

Health Report October 2008

1. **Welcome to Franz Event** 2pm – 7pm 7th November. This event is to welcome seasonal workers and others to Franz Josef. It will introduce them to some of the services available to them in Franz Josef and offer an opportunity to contribute to aspects of community life. The refurbished Gym will be open and new staff encouraged to enroll.
2. **Discussion regarding maternity services.** As reported at the last meeting we have been part of a meeting with the manager of maternity services. The result of this meeting is that there is more clarity in the pre and post natal care pathways than previously. We await confirmation of the level of obstetric cover over the next 12 months and will keep the Community Council informed as soon as we know..
3. **Website.** The Franz Josef Glacier clinic is the first in South Westland to have its own website. At the moment there is a brief outline of the services available, personnel and the current clinic schedule. We hope to work towards an on-line appointment option in the near future.

Navigation is straightforward. Go to the home page of the West Coast, then select services then South Westland Region then Franz Josef. You will end up here (underscore symbol after 'south' and 'franz'):

http://www.westcoastdhb.org.nz/services/south_westland/franz_josef

Please let us know if other health related things should be included.

4. We are enormously proud to be working with the Franz Josef St John Ambulance Crew, Supreme Winners of the Volunteer Award. Rosie and the team achieved recognition of their outstanding work at the award ceremony and will now go on to the National finals early next year.
5. Jackie and John are on leave from this Sunday and will be back at work on Wednesday November 5th. Cover during this time will be provided by Ann Fitzwater, the Rural Nurse Practitioner from Fox Glacier.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A CHANGE TO THE PUBLISHED ROSTER.

Fundraising Committee Report

1. Barn Dance

An excellent event with over 100 people attending. Current income over \$2 200 with more to come. Many volunteers helped with the arrangements but particular thanks to:

All at The Landing for hosting the event and, in particular Lucan and Greer for managing the proceedings and securing some excellent sponsorship, Speights Landing Bar, Speights and Southern Comfort; Neil for being the MC, dance instructor and whip cracker; Johnny for his live performance on guitar and banjo; Wendy, Sara, Kate and Lori for working behind the bar; Anna collecting door money; Rhino and John Stone for supervising the door with real presence and Cindy, Michael and Vanessa collecting glasses. Apologies if I have missed anybody.

2. Collection boxes

These are earning more each week as the town gets busier. We are set to earn in the region of \$500 per week from these.

3. Account balance

In addition to the MDI money from Westland Council we now have \$6 400 with income yet to be banked from the Barn Dance and Ice Festival.

4. Arrow International 'Roof Shout'

Many thanks to the staff working on the Scenic Circle Hotel for contributing \$400 to the Health Centre fund by bidding for tools donated by several suppliers. James Blacklaws reported the outcome to the meeting. Great effort

6. Hot Pools donation

A big clean up at the hot pools site attracted 19 volunteers and earned a substantial sum towards the Health Centre.

7. Mel Richards

Thanks to all who contributed to the landscaping out at Mel's place. The job has been completed and the cheque received. Thanks Mel and all who helped despite the awful weather.

5. Remaining activities

In addition to the collection boxes the remaining fundraising activities are; the screening of Mama Mia this weekend at the Alpine Adventure Centre, the mail drop to local residents and businesses and a concert by the Christchurch Accordion Orchestra at the Franz Josef Country Retreat in November.

Thank you to everybody who has been involved in the fund raising efforts.