



# HAKATARAMEA VALLEY COMMUNITY WELCOME PACK



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# Introduction

Our hearty congratulations on making the move to one of the most spectacular little pockets of New Zealand.

Whatever brings you to these parts, whether it's family, employment, or a lifestyle change we wish you all the very best as you find your feet and settle in.

While this area may feel a tad remote at first, always know your nearest neighbour is only a phone call or a cold beer away.

## A little bit about us...

Several years ago, after the community recognised the need for togetherness to ensure the continued prosperity of our little valley, a community group was formed - the Hakataramea Sustainability Collective (HSC). This welcome pack is an initiative of the HSC so that our newest residents can feel right at home, and to thank you for choosing our little pocket of paradise.

To learn more about the HSC and the Hakataramea Valley please visit our website: [www.hakatarameasustainabilitycollective.co.nz](http://www.hakatarameasustainabilitycollective.co.nz)  
(Please subscribe to our email newsletter to keep up to date with the events and activities around the area).

The HSC also has a Facebook page that you can follow: [facebook.com/hakatarameasustainabilitycollective](https://facebook.com/hakatarameasustainabilitycollective)



# Location



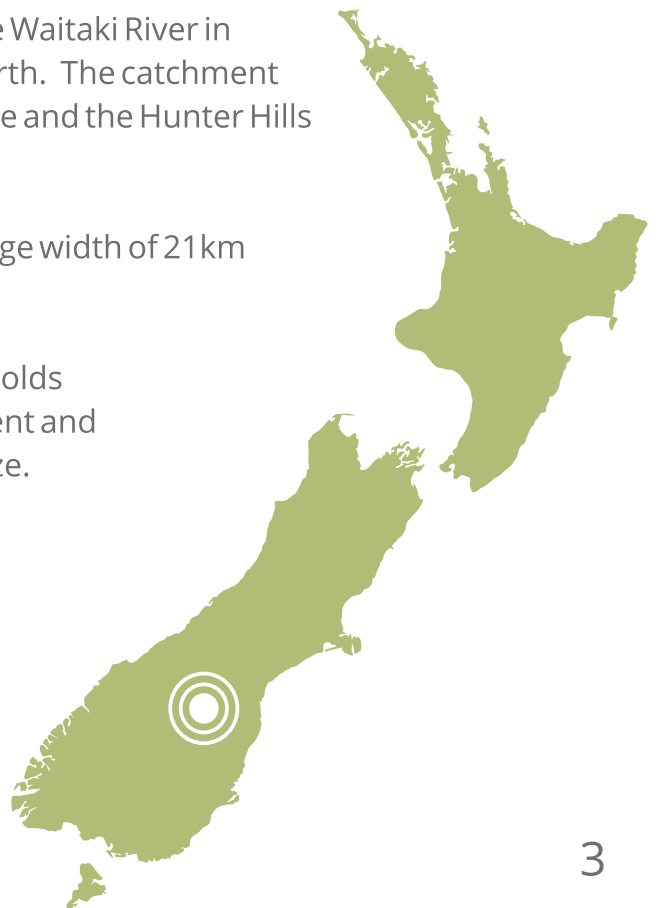
The Hakataramea Valley is a semi-isolated rural community on the boundary of the Waimate District in South Canterbury.

Our service town is Kurow, which is located across the Waitaki River, in the Waitaki District, North Otago region.

The Hakataramea catchment spans from the Waitaki River in the south to the Hakataramea Pass in the north. The catchment is bounded in the west by the Kirkliston Range and the Hunter Hills in the east.

The valley is around 56km long with an average width of 21km and drains an area of around 890km<sup>2</sup>.

There are approximately 92 families/households living within the Hakataramea Valley at present and 62 farms that are 12 hectares or greater in size.



# News and Information

The Bugle is Kurow's fortnightly tabloid which is conveniently delivered to your mailbox and can also be found online here: [www.kurow.org.nz/bugle-online](http://www.kurow.org.nz/bugle-online)

You will notice that there are several free news publications circulated in the Valley. There is also the option of subscribing to either the Otago Daily Times or the Christchurch Press.

Mail is delivered Monday to Friday. Saturday papers can be collected from the Four Square in Kurow. The lower end of the Valley has a Saturday paper run where one person collects the papers from Kurow and delivers to those that have a Saturday paper. If you would like more information, please contact HSC.

There are several active Facebook groups and pages operated by locals and local organisations across the Hakataramea and Upper Waitaki areas that are good sources of information.

Examples include:

- Hakataramea Sustainability Collective
- The Upper Waitaki Community Group
- Waitaki Valley Community
- Buy & Sell Kurow/Haka/Waitaki area

## Events

Upcoming events are often advertised on some or all of the mentioned media. The Kurow Information Centre and Museum also keep the following web page up to date: [www.kurow.org.nz/new-events](http://www.kurow.org.nz/new-events)

Events to look out for include:

- Local Christmas get togethers
- Market days – *these happen irregularly and will be advertised*
- Kurow Races
- Local rugby matches
- Farm field days

The Hakataramea Sustainability Collective run a range of workshops, field days and social events. Some of which are agriculturally focused and others that encourage connection within our community. These are advertised via our Facebook page, email and newsletters. Please send us your contact details so we can add you to our mailing list to keep you informed of important events we are running within the valley.

[www.hakatarameasustainabilitycollective.co.nz/contact](http://www.hakatarameasustainabilitycollective.co.nz/contact)





# Venues

Along with several venues available in and around Kurow, the Hakataramea Valley is lucky enough to have its own local venues available for hire, including:

- Waitaki Rod and Gun Club
- Cattle Creek Hall

The Waitaki Rod and Gun Club is located at the bottom end of the Valley on Hayes Road. Once a month clay bird shooting takes place, and every Tuesday it is home to the Hakataramea Mobile Kindergarten.

The Cattle Creek Hall is situated at the top end of the Valley on the main Hakataramea Valley Road. It is a gathering place for locals and has hosted weddings, funerals, balls and birthday parties, just to name a few. Also located onsite is the Hakataramea Rural Fire Brigade.



# Volunteering

Volunteering is a great way to meet people and as with most rural areas we are reliant on our volunteers to keep our community resilient and thriving. If you would like to get involved in the community, contact the team at the Kurow Information Centre or keep your eye on the local Bugle and Facebook pages which are often used to seek assistance. Outside of committees and boards some of our key local agencies that require volunteers are:

- Kurow Fire Brigade or Hakataramea Valley Rural Fire Brigade
- St John Ambulance (Kurow)
- Community Car run via the Kurow Information Centre







# Sports Clubs and Facilities

There are numerous sporting clubs based in Kurow and its surrounds.

Some of the sporting options include:

- Squash
- Rugby
- Netball
- Cricket
- Tennis
- Kurow Golf Club
- Sport shooting
- Waitaki Ski Club
- Bowling Club
- Community Swimming pool
- Touch Rugby
- Waitaki Collie Club - Hakataramea



# Recreation

The Hakataramea Valley offers an enviable range of recreation opportunities for any avid outdoor enthusiast or those looking to take the route less travelled. Hiking, hunting, biking, fishing, swimming and 4WD are just a few of the activities available within the Valley and close surrounds. There are a number of businesses providing unique and memorable experiences which are well worth considering to get the most out of your visit and the opportunity to visit spots not normally accessible to the public. For those considering a self-guided adventure ensure you have a well-planned route with permitted access throughout. Where you may be venturing onto private land, including alongside the river, prior authorisation with the property owner is essential.

## Fishing

The lakes and rivers of the region offer ample choice for anglers. Always read up on the rules for the body of water you are planning to fish. Please ensure you have the correct licence and that you gain the necessary permission when accessing private land. The Hakataramea river that runs through our Valley has various rules regarding access and margin strips. Having different council areas on each side of the river, we ask that you review the Fish and Game website for all the details.

[www.fishandgame.org.nz/centralsouthisland/freshwater-fishing-in-new-zealand/fishing-locations-and-access/popular-river-fisheries/](http://www.fishandgame.org.nz/centralsouthisland/freshwater-fishing-in-new-zealand/fishing-locations-and-access/popular-river-fisheries/)

## Walking and Hiking

There are several community and Department of Conservation (DOC) walks in and around the Hakataramea Valley area. Look up the DOC website for full details but walks of note are:

- Kurow Hill
- Kurow Wetlands
- Deep Stream
- Benmore Lookout
- Otematata Wetlands

## Boating

The Lakes (Benmore, Aviemore and Waitaki) are great spots for all types of boating and watersport activities. The Waitaki river is popular for jet boats. Look up the local council websites for boat ramp access and fees. The Waitaki District Council covers the southern shores while Waimate District Council covers the northern shores.



## Hunting

There are two Department of Conservation (DOC) hunting blocks within the Hakatamea Valley. The Hunters Hills conservation area and the Kirkliston Hunting Block. Both areas require a permit obtained from the DOC website prior to heading out. **Permission for access across private land from landowners is also essential.**

DOC advises all hunters to check for current pesticide operations in any area they intend to hunt. For more information check out the DOC website pages on each of the blocks. Remember it is illegal to hunt or cross any private land without first obtaining the landowner's permission.

- Kirkliston Hunting Block
- Hunters Hills Conservation Block

## Camping

There are numerous camping options around the lakes and in Kurow township, check out the appropriate council website for boundaries and fees.

## Public Toilets

There are no public toilets within the Hakatamea Valley.

The nearest ones are in Kurow Township next to the children's playground.





# Schools and Education

## Early Childhood Education

Waitaki Valley Preschool  
Kurow,  
Ph. 03 436 0999  
[www.waitakivalleypreschool.co.nz/](http://www.waitakivalleypreschool.co.nz/)

Hakataramea Mobile Kindy  
Hayes Road, 9am –12pm on Tuesdays  
[www.waimatekindergarten.co.nz/mobile-kindergartens/](http://www.waimatekindergarten.co.nz/mobile-kindergartens/)

## Primary Schools

Waitaki Valley School  
Kurow, 03 436 0660  
[www.waitakivalley.school.nz/home](http://www.waitakivalley.school.nz/home)

## Secondary Schools

The nearest secondary schools are in either Waimate or Oamaru. There are school buses running between Kurow and Oamaru each day.

## School Buses

Buses operate in the Hakataramea Valley for students attending Waitaki Valley School. There are currently two bus runs:

- *The **Cattle Creek Run** collects students from the Cattle Creek Hall and drives directly down the Valley to Kurow collecting students from Homestead Road and above.*
- *The **Haka Run** drives the route of Hakataramea Valley Road, Milne Road, turning at Corrighals Road, Homestead Road, to corner of McHenry and Myers Pass Rd and then back to Kurow.*

For more information and times of these bus runs please contact the Waitaki Valley School.







# Retail

There are no retail shops located in the Hakataramea Valley or the Hakataramea township. Kurow is the closest retail area with a small range of service and boutique offerings, including a grocery store, cafés, pubs, wineries, gift shops, agricultural cooperatives, petrol stations and garages.

There are also many options for trades and services such as plumbers, electricians, builders, fencers, cleaners, gardeners and engineers to name a few. Most advertise their services in the local Bugle.

We are also home to a large group of extremely talented local entrepreneurs, offering clothing to photography, jewellery to accommodation, plants to books. Most sell their wares online with the occasional local market day. Keep your eyes peeled online and in the Bugle for these wonderful local businesses.





# Health and Vet Care

## Health

**In cases of an emergency always call 111 first.**

Kurow has a fully equipped medical centre for general health and medical services. A volunteer St John Ambulance is available in emergency situations.

### **Kurow Medical Centre**

8:30am-5pm Monday to Thursday / 8.30am - 1pm Friday

Ph. 03 436 0760 for Doctor or Prime Nurse, Daytime and After-hours.

For a full list of services see their website or give them a call.

[www.kurowmedicalcentre.org.nz/](http://www.kurowmedicalcentre.org.nz/)

### **Mackenzie Pharmacy, Twizel**

9am-5pm Monday to Friday

Ph. 03 435 0883.

A delivery service from the pharmacy to Kurow Medical Centre has also been established to ensure that our community has access to necessary medications.

## Plunket

### **Kurow Plunket Clinic**

Open by appointment.

Ph. 03 434 8437.

[www.plunket.org.nz/plunket-near-me/kurow-plunket-clinic/](http://www.plunket.org.nz/plunket-near-me/kurow-plunket-clinic/)

For free support or advice, you can call PlunketLine 24/7 on 0800 933 922

## Vet Care

### **Kurow Veterinary Centre**

8:30am –5pm Monday to Friday

Ph 03 436 0567 servicing both farm and companion animals.

[www.vet111.co.nz/kurow](http://www.vet111.co.nz/kurow)





## Churches

For times and contacts please call into the Kurow information centre:

- St Albans Catholic Church - Kurow
- Christian Life Centre - Kurow
- St Stephen's Presbyterian –Kurow
- Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Kurow

## Cultural

The Hakataramea has a long history of use as both a highway and a mahika kai, supporting permanent and temporary occupation, with a number of urupa (burial grounds), wahi tapu (sacred sites) and wahi taoka (sites of significance) associated with the river. These are all places holding the memories, traditions, victories and defeats of Ngāi Tahu ancestors and remain important today.

The valley provided an alternative route to the Aoraki region, forming part of the network of waterways and land-based mahika kai. The river was a noted and popular indigenous fishery, offering tuna (eel), kanakana (lamprey), kokopu, waikoura (freshwater crayfish) and waikakahi (freshwater mussel). Other mahika kai taken from the Hakataramea included weka, ti kouka (cabbage tree) and taramea (spaniard grass).

The kaitiaki Rūnaka for the Hakataramea are Te Rūnanga o Waihao and Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua.

Hakataramea is a variation of the name Whakataramea. Whanga, or whaka in the Kāi Tahu dialect, is a geographical description of an indentation in the land surrounded by hills and mountains and in this instance “Haka” refers to the valley itself. Taramea refers to the highly valuable taramea (speargrass, *Aciphylla squarrosa*), a traditionally valuable source of perfume (Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu Collection, Ngāi Tahu Archive, 2014-103)



# Government and Civic

## Rubbish and Recycling

You will find a recycling collection station at the corner of Wrights Crossing and the Hakatamea Valley Road in the Hakatamea Valley.

There is also a recycling centre and rubbish depot that operates two days a week on the outskirts of Kurow:

### **Kurow Resource Recovery Park**

Settlement Road Kurow

Ph: 0800 341 11 11

Operating hours: 1pm – 4pm Wednesday and Sunday



## Justice of the Peace

Justices of the Peace are volunteers in the community who are able to witness documents, certify copies and take declarations, affidavits and affirmations.

For more information: [www.justiceofthepeace.org.nz/](http://www.justiceofthepeace.org.nz/)

## Kurow Information Centre

Needing more information on specifics of the area? Want to visit the museum?

Then head over to 57 Bledisloe Street, Kurow and find both.

Open from 9am – 4:30pm Monday to Friday, and 10am – 2pm Saturday and Sunday.  
(subject to volunteer availability)

Ph: 03 436 0950 [info@kurow.org.nz](mailto:info@kurow.org.nz)

Email: [info@kurow.org.nz](mailto:info@kurow.org.nz)

Website: [www.kurow.org.nz](http://www.kurow.org.nz)





## Waimate District Council

Waimate District Council is located at 125 Queen Street, Waimate.

Open weekdays 8am –4:30pm


First point of contact for information about Council activities, services and facilities.

Ph: 03 689 0000 [council@waimatedc.govt.nz](mailto:council@waimatedc.govt.nz)

Email: [council@waimatedc.govt.nz](mailto:council@waimatedc.govt.nz)

Website: [www.waimatedc.govt.nz](http://www.waimatedc.govt.nz)





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