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## Cromwell College students spreading Christmas cheer

By Jan Hawkins

The Christmas spirit was alive and well in the Home Economics room at Cromwell College during students' final school week of 2019.

Students were busy making Christmas cakes, biscuits and other goodies, wrapping them beautifully, and then delivering them to nominated people in the Cromwell community.

This activity formed part of the Elective Programme that has replaced the traditional Arts Programme for end-of-year. The move away was mainly due to the increasing College roll.

The intent of the electives is to allow students to participate in an activity that they would not normally have a chance to experience.

Staff selected a passion or interest of theirs, and students were asked to choose from 23 options, ranging from bone carving to horse riding for beginners.

Organiser Steve Hodgkinson was pleased that the initiative proved to be a very successful two days, with students enjoying the opportunity to learn a new skill.

"A big thanks must go to the staff who organised the activities, and to the parents who came along to help out," says Steve, adding, "This will now become an annual event with a few modifications - and a pre-order of better weather!"



Alyssa Dolphin, Mathilde Lawrence and Sophie Christiansen adding finishing touches to their Christmas cake gifts. *Photo Supplied*



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# Secret Santa's Trees of Giving

By Leigh-Anne Fox

Secret Santa is asking everyone to think about others this year, and to let him know if there is a family out there who may not be getting the Christmas they hoped for.

Three Trees of Giving have been placed around town for people to put gifts under. Santa will then wrap them and secretly surprise families that need a bit of extra care this Christmas.

Cromwell ANZ Bank in The Mall, Cromwell Paper Plus in The Mall and OnPoint, Windscreens, Glass and Tinting at 12A Chardonnay Street all have their trees up. They are gratefully receiving gifts of new or used books and toys and games in excellent condition that will make anyone know they are being thought of and cared for at Christmas.

Some years are tough, and families have to deal with many difficult circumstances such as illness or redundancy.

Secret Santa is busy behind the scenes and it's their mission to do what they can to make wishes come true.

"On Christmas Eve, we deliver gifts to those we can, and it's such a great experience," says Johnny from On Point Windscreens, Glass, and Tinting.

"One year I remember someone gave a brand new bike, and on Christmas Day, I drove past a kid riding it with a smile from ear to ear; it made my day."

Johnny's mum, Bev Quayle, is the driving force behind Secret Santa. Now entering her 14th Christmas, Bev has brought much joy to many families. She is joined by Julie Moreton, and together, these girls get the job done.

Just like Santa, they have elves that help out with wrapping, delivering, and gathering information. They also bring a lot of smiles to faces and an element of surprise.

Johnny stands beside the Christmas tree that Secret Santa has put in place. Head along to On Point Windscreens, Glass and Tinting, ANZ bank, or Paper Plus to drop in a present that Santa can use to make sure everyone has a great Christmas.

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The Trees of Giving will be up until Christmas Eve. Pop along to any of the three businesses and place your unwrapped gift under the tree.

If you know an eligible family or person in our community who could do with a little extra magic this Christmas, contact Julie Moreton on 03 445 0069, Bev Quayle on 027 347 7122, or email: [starlightcraft@xtra.co.nz](mailto:starlightcraft@xtra.co.nz)



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**Capacity audience enjoy world-class concert programme**

Yuka Eguchi, Japanese concertmaster, performed with Dr Kemp English, at Coronation Hall, Bannockburn. *Photo Supplied*

By Jan Hawkins

Central Otago music lovers were treated to a special concert at the Coronation Hall, Bannockburn, last Tuesday night.

Yuka Eguchi, one of Japan's foremost concertmasters, performed violin, with Dr. Kemp English on piano.

Yuka is in New Zealand with the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, where she is one of the concertmasters.

She has led both the Japan Philharmonic Orchestra (2007-2011) and Tokyo Mozart Players (2006-2011).

A current sabbatical from the New Zealand Orchestra has enabled her to visit this region.

Kemp studied at the Royal Academy of Music in London, and at the universities of York and Adelaide.

He is one of New Zealand's leading concert performers with an international reputation. Before becoming freelance in 2005, he was an Executant Lecturer in Music at the University of Otago.

The programme was a delight, with music ranging from Elgar and Beethoven to John Williams.

Some pieces were fast and joyful, such as William Kroll's 'Banjo and Fiddle', while others, like 'Csardas' by Vittorio Monti, were achingly moving - a direct hit to the heart and the tear ducts.

The Coronation Hall lived up to its reputation for wonderful acoustic quality, and the beautiful grand piano proved once again to be a community treasure.

The performers had a great rapport, making a harmonious partnership, and Yuka's liveliness had the audience in fits of laughter, as she played her violin while dancing through the hall, amongst them.

In summary, it was one of the best concerts ever offered by Cromwell Community Arts, and perhaps to the most appreciative audience.

To keep up-to-date with the 2020 line-up of music concerts, go to the website [www.artscentral.co.nz](http://www.artscentral.co.nz).

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## Christmas candle lighting service honours loved ones

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Lighting a candle is a simple exercise, yet when there is emotion, thought and purpose attached, the candle becomes so much more.

It becomes light, hope, and a sign of remembrance.

At a recent candle lighting remembrance service which honoured those who had died throughout the year, family and loved ones came together to share in their sadness, remember their loved ones and light a candle.

Reverend Douglas Bradley from Cromwell Presbyterian Church officiated the small remembrance service. He kindly shared his own story of loss, while Cathryn Forsyth played the organ and set a moving tone for the candle lighting.

Candles were lit on behalf of family members who could not make the service, and while some lit an individual candle in memory of each of their lost loved ones, some opted to simply light one.

Each candle lit represented somebody who had lived and been loved, someone who is missed, and whatever the meaning to each individual person, the candle itself played an important role.

Christmas is a difficult time for those who have experienced grief and loss. By taking the time to light a candle in honour of those who have died, whether at home with family, at an organised service, or alone, it can help light the way for many.



Johnny stands beside the Christmas tree that Secret Santa has put in place. Head along to On Point Windscreens, Glass and Tinting, ANZ bank, or Paper Plus to drop in a present that Santa can use to make sure everyone has a great Christmas. Photo Supplied

## Once upon a time in Santaland

By Leigh-Anne Fox

Once upon a time, a very busy Santaland committee pulled together a Santaland extravaganza that over 2,600 Christmas fans couldn't help but visit.

Cinderella and Snow White joined other traditional fairytale characters at Cromwell's Presbyterian Church Hall from Thursday to Sunday to bring to life the excitement of Christmas.

Cromwell's Mrs. Claus, known from January to November as Helen Smith, told tales of Christmases past, and delighted visitors as she relished in her annual role.

Santa spent time listening to the Christmas wishes of children from across the region, making sure his naughty and nice list was up to date.

Over 1,360 children visit the fairytale Santaland, with numbers growing each year. "It's been a big year, and the traditional fairytales theme has been popular," says Santaland committee member Megan Bailey.

"We have eight committee members that work tirelessly to bring Santaland

to life each December, and it's very heartwarming to see so many enjoy what we put together."

Santaland is a community fundraising event that relies on volunteers from the community, especially the Cromwell Toy Library.

As volunteers pack up, the Santaland committee looks forward to creating special Christmases in their own homes before regrouping in May 2020 to set the scene for next year's themed Santaland.

"We have an idea of what we plan to do next year, but for now, our main aim to get packed up, sort photos, and get some rest," Megan adds.

The magic of Christmas is just beginning in Cromwell. Santaland has spurred the imagination, and with the countdown on, excitement is growing. Young children start the daunting task of weighing up their behaviour throughout the year, and writing down their wish lists. Santaland thanks all those who visited and wishes you all a very Merry Christmas.

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## Community Police Report

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It's that time of year again and Christmas is approaching fast.

The festive season and a few social drinks amongst friends is happening on a weekly basis especially with the summer that is due to arrive any time shortly.

It's imperative that we look after one another and make sure that no one drives when they've had too much to drink.

It's not only themselves they put at risk but everybody else that is on the road at the times that these drunk people are driving.

The advertising message has been clear over the last couple of years and has been affective to a degree.

Every now and again we need a reminder to look after our mates and if they can't get home safely put them up in the spare room.

Or take the keys off them to prevent a potential tragedy occurring.

I hope with a bit of common sense and mates looking after mates that we don't have any further facilities on our roads in our little area..

*Till next week Be Safe, Feel Safe*

# Singers delight shoppers with their Christmas repertoire

By Leigh-Anne Fox

Christmas carols rang out through Cromwell New World last week as the Fine Thyme singers spread Christmas cheer and delighted customers as they made their way through the supermarket.

Led by choirmaster Kelly Keenan, the group of singers donned their favourite Christmas accessories and got down to the business of welcoming the festive season to Cromwell.

Christmas classics such as Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree, White Christmas, and O Little Town of Bethlehem all featured, as well as other well-known carols that gave listeners no choice but to enjoy the season.

The Fine Thyme Singers have gigs lined up until December 20, and love having the opportunity to perform to festive audiences.

"We have a busy year this year; we are in hot demand. Our singers have worked hard throughout the year, and being able to perform to an audience is a great way for us to finish off the 2019 season," says Kelly.

Shopper Julia Simpson was delighted to walk into New World and hear Christmas carols. "I was actually in a



Fine Thyme Theatre Company singers took delight in carolling at New World supermarket last week. The group of singers enjoys this time of year and their next gig is at Ripponburn Home and Hospital. Photo Supplied

bit of a stressed-out mood, and as I was walking into the supermarket, dreading the thought of deciding what to have for dinner, I hear this beautiful singing going on, and my whole mood lifted.

"I remembered that we are almost at Christmas and what a lovely time of year it is, it was just lovely," she said.

The Fine Thyme singers will next perform at Ripponburn Rest Home and Hospital on Wednesday, December 11, and the entrance to Paper Plus on Thursday, December 19.

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# Big wet exposes emergency plan flaws

The Big Wet of December 2019 will remain in most people's memories for a while.

For international visitors, stranded on either side of the Rangitata or marooned at Franz Josef, it will linger a little longer. Literally.

Prat of the Weekend had to go to the self-identified Auckland, on TV One News, who raged at the sheer incompetence of everyone that the weather had stuffed up his travel plans. HE found it incomprehensible that the South Island was so backward that it didn't present him with alternatives now that two state highways had their bridges washed out.

While wearing sunglasses on an overcast, grey day. That much self-entitlement is usually the preserve of 'woke' teens.

But like many, our household lost all communications on Saturday night. No phones, no internet, and no communications from any media that all of the lower South was in the same predicament.

The first question that was asked - accusingly - was whether the Spark bill had been paid. But the real problem was that our so-called failsafe 111 emergency call systems went down too. None of our Spark linked phones were operable.

And given that radio stations were on automated links, with automated playlists, then they were practically useless as a public information source. So too TVNZ and TV3.

Which highlights the real Civil Defence emergency. If/when that southern fault ruptures, we will be on our own. Completely. And forget advance warnings of emergencies. Civil Defence, so reliant upon cellphones, will be silent.

Lessons all round. Learned large during the Big Wet. Now to get the authorities to up their game in response - and that includes my own Otago Regional Council.

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# Defending Champions reign again in 2019 Pioneer Bike Race

By Jan Hawkins

This years' Pioneer Bike Race, centred around Central Otago, featured multiple back-to-back success stories.

Tim Rush and Michael Vink (Onya Bike North Otago), Kate McIlroy and Amy Hollamby (Stonewood Homes) and Josie Wilcox and Joe Skerman (JoJo) took out the open men's, open women's and mixed categories for 2019, in what has been a tough and weather-disrupted week of riding.

Days five and six were based at Anderson's property near Bannockburn, with the familiar sight of identical tents pitched along the road.

Day five's race was cut short because of snow on Mt Difficulty, but the final stage from Bannockburn to Frankton took place in its entirety, with a staggering 2,130 vertical climbing metres crammed into the 70km over the Nevis Range.

It took riders through Central Otago backcountry that few had ever seen.

"That is good for me and Vinky to get this one in our home nation, it has been amazing," says Tim Rush.

"A lot of people wrote us off, with the Aussie boys coming over, especially as they have won so many races," he adds, referring to the strong challenge of Giant Australia Off-Road team, Brendan Johnston and Jon Adams.

Kate McIlroy and Amy Hollamby, in taking the women's category for a second year, reflected that the final stage was one of the toughest days in the history of the event.

Amy said that the temptation of passing wineries through the Gibbston Valley was very real.



Brother and sister Michael and Holly Harris share an embrace after a stunning ride through the rain to win the mixed race, stage three into Bannockburn. Photo Supplied



Michael Vink and Tim Rush win the 2019 Pioneer. Photo Tim Bardsley-Smith

"We did joke about stopping and getting a photo of a bottle of red and sending it through to the finish," she says.

Race Director Chris Randle admitted that the race has been challenging this year, but its byline is 'find character', and the riders had a blast.

"The atmosphere in the race villages has been fantastic, and the welcome from locals has been off the scale," he says.

The race, in its fourth year, has always been held in the South Island, but event founder and The Ironman Group Oceania Managing Director Dave Beech announced that the 2020 venue will be Rotorua and the surrounding area.

"The South Island has created some wonderful memories and left lifelong impressions on all riders," Dave says, but the race is about showing international and local riders what New Zealand has to offer, and he adds, "The very heart of the Kiwi pioneering spirit is about exploring new lands and in the case of this event, riding beyond."

# Cromwell pupils excel in academic tests

Editorial Supplied

Cromwell has some very bright kids. That's the conclusion that can be drawn from the most recent ICAS academic results released recently.

There were stand-out results from pupils at all three of Cromwell's schools, including a rare High Distinction award for creative writing.

ICAS is an external examination across various core subjects for Years 3 to 10 pupils.

It is administered by the University of New South Wales and attracts top scholars from Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, and Malaysia.

A number of New Zealand's leading independent schools enter their eligible pupils. Results are ranked nationally with the top students in each subject receiving recognition.

Those recognitions range from High Distinction (the top 1%) to Distinction (next 10%), Credit (next 25%) and Merit (next 10%).

Any recognition is a significant achievement. There were also three Principal's Awards handed out to pupils who recorded outstanding efforts and results. Zoe Laws, Baxter Dimond, and Theo Laws were the 2019 recipients.

Baxter's versatility over a range of subjects was exceptional.

The following list of ICAS academic award recipients provided by Cromwell's schools is as follows.



Zoe Laws from Cromwell College. Photo Supplied

- High Distinction:** Zoe Laws (Y 8 writing)
- Distinction:** Kaia Hutchison (Y9 writing), Bjork Swain (Y9 writing), Baxter Dimond (Y7 English), Sebastian Rees-Francis (Y5 Maths), Quentin Rees-Francis (Y 5 Maths), Conor Ely (Y6 Maths), Theo Laws (Y6 Writing).
- Credit:** Liam Sangster (Y4 Maths), Matthew Sinnott (Y 4 Maths), Ava Hansen-Pollard (Y 4 Maths), Elizabeth Warry (Y5 Maths), Carli Hutchison (Y5 Maths), Kobe McNamara (Y5 Maths), Sophie Thomson (Y6 Maths), Jack Buttar (Y 8 Maths), Zoe Laws (Y8 Maths), Baxter Dimond (Y7 Maths & Y7 Spelling), Bridie Nichol
- (Y8 English), Kaia Hutchison (Y9 English), Bjork Swain (Y9 English), Molly Christiansen (Y10 English), Abbey Bisset (Y8 Science), Grace White (Y8 Science), Samantha Varcoe (Y8 Science), Flynn Wilson (Y9 Science), Braedon Fiebig (Y10 Science), Tayven Coudret (Y6 Writing).
- Merit:** Braedon Fiebig (Y10 Maths), Grace White (Y8 Maths), Eve Drinnan (Y10 Writing), Aija Tiplady (Y10 Writing), Zoe Laws (Y8 English), Tom Livingstone (Y7 Science), Bjorn Swain (Y9 Science), Noah Lindsay (Y4 Maths), Tru Bruce (Y6 Writing), Theo Laws (Y6 Spelling), Baxter Dimond (Y7 Maths).

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**Cromwell Community Playgroup** - Fri, 9.30-11.30am, Lowburn Valley Hall, 0-5yrs FREE, all welcome. Enq Anna 027 2694 778

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**Meditation** - Every Tuesday at 8.30am at St Andrews Church, cnr of Donegal & Blyth Streets. Ph: 021 0322 552 for more info

**Mini Gym** - Play gym for under 5's at Cromwell Squash Clubrooms, Nepulsultra St. Mon mornings 9.30am - Crawlers & wobbly walkers only (up to 2 years). 10.30am - mixed age 2, 3 & 4 yr olds including younger siblings. All families & visitors welcome. 445 0632

**Narcotics Anonymous** - Wed 6pm at the Cromwell Community House, 5 Murray Tce, Cromwell. Ph 0800 628 632

**NZ Vintage Car Club Inc, Central Otago** - Monthly meetings 8pm 2nd Wed of the month at the VCC Clubrooms, Litany St, Cromwell. Interested members of the public welcome. Enq John 445 0598 / Lindsay 445 0065

**Patchwork Group** - Thurs 9.30am, Clubrooms, 44b Inniscort St, new members welcome. Enq: Sandra 445 1428 / Chris 445 8332

**Plunket Preschool Playgroup** - Mon, 10am, for children aged 0-5yrs, Plunket Rooms. Enq Kim 027 771 9831

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**Salsa Cromwell** - Wednesday evenings, Bannockburn Hall. Class and Social Dance Enq Gina 022 237 6206 Facebook: Salsa Cromwell

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Up Coming

**Friday 27th December** - Cromwell Bowling Club's famous summer quiz night happens again. 7pm Cromwell Bowling Club, Alpha Street

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

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

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

**Alpine Street Machines** - Wed, monthly meeting, 7.30pm, The Victoria Arms. Enq: 445 3371

**The Cromwell Kilwinning Lodge 98** - 2nd Wed in the month, 7.30pm

**Cinema65** - The film, a cuppa of choice and a sweet for \$10 flat fee (for over 65s). Bookings essential as the sessions are usually sold out! Ph 445-8175. Doors open at 1pm for a 1:30pm start. The cinema entrance is ramped and there is a handicapped toilet. Next films: 12th Dec: Eye in the Sky; 9th Jan: Bohemian Rhapsody

Regular Meetings

**Tarras Yoga** - All levels yoga for men and women at Tarras Hall, 7 - 8.30pm every Tuesday. Turn up! Or call Jennifer 022 0974 596

**Ukes.Crom** - Newcomers welcome, Enq Bill 027 248 1000

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Church Notices

**Bannockburn Community Church Carol Service** - Monday 23rd Dec at 7pm, everyone welcome. Join us in the Bannockburn Hall following the service for a cuppa and Christmas cake

**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 Centre** - Sun, Lowburn Community Church, 10.30am. Enq Pastor Bruce Wast 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

Draw & Results

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**MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2019**

**6.15pm**

- Court 1 Ruggard v Tits & Bits - Marie & Karyn
- Court 2 Highlands v The Opposition - Belz & Tash
- Court 3 12 Times v Hoops - Judge & Allanah
- Court 4 Team Greenies v Balls Deep - Claudia & Teagan
- Court 5 Untamed v Mad Dogz - Toni Wilson & Nicole G
- Court 6 Big Ballers v Shaydens Yeam - Shayla & Hannah

**7.00pm**

- Court 1 Time Out v Dirty Tactic - Karyn & Barnsey
- Court 2 Cloud 9 v Shot Down - Tash & Helen
- Court 3 Heres the tea v Se Wuck - Chelsea & Judge
- Court 4 Year 12 v The Wannabes - Pania & Tia
- Court 5 Central Fitness v One hit wonders - Emma P & Rach
- Court 6 Cunning Stunts v Nets top model - Jess & Toni Wilson

Results

**NETBALL RESULTS 9/12/2019**

Big Ballers 19 Se Wuck 13 POM Bailey Scott  
Balls Deep 18 12 Times 10 POM Georgina Wallis  
Year 12 12 One hit wonders 10 POM Tessa Blakistin  
Shot Down 23 Heres the tea 5 POM Ed Lawrence  
Central Fitness 18 Nets top model 7 POM Quintin  
Cunning Stunts 16 The Wannabes 12  
POM Phillip Mair  
Cloud 9 16 Shaydens Team 10 POM Jayde  
Untamed 12 Hoops 11 POM Greta Bauer  
Mad Dogz 19 Team Greenies 7 POM Jess  
Highlands 20 Dirty Tactix 12 POM Liam  
Time Out 21 Tits & Bits 11 POM Paige Norland  
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Alan Pentelow  
Annie Barnett  
Savannah Jones

**December 12**  
James Hay  
Keith Mooney  
Brian Brooking  
Tom Landreth

**December 13**  
Kate Franklin  
Jack Murdoch  
Riley Collins  
Christy Foster

**December 15**  
Jayne Teviotdale  
Todd Ferguson

**December 17**  
Layton Blakie  
Brent Smithies  
Cliff Crawford  
Ashleigh Furze  
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# Rotary Clock a real community effort

Editorial Supplied  
When Cromwell Rotary decided to donate a clock to the town to mark 40 years of Rotary in Cromwell, 1979-2019, little did they know what a magnificent community effort the project would become.

The clock was decided as the celebratory gift to Cromwell because of its likely enduring usefulness to locals and visitors alike, and it also compliments the Big Fruit Sculpture that sits across the park and has become a well-recognised symbol of the town.

That too was a Cromwell Rotary project back in 1987. The clock itself has been imported from Austria and now sits proudly on a steel pole above a stone plinth in Murray Terrace, adjacent to the pedestrian crossing and car park.

It's currently looking particularly magnificent, rising as it does from a large bed of red roses. Project team leader Fin White is very quick to heap praise on the many people and businesses who

have got in behind the project and either donated their time and skills free, or at a significantly reduced rate.

"Without the many supporters who've helped us, this clock may never have got to be a striking new part of the Cromwell townscape.

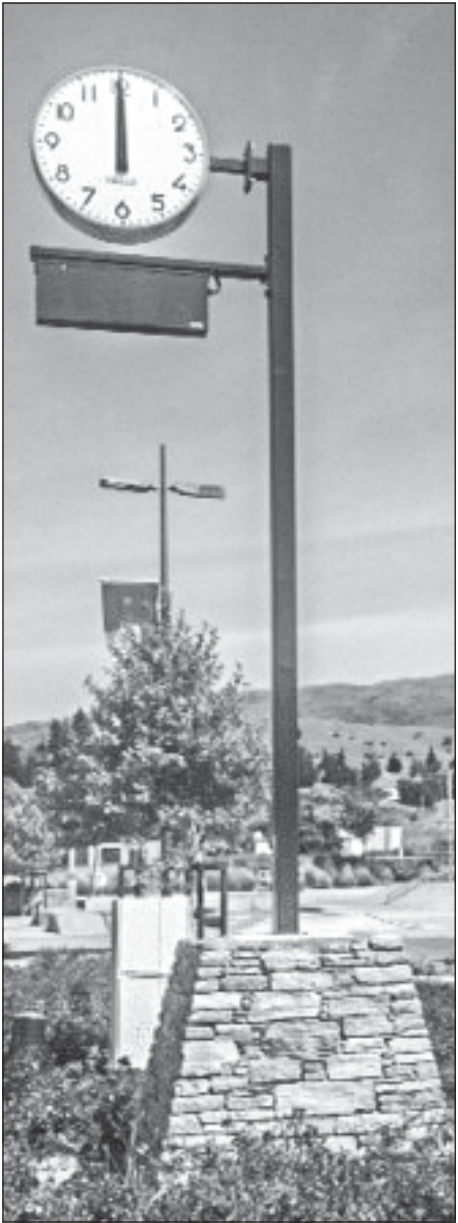
From the initial concept design and engineering work to procuring the clock, the site, the pole and the plinth, through to the onsite transport, installation and stonework, and then the engraving, and on site electrical work, I've been overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and generosity of all involved.

Rotary and Cromwell owe all these people a huge vote of thanks."

A public event is to be held near the clock on Sunday Dec 15 at 4.30pm.

Mayor Tim Cadogan will be on hand to do the unveiling and accept it on behalf of the Central Otago District Council.

Everyone is welcome to attend the short ceremony.



**Cromwell Rotary wishes to thank the following businesses for their invaluable contribution to the project:**

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Wednesday	25th Dec	CLOSED
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Friday	27th Dec	7.30am-8pm
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