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Cliff the Ambulance comes to Waitati



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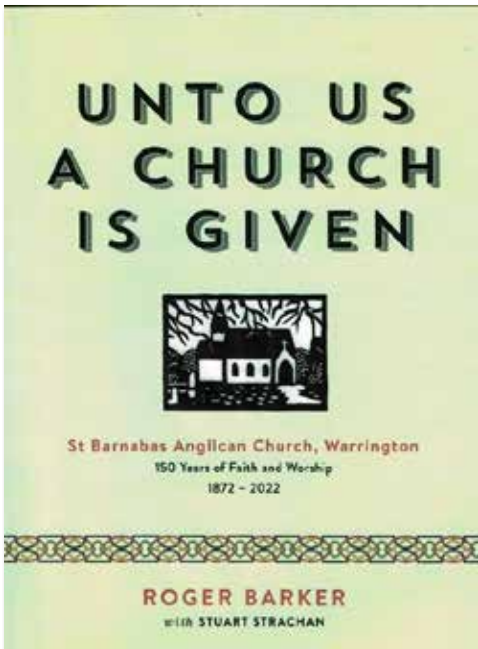
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St Barnabas Anglican Church Book Launch: Sunday 10 November

We are excited to announce the publication of a new updated history of St Barnabas Anglican church from its foundation in 1872 over 150 years to 2022 using the parish's own archives and contemporary newspaper sources. Written by a former vicar, the Rev Roger Barker, this beautiful book, at 200 pages long and illustrated with 70 images, will be by far the most comprehensive account of the church to date.

For the first time too, the true story of the church's magnificent Zeittler west windows is told, as is the complicated history of St Barnabas's position within the Dunedin diocese. This lovely little church continues still as the only active place of Christian worship in Blueskin Bay.

Although its current congregation is small, with just over 20 regularly attending Sunday services, the recent 150th celebrations attracted 70 registrations, about half from outside the immediate area. St Barnabas occupies a unique place in the Blueskin community. Rated Category 2 by Heritage New Zealand, the church is a true icon, the most visible surviving symbol of the area's history.

The book launch will be marked by a special service at St Barnabas church on Sunday 10 November at 10am with Bishop Kelvin Wright presiding, followed by the launch of the book in Warrington Hall commencing at 11am. Light refreshments will be served and the book will be available for purchase at \$45 per copy, payment by cash or bank transfer. If you cannot attend the launch and wish to purchase a copy please contact Louise Booth laboorth@xtra.co.nz.

We are very grateful to the **Callis Family Trust**, whose generosity over many years has enabled the production of this special publication.

St Barnabas 150th Celebration – 13 November 2022



From the Editor

Well I'm back and very glad to be on home turf again, though looking at the garden it seems to be mostly couch! Let's just hope we see less rain and I can get out to attack it.

I left New Zealand on the 1 July and arrived back on 18 October, more than a quarter of a year, but a week on and I feel like I never left. That is the great thing about the place we call home, the familiarity of surroundings and routine, waking up to the familiar sounds of the sea and our own very unique dawn chorus, catching up with good friends, knowing where everything is in the supermarket ... I would definitely not swap living here for living anywhere else.

The downer of course was saying goodbye to family some of whom I won't see again for a couple of years. However, my son Max and his wife Katy and my adorable grandson Ruben are arriving for Christmas in seven weeks time, and that seems like no time at all. My DIL is expecting to be able to sit on the beach in hot sunshine. We all know that is a bit of a forlorn hope seeing as Summer only occurs on one day of the year usually mid way through February but we will live in the dream that it will be different this year.

And talking of Christmas, the Blueskin News will be our normal bumper edition for December - an extra four pages which will be in colour. So everyone please look out your best photos from the last year, good Christmas activities and jokes, children's artwork and stories or poetry, and recipes etc and send to blueskin.input@gmail.com for inclusion in this special issue. I look forward to hearing from you!

Keep warm and safe Bernie



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Waitati Mini Fest

Waitati Music Fest Fundraiser

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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

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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.**

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WAITATI HALL AGM TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER | 7.30PM



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East Otago Plunket Round Up



The East Otago Playgroup in Waikouaiti runs weekly during school term time on Wednesdays between 10.00 and 12.00 at the Plunket Rooms in the East Otago Events Centre and a number of parents regularly come over from Blueskin Bay to attend this. Come along and join in to connect with other parents and caregivers and to give your child a chance to socialise and build connections with other children.

A First Aid course specifically tailored to parents of babies and toddlers covering primary assessment, CPR, choking, RSV, meningitis, poisoning, burns and more will be held on Tuesday 5 November in Waikouaiti in the Plunket Rooms at the East Otago Events Centre. To register for this at the small cost of \$15 email annabel.kuzma@plunket.org.nz

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

Ngā mihi nui, Annabel

BLUESKIN GARDEN CLUB

October is a lovely month in my garden. My rhododendrons are looking amazing, especially 'Rainbow' and 'Lemon Lodge'.



Following on from our busy month last month with hosting the Spring Flower Show and the success it was, we have been preparing for another large event which we are hosting on Saturday 2 November called the Kindred day.

This is an annual event where Garden Clubs from Otago/Southland send representatives to enjoy a day of informative talks, garden tours, and fun!

Our last club meeting was held on 10 October, when we had a talk about our area and Rabbit Island especially. Following this we had our 'best flower or vegetable' competition and a cuppa before we went home.

I hope all you keen gardeners out there have had time in your gardens, and have been able to plant your veges despite the miserable weather we have had this October. Happy Gardening!

Bev Lyon (publicity)

The Pride of the Hospital



Janet Frame's six-week stay at Seacliff Mental Hospital marked the beginning of an eight-year period in which she moved in and out of three mental hospitals, sometimes voluntarily, sometimes not.

After her first stay at Seacliff, Janet shifted between Dunedin,

Christchurch, and Auckland, being hospitalised in each city. It was while she was at Auckland's Avondale Mental Hospital in 1951 that she received copies of her first published book, *The Lagoon and Other Stories*. Harsh reviews, a return to Oamaru, and her mother's hospitalisation compounded Janet's fragile state, leading her to voluntarily re-admit herself to Seacliff.

Janet's experiences at Seacliff and other mental hospitals profoundly shaped her writing, inspiring her early works *Owls Do Cry*, *Faces in the Water* and *The Edge of the Alphabet*. An excerpt from *Faces in the Water*, displayed on a plaque beneath a magnolia tree at Truby King Reservoir, the grounds of the former hospital, reads "... the others too old or too ill, who had not been out walking, looked up dully as we entered with our cheeks pink, excited with what we had seen – the pigs, the calves, the doctors, washing on the line, the magnolia tree (the pride of the hospital) in bloom. And we had been to the gate, to the cattle stop at the gate!"

On the brink of undergoing a frontal lobotomy at Seacliff, Janet was awarded the prestigious Hubert Church Award for *The Lagoon and Other Stories*, an honour that ultimately spared her from the procedure. Encouraged by her psychiatrist, she continued to write after leaving Seacliff, finding a vital connection to the world through the love of writing that her mother had instilled in her.

Janet often spoke and wrote of 'this world' and 'that world', contrasting life inside the hospital with life outside, as well as her inner and outer realities. Her unique perspective and her ability to express the inexpressible, enabled readers to confront the often-overlooked realities of mental health care. Her second novel, *Faces in the Water*, became essential reading for young medical students, providing a rare perspective on life inside a mental hospital.

Janet Frame passed away in 2004, aged 80, having authored 19 books, including a volume of poetry and a children's book. She earned numerous awards and was shortlisted for the Nobel Prize in Literature. Ultimately, her stories not only gave a voice to the voiceless but also helped shift societal perspectives on mental institutions. Through the haunting beauty of her words, readers could finally begin to grasp the realities faced by those hidden away within such walls.

Amber Fraser-Smith

Image from Hocken Collections • Uare Taoka o Hākena

Halo Project



In September Halo Project Predator Free team members Harvey and Katy traveled to Kamau Taurua/Quarantine Island to support the dedicated volunteer group working to enhance and protect this taoka site. Their primary goal was to ensure the trap network was functioning properly, crucial for monitoring and controlling predator populations that threaten the native seabirds breeding in the area.

Accompanied by two local volunteers, Katy and Harvey conducted a thorough circuit of the island to inspect the traps. The volunteer trappers manage a total of nine Halo Project DOC200 double set trap boxes placed in strategic locations around the coastline and buildings on the island.

During their visit, Katy and Harvey shared valuable insights on best practice trap monitoring and maintenance. Fortunately, the Halo traps were in good condition, requiring no mechanism replacements. The traps were calibrated to ensure they triggered at the correct weight and emphasised the importance of keeping trap openings clear after each check as predators engage with trap boxes best if they can see clearly through each end.

The atmosphere on Quarantine Island was vibrant and welcoming, with volunteers generously providing snacks and coffee, which made the experience even more enjoyable.

Overall, the visit highlighted the island's significance as a conservation site. The ongoing efforts to control predators like rats and stoats are vital for protecting native bird species, including the tara/white fronted terns, tōrea tai/variable oystercatcher and Ōtākou kawau/Otago shag that reside here.

Together our community is making a huge difference to protect these special places and native species. As we move into the stoat dispersal season (December to March) a reminder to all who manage traps that target mustelids, traps will have the most impact if set and rebaited fortnightly during this period.



Quarantine island volunteers



Harvey and Katy on the boat

Waikouaiti Coast Heritage Centre

After the recent high rainfall event, which fortunately the old building appears to have held up well as no leaks were detected (much to our surprise I have to say). The gutters on both buildings and in the concrete courtyard had fortunately been cleaned out a few days prior and I'm sure that helped to prevent potential problems. Let's hope we start to see some warmer summer weather from now on. We are beginning to see more visitors, which is great for our business and the East Otago area. New Christmas stock continues to arrive, so do take the time to come and look us over, it may save you a trip to town.

By the time this article is published we will have held our annual plant fair, which I am sure will be the usual positive day, for which we owe a debt of thanks to Gwen Pullar for all her hard work in sourcing and growing most of the plants. We intend having Devonshire teas available in the old bank chamber, which will be a more interesting and pleasant place to sit and chat over a tea or coffee and a scone. The following week there is a large group of Dunedin gardeners coming to us for morning tea while on a day's outing visiting gardens of interest. Its great to meet with these groups and see their admiration and surprise when touring the old bank. It sparks many memories for older people.

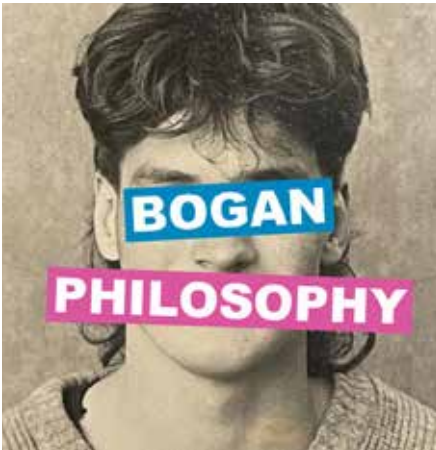
During the past month we were fortunate to receive a grant from the Grassroots Trust. This has enabled us to employ a



Quantity Surveyor and to thus move forward with our restoration plans. It's a slow process, but a worthwhile project. The intention is to concentrate on the exterior renovation, which will include removal of the front verandah, before moving to renovate the interior.

Finally, we now have two new volunteers joining us, with others also expressing interest, we may yet meet our long-term goal of being open 7 days a week.

Shirley McKewen, Treasurer



I came across a quote a couple of years ago that resonated so deeply with me that I reference it whenever I start to feel like I'm losing my way.

Let's face it, it seems to be getting easier to become lost these days with the speed of change, the number of balls we are trying to keep in the air and the hawkers of information vying for our attention or leaving us frozen in uncertainty.

"In a society that profits from your self-doubt, liking yourself is a rebellious act".
Caroline Caldwell.

I'm sure we are all at some time confronted by life events that have us questioning 'what it's all about'? And whether we have the capacity to navigate it confidently.

For me, these events have had me looking more deeply at the influences that have shaped the world and in turn how I perceive myself.

I think we underestimate just how programmable we are, and that can be confronting to consider. Or liberating, if curious enough to challenge the norms.

A book I read that had a significant impression on me suggested our personal rebellion required some specific elements: Healing, connection and inspiration; and for it to be scalable, anti-fragile and open source.

Having recently moved to the Blueskin Bay area I was wondering if there were other men out there who are living more consciously and wanting to be better versions of themselves. For their whanau, partners, community, planet and importantly, individually.

And if those men wanted to come together and share what wisdom and insights they have gained on their journey, that may benefit and inspire others.

To this end I have booked the Warrington Hall for three dates to gauge the level of interest and to see how the collective input might shape how we move forward. Bring along an open curiosity, a bit of courage and good intentions to see what we can create. And hope to see you there.

Warrington Hall, Monday 4 and 18 November and 2 December at 7pm.

Feel free to email me any questions you may have to feel more comfortable about coming along if unsure rosslevido@gmail.com

Ross Levido

Waitati Music Festival Update

Organising two festivals at the same time is not the most relaxing time but we are on schedule (just!). On the 23 November the second Waitati Mini Fest will entertain and hopefully fundraise for the large festival we have planned for January. Waitati Mini Fest bands and DJs are all lined up and excited to play - tickets are only \$40 and with 10 bands and 10 DJs that is great value.

The main event, the 11th Waitati Music Festival will be held on 25 January we have bands Left or Right, Ha the Unclear, Pretty Dumb and Rhythmnonyx booked as our fancy headliners, how cool is that?

We were awarded grants from the DCC, Otago Community Trust and COGS but our budget is still tight because we want to keep the presale tickets at \$50 or less, and to this end we are looking for business sponsors. We may give you a call. If you are not a business, please support your local festival by buying a ticket from cosmic corner or cosmicticketing.co.nz.

Come dance with us.

Katie Peppercorn & crew.

Palmerston, Warrington & Waitati bus service update

From the beginning of school term 4 on Monday, 14 October, a permanent 1C service began departing the Dunedin Bus Hub to Warrington. This means the morning 1C service now has a return trip in the afternoons.

During school terms only, route 1C will continue to leave at 7.35am from Warrington to the City and a new return 1C trip will leave the bus hub at 3:40pm, five minutes after the route 1 service to Palmerston, heading back to Warrington.

On leaving Dunedin, the bus service will follow the same route to Palmerston as service number 1 (Dunedin to Palmerston) to Waitati. After Waitati, the service will leave SH1 at Coast Road, travelling to Warrington and ending at the bus stop at Warrington School on Ferguson Street. Ferguson Street is the only stop after Waitati

There are no changes to any other route 1 services.

Meanwhile, the new Waitati bus stop will remain in service and be made permanent, subject to consultation, following a two-month trial.

From August this year, passengers on the Dunedin city to Palmerston bus service began using a new bus stop in Waitati, in addition to the stop on State Highway 1 near the On the Spot store.

Northbound buses have been looping into Waitati township to let passengers off at the new temporary stop opposite the fire station, before returning to State Highway 1 and continuing north.

This loop was introduced following community concerns about safe crossing of children on the highway.

ORC Transport Manager Lorraine Cheyne says, "The trial showed the new stop effectively provides a safer alternative to people having to cross the busy highway by the On the Spot store."





The Tartan that Ties us Together

After experiencing the marvel of flight, travelling from Dunedin to Edinburgh, I reflected in admiration for the Scottish kin who journeyed across open waters for a better life and a chance to belong to a new society. To quote Mark Twain's view of Dunedin's Scottish settlers: "They stopped here on their way from home to heaven — thinking they had arrived".

As you may know, it was Thomas Burns, nephew of the famous Robert Burns, that helped shape the original colony in Otago and in part, it was his influence from which Dunedin's Edinburgh and Scottish connection comes. The more visible city links come from City Surveyor Charles Kettle, who wanted Dunedin to emulate the Scottish capital and so based plans for the city largely on Edinburgh's New Town. In naming the Otago settlement as Dunedin (Dun Eideann, the old Gaelic name for Edinburgh), Kettle ensured the cities would be intrinsically tied together.

In my new role as Chairperson of the Dunedin Edinburgh Sister City Society (DESCS) and in having the pleasure of living in Edinburgh for 12-years, I have observed the many cultural connections our two cities share and the collaborative opportunities that can exist. I can attest to the many bruises a high-energy Ceilidh can inflict and remain resolute that whisky is spelt without an 'e'. In returning to Dunedin, I have become more attuned to our Scottish sensibility, stone buildings and similar chilly weather! And on more than one occasion, I have been disorientated by the streets of Dunedin, which are in completely different places in Edinburgh.

A key function of the DESCs is maintaining the civic relationship with the Scottish capital. The first move to create an official link between the cities was in February 1973, with the sister city relationship being formally established on 1 July 1974 between the Dunedin City Council (DCC) and the City of Edinburgh Council.

The establishment of the DESCs came in 2004 to support and revitalize Dunedin's relationship with Edinburgh. And 2024 marks our 50-year anniversary of this tartan relationship.

As Chairperson, I am aware that many in our community may not know about the DESCs and the primary aims of the society. These being to share knowledge and information with the public about Edinburgh's influence upon Dunedin heritage, to increase awareness and appreciation for our shared history through cultural events and to work alongside other clubs and societies in Dunedin who also have Scottish affiliations. The DESCs meets every third Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm at the DCC and I am very motivated to increase our membership.

One of our cultural events which readers may be aware of is St Andrew's Day. This is a free, outdoor, public event that takes place in The Octagon that provides a platform to showcase local talent and honour Dunedin's Scottish heritage. The DESCs extends a warm invitation for all to join the celebrations on Saturday 30 November between 10am and 3pm. If you want to be part of the event, come and volunteer! <https://volunteersouth.org.nz/roles/2551/st-andrews-day-event-crew>

For further information, questions or queries, please email us at dunedinedinburghsistercitysociety@gmail.com or check us out on our Facebook page.

Sarah

Birds Speak To Me – Opinion Piece

On 24 September bells at churches and halls around the city started ringing to mark the return of Toroa (Northern Royal Albatross) to their breeding colony at Pukekura. For several weeks either side of that special day, masses of Titi (Muttonbirds) had been flying past Dunedin on their way home to the motu in Foveaux Strait. Around then I also saw the posts in our community social media pages that Kuaka (Godwits) had returned to their spot at the top of Warrington Beach. At home I'm still waiting for the Pipiwharauoa (Shining Cuckoo) to return to our garden, signaling that it's safe to plant our zucchini and kumikumi.

Kai Tahu whanau have sustainably managed the wild harvest of Titi for centuries. This is one of the few parts of southern Maori economies that have survived colonisation. Titi were preserved to feed whanau and were traded for food from other districts.

Our economies were geared to support reproduction not accumulation. That is, the reproduction of the necessities of life. For example, homelessness and some households starving while others had more than enough was not a thing. A leaders' mana remained intact when the needs of all their people were met.

In 1843 my tipuna at Karitane exported 10 tons of potatoes to Sydney (we know this from shipping records). This is 5 years before the Scots arrived in Dunedin and only a few years since potatoes were introduced to Kai Tahu. Given that Polynesian crops like kumara and taro were not viable in the short southern growing season this is a remarkable feat of innovation, adaptation, and entrepreneurialism. In the next few years, we'd lose our land and access to harvest other wild foods, like we still do the Titi, and the emerging new economies of Kai Tahu were also lost.



Titi – Muttonbird

I look back and think about what might have been. We could have the thriving western styled economy of Dunedin alongside quite different Kai Tahu economies.

To imagine how that might feel I think about the tangihanga of Kiingi Tuheitia in September. For several days we were transfixed by the broadcasts of a huge event that was inclusive, full of dignity and rich with meaning. The tangihanga was a very visible expression of something 'other', something very different to our mainstream diet of polarised politics and neo-liberal policy making impacting the wellbeing of all of us. I loved it.

Anthony

Playcentre

"Whānau tupu ngāfahi – families growing together"

Kia Ora Blueskin Bay, We're into our final ten weeks of Playcentre for the year already, I can't quite believe it! Cedar is looking forward to plenty of sandpit play as well as bikes and trikes time, whilst I'm looking forward to chatting to all the whānau that already attend Playcentre and getting to know the new members that join us.

Kimberleigh is our session facilitator and one of her many strengths is setting up different play stations each week for the children to enjoy. Last week there was a paint table with toy machinery to use to make tracks on paper, which the children really engaged with, and led to some very colourful trucks for the children to wash down, which was all very much part of the fun! There's also been playdough, indoor games, and different arts and crafts. I wonder what will be next...?

Playcentre is open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays during term time from 8.45am - 12.15pm. There's a huge range of toys to inspire the imaginations of babies to six-year-olds and we make sure we swap toys in and out for each term so that it keeps being interesting for the little ones. There's no cost involved with attending and there's free coffee! What's not to love?

As always, you'll find us down the drive at Waitati School on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 8:45am - 12:15pm. Please get in touch through Facebook or at blueskin@playcentre.org.nz. We'd love to see you there!

Heather



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WAITATI BOOK CLUB by Ian Melvin

Scott managed a weekend off so was our genial host, with a nearly full attendance present this month apart from Paul who was apparently in South Korea.

A general toast to life in general and our absent member and the usual discourse begins. Marc and Martin sharing recent travel experiences and Scott presenting his take on recent Parliamentary happenings, with some head shaking and sighing. The good news is the Nats. are well down in the latest poll, the bad news is that the other two protagonists have gained support. So right wing voters have just abandoned one leaky boat for another in the mistaken belief this will serve them better, and so it continued... Oh and hospitals and books were also mentioned.



THE BOOK

Lucky Jim by **Kingsley Amis**

Me: inane farcical self-indulgent ridiculous nonsense! Others however to some degree or other could see merit in it. I was looking forward to this book as I have a copy of 'The Old Devils' his Booker Prize winning novel and expected more of the same, sadly not so...

Marc: extremes of opinion were expressed about 'Lucky Jim'. A vociferous member swore he would throw it in the bin. More moderate voices saw it as a product of its time: a critique of post second world war English society and a satire of academia. A few admitted to being amused by it and appreciative of the happy ending, an increasing rarity in more contemporary fiction.

OTHER BOOKS

Humankind (A Hopeful History) by **Rutger Bregman**

Kindly recommended and lent to me by Ross. Humankind makes a new argument, that it is realistic, as well as revolutionary, to assume that people are good. The instinct to co-operate rather than compete, trust rather than distrust, has an evolutionary basis that goes right back to the beginning of our species. Thinking the worst of others not only affects how we regard other people, but our politics and economies too.

'Hugely highly recommend' – *Stephen Fry*

MUSIC

Prodigal Son by **Michael Powers.**

Eclectic mix of Soul, Blues, R&B tracks. Love this, great voice, impressive original out of the box style guitar playing, a found album from a bargain box somewhere. All good but stand out tracks are Every Grain of Sand by Bob Dylan, You Got to Go Down by Blind Gary Davis. You can sample this album on YouTube.

BEER

Tried a few stouts recently – **Lakeman Stout** from a farm brewery near Taupo, **Black Forest Milk Stout** from Christchurch and **Black Sheep Milk Stout**, a smooth Yorkshire Stout from Ripon, Yorkshire England, all were pretty good and worth a try on a cool evening. The stand out was head and shoulders above the rest though – **Renaissance Brewing's Heritage Limited Release Imperial Porter**. It's distinctive, complex, toasty, decadent flavour comes from a dozen malts. I know ... I know ... a Porter not a Stout but let's not split hairs. It's bloody good and highly recommended.

OTHER STUFF

Dame Anne Salmond's column on Newsroom's online site is well worth reading. Her latest offering – **Arrogance laced with Ignorance** is a perfect summing up of the present government, their actions, attitude, and policies, by someone well qualified and equipped for the task. Note all her columns are available online at **Anne Salmond Newsroom**.

WORD OF THE MONTH

Shameless – 'Would you call yourself your countries greatest thinker, or boast about your sexual prowess? Could you get caught in a lie then tell another one without missing a beat? Most people would be consumed by shame – just as most people leave that last cookie on the plate. But the shameless couldn't care less. And their audacious behaviour pays dividends in our modern mediocracies, because the news spotlights the abnormal and absurd.'

Quote from **Humankind**

MEANING OF LIFE

"If you are to punish a man retributively, you must injure him. If you are to reform him you must improve him. And men are not improved by injuries." **George Bernard Shaw**



Value Added Rant

I grow zucchinis and every year I end up with glut. I sell a few, but you can only sell them for 50c or a dollar each in the season. They are bulky, don't store well and can be a bit overwhelming, I have solved this problem by making them into chutney which commands much higher prices, or making into dog food to supplement our dog's raw meat diet. The chutney lasts a long time and is a much more desirable product.

New Zealand is a country which produces mainly primary products, so we shall call ourselves (for the sake of this argument) a zucchini growing and exporting nation. Imagine our pine trees, milk, wool and meat are zucchinis. We are trying to sell whole zucchinis to the world, and no one wants to pay us much, because they plan on making the chutney, dog food, and zucchini cakes themselves.

We could be the world leader in wood furniture and building materials, but we only sell logs. We could be the world leader in cheese making, but we only export milk powder. We could be the world leader in wool knitwear, carpets, insulation, and felt products, but we send away raw unprocessed wool in bales. We could lead the world in salami, hams, charcuterie, quality sausages, but we just send away raw frozen meat, sometimes whole carcasses.

We keep trying to pump more and more production out of our land, so we can increase our bulk exports, yet we export almost nothing with value added. Our environment is being hammered, and can barely keep up. Our lovely rivers are becoming toxic soup. Water supplies are polluted by nitrates. All the forestry waste destroys towns and farms.

At primary school we learned about adding value to products in our Social studies class. It's not rocket science, they teach it to 12 year olds. Was no one paying attention? (Actually the farm boys in my class were far too busy throwing darts and manufacturing pea shooters out of their pens to actually learn anything)

We were also taught in Social studies that New Zealand has few metal or mineral deposits, so we can't be a manufacturing nation. Perhaps this teaching has cast a long shadow over our economy ever since.

I had hoped that one day we might use our fast growing pine to make beautiful flat pack furniture, instead Swedish company Ikea is buying our forest land intending to do the value added thing themselves.

There is a tyranny of distance- we are a long way from our markets, but finished products take up a lot less space to export than say, a ship load of logs.

Another excuse is expensive labour. But Germany has expensive labour, and they have a huge manufacturing economy. We had a Woofer who had come from a job in Germany, cleaning the robots in the BMW plant. It is true there are few employees in an automated factory, but we would still be able to achieve much higher rates of export revenue, and therefore tax revenue.

The way we do it now, we might as well be a nation of zucchini farmers.

Hilary Rowley



Warrington Hall

Warrington Hall Committee recently held their Annual General Meeting and we were pleased to welcome 3 new members to join our team. Some of us have been at "the helm" for many, many years and it's great that we have some new people to share the load.

Our team is; Pete: Chairperson, Melissa: Treasurer, Lyn: Secretary, Rowena and Ron: Hall Bookings and the rest of the committee comprise Lyne, Lesley, Sarah, Eleanor and a special welcome back home to Bernie.

The hall is available to use several times a week and also now free on Tuesday nights until March as Indoor Bowls is finished for the season. We welcomed a new group for about 4½ months. Line dancing started in June on a Friday night and then changed to Tuesdays. However this was not well supported and so has unfortunately folded. Our committee wish to thank Marie for giving up her time to get us all started into a fun, physical and challenging form of dance.

If you wish to use the hall contact **Lyn 482 2896** or **Rowena 482 2667**.

Brighty and Blighty

A while back I documented my battle to get smarter than a bunch of wascally wabbits. I managed to out-smart a few, but it's an on-going war many Blueskin Bay residents no doubt sympathise with. I recommend perseverance. After all, every dead rabbit is a good rabbit.

However, I was recently confronted by a bigger problem. A much, much bigger problem. That's because the property I inhabit was invaded by a couple of cows. Or more accurately, by a couple of cattle-beasts. Huge. A big, ornery brown and white one I named Brighty, and a slightly smaller, slightly less ornery black and white one, Blighty. They'd breached a fence on a neighbouring property, traversed a pine plantation, forged a beast-sized path through the manuka, onto a track, where they discovered my cabin, nestled amid lush green grass. Yum yum. Cow heaven.

Now, I'm not sure how big a cow's brain is, but it must be bigger than a rabbit's. And Brighty and Blighty used theirs with good effect. Invisible during daylight, they would mysteriously reappear after dark, to graze while I slept. They were silent, sneaky, and surreptitious. My dog, a good barker at bumps in the night, never once barked. But hoof prints, cow pats, and broken bush betrayed them. The dog scent-hounded me to their entry point, their owner was alerted, and a week of cow stalking ensued. Needless to say, cows are way smarter than you'd think. Finally ambushed in the middle of the night, Brighty is in the freezer, and Blighty was somehow enticed back home.

Right, now back to those wascally wabbits.

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Meet the Neighbours – Lesley Smith

Thursday 21 November, 6pm



Lesley has had a long engagement with the art sector that includes publishing, managing a regional art gallery, running a national awards programme and facilitating community art projects. This presentation will show a selection of creative community art projects that brought the West Auckland community together.

Children's Summer Reading Programme

Early December

The 2024-25 Children's Summer Reading Programme, will be available in early December, come in, sign up and pick up your booklet in time for the summer holidays.



Kā Kete Wānaka o Ōtepoti



Bookshare

Thursday 28 November, 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.

Crafty Christmas Workshop

Create something crafty to decorate your home for the festive season, places are limited so **phone 482 2444** to book your place.

Christmas Tree Decorations

Thursday 28 November, 6pm - 9pm

Join members of the East Otago Embroidery Guild to make a festive decoration. (\$5)



Seed Cabinet

The seed cabinet is now a permanent fixture in the Library – get your veggie patch underway and grab some seeds today.

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SCHOOL UPDATE

Term 4 is a busy term for Schools. We finished Term 3 by entering the Blueskin Bay Flower Show. The children enjoyed creating using flowers.

The entries looked fabulous. Thank you to the club for organising this. We love being part of our community.

Most years we have a theme that guides our learning. This year has been Tuakiri - Identity.

One project has seen children write a family autobiography. We are pulling these together into a shared book called Pukapuka Tuakiri, Identity book. Each ākonga will have one page to tell their story. We are really excited about this project not only reading all the delightful stories but the artefacts which will be available for generations to come. The books will be available to purchase later in the term. Contact the office to order. (03 482 2888)



We have two fundraisers coming up.

The Great Waitati Garage Sale. 16 November | 8.30am - 12pm.

Hold a garage sale at your place. Phone/text Shelley for a place on the map - 027 722 0015 and you will go onto a map. You will be on the map with other people around Waitati. Last year, people from Dunedin came out for the garage sales and loved the idea of the map and how easy it was to follow. Great for Waitati and the School. Funds will go to Maths equipment.

The Flying Fox Fair 16 February 2025 | 10am - 2pm at Waitati School.

We know how much the community loved the flying fox at Waitati School. It finally came to the end of its life last year. We want to replace it with a brand new model. Can you help us raise the money?

The Fair will be a classic country fair with lots to do and see and of course things to spend your money on. Mark the date on your calendar and we will see you there.

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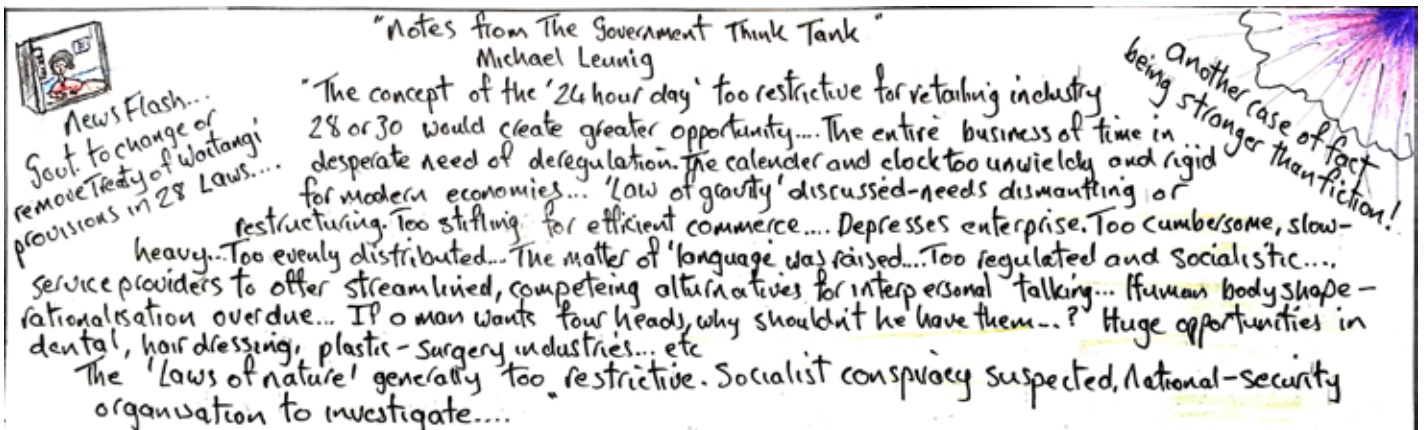
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An exciting milestone has been the completion of the water tanks at Waitati School. I believe the Fire Service used the school swimming pool until it was removed? So for many years, the fire service was unable to access water at the school due to the only source being at the opposite end of the property near the school house. New water tanks have been installed at the front of the school and on Monday the Fire Service came to try them out. We appreciate our local Fire Service and all they do, and it is great to know we have made their job possible just in case of a fire at Waitati School.

Madness vs Sanity

Voice of reason ...



Around the Bay – November Events

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Thursday 28	Crafty Christmas Workshop 6-9pm Christmas Tree Decorations
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TUESDAYS	Blueskin Bay Knitwits: 2.30 – 4.30pm Contact Christine 021 133 9340
FRIDAYS	Story Time with Stephaney: 11am

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

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GALLERY ON BLUESKIN	
Sunday 3	Live Music Peter Knight 12.30–2.30pm
Wednesday 6	Quiz 7 – 9pm
Saturday 16	Thorneycroft Art Exhibition
Sunday 17	Live Music Spectrum 12.30–2.30pm
Sunday 24	Live Music D Street Band 12.30–2.30pm

WAITATI VILLAGE	
Sunday 3	Village Market: 11am Contact: Mandy

WARRINGTON HALL	
THURSDAYS	Seasonal Hatha Yoga: 6.30 – 7.30pm Bring your own mat \$10pp Contact: hagino.yoga@gmail.com
SUNDAYS	Waitati Warblers: Singing for joy 4 – 5.30pm (winter) Contact: nancymiller140@gmail.com

WAITATI HALL	
Tuesday 26	Watati Hall AGM: 7.30pm. All welcome
MONDAYS	Steady As You Go: 1.30pm Age Concern Gentle Yoga: 6pm Bring your own mat \$10pp Contact: hagino.yoga@gmail.com Table Tennis: 7.30pm til late Contact: Nigel 021 236 2818
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 \$12 or \$80 for 8 sessions. Contact: Jaybodymindqi@gmail.com
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THURSDAYS	SHINE BRIGHT – Pilates for Back and Posture: 11am – 12 noon. Casual \$18, concession 10 sessions \$130 Contact: Sabine 021 207 0664
FRIDAYS	Community Acupuncture: 8 – 11am Contact Collin Blake cblake@siacu.nz
SATURDAYS	NIA Dance Class: 4 – 5pm \$10 Contact: Clare Reilly 021 177 5350

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Monday 11	Yellow Bin: Mixed Recycling Green Bin: Food Scraps/Garden Waste
Monday 18	Blue Bin: Bottle/Glass Recycling Red Bin: Rubbish Green Bin: Food Scraps/Garden Waste
Monday 25	Yellow Bin: Mixed Recycling Green Bin: Food Scraps/Garden Waste

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Today, we planted microgreens with the help of our wonderful volunteers, Lyn H and Lyne C., both of whom bring an enormous amount of life experience when it comes to gardening. Together, we'll create a healthy salad and learn even more about nurturing our plants. It's incredibly rewarding to empower our young learners with the knowledge and skills to grow plants for the future.

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