

WELCOME BOOKLET



Balfour School and Community

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Balfour and District Businesses



MEDICAL FACILITIES

Lumsden Medical Centre – 58 Garden Street, Lumsden. Dr Mathew Stokes GP,
Phone 03 248 7146.

Surgery Hours: Weekdays 9 am – Noon / 1.30 pm – 5 pm by appointment.

Urgent after hours – Phone 03 248 7146

Emergencies – Phone Ambulance 111.

District Nurses/Public Health Nurse – Phone 03 248 7997

Elderly Day Care – Senior Citizens Rooms, Lumsden, Wednesdays from 10 am.
Contact Joy 03 248 7736

ANDREWS TRANSPORT BALFOUR

Phone 201 6060

BALFOUR ENGINEERING

For all your engineering needs 98 Queen Street, Balfour

Phone 201 6470 or 027 272 9333 or 021272 9333

BALFOUR LIMeworks (Ravensdown)

Phone 201 6221.

BALFOUR TAVERN, DAIRY and MOTELS

YOUR CONVENIENCE STORE – stocking whatever you need. Groceries, frozen / chilled goods, drinks, chips, hot pies, sandwiches and filled rolls. Agency for New Zealand Post, Eftpos facilities available.

Fully Serviced Motel Units, Function/Conference Room.

Friendly bar with Espresso coffee available

Competitive bottlestore on price and selection

Kitchen Open 5 days a week for dine in meals or takeaway fish 'n' chips

Open 7 days Phone 201 6404.

BRIAN HORRELL

Drainage contractor. Phone/Fax 201 6235 or 027 435 3860

BLACK AG CONTRACTING

Baling, balage, wrapping. All Agricultural work. Telehandler for hire. Phone Darryl
021 327 828

MacGREGOR MOTORS, Balfour

For Motor Repairs. Situated on the Balfour/Riversdale Highway (No 1703).

Contact – Alistair, Phone 201 6315

JPMARSHALL ENGINEERING LTD

Orders are being taken now for grain dryers, silo's, elevators. Contact Gary Collins 0274 394 201 for more information.

S BLACK CONTRACTING LTD

We now have a 1.8 ton digger, which comes on a trailer and is now available for hire for all those small jobs or where site access may be difficult.



We also have a ready supply of crushed rock and screened gravel for track maintenance, calf shed mix, an auger and post driver and a Drain cleaner.

Farm Drainage with Laser
New Dairy Lanes and maintenance
Farm conversions
Air strip maintenance
Muck Spreading
Grading & bulldozing

Excavation work
Farm Tracks
Building Sites
Root Raking
Gravel and Rock supplies
Tree removal with Grab



*** GRADER * TIP TRUCKS * VIBRATING ROLLER**
*** TRANSPORTER FOR HIRE * TRACTOR & MUCK SPREADER**
*** BULLDOZER * MOLEPLOUGH/AERATOR**
*** TILE/DRAIN CLEANER**

We also have firewood for sale – Pine, Macrocarpa & Blue Gum which can be delivered at a small charge or you may pick up yourself.

Phone Stephen on: 201 6317 or 021332841 or Callum on 0211503279

Email: blackcon021@gmail.com

EWL Limited – Brent & Kate Eaton Specialising in all your Silage and Baling requirements. Managing Director Brent Eaton 0274855994 Operations Manager Matt Muir 0272204000 Office (Kate) 2016386 or 0274284328
ewl.balfouroffice@gmail.com

Eaton Heights Farming Limited - Your local Cultivation and Spraying contractor
Cultivation and Drilling: Derek Eaton 0274375706 Spraying: Paul Eaton 0274838103
eatonheightsfarming@gmail.com

Educational Groups

BALFOUR SUB-BRANCH PLUNKET

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to use the services of our society. Our Plunket Nurse will call on you regularly at your home until your baby is 3 months and then you are encouraged to follow your baby's progress by attending the Clinic at our Plunket Rooms. Through the Northern Branch of the Plunket Society we have available a mobile Karitane Nurse and a Home Help Service.

To attend a Clinic please ring Jody Drysdale, Phone 201 6202 to make an appointment.

Monthly meetings with speakers are held on the fourth Monday of each month. As well as a meeting we usually have an interesting speaker or activity and finish off with supper.

Our meetings offer social contact as well as the opportunity to talk to other mothers in the same situation.

Our booklet will show when our meetings are on and what is happening as well as providing some useful contact phone numbers.

For further information please contact our President or Secretary or any Plunket member known to you.

President – Monica Beaton Phone 0273218147

Plunket Nurse - June Dean Phone 202 6599

- Anne-Marie Thamblyn Phone 202 6599

BALFOUR PLAYCENTRE (Located at Balfour School)

Caters for all pre-schoolers. Well appointed facilities. Tuesday and Friday Morning Sessions 9:00 am – 12:00.

Phone Julia Duff 027 6342724

BALFOUR PRIMARY SCHOOL

New Entrants – Year 6.

See our information booklet – included in this welcome pack or obtainable from the school – for more detailed information.

Contact – Louise Stevenson, Principal, Phone 201 6042.

Pre School Visits

Children approaching the age of 5 years are encouraged to visit the school for 2 half days and 2 complete days in the last month before they start school. Parents are encouraged to be independent of them during these sessions. Parents are asked to contact the school to set up the dates for these visits.

SECONDARY SCHOOLING

Our local secondary school is Northern Southland College, a Year 7 to13 College in Lumsden.

Contact – The Principal, Phone 03 248 7121.

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

The clinic is open once a year. Children are seen at the Lumsden Dental Clinic situated in the grounds of the Lumsden Primary School, Maria Street Lumsden. Children are enrolled at six months of age and seen yearly after that.

For any concerns/queries please phone 03 248 7699 or 0800 570 300.

Cultural Groups

RIVERSDALE ARTS SOCIETY

This group meets once a month on the second Wednesday at 8 pm in the Arts Rooms, situated in the main street of Riversdale.

The group organises a mixed media exhibition that is held in the Riversdale Community Centre every July for ten days. The annual exhibition has grown to become one of the premier arts and craft shows in Southland and Otago.

Approximately 80 artists display and sell their works annually, with over 500 pieces on exhibit. Many of the artists come from Southland and Otago provinces, but others come from as far away as Auckland, Masterton, Wellington and Hokitika, to name a few. All artists exhibit by invitation only.

Contact – Jan Robertson email:riversdalearts@gmail.com

BALFOUR THEATRE COMPANY INC

This group is a non-profit society set up to provide and promote Theatre in the Waimea Area. Our main focus is a mid-winter Theatre Restaurant, but we do provide entertainment, make up artists and other back-up for various fundraisers and school productions. We also run workshops and training days for members.

We have a hire wardrobe, for those costume parties and ‘special occasions’, located at Queen Street, Balfour. For viewing contact Ziggy Roy 0274448353

If you are interested in joining the company contact Kerry Lee, Phone 201 6345.

Balfour Promotions and Community Board

BALFOUR COMMUNITY BOARD

The Balfour Community Board (formerly the Balfour Community Council) came into effect in 1989, following the reorganisation of New Zealand local government. The Board represents the township of Balfour and is situated in the Ardlussa Ward.

The Board has now amalgamated with Riversdale and Waikaia

The Board performs functions as delegated by the Southland District Council, including the preparation of local budgets and the recommendation of local rate requirements and distributions. It is also responsible for determining the overseeing priorities for local works and services, amenities and utilities.

Secretarial services are supplied by the Southland District Council.

Contact –Rose Knowles, Phone 03 248 7307.

Community Organisations and Groups

BALFOUR CUBS AND SCOUTS

Cubs Leaders & Keas Leaders - Kirsty Bryne phone 0273333779

Scout Leaders –Trevor Drake phone 021708514

The Cub Group meets at the Balfour Scout Den, Kruger Street, on a Wednesday at 6.30 pm – 8.00 pm.

The Scout Group meets on a Friday from 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm.

BALFOUR HALL BOOKINGS

Available for hire at any time. Bar and catering facilities available. Contact Ziggy Roy, Phone 201 6058.

BALFOUR LIONS CLUB

Formed at a Charter presentation dinner on Saturday 7 April 1970 with a membership of 40 male members. Membership dropped to a low of 22 and at that time (1995) members invited females to join Lions with the result that the club now has a mixed membership which sits around the 30 mark.

Main projects are aimed at improving the amenities of the district, with profits from work done, for example, town footpaths being put back into plantings in our park areas.

Senior citizens are catered for with socials, coach tours and provision of firewood where necessary.

The profits from the annual district hay competition are used for the youth of our district with an annual scholarship of \$500 going to a local student for continuing study of their choice, and further finance being donated to youth for special study and youth sport.

Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month with the get together at 6.30 pm and our meal at 7 pm, the venue being the Balfour Tavern.

Contact – President –Richard Dillon 027 2010418 or Secretary Reg Dawson ph 201 6255

BALFOUR RSA – Men's Section

To be a member of the Balfour Returned Services Assn one must have served in the armed forces. This would include being returned service, regular or compulsory military training, in general, eligible service would come within one of the following:

The Armed Forces of New Zealand

The Armed Forces of some other Commonwealth country

The Armed Forces of an ally

New Zealand or Commonwealth Police Force (sworn officers)

New Zealand Cadet Force
Some Merchant Seamen
Resistance fighters

However the Gore RSA from which we are a sub branch, welcomes the public to join their association and that entitles the local members from Balfour and surrounding districts to join in our activities which include socials and pot luck dinners. Our main event is of course the Anzac Day celebration, which is very well supported by the public of Balfour.

A member of the public who joins the Gore RSA becomes a 'house' member and is entitled to go into any RSA in New Zealand.

Our club rooms are situated in the sports ground and are shared with the local bowling club.

Contact –Murray McKeown President Phone 0272016884
Susan Roy, Secretary Phone 201 6312

BALFOUR RSA - Women's Section

The Womens's Section of the RSA meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 2.00 pm at the RSA rooms in Balfour. Come along and join in our activities. Everyone welcome.

Contact –Barbara Sharpe President phone 201 6200
Maree Black Secretary 0274332841

BALFOUR SWIMMING POOL - The Community Swimming Pool is situated in the School Grounds and is available through the summer months. Keys can be purchased for the season from the School during School hours or from Meghan Appleyard ph 0210458324

BALFOUR VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

This Volunteer brigade meets at the Station every Tuesday evening at 7.15 pm for training. Monthly meetings are held every third Tuesday at 8 pm. The Brigade attends local fires, traffic accidents and other emergency situations, and is also your contact for smoke alarms and fire permits.

Contacts: Stephen Black Fire Chief Phone 201 6317 or 021 332841

CHURCHES

Catholic:

10.30 am - 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sunday of the month (Balfour)

10.30 am - 1st and 3rd Sunday – Mass (Riversdale)

Contact Parish Counsellors – Claire Muir, Phone 201 6395; Mark Whelan, Phone 201 6288; Pauline Solomon, Phone 201 6451.

Presbyterian:

Balfour Service and Sunday School – 10.00 am each alternate Sunday.

Club Y7-9 7.00 – 9.30 pm GP Hall

Youth Group Y9 up 7.30 – 10.00 Lumsden Resource Centre

Contact Jonathan Elder Phone 201 6133 Malcolm White Phone 201 6096

FEDERATED FARMERS

For professional help and advice with such issues as Land Tenure, Resource Management, ACC, OSH, RMA, Employment etc.

Federated Farmers are a nationwide organisation with local policy analysts keeping in touch with the issues that affect farmers in Southland.

More information on joining can be obtained by phoning 0800 FARMING

BALFOUR YOUNG FARMERS

Young farmers caters for younger members of the community interested in rural activities.

Meetings are held regularly through the year. Fun competitions and outings also.

Contact: Coral Single phone 0273906958

LIBRARY SERVICES

The Book Bus calls at the Balfour Tavern Car Park every fortnight on a Tuesday.

For renewals and inquiries, Phone 03 236 0476.

NORTHERN SOUTHLAND DINERS

A women's group which meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Balfour Tavern. The evening begins with a meal, then a speaker invited to talk to the group following the meal. New members welcome as permanent or "fill in" members.

Contact –Karen Skevington Phone 02704679498

NORTHERN SOUTHLAND COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE CHARITABLE TRUST

Lumsden Resource Centre

Clothing, Bedding, Grants 'Supporting Individuals, Families and Whanau

- Kara Colquhoun ph 03 2487885

Sports Groups – Children

HOCKEY CLUB (Mini Hockey to Senior Level)

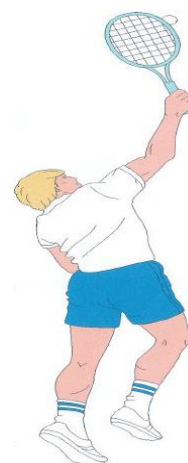
The Balfour Hockey Club would like to welcome you to our community. If any members of your family are interested in playing, coaching or umpiring hockey please don't hesitate in contacting Sue Clearwater for more information about our club. We look forward to meeting you.

Contact –Nic Roy Phone 201 6250. or 0272334728

GOLF – Primary School

Riversdale have a junior programme which operates each Friday after school during terms 1 and 4 and caters for pupils from Balfour and Riversdale from Y3 – Secondary School.

Contact Stuart Riordan 202 5886. or 0212037547



MINIBALL

Balfour School has miniball teams competing in the Northern/Eastern competition based in Gore during Term 2. Further information is available from Balfour School, Phone 201 6042.

NETBALL

Our Netball Club has school teams. We have some very dedicated parents, players and coaches. Primary school children play their games during the week, after school. We are always keen to hear from people interested in helping with coaching and umpiring. More information is available from our president.
School Contact –Justine Williams, Phone or 0276433040

NORTHERN JUNIOR TENNIS

Contact –Michelle Elder 2016133 or 0276197307

NORTHERN SOUTHLAND SWIMMING CLUB

The Northern Southland Swimming Club in Lumsden, operates two nights per week (Monday and Thursday) from approximately November through to March – but only during the school terms. Lessons are available for those 5 years and upwards, but a waiting list operates, and is subject to the availability of coaches.

Contact – Jeanna Rodgers 0276931394

Find us on facebook: Northern Southland Amateur Swimming Club

JUNIOR RUGBY

Junior Rugby starts around 5 years of age. Any boy or girl can play in Touch competition. They usually play this until they are 8 years old and then move on to Tackle Rugby.

The Junior Rugby in Northern is played on a Saturday morning, in Mossburn starting at 11.30 am.

A playing jersey is provided at the start of the season and returned at the end. The shorts are black and the socks are maroon and gold. These are purchased at your own expense.

Mouthguards are compulsory and can be bought from me at \$3 each. Some headgear is also available for purchase.

If you have any further enquiries **Contact – Bevan Roy**

Sports Groups – Adults

BALFOUR NETBALL CLUB

Our Netball Club is currently in remission.

We are always keen to hear from people interested in playing or helping with coaching and umpiring. More information is available from our president.

Contact –Justine Williams phone 0274546134

BALFOUR GUN CLUB

We meet monthly for competitions at our range located at the Balfour Racecourse. Two open days are held each year, one prior to duck shooting and the other at Christmas time.

Contact – Gary Hoffman phone 027 2077806

BALFOUR HOCKEY CLUB

Our Hockey Club welcomes new members as players, umpires, coaches or supporters.

Contact – Nic Roy 201 6250

BALFOUR RUGBY CLUB

The Balfour Rugby Club would like to welcome new players and supporters to the community. Our club has a combined Senior Team with Lumsden and currently play in the Southland Wide Division 2 Competition. We also have a combined Under 18 Team which plays in the competitive Southland Wide U 18 Competition. If you would like any more information please get in touch with us.

Contact –Bevan Roy, President, Phone 201 6058 0272227130

BALFOUR SQUASH CLUB

Competition and Social League.

Contact – Ben Allan 0278153465

BALFOUR TENNIS CLUB

Team competitions and lessons.

Contact Janine Donaldson President Phone 201 6418 0276239321

BOWLS

If you are interested in **Outdoor Bowls** the contact person is President: Reg Dawson ph 201 6255

Practise nights are held on Wednesday from 6.00 pm and Bowls played on Saturdays. Everyone welcome.

GOLF

Well maintained nine hole golf courses are situated at both Lumsden and Riversdale.

Lumsden:	Craig Collins	Phone	2016191	0276433020
Riversdale	Stuart Riordan	Phone	202 5886	0212037547

NORTHERN SOUTHLAND TROTTING CLUB

Contact – Paul Hailes 0212375131

SOUTHLAND OLYMPIC TRENCH CLUB

The SOTC was opened on 18 July 1987 at the Balfour Gun Club grounds. It shoots under the rules of ISSF (International Shooting Sport Federation).

There are eight trench layouts in New Zealand. We are the furthestmost south. We hold qualifying events for international competition eg Olympic and Commonwealth Games, as well as World Cup events.

The event consists of 125 targets and the top 6 shooters get to shoot a final round of 25 targets. The competitor stands 15 metres back from where the target appears at ground level.

The field has 15 traps set under ground level, and are pre set to differing angles, heights and speeds. Each competitor will shoot at all the same targets but at different times. The computer controls the match of 25 targets. The targets are released by a voice activated mechanism.

Double trap is also shot over this field. Two targets are thrown together from the middle traps. This event is held over 75 pair of targets and the top 6 shooters get to shoot a 25 pair final.

Contact : Gary Hoffman Phone 027 2077806