

Wheelie big fire

This is all that's left of a Hawke's Bay wheelie bin after it was set alight in late February. Taradale volunteers are getting the bin-that-will-wheel-no-more under control.

Picture: Kerry Marshall



Flipped digger

A construction worker in Queenstown spent two hours literally hanging around when the digger he was driving flipped on its head.

Fire Service personnel cut the man out after a crane was brought in to stabilise the teetering digger.

He suffered leg injuries.

Picture: Southland Times



Hi-jinx hit a new low

An isolated incident in Dunedin has soured an otherwise promising couch-burning season.



Dunedin DCFO Trevor Tilyard says fires during orientation – when students spend the first week or so back at university partying – were tracking at slightly fewer than usual, with 16 fires.

However, this singed couch revealed a sinister secret, with a gas cylinder used in nail guns found inside the folded upholstery.

Had it caught, the cylinder could have given student revellers or a Dunedin firefighter an "O week" to forget.



Pictures: Willowbank Fire Brigade

Ever vigilant

Invercargill photographer Barry Harcourt quite possibly never sleeps – and he certainly doesn't take holidays.

When Barry went to Ohai, north-east of Tuatapere in Southland, to get out of the city for a while, he took his camera, and just happened to capture these images of a rural team tackling a scrub fire.

