family Wines group, a wine distribution business well established in Australia, Asia, and the United Kingdom.

The Nanny Goat label has a wide following, particularly in Australia.

"Perhaps we've flown a little under the radar in our home market.

The cellar door in Queensberry will provide us with a fantastic space where people, locals and tourists alike, can discover our wines in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere," Alan says.

The tasting room is now open five days a week for wine tasting and grazing platters. Details available on [www.nannygoatsvineyard.co.nz](http://www.nannygoatsvineyard.co.nz).

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Upon graduating, his further plans were interrupted by World War II, so Tom joined the army and served in the Infantry Third Division in the Pacific. Since then, Tom has been a certain attendee at the annual Anzac Day service, and a willing helper at school memorial services.

After the war, he returned to a career as a chemist and technical officer in the wool industry and married a nurse, Alwyn.

Tom loved the combination of theory, teaching, and practical, physical work his career afforded him.

Together Tom and his late wife Alwyn travelled the world with his work and then retired to Cromwell in 1985. They had two children; daughter Trudi who lives in Hawkes Bay, and son John in Wellington.

Over his 55-year membership of the Lions Club, Tom has held nearly every office-bearing position, from Lion Tamer to President.

He is still a full member, helping at working bees and giving active service.

He has also served as Treasurer/Secretary and President of the RSA.

Cromwell Lions Club acknowledged Tom's new status at the annual Xmas Dinner last Sunday, with a special cake. Greg Wilkinson marvelled at Tom's ability to entertain with his original poetry recitals at meetings, and says,

"He has been an inspiration within our Lions Club for decades, and I have always looked up to Tom."

Tom enjoyed a special celebration with friends and family on Saturday.

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## Cromwell Youth Trust looks forward to the future

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It has been a year of positive change for Cromwell Youth Trust (CYT), the local youth service that supports and advocates for young people.

Rhys Smith took on the role of manager and lead youth worker at CYT in April this year and had a clear vision of what the trust could be for the community and young people.

The main goal is to provide engaging and supportive programmes that challenge and develop positive opportunities.

Another goal is for CYT to be leading the youth service model throughout the region and country.

A new website has been launched to help CYT on its way to achieving its goals. Families, businesses and the community can now look online and learn more about CYT, what they do and how they can assist.

The new site makes Cromwell Youth Trust easily accessible by the whole community.

A re-branding of the CYT logo has also seen the introduction of a new uniform, business cards and an increased interest in the Trust's future.

However, the most significant change this year has been for Cromwell's youth with an extreme makeover taking place at The Hangout Youth Centre, both



Cromwell Youth Leader Rhys Smith is relishing in a successful 2019 and along with Cromwell's young people is looking forward to further implementing goals in 2020.

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inside and out.

Since April, Rhys has seen a 500 percent increase in numbers using the free drop-in youth centre.

Cromwell Youth Trust wants to acknowledge those who have supported and helped with funding as well as sponsors, community members and schools.

"Without this generous support, we would not have had the ability to expand

and support the young people in our community," Rhys says.

Special thanks also go to CYT trustees Chairperson Tamah Alley, Karen McCabe, Hilary Seagrave, Rebecca Anderson and Amy Philip.

Cromwell Youth Trust wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing what 2020 has in store.

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# Christmas carols bring in the cans for Cromwell Foodbank

By Leigh-Anne Fox

Cromwell's early childhood centres were treated to a singing troupe from Cromwell Primary School choir students and senior guitar students last Thursday, as they travelled around early learning centres singing Christmas carols for cans.

Christmas cheer was spread far and wide as cans of food were collected for the Cromwell Foodbank.

The following day, the school held a mufti day, and students were asked to bring a can to add to the Christmas haul.

A full trailer load of food was collected and donated to the Cromwell Foodbank.

School caretaker Dave had the noisy job of making sure his talented passengers got to their destinations on time throughout the fully booked morning by putting his driving skills to good use.

Big thanks go out to Go Bus for sponsoring the use of a bus for the event. CELCI, Little Wonders, Willows, Barnardos, and Cromwell Kindergarten all relished in the visit from older children and especially enjoyed the Christmas carol singing.

Choirmaster Lauren Pugh and guitar tutor Pete Stevenson were on hand to ensure stellar performances from students that everyone was able to enjoy.

Each year, Cromwell Primary School sends their choir students on the road to gather cans as a way of helping those in need. It's also always a great way to connect with younger learners and share in a magical time of year.

The amount of food raised between the carol singing adven-



Cromwell Primary School gathered their choir and guitar students to perform at local Early Learning Centres last Thursday to sing for 'Cans of Food'. Photo Supplied

ture and school mufti day has been outstanding, and the school couldn't be prouder to support the wider community. Special thanks go out to those who helped to achieve such an excellent result and families who supported this community partnership.

# Cromwell Lives...

A series highlighting the stories of people in our community

by Jan Hawkins

Debra Cruickshank, Boutique Winemaker.

Boutique winemaker Debra Cruickshank found that her life 'really did step up' two years ago when she won the Entrepreneurial Rural Woman of the Year 2017 and was subsequently awarded the Supreme Rural Woman of the Year 2017.

"The win gave me a whole lot of opportunities and wonderful promotion," says Debra.

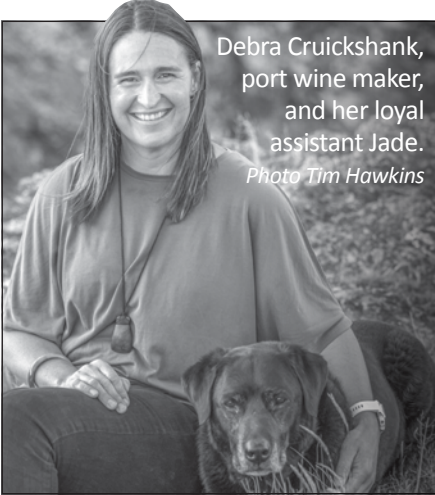
Her story begins on the family's Tannacrieff farm in the Caitlins, named after her Scottish ancestors, who first set up the Southland farm.

It was there that she learned 'one of the most important life skills, work ethic'.

Debra worked for nine years at Akarua Winery, and she is grateful that she learned 'from the bottom up' as well as gaining qualifications from Massey University.

In 2012 she opened her own boutique winery in a shed in Cromwell, catering for small vineyard producers as well as developing her own wines under the name Tannacrieff Wines (after the family farm). In 2012, she began experimenting with Pinot Noir Ruby Port, and she has created a huge and ever-increasing following for her various ports. In 2015, she was approached by Suncrest Orchard (Mrs Jones's fruit stall) to trial fruit port, and that has resulted in a series of very popular cherry, apricot, nectarine, and plum fruit port varieties.

As demand increased, Debra established her current, larger facility at the end of



Debra Cruickshank, port wine maker, and her loyal assistant Jade. Photo Tim Hawkins

Hall Road, Bannockburn.

Debra is basically a one-woman band, with seasonal help from family and friends, and occasionally from Otago Polytech local viticulture students. Jade, her faithful Labrador, is her constant companion and loyal assistant.

Now, her very unique Central Otago Ports are getting huge international exposure, and Debra is astounded at the demand. "My Hunters Collection Ruby Port caters for the fisherman, the hunter, the duck-shooter – and without any promotion, it just sells itself".

Every year the port sells out, although she keeps doubling the amount produced.

That work-ethic lesson from Debra's childhood holds her in good stead now, as the workload keeps increasing, buoyed by her passion, but she says,

"It does help to live in Bannockburn, Central Otago, the most beautiful place in the world!"

## Letter to the Editor



Dear Editor

I wish to express my gratitude to the Cromwell College students for the delicious Christmas cake I received last week. It is wonderful to see the youth of Cromwell taking an interest in the wider community.

Rod McMillian Appreciated Local

Dear Editor

Santaland would like to thank the Cromwell Community and surrounding districts for attending another great weekend. Santaland is created by a small group of people who love to bring Christmas magic to our community. We're non-profit and all funds are going into next years. We would like to thank the following, Cromwell Toy Library providing an army of volunteers, the Cromwell Presbyterian Church for allowing us to hire their hall and turning it into a magical display, Cromwell Lions for providing countless rides on the Thomas train, Central Otago Model Society for the model train display, R & R Hiab, Redpaths, The Helicopter Line, Transpire Fibre Studio, Cromwell Costume Centre, Pacific Linen and all the Santa's and Elves that make Santaland what is.

Thank you and Merry Christmas everyone, from the Cromwell Community Santaland Committee

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# I like the clock... well done, Rotary!

Last week I encountered that feral life-form known as the social media “keyboard warrior”. I’d uttered an opinion that clearly upset these people and received a stream of abuse in response.

That most couldn’t spell nor arrange a logical argument, didn’t stop them venting their spleen and a good number of their other internal organs. You do wonder if too many people are drinking in the day time.

But it’s easy – especially when traversing what passes for social media these days – to forget those local folk who contribute so positively to our community. As we near Christmas, can I just utter a heartfelt thanks to all of Cromwell’s unpaid volunteers?

Without you, there would be no kids’ sport. There would be no community events. There would be no lake clean-ups nor charitable works. We would be living in an existence where only anger and disappointment and a lot of boredom held sway.

So, it’s proper to record our appreciation of the service organisations who do their bit, unbidden, for us all. Their latest effort, the Cromwell Rotary Clock that has suddenly appeared near the Big Fruit recreation area.

It’s excellent. I know the time, date, and temperature all in an instant. And visitors also will enjoy that service.

Credit to Andrew Burton and Fin White who initiated and then carried through the project. I was aware that there had been some to-ing and fro-ing, possibly a little too much of the latter, with the council over both concept and placement. There was a whisper, even, that some official folk (not resident in Cromwell) weren’t so keen.

But as a 40th-anniversary gift to our community, I like that clock. But I like most what it represents. That in a sea of sometimes negativity, there are lots of positive folk around. All power to them!

If you’d like to contact Michael Laws, email him [michael@themessage.nz](mailto:michael@themessage.nz)

# Cromwell Lions host senior citizens Christmas lunch

By Leigh-Anne Fox  
Cromwell senior citizens enjoyed a Christmas lunch with all the trimmings last Sunday as they indulged in festive celebrations and shared stories from throughout the year.

The Lions Christmas cake came with its own story this year, as regular cake baker Ruth Aburn was unable to take on the task.

Cromwell Lions Club member Greg Wilkinson put a friendly call out to Facebook members asking for someone who would be able to help.

“We had a wonderful response and have ended up with three cake options, a Christmas cake, a 100th birthday cake to help celebrate Tom Landreth’s milestone, and a box of four cupcakes to celebrate our young elf Olive’s 5th birthday,” says Greg.

Jess Wowk baked the full fruit Christmas cake, a recipe she used from her grandmother, while Elsa Halligan baked delicious hummingbird cake and chocolate cupcakes.

It was Colin and Dawn Ashby’s honour to cut the cake this year. Elves helped the day run smoothly, taking their responsibilities very seriously.

Abi and Olive Kitkamp, along with their cousins William and Louisa Bartlett, played music, took drink orders, handed out gifts, and generally enjoyed being on hand to help where needed.

Cromwell Lions president Graham Sim was pleased with how the day went, saying, “It’s a very special day and one our senior citizens enjoy immensely.

“It’s great to see our club members joining with guests to enjoy the day.”

Bette Clearwater and her husband George frequently attended the lunches in previous years. However, George passed away last year. Bette returned this year and enjoyed connecting with others.

“George was a Lions member, and it’s nice to be able to come down, enjoy a lovely lunch with friends and smile.

It’s been a lovely day,” she said.



Colin and Dawn Ashby cutting the cake with Graham Sim (President) watching on. Photo Supplied

Graham said the annual Christmas dinner is an opportunity to recognise the valuable role senior citizens play in the community. “We have enjoyed serving Christmas lunch for 26 years now, and each year the lunch continues to bring the community together.”

The Lions Thomas the Tank Engine train chugged itself along to congratulate Tom on his 100th birthday and although Tom would have loved a ride, persistent rain made the challenge a little daunting and the two settled for a photo opportunity instead.



## Community Police Report

Editorial Supplied  
We hope everyone is in the festive spirit for the upcoming Xmas season and would like to say thank you for the information we have received over the last year that has led to successful prosecutions for people that cause harm in our community.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind people to call police if there is anything suspicious occurring in your neighbourhood. The old saying that we need our community for us to police is very true and important to assist us in doing our job.

Over the next few weeks our town will grow with holiday makers so please make sure your possessions are secure. The roads will be busy so just remember a little bit of patience goes a long way and make sure that drinking and driving doesn’t happen in your social circle. We have had a good year and wish everyone a safe and happy Xmas and New Year break.

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# Technology to help get cherries picked

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CamperMate, an app used by independent travellers, has joined forces with Seasonal Solutions to help find staff for this season's cherry harvest.

The App, used by more than 80% of independent travellers, is usually used to find toilets, camping grounds and other facilities.

App developers are now trialling ways that they can add value to both users of the app and local communities.

The trial is being conducted over December and January in Central Otago.

It will promote available roles that include on-site accommodation or camping options to reduce pressure on free campsites within the district.

Seasonal Solutions CEO Helen Axby is supportive of this development.

"Orchardists are used to employing tourists but sometimes they arrive a week too early or a week too late," she said.

"Through CamperMate we can inform people exactly when work is available."

Adam Hutchinson, CamperMate CEO, is keen to help independent travellers contribute to the community.

"We are thrilled to be able to help the orchardists and we are also adding in opportunities for users to volunteer with community groups.

Many of our app users are keen to connect with locals and we are keen to play our part to help this happen."

Central Otago District Council Economic Development Manager Nick Lanham believes the CamperMate worker initiative is a step towards changing how we perceive tourists.

"Visitor spend is important but we should recognise the other value that visitors can offer.

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**Cromwell Presbyterian Church** - 10 Elspeth St, Cromwell (along from New World). Sun services: 9am - Traditional Service, 10am - Morning Tea, 10:30am - Family Service & Children's Program. Enq 445 3078, E: office@cromchurch.co.nz, www.cromchurch.co.nz

**St Andrew's Anglican Church** - Tues 10am, Sun 9am, everyone welcome, Cnr Blyth & Donegal St. Rev Damon Plimmer 443 2440

**Meditation** - Every Tues 8.30am at St Andrews Church. Cnr Donegal & Blyth St. For more info ph 021 0322 552

**Church Untamed** - Sunday Service 10am College Auditorium. Family Friendly and All Welcome! Contact Ps Ray Thomson for more info 021 284 6149 www.churchuntamed.nz

**The Irish Martyrs Catholic Church** - Sligo St, Cromwell. Mass times: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sun of the month: 11am. 2nd & 4th Sun of the month: 9am

**Lakeside Christian Church** - Sun, Lowburn Community Church, 10.30am. Enq Pastor Bruce West 027 450 7618

**Tarras Community Church** - 2nd Sun of the month at 11am

**Heart of Fire Christian Church** - Sun 5pm Anglican Church Hall, Cnr Blyth & Donegal St. Ministering in the Healing Wholeness & Power of God. Pastor Tim 027 556 6443

### Up Coming

**Friday 27th December** - Cromwell Bowling Club's famous summer quiz night happens again. 7pm Cromwell Bowling Club, Alpha St. For more info & registration call Barry 445 0301

**Tuesday 7th January** - Annual 4WD organised by Cromwell Rotary. More info to follow

**Friday 20th December** - Cromwell Library. Santa is coming to the library! 11am - 12pm. Under 5's to be accompanied by an adult

**Monday 23rd December** - Cromwell Library. Festive School Holiday Programme - Christmas Crafts. 11am - 12pm. Bookings 445 0213

**11th & 12th January** - Cromwell Rotary Summer Book Sale, at the Bowling Stadium, Alpha St, is on again. Come along for book bargains

**Alpine Street Machines** - Every second Wed, monthly meeting, 7.30pm. Cromwell Bowling Club, Alpha Street. Enq: 445 3371

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