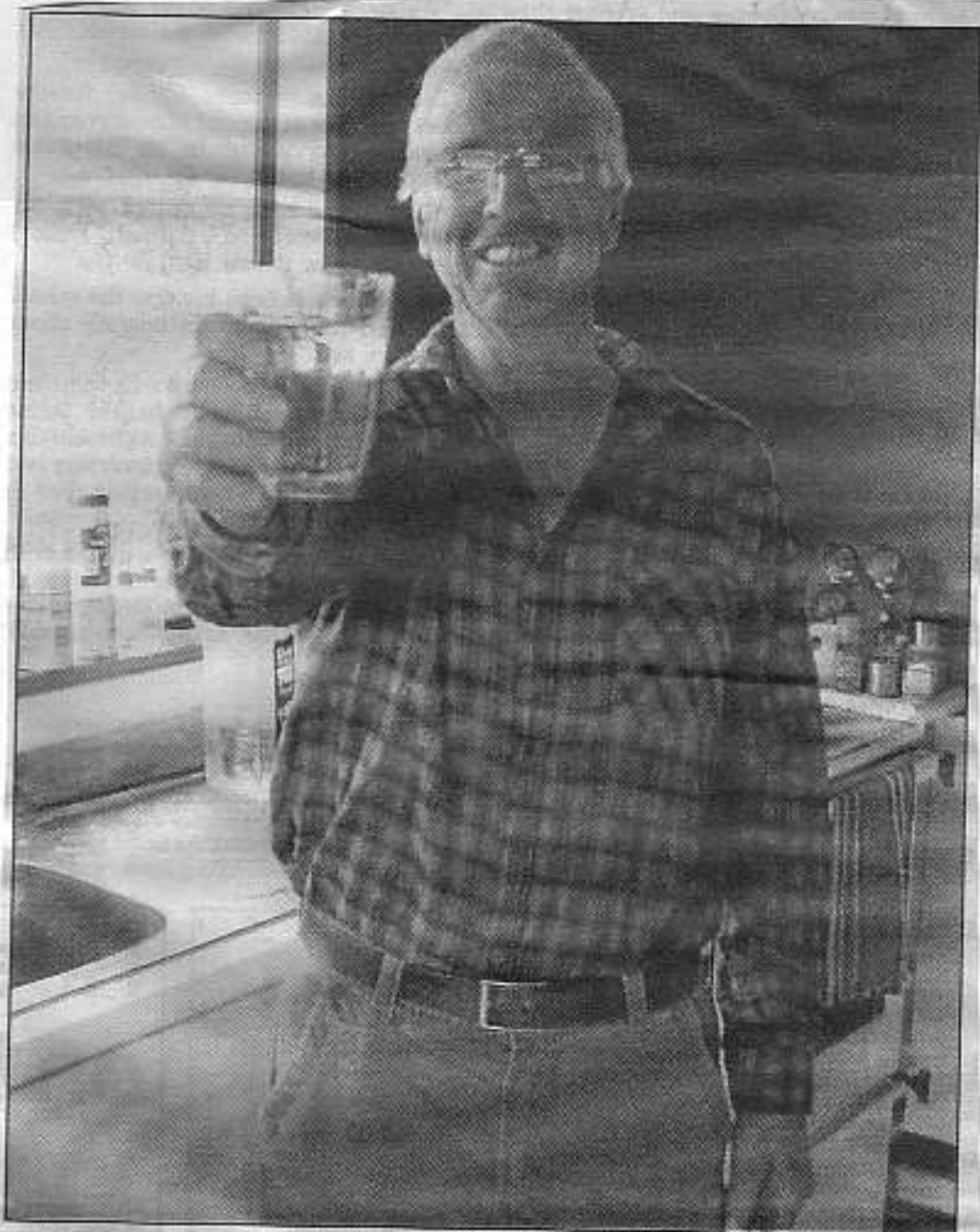


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CHEERS: Dennis Enright, of Mosgiel, wants Mosgiel water to stay just as it is.

where brushing teeth is important or not," Dr Holmes said.

Levels of fluoride added to New Zealand water are low and whether it is added or not, it is present in all water supplies as it exists naturally in soil and rock, sea water and fresh water. It is also found in the human body.

He said there was no scientific evidence that adding low levels of fluoride to water increased health risks but there was evidence it lowered the rate of tooth decay.

Public Health South is looking at whether Mosgiel children, who do not drink fluoridated water, have more dental decay than Dunedin children who are on fluoridated water. Results of the study are expected in the next month.

Tomorrow's meeting is at 7.30pm and a DVD will be shown. Bruce Spittle, of the International Society for Fluoride Research, will also speak. Mr Spittle recently spoke against fluoride being added to water supplies at a briefing of councillors and community board members on September 15.