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Editor's note

First of all I'd like to say a huge thank you to Meg Brasell-Jones who has taken over the production of the BSN and is making a fabulous job of it. I'm very glad to remain Editor but it's good to be sharing the load.

Meanwhile, welcome to the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, though today seems again like high summer. Only the sound of a truck tipping a load of firewood onto my neighbour's drive reminds me of what is to come. In the garden signs of autumn are there to see. The crab apples are like jewels on the tree and the wasps are well into any fruit still in the orchard. The sedums are in flower and covered in honey bees and bumblebees and there are lots of butterflies around. Most beautiful are the delicate waving seed heads of the large grasses which will last through the winter.

I wish you all a very happy Easter, keep safe, warm and well. **Bernie**



ANZAC Commemoration 2022

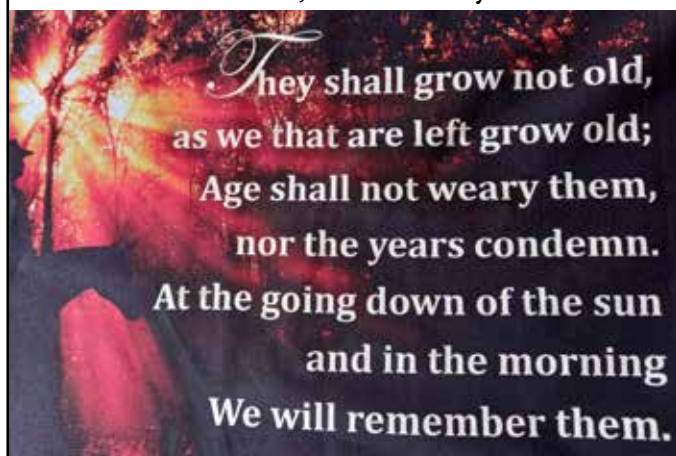
Waitati Cenotaph – 25 April

It will not be possible to hold a public commemoration due to the current Covid restrictions.

The community are encouraged to go to the Cenotaph and place a poppy in the sand tray, individuals and groups are welcome to lay a wreath.

The Poppy Appeal will be on this year with poppies available from 15 April at local businesses and the Library. Please support this appeal.

Alasdair Morrison, Paul & Glenys Clements



Blueskin Bay Community Spaces

Warrington Hall

Available for birthdays, family gatherings, exercise classes, dances and do's etc at reasonable rates. Hire includes a fully equipped kitchen and tables and chairs.

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or complete the contact form at **www.blueskinbayonline.co.nz**

It's as simple as that

Let's keep supporting our local businesses

World Naked Bike Ride 2022 – Waitati

It's a long slow campaign but the war against the infernal machines that go suck, squeeze, bang and then fart out their noxious waste products is slowly being won and we can look forward to affordable electric transportation.

By riding naked we emphasise the contrast between frail human bodies and the steel machines that dominate our roads.

This is the 8th year that our southern contingent of Free Beaches NZ have supported a naked bike ride and although numbers this year were down a bit we all still enjoyed it and appreciated the support from locals especially at the Pirate Queen's Cove – we love them all. The sun shone, other road users were polite and everybody returned safely.

Being naked in public is not illegal in New Zealand but it is outside the norm and takes a bit of courage at first. People worry about how others will perceive their bodies and how much acceptance they will have. Waitati residents are very accepting of naturists and we have the beautiful beach at Doctors Point to be naked on. If you ever want to try it out with support and join us in some activity look up Southern Free Beaches on Facebook.

Paul Campion for the Southern Free Beaches Collective





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[Harvey-street-merchant.myshopify.com](https://harvey-street-merchant.myshopify.com)

BLUESKIN GARDEN CLUB

Blueskin Garden Club members are keeping in touch by email and the occasional outdoor get togethers.

Recently a group of us met at Long Beach. We walked along the beautiful beach admiring plants growing in cracks in rocks, wildlife and checking out the large caves. A great place just over the hill to visit and take the children for a play on the domain or enjoy the new playground equipment.



Tomorrow Lyne is holding a plant stall. Normally extra plants would be sold at markets, the flower show or Blueskin On Show Day. Due to these all being on hold or cancelled Lyne has kindly offered to sell her plants and monies raised are to be donated to the Cancer Society in lieu of the Relay For Life being cancelled. Thanks for your generosity Lyne.

Autumn has arrived and there are signs of colours changing although mostly the temperatures are still encouraging plants to grow before harvesting. There's still time to sow spinach, lettuce and turnips, onions should have their foliage bent over to hasten maturity or lift and enjoy. Silverbeet likes salt so when the tide is out gather some seaweed and put in ground 30cm below where the seeds are to be sown.

Loganberries, boysenberries, tayberries and cultivated blackberries need to be pruned after fruiting. Cut from the base of the plant all canes which have fruited and train the young canes in their place. Mulch with manure or compost half a metre out around the stems. Spring bulbs are now appearing in the shops so look out for some and plant soon to enjoy in the spring. MAYBE we will have a spring flower show this year and your blooms will be ready to pick and bring along for display? Who knows whether this year we will have a show after 2 year's absence – we live in hope. Happy gardening, harvesting, pickling, preserving and sharing all that your garden has provided.

Lyn Hastie, Publicity

For further info on joining us please phone Lyn 4822 822 or Lyn 482 2896 or 022 048 7696.



Pūrākaunui School

Rachel's Pepeha

Ko Rimutaka te maunga.
Ko Heretaunga te awa. Ko
Lord Auckland te waka.
Ko Celt te iwi. Ko Pākehā
te hapū. Ko Francis
Otterson te tangata. No
Orongomai ahau. Ko Rachel Brown tōku ingoa. Ka
moe ahau i a Gus McAllister. Ka puta mai ko Winifred
McAllister Brown. Kei Hāwea mātau e noho ana. Tihei
mauri ora

Thanks so much for the warm welcome; it is so good to be here. My ancestors arrived in Nelson and Gisborne in the 1840s; I grew up in Upper Hutt and Auckland, then was an itinerant kiwi until I washed up in Hāwea Flat 25 years ago, and built a house, a farm and a family.



It has been all go at Pūrākaunui School since the start of the year. The community had a special mihi whakatau on the first day of school for two new members of staff: Nicky Bell, our new Tumuaiki and Rachel Brown, kaiako of our New Entrants to Year 3 class. Thank you to Mauraka Edwards and Poutama Crossman-Nixon, for providing representation on the mana whenua and manuhiri side for the occasion.

Ko wai au?

Nicky's Pepeha

Ko Helvellyn Range
te maunga. Ko Irish te
moana. Ko Mersey te
awa. Ko Rere Aotearoa
te waka. Nō Liverpool
England ōku tīpuna. Kei
te noho au ki Waitati. Ko Bell Howard tōku whānau.
Ko Thomas tōku matua. Ko Colette tōku whāea. Ko
Barbera tōku kuia. Ko Nicky Bell tōku ingoa. Tihei
mauri ora.

I arrived in New Zealand at the end of 2010 for a 'holiday' and quickly grew roots, after taking on a team leader position, in a large multicultural school in Porirua Wellington. Originally from Liverpool, North of England, I believe I still have an accent, though my family overseas say I sound more 'like a kiwi'.



Opening of Mahi-ā-ringā Ceramics Studio

Waitati is a passionate and highly creative village. The idea for a ceramics studio came about from Passion projects at Waitati school. Passion Projects run once a fortnight for a whole day.

Chris Slabbert taught ceramics for a Passion Project back in 2020. Joining Chris for a session, I was immediately taken with the peace, the space and the opportunity for creativeness. During Covid the school has been focusing on wellbeing. Working with clay certainly brings an opportunity to become grounded. At the heart of learning is the creative process. Creativity is a way of thinking deeply about the world. However, It soon became apparent that the time to drive to East Otago High School to access their kiln took too much time (Thank you EOHS for generously opening your kiln to us). So being the dreamer I am, I suggested we build a ceramics studio.

Fundraising, applying for grants from the local community council ensued. Money from the PTA and generous donations of goods from the local ceramic community meant we quickly bought the kit. Then parents dug in and true country style, lined the walls, built shelves and made a garage into a beautiful studio.

The vision for Mahi- ā-ringā, includes the creation of a community space for parents to come with their children to work with clay. A committee to run workshops and look after the space will be created. This will provide a creative space for use after school and weekends for the wider Waitati Community.

The name Mahi-ā-ringā - work with hands seems direct and appropriate. We would like to get a sign made. Thank you to the Waikouaiti Community Board, the Waitati School PTA and the Dunedin City Council for supporting this project through funding.

Our first workshop is happening on Otago Anniversary Day. If you are interested please contact the school.

Tara O'Neill - Principal



APRIL DATES



Sunday 10 April

Farm Animal Day

Thursday 14 April

Gardening Day

Monday 18 April

**Velociraptor
Awareness Day**

Friday 29 April

Zipper Day

Good News for Our Oceans

A Container Return Scheme is Coming!

"Each year more than two billion drinks are sold in Aotearoa, and drink containers make up nearly a quarter of litter in New Zealand, ending up in streams, on beaches and in the ocean. A container return scheme will play a huge role in keeping cans, plastic and glass bottles out of our oceans and environment."

Eugenie Sage





Covid Rules, 4 April:

- There are no limits for outdoor activities, such as gatherings and events, and food and drink businesses.
- Indoor capacity limits of up to 200 people based on 1 metre distancing.
- You do not need to wear a face mask outdoors.
- Other face mask rules remain unchanged — face masks are still required in most indoor settings.
- There is no requirement to scan in or for a business to display a QR code poster or have mandatory record keeping.
- There is no requirement to use My Vaccine Pass.
- After 4 April, businesses will still be able to use the system if they would like to.

If you are self isolating in the community please reach out.

We have a community response group at each small settlement on the coast,

Please call Mandy Mayhem 021 919 555 if you need support

We are happy to offer contactless delivery services via our volunteers and also phone call check ins , health and well being or just a friendly chat.

Also the Louise and the library team. Call 03 4822444 for click and collect or care packs with contactless drop offs also.

Heather at the On the Spot store has also offered deliveries via our volunteers please call 03 482 2741

Be safe and know the community supports you

For the latest health advice, information and resources, visit the Ministry of Health's COVID-19 webpage health.govt.nz/covid-19 or the Unite Against COVID-19 webpage covid19.govt.nz/about-this-site/contact-and-support/ You can also call Healthline on 0800 358 5453, it is free and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Healthline has interpreters available if you would prefer to talk to someone in a different language. It is important to look after yourself, including your mental health, and if you feel that you are not coping it is important to talk with a health professional. For support with grief, anxiety, distress or mental wellbeing, you can call or text 1737 – free, anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – to talk with a trained counsellor.

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Derek

Derek the Dunnock passed away last month at the ripe old age of 80DY*. He was exhausted by the terrible weather in the last nesting season and took to scavenging scraps under the deck of the house of his Homo so called sapiens ornithologist.

Early one morning just after the summer solstice he was pounced upon by the neighbour's cat who was lurking under the house and like Gordon Greenfinch, Sally Silvereye, Felicity Fantail, Horace House Sparrow and Samantha Skink amongst many others, failed to survive the attack. He was laid to rest in the traditional Dunnock manner on the field where he fell and returned to earth by the undertaker inverts, moulds and fungi that are our final resting place. Only his Present** attended his demise, pecked him a couple of times and told him to get his tweeting act together as there is mouths to feed. He is survived by 3 of his 45 fledged chicks*** (the other 42 passed away but months after leaving the nest), his Extra, Dolores who's doing OK with his cousin Damian but next year is determined her Extra's going to be a bit younger, and his Present, Dottie who's at her wits end trying to fledge three chicks at the tag end of the season.

Us three kids never knew that our old man was the Avian Correspondent for the Internationally renowned Blueskin News and were astounded to find a buried cache of tweets under his favourite roost site in HscS's rubbish under the Macrocarpa windbreak. Only those darstardly Aussie Magpies (Sunday Star Times) and endemic aristo Robins (The Listener) do that sort of thing. Dylan Dunnock, his mum was a hippy and he's as conservative as, reckoned we should destroy the lot. Dabila, a wannabe hippie who was born too late, believes they

should be cherished in memory of a tweetsmith who flew in the face of the restrictive norms of the times. Myself... Oh sorry it's Dasa, same mum as Dylan. Means slave. So much for hippie Hindu. I've taken over Derek's job on the BSN so 'tis me who's tweeting this. Yeah I know the job wasn't advertised. Yeah I was carpal tapped and yeah the class system, who you know, who you don't, is alive and well but I'm a Marxist and you can expect more no nonsense, gritty, Waitati commentary and satire for at least 20DY. If the BSN will publish it.

Felix catus domesticus killed my Dad. There's at least half a dozen Felix roaming around me old man's old territory despite the fact that his Hscs ornithologist chap put a lien on the place so's any Hscs livin' here wasn't allowed to have a murdering cat. But he can't put a lien on the neighbours. If your Hscs's neighbour's Canis lupus familiaris (dog), invades your Hscs's property and harasses your stock or heaven forbid your Felix, you can shoot the bugger. Felix has free range to gobble up endemic, native and colonia

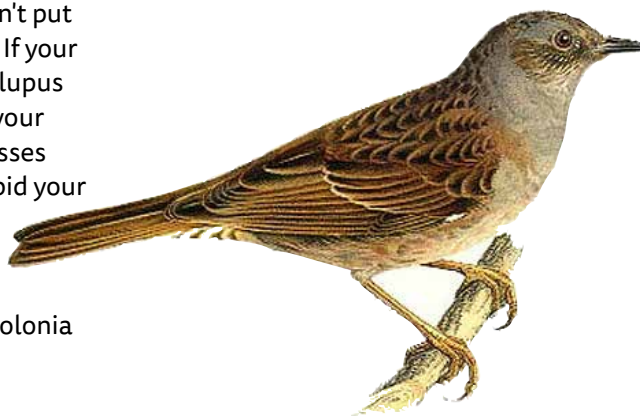
fauna at will. Shoot them at your peril for Facebook and your mailbox will be full of tearful pleas. Our beloved Fred Felix has disappeared.

Yeah I know, "My Felix never eats birds". It's those feral Felix that are the problem. If so I tweet, where the hell is the Halo Project?

* 1 DY (Dunnock Year) = 10 Homo so called sapiens years.

** Due to us Dunnocks' somewhat variable sexual arrangements, one's current partner is called The Present to distinguish them from The Exs and The Extras. HscS's will surely be familiar with this scenario.

*** Nesting success, deemed so if one chick leaves the nest, is around 30% so in his short but distinguished life he's fathered well over a hundred eggs and chicks who never left home.



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on the spot

Blueskin General Store
(Waitati On The Spot)

Store Hours

Mon – Sat 7.30am – 6.30pm

Sunday 9am – 6.30pm

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The Wild Dunedin Festival is Coming in April

The Wild Dunedin team are thrilled to announce that our popular Festival is on again in the school holidays 22 – 28 April.

The Festival opens with a huge land art sculpture on the beach at Lawyers Head, where Wanaka artists Martin Hill and Philippa Jones will create the work on the sand at low tide. As the tide comes in, the sculpture will be returned to the sea – a lesson in sustainability.

A big event for Waitati tamariki is a visit by the Marine Studies Centre's Aqua Van to Blueskin Library. Thanks to the generosity of Harbour Fish and the Marine Studies Centre, there will be two sessions covering the rocky shore, pāua and the popular touch tank. Bookings for these sessions on 27 April are essential.

Catch Port to Port's Sootychaser to Quarantine Island for a treasure hunt, or across the harbour to the Marine Studies Centre to learn about seaweed or the lives of sea creatures.

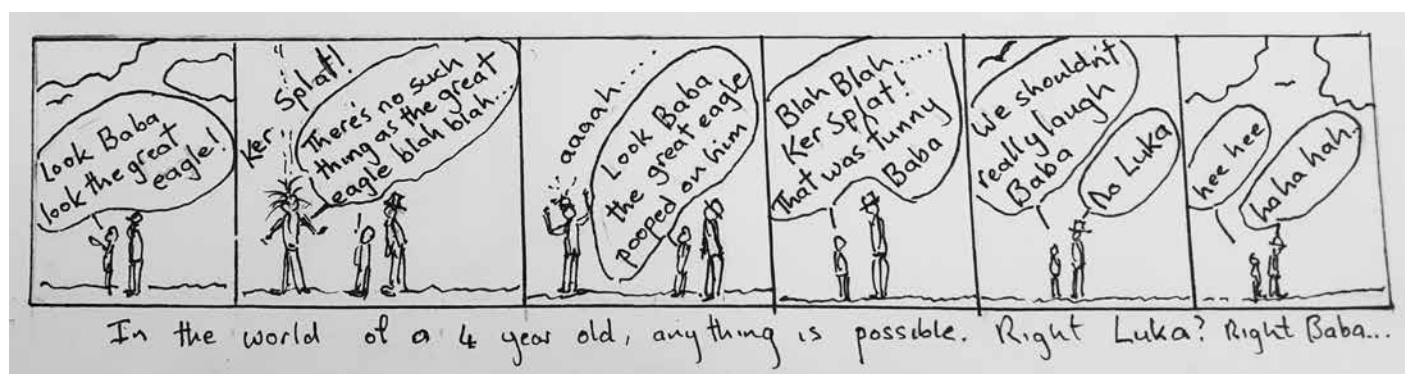
Kids go free at Orokonui Ecosanctuary on 23, 24 and 25 April and receive a Kids Ecosanctuary Explorer Pack.

Suzy Cato will be entertaining tamariki with music sessions at Toitū, and she'll also make an appearance at the very popular Wildlife ER sessions at Otago Museum.

Sea lions are the stars on 27 April when several sessions at Otago Museum will focus on these fascinating locals.

This year gardeners have the opportunity to visit some inspiring gardens, foodies can enjoy a range of special dining experiences, and if you'd like to get active, Resistance Climbing Gym, Watercooled Sports and Esplanade Surf School have special Wild Dunedin deals.

Online and print programmes available early April. Become a friend on www.wilddunedin.nz for advance bookings. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



Food Waste

Wasting food is a terrible thing. Food is a precious resource, and all resources are precious now that there are 7.9 billion of us. So when you have excess food in your garden, eat it, store it, preserve it, or give it away, even if it is only the apples on your ugly old tree in the backyard.

There are various facebook pages dedicated to exchanging or giving away unwanted stuff, and if you are a less "online" person, try putting your excess in the Waitati anti scurvy pantry, behind the Blueskin library, giving away to friends and acquaintances, or even just a box and a sign outside your gate.

I was generously gifted two buckets of beautiful dessert grapes recently. We ate our way through a few, made a couple of waldorf salads, but what to do with the rest? I thought about wine but decided in the end to make raisins. It took ages, days and days to get them dry enough to store. I pulled the grapes all off their stalks and put them on the trays on the dehydrator. I only switched the dehydrator on during the daytime, when our power comes from our solar panels and is free. If you don't have solar panels, it would be a lot more expensive to use an electric dehydrator.

It is possible to sun dry grapes by laying them out on trays; if they are outside on your deck they will need to be covered with some insect mesh and brought inside at night and if it rains. You could also use the inner of a small tent which is insect proof, and throw the tent fly over it at night.

I have since found out that to speed the drying process up you need to split the skins, either by halving the grapes (bugger that – too much work) or blanch them by dropping them in a pot of boiling water for less than a



minute, then straining them through a colander – this splits the skins. It is also better to use seedless grapes as the seeds stay the same size, but the grape shrinks away and the seed tends to dominate your raisin experience. I don't mind the seeds and you don't really notice them if you're using your raisins for baking.

To check for dryness squeeze some of your raisins with your fingers, if they still feel juicy, they need to be dried more, but try not to over dry them into hard little crunch husks either.

Store your raisins in a glass jar with a lid. We got 3 kg of raisins from the most part of two buckets of grapes. The satisfaction level was high and the biscuits I made with a handful of organic, local raisins were excellent. They would work really well in bircher muesli too.

This is just one example of avoiding food waste – it is fun to research and experiment with food preserving methods, and if you can't be bothered some other energetic lunatic (like me) may be interested in your garden excess.

Hilary Rowley



This is an opinion piece designed to promote feedback. If you feel you'd like to respond – email blueskin.input@gmail.com

Isla was going to write a poem about some of the things she has heard locals ranting about recently. But it put her in a bad mood so she wrote a small collection of poems that had been gathering in her head for a while.

1.

*The sea is iron grey
Like the frame of the shag
hunting for a fish*

2.

*Snails are slow
like the
incoming
bay tide*

3.

*bustle, bustle,
goes the town
clothes? Lipstick?
people notice that
But know one notices...
the elegant tui
trying to make
itself known*

4.



Blueskin Playcentre

We appreciate that these are slightly unusual times and people may be more comfortable keeping their bubbles small at present. However, if you and your little people are keen for a change of scenery, to see some friendly faces, and a brilliant play, then Playcentre is open for its usual sessions (Mon, Tue, Wed 9-12) We would love to see you!

We are currently doing a few things to keep everyone as safe and well as possible:

- All adults attending sessions must be fully vaccinated and you'll need your vax pass for scanning.
- Please scan in using the contact tracing QR code on the door.
- Please wear a mask on your way into and out of centre (as we are located in the grounds of Waitati School). You don't have to wear a mask in session but you are very welcome to do so if you'd like.
- Please stay home if you or your family are unwell.
- You are very welcome to visit. However, please send us a message on Facebook (Blueskin Playcentre) or email (blueskinplaycentre88@gmail.com) to let us know to expect you.
- Just a reminder that our Facebook page is the easiest way to get the latest updates on what we are up to (e.g. unexpected closures, outings etc).

If you are at home and feeling a bit stuck for ideas to keep your little people happy, then check out the Playcentre Virtual Village - it's got heaps of resources, ideas and support for families who are spending more time at home more than usual. www.playcentre.org.nz/virtual-village/

We hope you and yours stay in good health and in good spirits and we hope to see you soon!

Aroha nui,

Blueskin Playcentre



Everything a Dollar

There are seven people
in the cat rescue shop,
3 middle aged women
2 old ladies
1 teenaged girl,
and me.

As well as
27 coats,
44 pairs of worn blue jeans,
9 cushions,
18 spoons,
24 knives,
17 forks,
33 plates,
4 photo frames.
5 pairs of kids shoes,
16 pairs of womens shoes,
no pairs of mens shoes
12 duvet covers,
26 sheets.
Shakti and Shiva on a wall hanging,
a table covered in junk.

A wall of shelves
stacked with tat,
a glowing red heater,
a thick layer of dust,
the smell of an old fart.

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desperation,
a brand new artificial
christmas tree,
still in it's box.

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New Team and New Project for Source to Sea



Map attached: Source to Sea planting site at Long Beach.

The Halo Project is recruiting a new Source to Seafeld team leader and rangers in time for the start of the new planting season.

In her new role as volunteer coordinator, Jeanne is planning a dozen weekend planting days for volunteers throughout the year, starting at Waihemo Shag River estuary on Sunday 1 May.

We are all looking forward to starting work at Long Beach, our new project. A 9-hectare area of DOC recreation reserve, at the southern end of Long Beach, will be restored to native dune habitat, with a wide range of common and rare native plants. We have 34,000 plants to go in this year alone. Plus, a walking track for your enjoyment.

We'll need volunteer help with all stages (site preparation, planting and maintenance). We'll hold regular weekday working bees starting in May, followed by weekend planting days on 15 and 28 May, and 12 June.

A huge thanks to everyone who helped us set up the nursery and pot up 22,000 plants over summer. We re-potted harakeke, mānuka, manatu lowland ribbonwood, horoeka fierce lancewood, koromiko hebe and teucridium.

Please contact Jeanne if you can spare some time to join us (jeanne@haloproject.org.nz or ph 022 095 0772).

RESIDENTS SURVEY: WARRINGTON TO KARITĀNE

We are looking for more residents from Warrington and Kilmog to Karitāne, to complete a brief online survey to understand your opinions on biodiversity restoration and coordinated predator control.

Every person who responds in full by 7 April goes in the draw to win prizes. The survey is online at www.haloproject.org.nz/predatorfree, or you can pick it up from Blueskin Library, Arc Brewing Co or Karitāne General Store.

NEW RESOURCES ONLINE

Check out our new information sheets on our target species and the traps we use to control them along with new maps and information at www.haloproject.org.nz/predator-free.

Keep up with our news, jobs and volunteer opportunities by following us on Facebook @ halobeyondorokonui. Contact us at info@haloproject.org.nz or go to www.haloproject.org.nz.

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What's On

Please be aware visitors to the library are required to show their vaccine pass on arrival and wear a face covering.

Stepping UP offers free community programmes that support New Zealanders to build their computer, smartphone and digital skills in small easy steps.



Online Tutorials

Tuesday 5 April, 9.30 - 11.30am

Your library card gives you access to loads of digital resources, but sometimes you might need a bit of help using them. Online tutorials can help you learn at your own pace. Come along to find out more.

Scattered Seeds

Tuesday 26 April, 9.30 - 11.30am

Established in 2015, Scattered Seeds is a digitisation project whose aim is to collect the memories, mementos and stories of the people – individuals, whānau/hapu, ethnic groups and cultures who have come to call Dunedin home. Come along to find out how to access this resource or contribute to it.

Children's Book Club

Tuesday 12 April, 3.30 - 4.30pm

Discover new books and enjoy a linked activity. New members always welcome. Please note this Club is for Year 3 and up.

Aquavan is coming

Wednesday 27 April, 10.30am–12noon & 2–3.30pm



Aquavan is coming here for the Wild Dunedin NZ Festival of Nature programme. Specially designed to transport live marine critters the van is equipped with seawater tanks and a mobile touch tank.

Bookshare

Thursday 28 April, 3.30pm

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

Magazines

The library subscribes to a variety of popular magazines, we also select some from the City library to supplement these, they live in the basket trolley beside the magazine stand. If you have any suggestions for new magazines for us to try, be sure to let us know.

Blueskin Bay Knitwits

Mondays, 6.30 - 8.30pm (contact Christine 021 133 9340)

Tuesdays, 2.30 - 4.30pm

All ages and experience levels are welcome.

Games Galore & Lego*

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Friday 15 April – Closed

Saturday 16 April – Open 10am – 1pm

Monday 18 April – Closed

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Saturday: 10am-1pm



The term is continuing to gather momentum with lots of interesting learning occurring in the classrooms and plenty of exploring and investigating happening in and around our local environment, particularly down at the beach. The school orchard has had a bumper crop of apples, plums, pears as well as the occasional feijoa and passionfruit which the children have enjoyed grazing on during the school day.

School Swimming Pool

Our school swimming pool is continuing to get a lot of use this term, with all our children enjoying swimming every day as part of their physical education programme. The new heat pump has been keeping the pool temperature sitting between 27 – 28 degrees which has been ideal, especially for our junior children as they continue to develop their water confidence and swimming skills.



Proposed Enrolment Scheme

During our first BOT meeting for the year, we had representatives from the Ministry of Education share with us the news that Warrington School has been directed to put in place an enrolment scheme. As the Warrington community continues to grow with all the ongoing and planned building work, there will be considerable projected population growth in the area, which they believe will put pressure on the current school capacity.

At the end of last year our roll reached 62 children which meant that we were running at 108% over our allocated building capacity. The Ministry views an enrolment scheme as the best way of managing roll growth. We'll be working alongside them to plan, consult and have the scheme in place for the beginning of the 2023 school year.

To keep up with the day-to-day happenings, events and general school life at Warrington School please check out our school website and the link to our Facebook page at:

www.warrington.school.nz

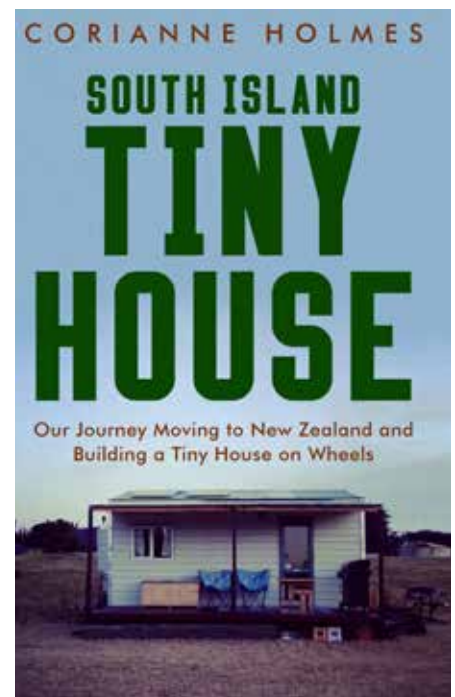
Waitati Talks - Wed 13th April - 7.30pm - The Gallery

Title: *Tiny house, Tiny book: A Journey Documenting and Living Tiny*
Presenter: Corianne Holmes

Ever wondered about living in a tiny home? Ever wanted to self-publish a book? Well, Blueskin Bay resident Corianne Holmes has successfully done both, so we are excited to invite her to speak at the next Waitati Talks where she will deliver two fascinating presentations. Learn about designing, building and adjusting to life in a small space - a growing trend in New Zealand. Gain the confidence to self-publish - learn how to get your book ready for publishing and into print.

Text 021 148 5535 to book a seat. \$15 supper included.

Katie Peppercorn



Warrington Indoor Bowls Club

Warrington Indoor Bowls Club invites you to our 2022 season of bowls. Starting Tuesday, 29 March, 7.30pm at the Warrington Hall. All welcome.

Are you new to Blueskin Bay, want to meet some locals, maybe you have played bowls previously and would like to take it up again. We are a small friendly group who meet weekly during autumn and winter. No need to drive to town for an evening out – it's all right here. The hall is always warm, games are non-threatening and suitable for all age groups. We finish the evening off with supper and a catch up. Come along and give it a go.

Any queries to Ruth 482 2849 or Lyn 482 2896.

Lyn Hastie

Gallery on Blueskin Events

This is what we have planned for the next period - the covid situation allowing.

Saturday 2 April: Monty Bevin's Live on South Island tour, 7.30pm start, tickets online or available from the Blueskin Galley \$15.

Wednesday 6 April: Quiz Night, 6.30pm start (booking required), \$15 to include supper.

Sunday 10 April: live music with Superglue the band 2 – 4pm.

Wednesday 13 April: Waitati Talks, 7.30pm start, \$15 to include supper.

Sunday 17 April: Easter Egg Hunt at the Gallery Garden 2pm.

Wednesday 27 April: Musical Jam, 7pm – come with your voice/instrument.

Sue and Steve Bourne

BRCT

Thank you from the BRCT

We have now closed our community survey on housing and community issues. A huge thanks to all who participated – we are very pleased to have got a total of 237 responses and are currently in the process of analysing the data, aiming to wrap up the project within the next month.

Congratulations to all the winners of our prize draw:

Arc Brewery: Holger Korth, Betina Wendel, Beth Strickland

Blueskin Nursery: Jan Littleton, Megan Kolppanen

Gallery on Blueskin: Louise Booth

Harvey Street Merchant: Anna Gosling

His & Hers Catering: Tessa Blake

Leap Dunedin: Amelia Norgrove

Orokonui Ecosanctuary: Chris & Ruth Todd

Salt & Sugar: not named

We would like to thank Jacinta Ruru for drawing the prizes and all of our local businesses for being awesome incentives to take the survey!



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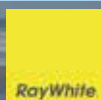
Sunday 11am - 5 pm

N.B. no evening menu on the 1st and 2nd Wed of each month due to quiz night or Waitati talks (supper provided, booking essential)

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St Barnabas Church

At the moment St Barnabas Church is taking a break from its services due to the surge with Covid.

We hope to be open again Sunday 10 April at 9.30am for Palm Sunday.

We also hope to run our Easter services dependent on the Covid situation.

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday service 14 April, 7pm

Good Friday service 15 April, 10am

Easter Sunday 17 April, 9.30am

Everyone welcome




Have your say on a potential change to fire controls for the Mopanui - Orokonui area

NEW CONSULTATION DATES!

Apologies to those of you who were ready and waiting for our Facebook Live event last month. As we're sure a lot of you will agree, when technology decides it doesn't want to play ball, it definitely won't play ball.

Given the relative easing of the red light restrictions on indoor gatherings, we would like to offer both an in person (masks and social distancing will be a requirement) and online option for consultation. Those dates are:

 **April 5th 6.30pm at the Waitati Hall**

 **April 7th 6pm on Zoom use the code 916 1402 5915 to join**
(you won't need to create an account - if trouble arises for you on the night you are welcome to call our teammate Ali Carroll on 027 204 6497 and she can help you troubleshoot)

Both evenings will be held with National Wildfire Specialist Graeme Still, Rural Fire specialist Jason Sarich and the Community Risk Manager for Otago, James Knapp.

Of course if neither of these dates work for you, you are still welcome to email your feedback to OtagoReadinessRecovery@fireandemergency.nz with the subject line 'Mopanui-Orokonui fire controls consultation' - and thank you to all of those people who have already been in touch.

Any and all input is welcome, but here are some questions to consider:

- Is Mopanui maunga a place of significant value and special risk?
- What do you do in the area? E.g. work, cultural, lifestyle, recreational activities etc.
- What specific assets or places are extremely special to you and may be worth protecting using regulatory fire controls and/or other measures?
- Do you have any suggestions as to how the risk of fire, and from fire, might be reduced?

WAITATI BOOK CLUB by Scott Willis

It was a much reduced Waitati Bookclub meeting in March at Marc and Inge's lovely home. Covid had put several members of the bookclub into isolation. But a small meeting didn't dampen discussion as we debated the nature of bureaucracy and power.

THE BOOK

Last Man Standing by David Baldacci



Drama and consternation in the bookclub over this one! Comments like 'plebeian entertainment' and further rude remarks were made before it was realised we had been intending to read (*The Last Man Standing* by Davide Longo) instead. Regardless, being the adventurous lot we are, we all tackled this 'airport novel' some with more success than others. A tale of hyper-toxic masculinity, with detailed description of armaments and violence, this novel helps us recognise the contributors to populist neo-fascism in the US. Not recommended unless taking sociology and politics at Uni.

OTHER BOOKS

The Ring of Bright Water Trilogy by Gavin Maxwell

Ian has been reading this and quotes from the Introduction: "This book is about my life in a lovely cottage on the north - west coast of Scotland, about animals that have shared it with me, and about others who are my immediate neighbours in a landscape of rock and sea".



SCREEN

Taboo – Netflix

Drama, historical fiction, adventure, I'm not sure. But as I'm researching the East India Company at the moment, this is a thoroughly enjoyable story with enough accuracy to be satisfying and enough mysticism to be entertaining (the main character is played by Tom Hardy) and it has some wonderful costumes and settings. The grit, griminess, and deceit of merchant capitalism in 1814 on vivid display.



MEANING OF LIFE

"Going back to a simpler life is not a step backward."

Yvon Chouinard



MUSIC

The Green House / Robert Scott

Again from Ian, he says, "The perfect summer music... if you only know The Bats you will have some idea what to expect... paired back, with Tiny Ruins on backing vocals".

BEER

Emerson's Weissbier – German

Style Hazy. 5.0% alc/vol. An excellent local wheat beer that makes you feel as if summer is still here. It is perfectly balanced, refreshing and doubly delicious at the end of a hot day.

Dark Lord Quadrupel – Craftwork

Brewery. 10.0% alc/vol. This is the beer for Autumn without a doubt. Let it warm a little, too cold and you miss the wealth of aromas and subtle depth to this beer. This is a pretty near perfect drop.





WAIKOUAITI COAST COMMUNITY BOARD UPDATE

It's Official!

It has been confirmed that there will be bus services at the weekends for our north coast communities. The formal name for the service is **'Route 1 : Palmerston to Dunedin'**. The exact timetable will be published shortly. It will be on the Otago Regional Council website, plus notices in bus shelters and revised paper timetables.

The ORC were hoping to start the service at the end of the first week in April, but driver shortage due to Covid may have an impact on that. There is still a possibility for a Friday evening service but full costings for that have not been finalised.

It took many months of growling at DCC to have the footpath reinstated on Orokonui Road between the footbridge and Harvey Street. The work is mostly complete and will provide a safer area for children walking to and from school. Please let me know of any other footpaths you feel need attention. (We may already have them on our 'hit list'.)

With the firefighting water tanks now installed at Michies Crossing and Warrington Esplanade, all that is left is to plant shrubbery around them. That work will start soon.

Now that we are under the Red level of the Covid19 Protection Framework, Dunedin City Council have made the decision that all Council, Committee and Community Board meetings will be by audio-visual link. Our next meeting on 1st June will likely be the same. All meetings are available for viewing on the DCC YouTube channel.

We still have some money available in our discretionary fund, so if you, or anyone you know, has a community project that could benefit from a grant then please contact Rebecca Murray at the Dunedin City Council (477 4000) or speak to a Board Member.

Alasdair Morrison

Chairman Waikouaiti Coast Community Board
info@calmarine.co.nz 0274 354 384

VOLCO (Part 3)

Refugees.

The late Bruce Shephard told me, some years back, that he was unimpressed that some people had regarded him as a hippy in his "Opera House" days. He said that hippies don't get anything done.

So I won't describe the Friends of Volco Trust (formed sometime in the mid 90s) as hippies, just in case. Bill Dacker, in his pocket history of the place, describes them as "refugees from city living".

Volco founders, Dorothy and Lloyd Morris, were keen to help young people get the experience of organic/ biodynamic rural living. What began as a James K. Baxter inspired commune at Whare Manuka in the 70s, eventually re-established up hill in the Big House in the mid 90s, and further, to the environs of the cottage near Mt Kettle Quarry (which, absurdly, is not on Mt Kettle but on Mt Cutten). Here and about, a hardy group lived in a litter of scattered bivouacs, tents, caravans and huts.

This small community was always in flux, with some stalwarts, but others passing through. Three of the huts remain today, as reminders of how basic life was for their inhabitants, with floors of earth flagstones, timber, and uninsulated walls made of salvaged materials such as wiggly tin, odd windows, bits of board and fabric.

Those living in the "Big House", which Dorothy added to the property after Lloyd died in 1996, were somewhat more comfortable. It has 9 bedrooms, and all the conventional conveniences.

Some of the Volco dwellers still live in and around Waitati. You may even know some, but not know you know. #

Richie Beckford.

Photo caption. One of the few remaining huts. This one is built on a caravan chassis.



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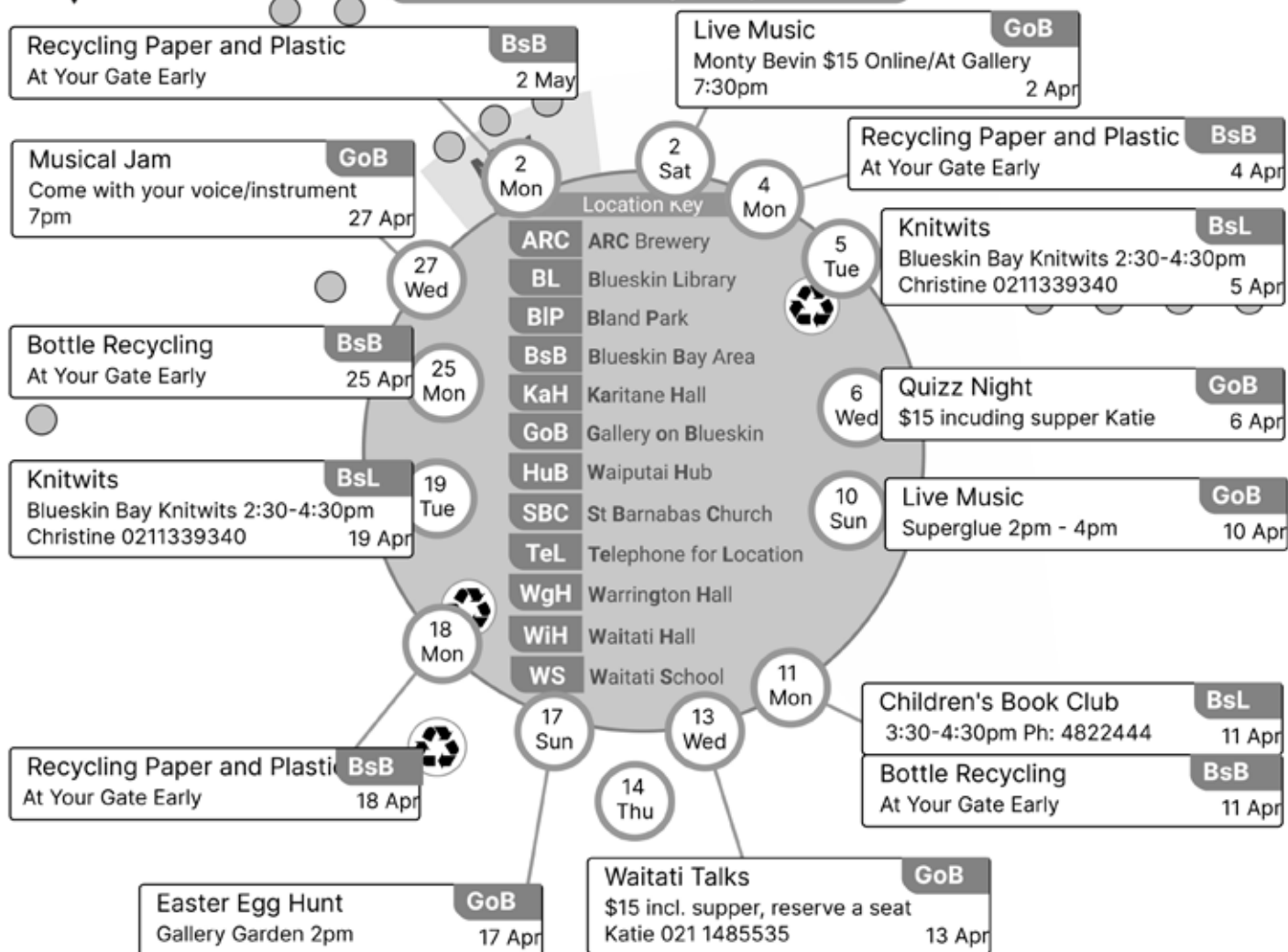
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Wheel of What's - Monthly and Special Events



Weekly

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Monday at

WiH

- **Table Tennis** 7.30 pm til late Nigel 0212362818
- **Steady as You Go** Age Concern 1:30pm
- **Darts Club** 7 pm For beginners and others, all welcome Gold Coin, Sam 021 023 91946
- **Knitwits** 6.30-8.30pm Christine 0211339340

Monday

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WEDNESDAY

SATURDAY

- **Piano Lessons** Variable rates 1-4pm Sylvia 0212070664
- **Live Music** 7-9pm Katie 0211485535

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TUESDAY

- **Ping Pong** 7-8 pm \$5 cash: All Welcome from 12 yrs Helena 0226474738
- **Indoor Bowls** 7.30pm
- **NIA - Dance Class** 11:30-12:30 \$10 Claire Reilly 0211775350

HuB

WgH

WiH

THURSDAY

- **Sing along for fun** All ages welcome, bring instrument, gold coin. 7-8.30pm. Jenny Gleeson 021 171 0226

Hub

SUNDAY

- **Live Music** at the brewery 2-5pm 021 41081141
- **Service** 9.30 am Jeremy 0274361481
- **Waitati Warblers** Sing! Joy! 5pm-6:30pm Nancy nancymiller140@gmail.com

ARC

SBC

WiH



Simnel Cake

Bake this classic Easter simnel cake. Top with 11 balls of marzipan – said to represent 11 of Jesus's disciples, leaving off Judas – or with spring flowers

Ingredients

250g mixed dried fruit (a mixture of sultanas, currants, raisins and candied mixed peel)
1 orange, zested and juiced
500g pack marzipan
250g pack butter, softened
200g light brown soft sugar
4 eggs, plus 1 beaten to glaze
175g plain flour
100g ground almonds
1 tsp baking powder
1 lemon, zested
2 tsp mixed spice
1 tsp vanilla extract
100g glacé cherries, halved
3 tbsp apricot jam

Method

STEP 1

Put the mixed dried fruit in a bowl with the orange juice and zest and 2tbsp water. Cover and microwave for 2 mins, then leave to cool completely. Alternatively, heat gently in a pan, stirring now and then until the liquid has been absorbed and leave to cool.

STEP 2

Heat oven to 150C/130C fan. Roll out a third of the marzipan and use the base of a deep 20cm cake tin as a template to cut out a circle. Wrap any offcuts and the remaining two-thirds of marzipan and set aside for later. Butter and line the cake tin with a double layer of baking paper. Beat the butter and sugar together until creamy. Add the eggs, flour, almonds, baking powder, lemon zest, mixed spice and vanilla (all in one go) and mix until well combined. Mix in the cooled soaked dried fruit and fold in the cherries.

STEP 3

Scrape half the cake mixture into the tin. Top with the disc of marzipan, then the remaining cake mixture, and level the top with a spatula. Bake for 2 hrs. Check it's cooked by inserting a skewer to the centre of the cake, if any wet mixture clings to the skewer, return to the oven for another 10 mins, then check again. Cool in the tin for 15 mins, then turn out onto a wire rack and leave to cool completely.

STEP 4

Brush the top of the cake with apricot jam. Roll out half of the remaining marzipan and use the base of the cake as a template to cut out another disc. Place it on top of the cake and crimp the edges, if you like. Roll the remaining marzipan into 11 equal-sized balls for the apostles. Arrange the apostles in a circle on top around the outside. Leave to cool will keep for up to a week in a sealed tin.

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