

Metropol **Rangiora** and North Canterbury

Fall for autumn flavours



Roadside stall, Inland Scenic Route 72.



Flavours of the Bunker Bar & Café, Pegasus.

Explore the vibrant hues of the Waimakariri district this autumn, and besides the seasonal colours, discover an astounding variety of fresh autumn flavours in the cafés, restaurants, farmers' markets and farm gates.

Country cafés and restaurants

Do you know that we have the greatest cafés out here in the country? The next time you are calling through Kaiapoi, Pegasus, Waikuku, Rangiora, Cust and Oxford, have a break for a coffee and food. Local ingredients and locally made are the hallmarks of these places, with many featuring the local Waipara Valley wines on the wine lists.

Weekly farmers' markets are on from 9am to 12noon; Ohoka in the tree lined domain on Mill Road, Friday morning, Kaiapoi next to the Kaiapoi Riverbank on Saturday morning, and Oxford at the Main Street green on Sunday morning. Fresh produce, bread, preserves, meats, fish and



Fresh produce from Ohoka Farmers' Market.



Seagars at Oxford, Cooking School class.

delicious food are all on offer from the people who grow it, bake it, cook it or produce it.

Try the fun of a Cooking School class with celebrity chef Jo Seagar at Seagars at Oxford Cooking School. This will give you a memorable day of fun and laughter as Jo teaches small (10 – 14 participants) courses to home cooks looking for new recipes for their cooking repertoire – for either everyday meals, or fresh ideas for entertaining. A timetable for classes is available, or arrange your own group.

Organic produce and roadside stalls are nestled alongside many of the country roads; on Tram Road out to Oxford, Route 72 between Oxford and Cust and the North Canterbury's Food & Wine Trail's From the Farm Gate at Cust and Tuahiwi Market Gardens at Tuahiwi. Produce doesn't come any fresher than this and with the good old honesty box still 'out at the gate', it's nice to know there are still the simple things in life.

For more details of the Waimak's Autumn Flavours view:
www.visitwaimakariri.co.nz

Events

Happenings and Out and About

APRIL/MAY

Arts in Oxford

2 – 30 April: Diana Gillanders Solo Exhibition, The last Tarpaulin.

1 – 30 May: Mark Lander Solo Exhibition.

24 – 25 April: Weekend Escape. Two-day fabric painting workshop with experienced fabric-painting tutor, Ruth Stanton McLeod.

Book with Arts in Oxford (03) 312 4617.

MV Tuhoë River Cruises

9 May: 11.30am boarding, 12noon sailing.

Sail the Kaiapoi and Waimakariri Rivers onboard a grand historic schooner.

Book with Kaiapoi i-SITE (03) 327 3134



For more information about these events, venues etc, view:
www.visitwaimakariri.co.nz