

Face-to-face process a great chance to find jobs

"Is it election time or are we becoming a permanently negative country?" is a question I find myself asking all too often of late.

We all know what challenges we face as a nation, and that it's time to roll up our sleeves and make the best of reality.

But when you actually analyse how well we're doing, things are not as bad in Clutha as some would have you believe.

A point in case is the resilience and underlying strength of our rural economy.

When 52% of the tourist dollars spent in your district are on petrol, it is easy to see why we're able to handle the Covid-19 impact better than our near neighbours.

Plus we are still in a job surplus situation, and if ever we've needed every job filled in the district, it's this year.

So today, October 1, we're back to our old tricks, with a good, old-fashioned speed dating event for jobs down at the Cross Recreation Centre, from 4pm to 7pm.

It's been humbling to see the response from our employers

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as they circle the wagons and bring jobs from across the region in extraordinarily large numbers.

For anyone not used to the concept, we gather every employer we can find with jobs on offer and sit them down on one side of the table, and those looking for work, wanting a change of vocation, or just some short-term employment on the other.

Consider what's on offer and, if it all adds up, the job is yours.

It would be an absolute abomination to have such a tried-and-tested formula as speed dating come to town and locals not to make the most of the opportunity.

You will be treated with respect and dignity, and the prospects are astounding with not only all our magnificent

local employers attending, but also some from around the region.

One of possible interest to both old and young after a change of scene this summer could be the chance of fruit-picking in Central Otago.

While it may not suit everyone, the chance of a short burst of additional income may be tempting for a group of active retirees to gather up the caravan and join the call to help our neighbours in their time of need, as they desperately try to find a workforce to pick this year's crop.

Senior students needing income over the Christmas break would also do well to take a look.

Regardless of what your individual needs are, I can assure you there are jobs there for everyone and, if you know of someone that could be interested, please put the paper down and get on the blower now, because we need everyone to attend.

See you all this afternoon at Jobbortunities — the biggest speed date in Clutha's history.