

# BLUESKIN NEWS

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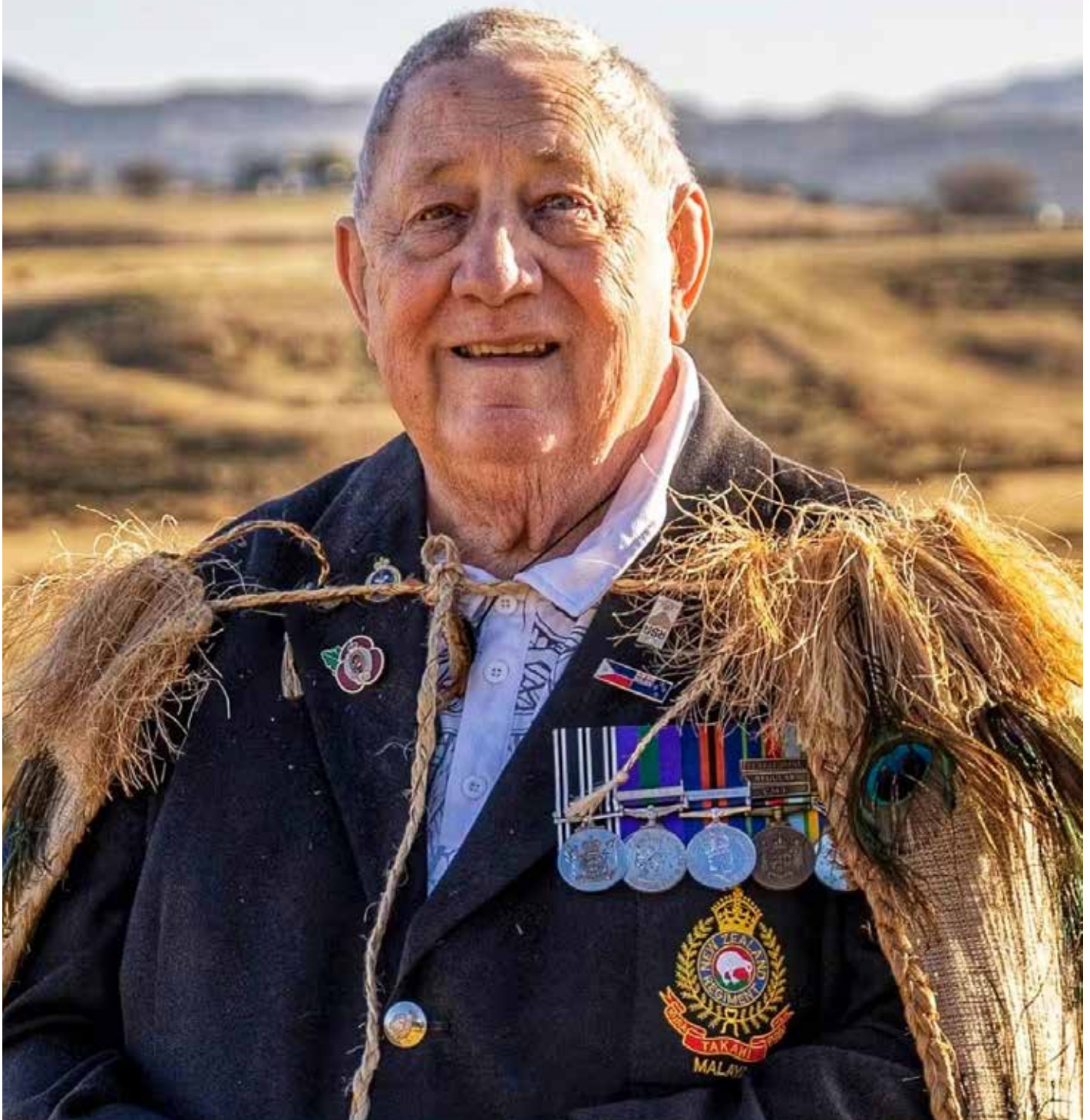
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## David Tohurangi Ellison 1936 - 2025







WARRINGTON  
SCHOOL

**The new school term at Warrington School has started with plenty of exciting learning opportunities and activities for the children to really get their teeth into.**

Our Year 7/8 children had an excellent week of adventure exploring the area in and around Glenorchy, the Dart River and Routeburn Valleys. We were super lucky with the weather and managed to fit in all of our activities, including jet boating and a 2-day expedition tramping and staying a night at the Routeburn Flats hut on the Routeburn Track. It was a very special experience being out and about and connecting with nature.

Our Explorers Club (4-year-old transition programme to school) is continuing to grow, and it is great to see so many new faces around the school. The Explorers Club runs every 3 weeks on a Friday morning from 9.30 – 11.00am. If you require any further details, please contact the Sam in the office.

We have been working hard to transform our school website over the last few months. Please check out our new, updated school website and the link to our Facebook page at: [www.warrington.school.nz](http://www.warrington.school.nz).



*Madness vs Sanity*

*Aliens continued...*



# Blueskin News AGM 2025

## Chairperson's Report 2025

It has been a busy and successful year for the Blueskin News. Our little publication has proven time and time again to be popular and valuable for sharing information and ideas around the community. We pride ourselves on the mixed content inclusive nature, and professional look of the newsletter.

Happily, as our bank balance has remained healthy we will continue to provide colour cover and back pages, It looks really good, how could we ever go back now.

Huge thanks are due to Bernie for the sterling job she has performed on monthly editing. Without our editor we are nothing! And an extra big thanks to her for going above and beyond and producing several issues while she was away adventuring/trapped in Europe.

Thanks also for the prompt and professional printing work that Digiart and Design Ltd in Port do for us.

Our regular advertisers allow us to continue meeting the costs of printing, we would not be able to publish without them and we are managing finances well.

Thank you to everyone who has had a go at collection and distribution and the Rural delivery people for the delivery service.

Many thanks to Clare for all the work she puts into billing and balancing books, we hope she will continue in this role. It is a thankless task but a huge part of keeping the news afloat!

Special thanks to Craig Marshall for his long-standing commitment to the news and especially for his swift secretarial skills!

All our volunteer team are amazing and make the news what it is:

Craig for proof reading and corrections, Doug's intelligent and political musings which make for great reading each month. Ian's fulsome Book Reviews (with beer suggestions) and The Rant from him and others, Giselle's inputs from mana whenua plus thoughtful article contributions from Camellia.

All our regular contributors – the local Playcentre and Schools, the Library, DCC, Hilary's garden and household tips, the Halo Project and Orokonui updates, Surf Club, Garden Club, the Heritage Centre provide articles and more make the news a varied and interesting monthly read.

It reflects well on the wider community confirming what a wonderful place Blueskin Bay is. Cheers to all our amazing team.

**Mandy Mayhem, Chair 2022 – 2025**

## Editor

The Committee give massive thanks to Mandy for her enthusiasm, support and hard work (in a very busy life!) as Chairperson of the BSN Committee. So much so that we voted her Chair again! The committee will continue as it did for 2024. Well done everyone.

## St Barnabas Easter Services

**Thursday 17 April: Maundy Thursday service at 7pm**

**Friday 18 April: Good Friday service at 10am.**

**Sunday 20 April Easter Day:  
Easter Eucharist at 9:30am**

# Blueskin Bay Community Spaces

## Warrington Hall

Available for birthdays, family gatherings, exercise classes, dances and dos etc, at reasonable rates. Hire includes a fully equipped kitchen and tables and chairs – we have a large viewing screen and a new sound system.

**Contact Lyn 482 2896 or Rowena 482 2667**

## Waitati Hall

Suitable for large meetings, weddings, parties, concerts, dances etc. (up to 120) features kitchen, toilets, stage, sound system and large projection screen.

**Contact Blueskin Nurseries on 482 2828**

## Waitati Hall Meeting Room

Suitable for committee meetings, small gatherings, demonstrations etc. (up to 20 people) features kitchen and toilets.

**Contact Blueskin Nurseries on 482 2828**

## Blueskin Bay Library Meeting Room

Suitable for committee meetings, presentations, training, interviews etc. (up to 12 people) features modular tables, large projection screen, kitchenette and toilets.

**Contact Blueskin Bay Library 482 2444**

**blucirc1@dcc.govt.nz**

## Waiputai Hub – Stephenson St, Warrington

Warm and cosy meeting space, community gatherings, classes, children's parties, and workshops for up to 20 people. Features include small kitchen, comfy couches, tables and chairs, fenced grounds including playground for under 5s and toilets. Available to hire for workshops, courses, children's parties or family events etc. at a reasonable hourly rate. **Booking enquiries to waiputai@gmail.com or Nancy 482 1198 or 021 171 0226.**

Hire charge is usually applicable, details can be obtained on request.



**ANZAC Day Commemoration**  
**Friday 25 April – 10.00am**  
**Waitati Cenotaph (Beside Waitati Hall)**  
**ALL WELCOME**



# Ōtepoti Dunedin Rocks!

Wild Dunedin is back, celebrating ten years of a festival that proudly showcases all that makes Ōtepoti Dunedin the 'Wildlife Capital of New Zealand'. The Festival opens on Thursday 10 April and runs until 22 April.

This year's theme – Ōtepoti Dunedin Rocks! – focuses on Dunedin's unique geological history and the vital contribution it makes to our environment. It's not just about rocks though, wildlife lovers have a host of events to choose from including guided walks, family-friendly workshops, and interactive talks, many of them free or offering special festival discount.

New to the festival this year is NatureDome, to be held under the dome of the Forsyth Barr Stadium. There will be fun and family-friendly hands-on activities, an artisan market, food and beverage trucks, entertainment and music with Suzy Cato and a special performance by Anika Moa.

Visit [www.wilddunedin.nz](http://www.wilddunedin.nz) for full details.

## Local events include:-

### Kids Go Free at Orokonui Ecosanctuary

**9.30am – 4.30pm – Open Thursday-Monday**

All under 18s get free entry to the Ecosanctuary during the school holidays. Morning is a great time to check out the bird feeding stations full of tūī, korimako and kākā, followed by takahē feeding at 11am, and a visit to the reptile enclosures to see Otago skink, jewelled gecko and tuatara. Explore Orokonui and learn more about its wildlife with an autumn scavenger hunt. Cost: \$22/adult. Under 18yrs free entry. No booking required.

### Friday 11 April & Saturday 12 April

#### Nocturnal Forest Lantern Experience

**6pm – 8.30pm, Orokonui Ecosanctuary**

Explore the Orokonui forest at night and discover a glowing world of manu, nocturnal music and magic! A special sanctuary lantern show and walking trail that celebrates some of our most treasured messengers – our native birds. Join in this unique fundraising event for Orokonui Ecosanctuary and Dunedin Midwinter Carnival. Walk will take around one hour. Just over 1km of mostly flat gravel tracks. Not suitable for wheel chairs.

Cost: \$60/adult \$30/child (fundraising for the Midwinter Carnival and Orokonui). Book: [wilddunedin.nz](http://wilddunedin.nz)

### Monday 14 April.

#### Explore Te Pō with Tamariki

**6.30pm – 8pm, Orokonui Ecosanctuary**

Explore the forest after dark with these special kids night walks. Join our expert guides and witness the valley changing as sunlight fades, and discover which creatures call te pō home. Make the most of this limited opportunity to explore the sanctuary at night. 1km of walking on gravel tracks with some up and down.

Cost: \$50/adult \$25/child (18 and under) Book: [wilddunedin.nz](http://wilddunedin.nz)

### Wednesday 16 April

#### Explore Te Pō Orokonui Night Tours

**6.30pm – 8.30pm, Orokonui Ecosanctuary**

Join us to explore the forest after dark. Witness the valley changing as sunlight fades, and discover which creatures call te pō home. A moderate level of fitness required for walking for two hours at night over variable gravel tracks with some elevation change including stairs.

Cost: \$85/adult \$60/child (12-18) Book: [wilddunedin.nz](http://wilddunedin.nz)



### Thursday 17 April

#### Fossils, skulls and other biological curiosities

**11.15am – 12.30pm, Blueskin Bay Library**

A show and tell with artist Bruce Mahalski and items from his Museum of Natural Mystery.

Free. Book: [wilddunedin.nz](http://wilddunedin.nz)

### Saturday 19 April & Sunday 20 April

#### Getting Closer – Wildlife Photography in the Field

**9:30am – 12pm – Orokonui Ecosanctuary**

Join photographer Paul Sorrell at Orokonui Ecosanctuary for a photography field trip and practical hints on photographing birds. Limit 10 per tour.

Cost: \$25, covers sanctuary entry fee. Book: [wilddunedin.nz](http://wilddunedin.nz)

### Sunday 20 April

#### Heritage Apple Open Day

**10am – 4pm – 524 Mt Cargill Road**

The Coastal Otago branch of the NZ Tree Crops Association maintains the largest heritage apple orchard in NZ, only 15 minutes from Dunedin on the Mount Cargill Road. The branch in partnership with the University of Otago has commenced gene sequencing of nearly 400 cultivars in the collection. Come and see for yourself this tree library or scion bank and consider helping with this amazing project.

Not suitable for wheelchairs. Free. No booking required

### Tuesday 22 April

#### Children's Workshop Trapped in Amber

**3pm – 5pm, Blueskin Bay Library**

Make an amber fossil. Collect a dead insect and bring it along to the library. We'll choose the most intact specimens and recreate what happens when an insect gets trapped in resin.

Free. Book: [wilddunedin.nz](http://wilddunedin.nz)

**Orokonui's lovely team of volunteers is looking for more new members! We have openings in the following volunteer tasks:**

### **Track maintenance team**

We are looking for track maintenance and weeding volunteers for a regular weekly session! Orokonui has over 70km of monitoring tracks, which usually the public do not see. Come and join us in tidying up these tracks, and discover some hidden gems along the way.

**When is it?** Tuesdays or Thursdays, 9.30am - 3.00pm (with a view to expand to weekends if that suits folks better)

### **What do participants need to bring?**

We ask that you wear lace-up, above ankle shoes such as hiking boots. Please bring ample food and water for yourself for the day. All other PPE and hand tools will be supplied. We cannot supply transport to the Ecosanctuary unfortunately.

**Fitness level required:** Being fit is a bonus, but it is mostly important that you are steady on your feet, able to work for a few hours at a time without stopping, and are keen to make some tracks beautiful again.

### **Fence check duties**

Our fence needs good eyes on it regularly, in order to maintain the protection it offers to our taoka species within.

**When is it?** During the daytime, whichever day of the week takes your fancy! Our fence is 9km long, so you could choose to do half at a time or make your way around the entire fence in one session.

### **What so participants need to bring?**

Good observational skills, comfortable walking shoes, water for your walk.

**Fitness level required:** Variable – there are fairly steep hills leading up from the valley floor, but you can take your time; we want the fence to be checked thoroughly so walking too quickly is discouraged.

Please send enquiries to [volunteer@orokonui.nz](mailto:volunteer@orokonui.nz) – we'd be glad to hear from you!

**Sophie Bond**

## **Warrington Indoor Bowls**

**Warrington Indoor Bowls Club welcomes new folk to join them at the Warrington Hall on Tuesday 8 April at 7.30pm.**

Are you looking to meet some locals, new to the area or wanting to get out and away from the TV one night a week.

Our club members come from Dunedin and the Blueskin Bay area. Warrington bowlers will welcome you and help with coaching if you haven't played before. We meet every Tuesday night until about September. The hall is warm even on the coldest night and we finish the evening with supper and a chat. Please feel free to come along, any age is welcome from about 9 years upwards as children's hands need to be big enough to hold the bowls. If you have trouble getting up and down there are aids available to assist you with this or different ways of bowling. Please wear soft soled shoes and come along and give it a go.



**To Play or not to Play? Over the past few years the DCC Parks and Recreation Department has installed half-basketball courts in various parts of the city as an addition to outdoor recreational facilities for older children. They have selected Warrington Domain Playground as the location for their next project.**

It seems that there are differing views in the Warrington community about this project – some in favour of it, others not. The issue will be on the agenda for our next Waikouaiti Coast Community Board meeting which will be held in Karitane Hall on Wednesday 9 April starting at 5.30 pm. The Public Forum at the start of the meeting is available for members of the public to speak to the Board about any issues. Five minutes are available for speakers, and 5 minutes for questions.

If you wish to speak at the Public Forum, please contact Rebecca Murray at DCC on 477 4000 or send an email to [Rebecca.Murray@dcc.govt.nz](mailto:Rebecca.Murray@dcc.govt.nz)

The DCC 9-Year Plan is now open for consultation until the end of April. We will be making a comprehensive submission to it. If you have any major topics that you would like to raise, please call me on 027 4354 384 or email to [info@calmarine.co.nz](mailto:info@calmarine.co.nz)

We still have money in our Discretionary Account, and we have one more meeting in this financial year after the April meeting. If you, or someone you know, has a community project that could do with some funding assistance, then you can complete a funding application form which can be found on the DCC website, or give any board member a call if you need some clarity. Our next formal meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th April at Karitane Hall starting at 5.30 pm. If you wish to come along and speak at the Public Forum, please contact Rebecca Murray as advised above.

### **Alasdair Morrison**

Chairman, Waikouaiti Coast Community Board  
027 4354 384 | [info@calmarine.co.nz](mailto:info@calmarine.co.nz)





## No Such Thing (as a free lunch)

**Well, apparently there is. Or more precisely, are. Approximately 230,000 each day in NZ schools alone. In 1966, author Robert A. Heinlein first printed the term in *The Moon is a Hard Mistress*, after it became a popular colloquial axiom in 1960's American economics. After all, getting stuff for free and capitalism would be strange bed-fellows. And yet, if circumstances dictate, bed-fellows they become.**

Worldwide, the number of school kids getting a free lunch is staggering. India feeds 125M each day. Brazil 40M. El Salvador, 170,000 (all plant based). Estonia, Finland, Sweden, Rwanda and other African nations, the UK, throughout the EU – all doing it. The USA feeds 29M each day. Wait till Elon Musk's Dept of Government Efficiency hears about that! And our own Minister of Efficiency, David Seymour, has his Assoc Minister for Education and Finance's teeth in a tither about our numbers and their cost. By slashing \$140M from the Ka Ora Ka Ako Healthy School Lunches programme, he shows capitalism's intention to fight back.

But in any fight, there are losers. As I write, one of the main suppliers of these supposedly healthy lunches, Libelle Group, has gone into liquidation. The pressure from Seymour to produce and deliver a healthy lunch for \$3, has delivered them a knockout blow. But Libelle aren't on the canvas alone. They lie with myriad local people and community organisations swept aside in the name of efficiency. These people and organisations, who were successfully delivering the Ka Ora Ka Ako programme, are left disheartened and decimated. Nice one David. Here's another colloquial axiom for you - if it ain't broke, don't fix it.

And then there's the kids. Remember, they're the ones expected to eat these lunches. University studies and anecdotal evidence all say the existing programme improved learning, attendance, behaviour and engagement. It also fostered comradeship, belonging, wellbeing, and community involvement in our children's futures. Meanwhile, Seymour's shortsighted endeavour is destined to continue delivering lunches which are 'gross, stale, soggy, dry, and tasting yuck'. Ahh...kids say the darndest things.

**Doug Nuttall**

## A QUIET RAVE

by  
**Ross Johnston**



This is an opinion piece designed to promote feedback. If you feel you'd like to respond email [blueskin.input@gmail.com](mailto:blueskin.input@gmail.com)

I've been on holiday. I like travelling. There are lots of upsides. Seeing old mates, catching up with extended family. Seeing and experiencing the different.

But it also entails battling traffic in unfamiliar cities, being in airline queues, dealing with duvets that are too thick or too thin and occasionally having to consume the fast food I normally shun.

So the best bit is coming home to rediscover and appreciate my backyard all over again.

Tomatoes with a grumpy kick.

Luscious apples that don't taste like sodden cardboard.

A tranquil bay rarely polluted by jet skis.

Silver birches now burnished with golden leaves.

Bellbirds singing their local distinctive musical phrase.

Kereru fluttering and swooping majestically.

And easy access to a newspaper that struts its independence.

As I sit on the deck in the stillness of another gentle twilight I have to acknowledge that I'm a bit blessed.

Then again my perception might be a little warped by the contents of the glass at my elbow and the fact that it's not my night to cook dinner.

**Ross Johnston is a Pūrākaunui resident.**

## BLUESKIN GARDEN CLUB

**Autumn has arrived, so it should have been no surprise when purple Autumn crocus's pop through the ground. But this year they popped through at the bottom of our driveway, and I don't remember planting some there!**



They are described as a diverse group of plants in the '*Colchicum Speciosum*' and are native to the mountainous areas of Northern Turkey and Northern Iran. They are a herbaceous perennial growing from corms. The Violet crocus-like flowers grow on stems up to 30cms tall, without any leaves present. This, I think, is their charm.

This coming Thursday Garden club members are going to visit our local nurseryman, Mark Brown. Perhaps he will share with us the progression of the nursery from inception to the amazing local business it is today. It will be great to see where the propagation, and potting up takes place, and I'm sure we will have all our gardening questions answered. After this we are back to the 'Blueskin Nursery and Cafe' for a cuppa and chat.

You are always welcome to join us.

**Bev Lyon (027 533 2238).**

# WAITATI BOOK CLUB by Ian Melvin

A modest group of four members gathered in the studio – man place – shed, where after we settled in drinks were poured. Toasts were made etc. before a discourse on varied topics, issues and events ensued. For example, how do we cope with the ongoing unrelenting flood of unsettling and often alarming events transpiring around us on a daily if not hourly basis? How do you stay informed and aware of these without being overwhelmed, discouraged or even depressed? Conclusions varied and differed, but still a worthwhile and relevant discussion.

## THE BOOK

***The Last Days of New Paris*** by **China Miéville**. Set in the second world war he invented a scenario... *“with relish and thoughtful deliberation, he juxtaposes the intentional irrationality of Surrealism with the uglier bloodier irrationality of warfare...”* Glasgow: Sunday Herald

*“... is a brief vacation in Alien latitudes, a brief midnight layover in an imaginary place”* US National Radio

Martin couldn't finish it, found it hard to engage with, Marc finished it but had similar feelings. He thought he was not up to the task of interpreting the meaning in it. I struggled for similar reasons, but decided to just read it as a fantasy story and not try and delve too deeply into meaning or intent and enjoyed it on a purely superficial level. Peter made some interesting points – parallels with the book's wartime world of chaos complicated by the insertion of Surrealism in the form of art works coming to life as characters in the story in various forms, where all meaningful norms are abandoned and utter chaos ensues, to where we are in the present world right now!

## OTHER BOOKS

***A Long Way From Home*** by **Peter Carey**. The ever reliable, twice Booker Prize winner Carey once again provides a ripping good yarn with meaningful insight into the Australian psyche, history and culture. Loved this – thoroughly recommended.

## RUM

***Watsons Demerara Rum***, a dark Rum with caramel overtones from the Demerara County in Guyana, bottled in Scotland and matured in oak casks. Tried Cuban and Jamaican Rums which are all different in taste and character but this one is my preference so far.



## FILM

Recommended by Marc: ***Belfast*** – a black and white film written and directed by **Kenneth Branagh**, inspired by his parents childhood with soundtrack featuring Van Morrison and an elite cast of actors.

## MUSIC

***If Only for One Night*** by **Charles Earland with Nagee**.

This is from the jazz section of the pile, found in a secondhand book shop, I love this bluesy jazz funk. Charles Earland 'The Mighty Burner' on organ, Melvin Sparks on guitar, the great Buddy Williams on drums, Gary Fritz on percussion and featuring Nagee on tenor and soprano sax and flute. The flute solos on Summertime are a highlight. Stand out tracks are My Blues is Funky and Summertime, both available to sample on YouTube.

## WORD OF THE MONTH

**Entitlement.** “General Certificate of Exemption. This document entitles the bearer, HALF CASTE Aboriginal known as LOCHY PETERSON (1) to leave Quimby Downs Station, (2) to walk freely through town without being arrested, (3) to enter a ship, hotel (individual may not be served – proprietor's discretion). N.B.. Speaking in Native Language prohibited.”

## MEANING OF LIFE

“He offered Jung...” “It has always seemed to me that I had to answer questions which fate posed to my forefathers, and which had not yet been answered, or as if I had to complete, or perhaps continue, things which previous ages had left unfinished...”

Quotes from ***A Long Way Home*** by **Peter Carey**





**Kia ora Blueskin Bay! Our playcentre tamariki were very excited to share their favourite things about playcentre this month, for unbelievable cuteness, please read on!**

Wendy (2) said playing with big kids.

Maisie (3) says her favourite thing about Playcentre is seeing her best friends!

Cedar (4) enjoys the sandpit, diggers and being read to most.

Camy (3) says her favourite thing about playcentre is the rocking horse.

Archie (2) said he likes to eat food!

Isla (4), Frankie (4), and Dylan (2) all like the inside swing best, with Isla particularly liking to climb things too.

Cora (3) enjoys snuggling up with a book.

Bennie (3) and Emya (3) are loving the playdough.

Layla (1) enjoys painting, and even paints her hair!

Julien (1) adores shared kai time.

Skye (1) loves the sit-on tractor and racing downhill on it!

I'm looking forward to seeing you all and meeting any new visitors this month!

As always, we're open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 – 12, and we'd all love to see you there.

**Heather**



## Waikouaiti Coast Heritage Centre

**Have I mentioned before that we would welcome anyone considering joining our band of volunteers, if interested just call in and speak to the volunteer on duty. It is important that we encourage new (younger than me) people to become engaged in our organisation to ensure our future sustainability. It is not a major time commitment.**

Work is progressing to put together a major display about the beginnings of the Plunket Organisation (which occurred here) and its impact on infant health. John (curator) and Ian (chair) are hoping to have the launch in May, all going well. A lot of behind-the-scenes research and collection of relevant photos and items has been occurring. We hope that many of you will call in during the following months to view the display. There will be no charge.

In addition, the project to restore the Old Bank is making progress, Consent applications are underway as well as preparation to replace damaged roof tiles. As you will already know, we raise some of the funding for this work from our Labour Weekend plant sale. Many plants have already been potted up in anticipation and again I thank the volunteers for their work. If you are dividing perennials and have some to spare, we will be pleased to acquire them (make sure they are labelled), just leave them at the Heritage Centre.



**Historic bank chamber**

If anyone has considered donating or becoming a sponsor towards this significant restoration project it would be most appreciated. Our bank acc is 03 1726 0718649 001. We are GST registered so you can claim 1/3rd back from the IRD.

We have also contacted the Head of Film at the DCC who has since been out to view our 1869 bank as a possible venue for future films etc. If successful, this will not only add to our finances but will be a great promotional opportunity.

Finally, just a reminder that we will have an **Open Day on Easter Saturday 19 April from 10am – 2pm**. We will be closed on Good Friday.

**Shirley McKewen, Treasurer, WCHC**



# BLUESKIN BAY LIBRARY



28 HARVEY STREET, WAITATI | 03 482 2444 | [DUNEDINLIBRARIES.GOV.T.NZ](http://DUNEDINLIBRARIES.GOV.T.NZ)  
OPEN: MONDAY – FRIDAY, 11AM – 1PM AND 2 – 5.30PM | SATURDAY, 10AM – 1PM



## APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

**April 15-17, 2-5pm**

Pop along and make an Easter bunny portrait out of card and an egg carton.

## FOSSILS, SKULLS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL CURIOSITIES

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## STORYTIME WITH STEPHANEY

**Fridays, 11am (except school holidays)**

Introduce your child to the wonderful world of books and language. Visit the Library for half an hour of stories, rhymes, and songs, both old and new. Suitable for pre-school children and their caregivers.

## BLUESKIN BOOKSHARE

**Thursday 24 April, 3.30 – 4.30pm**

Join us for tea and a chat about what you're currently reading and get ideas for what to read next. All welcome.

## BLUESKIN BAY KNITWITS

**Mondays, 6.30 – 8.30pm**

**Tuesdays, 2.30 – 4.30pm**

**Contact Christine 021 133 9340**

All ages and experience levels are welcome.

## STITCHED IN HISTORY



We have a new collection in one of our display cabinets! Glenys has brought along a collection of her mother's thimbles which she used when she was a seamstress. If you have taonga you would like displayed in one of the cabinets pop into the library and have a chat to the library staff.

## BOOK-A-LIBRARIAN SESSIONS

Need help using the library? We can show you how to use our computers, search our catalogue, set up an email account, download e-books or e-audio, and help with your research project. Just talk to the staff at the Blueskin Bay library and we can book you in for a one-on-one tutorial.

## DCC SERVICE CENTRE @ BLUESKIN BAY

Library Open until 5pm weekdays for: dog registrations, Bokashi buckets, parking fines, rates, 75+ parking permits and Bee Cards.



## Eat roots and leaves

**Summer, oh summer, wherefore art thou? We had winter then damp with touches of winter, then dry with touches of winter. Then suddenly, before I'd got in nearly enough sea swims, the pumpkins, which I swear I only planted the other day, are dying off and ready to pick, and it is Autumn already.**

I like autumn, I do, but summer is nicer.

One of the things I like about summer is when we reach 'peak salad' in the garden and have a choice of leafy greens, spring onions, red onions, cucumbers, celery, capsicums, tomatoes, chives, herbs, snow peas, edible flowers... The fact that all this will pass soon makes the abundance all the more delicious.

I read recently that to keep a healthy micro biota we should eat 50 different fruits and vegetables in a week. That is so much more than 5+ a day. We need the fibre and a wide variety of nutrients from all those different plants so our microbes can thrive.

One of those bog people, excavated after 1000's of years after being buried and preserved in a bog in Europe, had intact stomach contents. The man's last meal contained around 50 different grains, seeds, herbs, leaves, fruits and roots. We have really taken a giant step backwards when it comes to variety and diversity. No wonder we suffer so many gut-related conditions such as auto-immune disease. Many modern humans struggle to eat 10 different vegetables and fruits in a week

I think it is probably best to eat a huge variety of vegetables and fruits your whole life, than to make a last minute dash to improve your diet to shore up an aging system, but it is never too late to give it a try.

I've started adding any edible weeds I see around the garden or while out for walks to our salads and other meals. If you chop them fine they can hide in there and even your household fussy person won't notice. Try finding young leaves of dandelion, plantain, chicory, chick weed, lemon balm, fennel, wild onion, kawakawa, puha, shepherds purse, sorrel, purslane, nettles, New Zealand spinach, fat hen, samphire, Neptune's necklace, wakame...

There are loads of edible flowers, nuts, seeds and mushrooms too. Look way beyond 5+ a day and look way beyond the supermarket aisles.

Autumn is the best time for foraging. Even if you only learn and use a couple of new plants a season, it is adding variety which makes us live long and prosper.

**Hilary Rowley**

## BLUESKIN SHOW 2025

**See you on Sunday 6 April | 10am – 2.30pm**

### TIMETABLE

*(Approximate – we are in the country after all)*

### IN THE ARENA

**10am: Bagpipes** to officially kick off the day

**11am: Kids Activities** with Tahu from Orokonui Ecosanctuary

**Sack Race** – in the Show Ring

**3-Legged Race** categories for boys & girls, age groups

**Gumboot Toss** – in the Show ring

**12 –12.30pm: Jay the Juggler Show** followed by Balloon

**1.30pm: Tug-O-War Matches** – Waitati vs Warrington  
Enter your teams by 12.30pm in Show Ring

**1.45pm: Lollie Scramble** – with Tahu

**2pm: Firewood Raffle Draw**- must be here to win!

**11am – 2pm: Live Music** from The Wild Chitokakas, Dougie and the Moonrocks, and DJs

### ALL DAY

**Lots of Family Fun** – Rides, Music, Food & Drinks

**Food stalls** – Waitati School cooking up a storm on the BBQ and Warrington School manning the Café, with homemade cakes, sweets and tea.

Lots of kid's activities including the **Noddy Train**, entertainment with Tahu from Orokonui Ecosanctuary, **Face Painting** and a **Bouncy Castle**.

**Waitati Community Market** stallholders will be joining the show.

### CARBOOT SALE

Large 6m x 4m sites

Gates open at 8.30am for setup

Car boot site \$10 includes gate entry for 1 person (pay cash on arrival)

Extra persons \$3 gate charge

Other stalls and businesses

### LOCAL BUSINESSES AND FOOD STALLS

Commercial area – businesses/companies on show  
\$25 includes 2 gate entries

Businesses selling product eg food vendors \$45 includes gate entries

The Committee of the Blueskin A & P Society would like to thank you for coming along to the show and we would welcome any comments you may have regarding this and future shows to:

**Phil Kelly** [philip.kelly@otago.ac.nz](mailto:philip.kelly@otago.ac.nz)

**Matt Sumpter** 021 071 0895

**Sally Brown** [sally@blueskinnurseries.co.nz](mailto:sally@blueskinnurseries.co.nz)



## Warrington Shines at the National Surf Lifesaving Championships



## Warrington Surf Lifesaving Club

A massive congratulations to our incredible athletes who showcased their talent and determination at the Aon Surf Lifesaving Championships! Facing tough conditions, particularly in the opening days, our competitors demonstrated the hard work and skill they've been honing all season. Twenty one athletes and one photographer travelled to Gisborne and our little club made a big impact.

### Dominance in the Canoe Events

The Warrington Surf Life Saving Club made waves in the canoe events, securing an impressive haul of medals.

#### Silver for the Open Male Short

**Course:** Ken McHoull, Gerard McHoull, Mark Hastie, and Michael Hastie put on a stellar performance to claim silver. A close finish for gold added to the drama.

#### Gold and Silver for Open Female Short & Long Course:

Maddy Ozanne, Phoebe Ozanne, Madi Lobb, and Isabella Aldrich delivered strong results, claiming gold in the short course and silver in the long course. Their short course victory was further recognised with the Steve Mexted Memorial Trophy. This newly carved trophy is a testament to the increasing and welcome recognition of women in sport.

#### Bronzes for Open Female Short & Long Course:

Karyn Becconsall-Ryan, Charlotte Becconsall-Ryan, Sarah McNaughton, and Rebecca McNaughton fought hard for double bronze finishes.

#### Golds for U19 Female Short & Long Course:

Sophie Boyle, Sophie Hoexum, Jemimah McIlroy, and Annie Boyle dominated their division with consistent performances. They also joined the male open races, holding their own.

#### Gold for Masters Female

**Canoe:** Naomi Ingram, Rachel Ozanne, Tricia McNaughton, and Karyn Becconsall-Ryan powered through to take gold.

#### Bronze for Open Mixed Relay

**Team:** A superb team effort saw Maddy, Phoebe, Madi, Isabella, Ken, Gerard, Mark, and Michael secure bronze in this new race.

### Other Strong Performances

Beyond the canoe events, our athletes displayed their endurance and speed in various disciplines:

#### Bronze for Jemimah McIlroy - U19 Female 2km Beach Run

**Final for Connor Aldrich** - Open Male Beach Sprints, competing in his wetsuit shorts against a world champion and a field of compression lycra.

#### **11th Open Male Board Relay** - Mark, Michael, Connor

#### **12th Phoebe Ozanne** - Open Female 2km Beach Run

#### **15th Connor Aldrich** - Open Male 2km Beach Run

#### **20th Jemimah McIlroy** - U19 Female Run Swim Run

**Open Female Beach Relay team**— Karyn, Charlotte, Rebecca, and Sarah— also competed fiercely.

**Masters Beach Sprints** - Silver for Tricia, Bronze for Karyn and Bronze for the relay team of Naomi Ingram, Rachel Ozanne, Tricia McNaughton, Karyn Becconsall-Ryan

### Thank you to Jamie

A special thanks to **Jamie Ryan** for capturing some fantastic photos.

### Building process

In other club news, you may hear the sound of hammers as we start building the new clubhouse. If you would like to contribute to our fundraising efforts and donate to the build, here is the link to the funding page:

[www.givealittle.co.nz/org/the-warrington-surf-life-saving-club-incorporated](http://www.givealittle.co.nz/org/the-warrington-surf-life-saving-club-incorporated)

# David Tohurangi Ellison 1936 - 2025

926453 2nd Battalion NZ Infantry Unit Malaya 1959-1961



**Born 18 November 1936, the oldest child of Thomas Mutu Rangiwahia Ellison and Elizabeth Dolly Ellison nee Taylor – proudly Ngai Tahu, Waitaha, Ngāti Māmoe, Te Ati Awa, Ngati Mutunga.**

David leaves behind a brother, Colin in Christchurch and a sister, Atanui in Melbourne along with two children, Roslyn (Ros) and Edward (Eddie), and a granddaughter, Kate.

Born in Dunedin, David grew up in Karitane. During the war years David recalls spending much of his time at his grandmother's boarding house on the corner of Castle and Howe Street.

His earliest memories were of the Waikouaiti River and the fishing boats at low tide.

*'I can remember dragging for whitebait in front of the old wharf. I was about five when I first went out to sea with an old fisherman called Charlie Johnson who lived next door to us. We went out every weekend, in what seemed to be a huge boat but was really only about 12-foot. An open boat with a tiny wee motor and we would go all the way out north to the Shag River catching Groper.'*

David attended Karitane Primary School with his cousins, where he was a year younger than the other pupils in his class. In 1949, aged 13, David received the Inaugural 28th Māori Battalion Ngarimu VC Scholarship allowing him to attend the prestigious Te Aute College (Hawkes Bay) from 1950 to 1953.



During this time, David was selected to welcome and guide Ngāti Porou scholar and ex-pupil, Sir Apirana Ngata, around the school. He'd studied in preparation to ask questions, however, sadly Sir Apirana passed away and the visit did not happen. Instead, David spent the day with the future Prime Minister, Sir Keith Holyoake.

At 16 David went on to study at Dunedin Teachers College where in 1957 he obtained his teaching certificate, beginning his long teaching career. He first taught at schools around Otago, including Karitane School where he taught his youngest brother Edward.

David, who was enlisted in the territorial forces, joined as a full-time soldier, spending two years in active service in Malaya. He returned to the NZ territorial forces and later with the Calgary Highlanders and Prairie Legion as training officer, and Royal Canadian Legion branch president.



When David returned from Malaya he resumed teaching, leading a special education class at Mosgiel. In 1964 David was invited by the government to set up a school at Cherry Farm, the first adjustment school in a hospital setting which David led until 1968 when he moved his young family to Canada.

David's first role in Canada was in Calgary, Alberta chosen so he could learn more about special education. It became clear that NZ's approach was more advanced, so he and first wife Kathy, also a teacher, moved on to a location where they could both teach. The short learning experience in Canada, ended up being a 20-year sojourn in various schools in Canada's Yukon Territory. First in Carmacks, then Mayo, Faro, a break in Vancouver for study\*, before his last teaching years in Whitehorse.

*\*He took a sabbatical to continue his education at the University of British Columbia where David spent a winter and two summers obtaining a four-year degree in Psychology (Special Education in phonics, phonetic analysis and reading).*

Returning to Aotearoa David took up key roles with his hapū at Puketeraki and continued to support the community. He was joined in Karitane by Annie who became his second wife and number one collaborator on many projects until her untimely death in 2010.

In 1998 David was the author of the proposal by Kati Huirapa Rūnaka for a Taiapure for East Otago. He believed local fish should and could be nurtured and sustained for the benefit of the whole community.



David's father Mutu was credited with being the first Plunket baby and David made it his mission to elevate the status of the two Kāti Huirapa midwives, Mere Harper, and Ria Tikini. Recently, he was able to attend the opening of the Āwhina Plunket Hub in South Dunedin and see the consultation room named for his dad Mutu.

Over the years David belonged to many committees – The Silverpeaks County Council, The Dunedin District Health Committee, member of the Māori Education Plan Group, the Employment Agencies Group, Dunedin Safety Community Council, the Dunedin Multi-ethnic Group, Dunedin RSA, and Awhina Plunket Society etc. He was the Learning Disabilities Association Director, a special advisor to the Filipino Ambassador, and Runaka Coordinator for Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki.

In a personal capacity and as Upoko for the Rūnaka, David was a huge supporter of the Orokonui Ecosanctuary attending many significant events including the release of Tīeke/Saddleback into the Valley in 2009. He was delighted to learn that 100 birds had recently been released at Orokonui.

David's life was dedicated to service. He was an educator and an historian.

Te Aroha, Te Whakapono, me Te Rangimarie was his favourite hymn – Love, Faith, and Peace – words to live by.

### **Moe mai rā Upoko David Ellison**





I hope you enjoy the range of literacy and art from Waitati School.

Tara O'Neill, Principal

### William Pike Tramp to Jubilee Hut Year 6-8

The walk to the hut went well. My favorite part was the night in the hut. The bit that I found challenging was making more room for my ration pack. The most valuable lesson that I learned was that you have to wait for others. **Archie**

When we started the tramp, I was nervous we were at the top, it was all really hard. When we got to the Devil's Staircase, I was nervous about its steepness. When we got to Jubilee Hut, we were all tired, but that didn't stop us. We all played tag. I was never in, but everyone was in. **Hank**

What I thought when Bex told us that we were going to do a 9km tramp was that this is going to be a lot harder than my 20km walk I did in Wanaka but I was wrong. My favorite bit was the views and getting to the hut and taking my very heavy pack that was too big for me; the one thing I would change is the packs because they were way too heavy and the ration packs they were not the best. The worst bit was the devil's staircase. **Hugh**

I achieved getting there. I found the Devils staircase the hardest bit. The funniest bit for me was playing hide and seek tag. I would change to having no pack. I learned hiking is hard. **Alex**  
P.S. It was my first time.

### Poetry

#### Home

Blueskin bay  
nice and warm  
Glistening in the sun  
Home

#### School

Maths, literacy  
Morning tea, lunch  
Having fun, learning, Home!  
School

**By Edi**

### Self Portraits



### A Picture Shield

I put on a ute because I love utes that sound really nice and are off roaders. In picture 2 I put one of my Dad's trucks because I love them. I love my Dad's trucks because they are very shiny and sound nice. I also like the brand of them. In picture 3, I put a digger because ever since I was one, I have loved diggers and trucks. In picture 4, I put a book because I absolutely love books. I read about two a day at the max. **Hugh**



I choose these colours because they represent my culture. My ancestry is both Samoan and Māori. I know a lot about Māori culture because my Aunty told me. I chose these patterns because they are represent my family. I am proud of my culture. **Puawai**

My Shield represents me. I like nature and animals. I enjoy tramping and singing. My favourite colour is turquoise which I've used on the background of one of my shields. I have made a few shields because I enjoy art. **Elizabeth**



My Shield represents the view from my backyard in the evening or early in the morning. The mountain view is beautiful. **Frances**



My Shield represents me. The top left represents my love for music. I really love music, especially guitars and drums, so I drew a Shemba. The top right is my connection to nature. Bottom left represents my country. I love Aotearoa because I feel connected to it, it's my home. Bottom right, represents how much I love the ocean, the sunset and the sunrise. I love simming, nature and my home, New Zealand and all these are depicted in my shield. **Edison**

### Car car car limerick

There once was a girl called Car,  
she lived in a car named Car  
Her feet got sticky when she walked on tar  
She adored gasoline  
And also green lima beans  
She loved going to the local bar

**By Io**

### Friends

Funny laughs,  
Sleepover and Movies,  
Fun in every corner  
Friends

**By Magenta**





## Resistance to Change

**Let's face it most of us do not like change, we cling on to the familiar, our little routes, it makes us feel safe. But being adaptable and resilient is probably much better for us. Change in some form or other is inevitable, shit happens and finding ways to cope with change makes us stronger and less stressed.**

Warrington has seen a number of changes over the last 50 or so years. Each one of these has produced challenges and some resistance (or outright rejection) by members of the local community.

Introduction of the sewerage scheme, Kings High outdoor education centre, water supply changes from our local springs to the big pipe from Dunedin, Freedom camping, a ban on driving on the beach, development of the NZ Motor Caravan Association camp ground.

Looking at each one of these now that some time has passed, most people would say, they have not produced the predicted disastrous outcomes. Having a flush toilet and a treatment scheme is better than scores of poorly functioning septic tanks. The DCC has made a commitment to replace the current plant including a spray area away from the coast. The boys from Kings High have not turned out to be delinquents, breaking into our houses and disturbing the peace. The water scheme has mostly proved to be reliable, delivering safer drinking water. Yes, I objected to the loss of our local schemes and recently the DCC has admitted it needs to look for more diverse sources of water for long term resilience which may include local aquifers. The issue of freedom camping was strongly supported by the Waikouaiti Coast Community Board to allow the decades old tradition of Dunedin people being able to camp for free at the beach for a few days. The feared, noise, rubbish and poor behaviour of visitors has for the most part not eventuated. Cars not driving on our beach has made it more relaxing and safer for humans, dogs and wildlife. The folk at the Caravan Association camp site seem like decent, quiet folk just enjoying our lovely environment.

What's the latest thing to ruffle a few local feathers? Oddly enough, it is a hard surface area with a basketball hoop at one end! The Community Board has requested play equipment for older children and teens for many years. The present playground which replaced the old fort is only suitable for kids under 8. Basketball is one of the most popular sports for high school aged children, so having a place to meet friends and have a bit of fun seems ideal. Other communities (such as Caversham and Aramoana) which have new basketball hoops, are greatly appreciating them. The hard surface area will be great for scooters, trikes, and roller skates, maybe even a skate board area could be added later. Will it create lots of noise and nuisance? Probably not. Will it be a community asset for locals and visitors to our area, I think it will. Come on Warrington, stop worrying and grumbling and embrace the change!

**Geraldine Tait**

**East  
Otago  
Plunket**



## Round Up

**The East Otago Playgroup in Waikouaiti runs weekly during school term time on Wednesdays between 10am and 12 noon at the Plunket Rooms in the East Otago Events Centre, providing the opportunity to connect with other parents and caregivers and to give your child a chance to socialise, play and build connections with other children. A number of families regularly travel over from Blueskin Bay to join this friendly and welcoming group.**

We're looking forward to coming along to the Blueskin Show on 6 April! Come and say hello as we'll be providing a family friendly area with shelter, baby changing and breastfeeding facilities, some toys for your children to play with and will have a selection of good quality second-hand knitwear available to purchase with your small change.

If your child needs a Plunket appointment, or for any other clinical enquiries please call 0800 184 803.

**Kā mihi nui, Annabel**

## Wings of fire

- 4.45pm Call from grandchildren for bus pickup from school
- 4.50pm I leave house responding to call
- 5.00pm Wife returns from beach walk with dog - hears fire alarm and enters house. Acrid smell and blue smoke floating at ceiling level.
- 5.05pm I return with children and appropriately greeted.
- 5.10pm Thoughts that a large bug and flown into our bug-blaster and cooked (as has set off smoke alarm before now), then saw cooker time clock and oven was off. (It was cooking our tea!).
- 5.11pm Checked circuit board - reset tripped fuse - shouts from kitchen "No, no, turn it off"
- 5.12pm Pulled oven out to reveal ...

**Sue and Steve Bourne**



# Pūrākaunui School

**One Waka. One Crew. Many Journeys.**

Recently, a few of our students joined Waitati School for a two-day tramp in the Silver Peaks. It was a real challenge, with steep climbs, river crossings, and the infamous Devil's Staircase. But our students pushed through it all, showing great teamwork and determination. A big thank you to Waitati School for inviting us - it was an awesome opportunity, and our tamariki really appreciated the experience.

Our Little Papis group has started up again for 2025 every Thursday morning. From 10.30 - 11am, preschoolers can hang out with our school kids during morning tea, and then from 11am - 12pm, parents are welcome to enjoy a cuppa in the library and enjoy our picture book selection or connect with one another while the kids play with toys and instruments. It would be great to see some new whānau join us this year.

We are looking forward to the upcoming Waitati A&P Show, where we'll be offering delicious kai to help raise funds for our kura. If you're there, do come say hello and taste Brit's famous beaver tails!

## What's your view on public transport in our region?



**The Draft Otago Regional Public Transport Plan is now open for consultation. The plan guides how ORC will invest time and money into public transport for the next ten years (2025-2035).**

It aims to provide public transport solutions that are easy to understand and meet communities' diverse needs. In other words, public transport people want to use - more often.

New government expectations mean that we have some tough choices to make. We value access, transport options and the economic, health and environmental benefits that a convenient, reliable, and efficient public transport system delivers for our communities. However, we now need to recover a greater share of public transport operating costs from private sources. This means we need to increase things like passenger fares and advertising OR decrease our spending on services. This would mean fewer buses or removing some routes.

### Have your say on public transport in Otago!

- What's a fair bus fare?
- Bus fares, routes, public transport in the future.
- New government expectations for funding public transport mean that we have some tough choices to make.
- Do you think we should keep free bus fares for children?

We need your feedback on some big public transport decisions!

Come talk to ORC staff in-person at one of our drop-ins You can also give your feedback at [www.orc.govt.nz/rptp](http://www.orc.govt.nz/rptp)

**Consultation closes on 2 May 2025.**

### Regional Public Transport Plan drop-in

Dunedin City Centre, The Octagon, Dunedin  
Thursday, 17 April | 12-2pm

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**10:30 - 11:00**

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**11:00 - 12:00**

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Sunday 6 April In conjunction with A&P Show





# DRAFT 9 year plan Have your say



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We've put together our plans and budgets for the next 9 years and want to know what is important to you. Your feedback will help us finalise the 2025-34 plan.

Come and talk with Councillors and staff at our community meet-ups/sessions.

Visit [dunedin.govt.nz/9yp](https://dunedin.govt.nz/9yp) to find out more and have your say.

Feedback closes at noon on Wednesday, 30 April 2025.



## A stronger future for Otago Annual Plan 2025/26

Have your say!

**Otago Regional Council's work remains focused on building a stronger future for Otago.** In developing our Draft Annual Plan, we've focused on value for money while still doing important work for our communities and the environment.

We're making some changes to planned work, including Queenstown bus services; transport proposals for Dunedin, Ōamaru, Balclutha, Central Otago and Wānaka; and river management and flood protection work.

A new environmental fund is set to support communities from this year.

To do the work we do, an overall rates increase of 7.8% is planned. You can use the rates estimator on our website to see what it means for your property.

Changes to fees and charges are also proposed.



**We value your voice — tell us what you think to help shape Otago's future.**

[orc.govt.nz/ap2025](https://orc.govt.nz/ap2025)

Feedback closes 15 April



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# Around the Bay – April Events

BLUESKIN LIBRARY	
April 15 – 17	April School Holiday Programme   2-5pm Pop along and make an Easter bunny portrait out of card and an egg carton.
Thursday 24	Bookshare: 3.30-4.30pm, join us for tea and a chat about what you're reading and get ideas for what to read next. All welcome.
MONDAYS	Blueskin Bay Knitwits: 6.30 – 8.30pm Contact Christine 021 133 9340
TUESDAYS	Blueskin Bay Knitwits: 2.30 – 4.30pm Contact Christine 021 133 9340
FRIDAYS	Story Time with Stephaney: 11am
Two cabinets are available to display your passion, art or hobby. Please talk to the Blueskin Bay library staff if you have anything you would like displayed in our public cabinets. Past displays have included: pottery, knitting, garden trophies, cat memorabilia and lots of other bits and pieces.	

WAIPUTAI HUB	
MONDAYS	Music Lessons with Marian Poole: 2 – 6pm Contact: 021 0842 5948
TUESDAYS	Homeschool Art Group: 12.30 – 3.30pm, Contact: Amy  Table top role playing games (Dungeons and Dragons, etc.): 4 – 6.30pm   All ages Drop in any time FREE/KOHA  Ping Pong: 7 – 8.30pm. All ages, levels and drop ins. Contact: Helena 022 6474 738
WEDNESDAYS	Internet Cuppa & Printing: 2 – 5pm Access to internet computer (no-gaming), and printer (A4 black/white (20 cents/page) & A4 colour (\$1/page). <b>Note:</b> Bookings essential and must be made by Tuesday. Book a space by texting 021 171 0226 or emailing <a href="mailto:waiputai@gmail.com">waiputai@gmail.com</a>
THURSDAYS	Homeschool Group: 10.30 – 3.30pm, Contact: Debby  Pilates: Casual session   6.30pm   \$18 Contact: Sylvia 021 109 9302
SUNDAYS	Blueskin Bay Orchestra rehearsal 4pm – 6pm. Contact: Emily

ST BARNABAS CHURCH	
SUNDAYS	Service: 10.00am Contact Jeremy 027 436 1481

GALLERY ON BLUESKIN	
Wednesday 2	Quiz   7 – 9pm
Wednesday 30	Live Jazz Night

WAITATI VILLAGE	
Sunday 6	Village Market: 11am Contact: Mandy

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WARRINGTON HALL	
TUESDAYS	Indoor Bowls: 7.30pm
THURSDAYS	Yoga – All levels: 6.30 – 7.30pm Bring your own mat   \$10pp Contact: <a href="mailto:hagino.yoga@gmail.com">hagino.yoga@gmail.com</a>
FRIDAYS	Community Acupuncture: 9am – 12pm Contact Collin Blake <a href="mailto:cblake@siacu.nz">cblake@siacu.nz</a>
SUNDAYS	Waitati Warblers: Singing for joy 4 – 5.30pm Contact: <a href="mailto:nancymiller140@gmail.com">nancymiller140@gmail.com</a>

WAITATI HALL	
MONDAYS	Steady As You Go: 1.30pm Age Concern  Gentle Yoga: 6 – 7pm Bring your own mat   \$10pp Contact: <a href="mailto:hagino.yoga@gmail.com">hagino.yoga@gmail.com</a>  Table Tennis: 7.30pm til late Contact: Nigel 021 236 2818  Community Acupuncture: 9am – 12pm Contact Collin Blake <a href="mailto:cblake@siacu.nz">cblake@siacu.nz</a>
TUESDAYS	NIA Dance Class: 11.30am-12.30pm \$10 Contact: Clare Reilly 021 177 5350  Yuan Qigong: 5.30-6.30pm Movement and Meditation for Deep Relaxation Single class \$15 or \$120 for 10 sessions. Contact: <a href="mailto:jay.bodymindqi@gmail.com">jay.bodymindqi@gmail.com</a>
WEDNESDAYS	Energetic Yoga Restore & Rejuvenate 6 – 7pm   Bring your own mat   \$10pp Contact: <a href="mailto:hagino.yoga@gmail.com">hagino.yoga@gmail.com</a>
THURSDAYS	SHINE BRIGHT – Pilates for Back and Posture: 11am – 12 noon. Casual \$18, concession 10 sessions \$130 Contact: Sabine 021 207 0664
SATURDAYS	NIA Dance Class: 4 – 5pm \$10 Contact: Clare Reilly 021 177 5350

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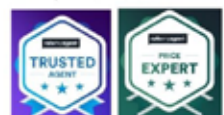


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