

BLUESKIN NEWS

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THE END OF SUMMER waitati waterfight



Photos by Janet Rhodes

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WARRINGTON SCHOOL

At the beginning of March Room 1 of Warrington school went to Te Anau for their year 7 and 8 Adventure Leadership camp.

The tamariki were provided amazing opportunities for the 4 days they were away. The ākonga went to the Te Anau glow worms experience, travelling by boat to the caves, then having a guided tour of the glow worm caves, which was amazing!

The following day we went to Piopiotahi (Milford Sound), we got there early, and had lunch with a friendly weka and waved at all the people coming in from their boat tours. We went on a boat cruise down the sound, and saw seals and went into the waterfall. That evening the tamariki could go fishing or have a walk to the park in Te Anau. The next day we did a day walk from Rainbow Reach to Moturau Hut, where the brace went for a swim in the lake!

It was a great camp for our tamariki!



Editor's Note

Procrastination, the art of putting off today what you could do tomorrow ... or the next day ... or next week!

I am a procrastinator, I've been taught this skill over the last 18 months since I retired by a good friend whose favourite answer to any whiff of a time commitment is 'maybe'. It's a hard lesson to learn for one whose working life, like most of you, has been ruled by deadlines. But it's so freeing. I am expecting my first grandchild in May and was asked by my daughter-in-law to do some knitting, I've started a jacket but wisely am making one in the 6-9 months size to allow that extra time for finishing it while I put off picking it up again until I am good and ready to enjoy the process.

Procrastinating gets easier the more you practice – don't want to vacuum – tell yourself you will be eating a pie and making crumbs so better to wait! I spoke to someone yesterday who does this and got so good at it she didn't vacuum her house during the whole of the COVID lockdown. Go Mell!

Looking up procrastination on the internet it seems to be mistaken for a bad thing, there are so many tips for becoming more motivated, but why? Procrastinators are so much more efficient, they achieve results in the last 30 minutes that the more motivated might take days to accomplish. The brain processes the problem while the body does another more enjoyable activity, like drinking coffee with a mate, and when necessary the solution is already sorted.

Writing this at the last minute before I send the BSN to print I'm glad I put it off, it was all composed in my head and I'm relaxed about doing it. So take a tip, try procrastination – don't feel guilty, just go with the flow – take time to smell the roses!

Keep safe Bernie



Escape, escape!

The Opera House Trust warmly invites you to pay for the privilege of escaping out of the Opera House!

To raise more money for our fence, and our rates, we are starting an escape room adventure from the beautiful but creaky old house. We have devised some very awkward ways to delay your exit.

This is our first time, so be gentle ... but clever.

Email operahousetrust@gmail.com to book your team
First escape at 10am, last escape at 8:30pm
Saturday 6 April

Teams of up to 6 at \$20 per head for adults or kids at \$10 each (minimum age 10 years accompanied by an adult).

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.

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 text 021 171 0226.

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



ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION

Thursday 25 April – 10.00am

**Waitati Cenotaph
(Beside Waitati Hall)**

ALL WELCOME

Halo Project

Heyward Point local Rod Rust had an interesting visitor in December – a kea!



The inquisitive kea came to feast on the abundant harakeke Rod Rust has planted among thousands of other native seedlings!

According to DoC Science Advisor Kerry Weston "kea were sighted at Moeraki on 22 January and Oamaru on 24 and 28 January. It's possible that these sightings were the same bird". Kerry continued "kea are sometimes seen in eastern coastal areas, most often during summer, although sightings are rare. Kea are not just mountain parrots but can range from the mountains to the sea."

Kea have only been sighted in Ōtepoti/Dunedin three times according to www.ebird.co.nz. Kea are considered 'Threatened-Nationally Endangered' by the Department of Conservation which is the second-highest threat level available. There are estimated to be between 1,000 – 5,000 individuals left in Aotearoa.

It's awesome that this kea was well fed on their OE! You can see a video of the kea on the Halo Project Facebook page www.facebook.com/halobeyondorokonui.

The Halo Project Predator Free team are working hard to remove possums from the zero-density zone (10,000 hectares surrounding Orokonui Ecosanctuary). We are keen for residents to report possum sightings or sign via www.reportapossum.nz. Their aim is to visit and remove each possum reported. The focus areas for the coming months are Heyward Point, Long Beach and Aramoana. The team will be available for drop-in chats as below:

Wed 3 April 2 - 3pm - Long Beach Hall

Thu 4 April 2 - 3pm - Aramoana Hall

Thu 11 April 2 - 3pm - Long Beach Hall

Wed 17 April 2 - 3pm - Long Beach Hall

Thu 18 April 2 - 3pm - Aramoana Hall

Wed 24 April 2 - 3pm - Aramoana Hall

Thu 2 May 2 - 3pm - Long Beach Hall

BLUESKIN ON SHOW Produce Schedule

Organised by the Blueskin Garden Club

Blueskin A&P Society 'Blueskin on Show Day.'
7 April 2024

Entry Requirements

- All sections are open to all age groups
- Entries for produce etc is between 9.30am and 11am on the day.
- All vegetables, fruit and flowers must have been grown in your own garden.
- Please bring your own containers for display and water for flowers
- Display of entries will open to view after 11.30am
- Entries must be collected between 3pm and 3.15pm

Please note any unclaimed produce will be donated to the Waitati Anti Scurvy pantry at the Library

Produce Section

Vegetables

1. carrots 3
2. onions 3
3. potatoes 3
4. garlic 3
5. beetroot 3
6. pumpkin 1
7. silverbeet 1 bunch
8. any other vegetable

Preserves

1. jar of pickles
2. jar of relish or chutney
3. bottle of savoury sauce
4. jar of jelly
5. jar of jam
6. jar of preserved fruit
7. jar of preserved beetroot
8. any other preserve not mentioned

Fruit

1. eating apples 3
2. cooking apples 3
3. pears 3
4. tomatoes 3
5. cherry tomatoes 3
6. small bowl berry fruit
7. any other fruit not mentioned

Flowers

1. Tussie Mussie – flowers and herbs
2. Rose – one stem, single bloom
3. Rose – one stem, multi bloom
4. Hydrangea – one head
5. any other flower not mentioned
6. a vase of mixed NZ natives

Novelty

1. biggest root vegetable
2. character carrot
3. longest bean
4. fattest rhubarb

Other

1. a basket of mixed fruit and vegetables

A Display Box of Garden Produce grown at local schools and play centres

Visit the Blueskin Garden Club marquee to purchase Plants



Pūrākaunui School

One Waka. One Crew. Many Journeys.

This term we have introduced elective programmes on Friday mornings, run by staff and whānau volunteers. These electives offer students opportunities to explore their individual interests and develop practical skills.

Cooking with *Nicky Bell*

As well as preparing tasty treats, we have been reading recipes, sharing our favourite ones, seeing what is in our garden, and menu planning for our weekly shared kai. Highlights have been cheese and zucchini scones, vegetable quiches, and chocolate chunk cookies, enjoyed by all during Friday lunch.

Gardening with *Basil Harrison*

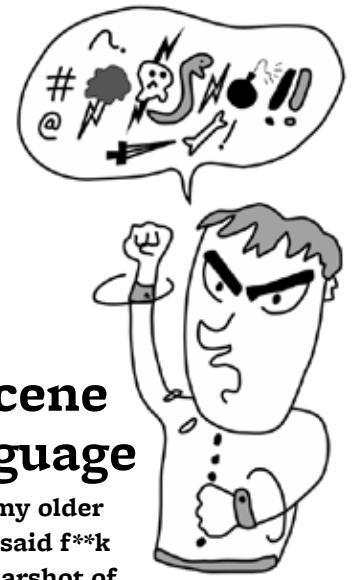
We have been busy planting carrots, weeding, watering, and learning useful tips like how to grow the type of apple, orange, or pear tree we would like by cutting and using the branch. We also learned it was possible to grow two types of fruit in the same place.

Arts and Crafts with *Paige Smith*

We have been studying Māori symbols and patterns and collecting natural materials on Long Beach to make hanging mobiles, as well as exploring our creativity and making a diverse collection of creations from various media.

Hard Materials with *John Davidson*

We have been learning how to work with various materials and tools. While working on practical projects for school like a rotating table for the pizza oven and a number flip board for the Teina classroom, we have worked with concrete, timber, and metal. Highlights have been welding a bracket for the table and mixing our own concrete for its base.



Obscene Language

In 1973 my older brother said f**k within earshot of a policeman. Arrested and charged with obscene language, he appeared in court. The judge sentenced him to 3 months in Detention Centre, calling it “a short-sharp-shock to the young offender”. Fifty years hence, the F-word retains minimal shock value.

But language still offends. Our coalition government seem especially offended by Te Reo Māori. Their voters talk of “getting it rammed down our throats”. Well... I’m offended by the dog-whistle racism of such statements. And our PM and his entourage were whistling to the dogs while re-opening cyclone-damaged roading recently. Refusing to wear PPE labelled Waka Kotahi, it cost \$400 to ensure they didn’t ram Te Reo down any throats. The hullabaloo re the amount pales if you consider the cost to social and racial cohesion.

And the sad thing is, names like Waka Kotahi, Te Whatu Ora, Te Papa, Oranga Tamariki, Kāinga Ora, Te Wiki O Te Reo Māori, and others, have become part of our daily lexicon. The added bonus of correct pronunciation via repetition (is that the throat ramming?), could be lost. Unfortunately, the colonial trait of demonising the language of the colonised, is still strong throughout the Motu. And this extrapolates into Seymour’s attack on Te Tiriti O Waitangi. His clamour for a referendum reflects his certainty that having successfully out-populated the colonised, the colonist will always win a one man, one vote system. The meaning of Te Tiriti must never be thrown onto that bonfire.

Doug Nuttall



AUNTY BLUEBALLS

Aunty Blueballs is your recently divorced Aunty at family Christmas after she has had three wines but before she has started dancing to Bon Jovi on the coffee

table. She approves of none of your life choices but loves you anyway and is in no position to judge. Write to her at auntyblueballs@gmail.com.

Dear Aunty Blueballs, why am I like this? Thanks, C. Amus

Dear C, I don't know what you are like, but I gather that you consider yourself a bit of a mess-up and perhaps you are self-sabotaging your life. Why? A little nature, a little nurture, and who really knows? This isn't the question you should be asking, when there's very little you can do about the why. I advise you to think instead about how you would like to be, and set goals to get there. Would you like to be more social? Joining a yoga class is a great way to meet people. Want a more positive disposition? Yoga is an excellent way to release endorphins and cultivate mindfulness. Need a new job? There's always a demand for yoga teachers. Hoping to lose weight or improve your physical health? Yoga burns calories and has numerous health benefits. Feeling a wanderlust? Take yourself away on yoga retreats. Simply need a new focus to fill your time? Yoga. You name it, yoga will fix it.

Failing that, my only other suggestion is to embrace the funny side of your train-wreck of a life. Try to look at it through the lens of an observer and see it as a melodramatic sitcom. Laugh at yourself, your failures, and your shortcomings. Think of it as a compilation of "epic fail" videos. Actually, have you heard of laughter yoga?....

Warrington Hall

Warrington Hall Committee invite you to a fun evening at the hall where you can take part in a quiz night, A cheap night's entertainment and all profits will go to the Warrington School.

Put a circle around Friday, 17 May, 7.30pm at the Warrington Hall, \$20 per team with a maximum number of 6 people. There will be raffles too so bring along some cash to purchase tickets. If you wish to have refreshments please BYO. Any queries to Lyn 022 048 7696 or 482 289. Posters will go out soon for further information.

After a very successful community day in January we would love to see more locals using our/your local hall. In the near future we also hope to hold a housie night. Just wait until you see the old housie boards we have found in the hall cupboard – rules included from 1959!!! Euchre cards too if anyone is keen on starting up games nights. The hall is available most nights of the week.

The hall committee is looking for a local person to keep the hall gardens weeded regularly. Probably just a few hours a month and as required. If you would like further information on this position please contact Lyn on 482 2896 or 0220 487 696.

Lyn Hastie

BLUESKIN GARDEN CLUB



March has been a dry month for our local gardens, and I am even noticing the first signs of autumn. I find that cabbage, cauli, broccoli, broad beans and baby carrots planted now are invaluable when harvested in the spring when prices are high.

Our March meeting was held in the Waitati Hall, with Stuart and Leslie Brown talking to us about growing and exhibiting Dahlias. They talked about the difference between Exhibition and Garden Dahlias, and told us about the 11 different types of dahlias and their characteristics. Stuart's favourite dahlia is a single red dahlia with dark foliage called 'Bishop of Llandaff', a dahlia that was first bred in 1927. It is an excellent parent plant that sets seed readily. Butterflies and bees love it, and it looks amazing planted en masse.



Lesley then showed us how to divide a dahlia and how to identify the growing bud. If you have dahlias in your garden, Stuart said that when the first frost comes and blackens your dahlias, cut the bushes height by half so allowing the goodness to go back into the tuber, and thereafter cut the stems completely off. As frost kills your tubers covering them with 2cms. of peastraw helps protect them.

Our enjoyable evening finished with our usual flower, fruit or vegetable competition and a cuppa.

Bev Lyon (publicity)

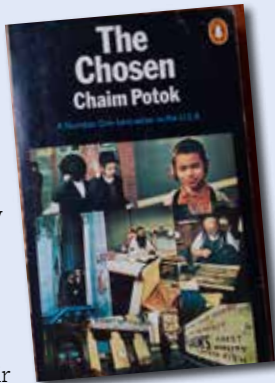
WAITATI BOOK CLUB by Ian Melvin

We had a full attendance in the manshed at my place, apart from Ross who had managed to catch Covid. Scott was a late attendee but did well to make it back from Wellington with a lot of grumbles and muttering about all the rushed dodgy legislation the government has been pushing through. Then of course we got back on track to the real business of the evening, filling glasses, making toasts and engaging in enthusiastic discussion on a wide variety of topics both relevant and trivial and enjoying each other's company.

THE BOOK

***The Chosen* by Chaim Potok,**

a story centred around two boys growing up in the US in the 40s and 50s from very diverse Jewish backgrounds who form a close friendship that is challenged by their differences. This



book was chosen by Ross who of course wasn't in attendance but did send me his impressions, like me rereading it after nearly 40 years. "It started me off reading all the Potok books I could find. My favourite at the time was ***My Name is Asher Lev***. I liked Potok's simple style and found the stories emotionally compelling, I found it easy to identify with the individuals involved. We all tend to view other religions and cultures as monolithic structures but as soon as you peek behind the facade you get to see the tensions and diversity that are usually hidden to the outsider. There's an old current affairs maxim that goes 'take me where I've never been, show me things I've never seen' and this book did that" These are just a few key points from what was a very interesting and enlightening review, unfortunately space prevents including more, apologies Ross, generally approved by most of us, and particularly relevant with what is happening in Israel and Gaza right now.

OTHER BOOKS

Marc's choice: ***At Dusk* by Hwang Sok-yong** depicts the post-war period in South Korea, portraying hardship and poverty under the dictatorship and military rule. It explores the tension between the old ways of living in a community, supporting and helping each through adversity, and the individualistic, avaricious behaviour of those exploiting opportunities and amassing fortunes. It is a thought provoking insight into a period of Korean history most of us probably know little about.

BEER

Svyturys Ekstra Premium Lager (1784), Lithuania

– after some trial and error this is by far the best summer beer I have found so far this year. Served cold in a large glass on a hot day it is affordable, quaffable (as Marc might say) and refreshing with a good malty background, colour, and a head that tastes good and lasts with just the right balance of hops. 5.2% abv. brewed with 100% green energy, and won a gold medal at the 2012 World Beer Cup. Available at the Gardens New World at a reasonable price unlike much of our local beer.



Whiskey: as mentioned in an earlier review ***Powers Irish Whiskey***, couldn't find the ***3 Swallow*** version but did find the ***Gold Label Triple Distilled*** and we sampled it at our meeting. Irish Whiskey is generally sweeter and smoother than Scotch and this was certainly both, and very agreeable, meeting with general approval. It didn't surpass my favourite Irish tippie, ***Old Bushmills Black Label***, but definitely right up there.



MUSIC

Melody Gardot: *Worrisome Heart*

– somewhere between Rickie Lee Jones and Nora Jones. Jazz for those that may not usually be into Jazz, smooth laid back voice, and good songs, all self composed and a great multi-instrumental backing band. Martin was not as taken with this as I was, but such is life. Try Melody Gardot – love me like a river does/pinguinzinha 132 on YouTube.

WORD OF THE MONTH

Friendship "Honest differences of opinions shouldn't be permitted to destroy a friendship", he told me "haven't you learned that yet Reuven?"

quote from ***The Chosen*, Chaim Potok.**

or "Your friend is the man who knows all about you and still likes you"

quote from ***The Essence of Tao*, Elbert Hubbard.**

MEANING OF LIFE

"I learned a long time ago, that a blink of an eye is nothing. But the eye that blinks, that is something. A span of life is nothing. But a man who lives that span, he is something. He can fill that tiny span with meaning, so its quality is immeasurable, though its quantity may be insignificant."

"A man must fill his life with meaning, meaning is not automatically given to life." quotes from ***The Chosen*, Chaim Potok.**





The East Otago Creative Artisans

The organisers of the exhibition 2024 would like to thank all the wonderfully creative people who contributed to an excellent exhibition.

It was just amazing to walk into the Events Centre to see the beautiful works made by local East Otago people. We know some were reluctant to show their efforts, but so glad they did and so proud to hear comments.

Locals and out-of-towners feedback was so positive, and it has given many of us ideas of what we could have a go at.

Thank you and see you again in 2026.

Reywa Brown



Warrington Indoor Bowls

Join a sport that is dynamic, competitive and engaging and combines skill, strategy and social fun, and is suitable for all ages.

It is a game for everyone! Whether you're a season player or a first timer, indoor bowls offer a unique blend of support, strategy, competitiveness and socialising.

Don't miss out on the excitement of this sport.

Join the Warrington Indoor Bowls Club on Tuesday evenings from 7.30pm in the Warrington Hall. All equipment and coaching is provided.

For more information contact 4822 849.

Ruth Porteous



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

What Makes Me Mad and Sad

So much that it is almost overwhelming ... Wars, Famine, Climate Change, Disasters, dumb government. decisions. The good news is almost trivial in comparison, every day brings a new issue that is confronting and scary eg the exposure of plastic recycling as a sham. As in greenwashing by commercial interests that either politician gullibly or with influence from corporates and an unwillingness to face up to another large environmental problem have gone along with. To see what I'm on about try 'War On Plastics with Hugh and Anita' a 2019 documentary available online.



What Makes Me Grin

This picture by Luka, a sustainable fisherman trying to do the right thing but catching plastic fish as infiltrated by micro plastics like much of the food chain and us it turns out, with the results/effects relatively unknown, but assuredly will not be great news. Baba and Helga made pictures too, but as Luka quite rightly pointed out '*mine is the coolest...!*'

Community Board Update

Dunedin City Council is considering a proposal to sell Aurora Energy (which it owns through Dunedin City Holdings). The Council will be consulting widely before any decision is made. In addition to advertisements in print and social media, they will be holding 'drop-in' sessions just prior to the next round of Community Board meetings. Our next meeting will be held in the Warrington Surf Club on Wednesday 10 April and the drop-in session will run from 4.30pm - 5.15pm. There will be senior staff in attendance to answer any questions you may have. While we recognise that Aurora is not the electricity supplier to our north coast area, this is one of the most significant decisions to come before DCC in recent years and will affect all ratepayers in the wider Dunedin City area.

We submitted to the recent DCC & ORC Future Development Strategy 2024 - 2034. You can find our submission on the DCC website. We will be attending the Hearings in early April to enlarge on some topics in our submission, and to answer any questions the hearings panel may have.

The new red and green wheelie bins will be getting delivered to all households in the next few months. We will have these on display at the Blueskin Show on Sunday 7 April, together with some folk who can answer any questions you may have.

We still have some funds remaining in our Discretionary Fund. If you, or someone you know, need a bit of a financial assistance for a community project then please feel free to submit a grant application. The details can be found on the DCC website, or give me a call.

We are heading into Annual Plan time again, when Council considers all financial aspects for the coming year. If you would like to make a submission on anything at all, check out the DCC website on how to do this, or contact any Community Board member.

Alasdair Morrison, Chairman, Waikouaiti Coast Community Board. 0274 354 384.



The car trip to Bluff was long (very long.) It wasn't the most exciting part of the trip; I only read the whole way there. Occasionally talking to the other people in the car. The only exciting part of the trip was the scenery. And Bex getting us lost. But we all got to Bluff safely, and that's all that matters.

At Bluff, the rest of us loaded our luggage into big, bulky containers. They were blue in colour with black writing at the bottom. Luckily, it wasn't too cold, but the sharp wind would whip your breath away.

We ate some food because I, personally, was starving. The wait was a bit boring; I read while the others played a game of whispers (if you know, you know.) We finally got to board the boat. However, I wasn't anxious to get on because there was a little gap between the platform and the boat, which you could fall through. Thankfully, I didn't get a free diving lesson.

On the boat, there was a loading deck where the bulky containers sat, but there was an inside bit with three rows of seats. Two on the side with windows overlooking the ragged sea, and the middle row which we all sat down on. The man who was manning the boat gave instructions on what to do if the boat were to crash (how pleasant) then we set sail. It was a strange sensation. But after a while, I grew the courage to go join the others. I somehow got to the others, though I felt a bit foolish stumbling around like a mad drunken sailor. But the view was thrilling; the sea twinkled like jewels that caught the sun on a rippling sea-green dress that never ended. But an hour passed quickly, and we eventually docked up on Stewart Island.

We eventually exited the boat and loaded all the heavy luggage onto the car trailer. I also debated with the teachers whether I should put my backpack into the car (which I lost). We then set course for an hour-long walk to the place we would be staying at for a whole week. **Neave**



A few weeks ago, the Year 6-8 students from Waitati School took a beautiful trip to Stewart Island for the week. This is part of our William Pike challenge and the Year 6-8 program.

The William Pike challenge helps set our young people up with skills to help them in the future and recognizes that students need to step outside their comfort zone and adapt to change.

The tamariki on the island faced many challenges, showing that anything was possible with grit, resilience, perseverance, and tenacity.

Here are a few reflections from the tamariki about their trip...

My sister and I were awoken by our Mother at seven. We prepared ourselves for the day and left our abode by eight o'clock. We arrived at school a bit nervous but ready for the week ahead. We placed our baggage in the automobiles and organised our groups.

After a mostly uneventful journey to Bluff, we boarded the ferry. The water was calm, and no one got seasick. We walked from the ferry dock to our lodging. Thankfully, the owner drove our baggage to the lodge. The boys got an outdoor cabin with terrible mattresses. We got comfy mattresses. **Isla**



It was a super exhausting, blood-sucking trip.

The big walk was hard because it was hilly and all new to me, I've never done anything like this. The steps made my legs sore, but I kept going. The creek was fun, but it could have been more fun. We could have more fun. Finding the mussels was fun. I found a motherload, and we met at Boulder Beach. We went to Ulva Island. This whole trip was fun. The view was amazing, and a kaka bit my finger. We went on long walks, and after the walks, my legs got sore a lot, and my legs were still sore.

The best part of the trip for me was when we went fishing; we also saw a shark and found a fish skull and spine. I feel sore and fed up. We finally arrived at Stewart Island. It was full of mosquitoes and a bug called blister beetle. If it bites, you get a blister. The fish and chips were nice, but the batter was oily and yummy. The best day for the Stuart Island camp... For me, it was coming home. **Jasper**

BLUESKIN BAY LIBRARY

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Open: Monday - Friday: 11am-1pm; 2-5.30pm, Saturday: 10am-1pm

What's On

Public Holidays

Monday 1 April - closed for Easter Monday
Thursday 25 April - closed for Anzac day

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.

School Holidays – String Things

These holidays it's all about string! We're making it and having fun making things with it.



*Wild
Dunedin*

NZ FESTIVAL OF NATURE

Flax as an Industrial Commodity

Thursday 11 April, 6pm

Stuart Strachan, former Hocken Librarian, will talk about the place of flax as an industrial commodity in the nineteenth century quite apart from its indigenous use by Maori. Special attention will be given to its place in the Waitati economy.

Pa Hareke at Orokonui

Thursday 18 April, 6pm

In this talk we'll learn about the history and uses of the pa harakeke/flax garden at Orokonui Ecosanctuary. Afterwards, there will be an opportunity to make a putiputi/flower from harakeke with Sue Hensley and Janet Brown.

String Making Workshop

Monday 22 April, 2.30-4.30pm

Learn to make string from locally foraged plant materials with Coastal Otago Willow and Weavers. Cost: \$5 (15+yrs) | Book online: wilddunedin.nz

Bookshare

Thursday 2 & 30 May, 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 (contact Christine 021 133 9340)

Tuesdays, 2.30 - 4.30pm All ages and experience levels are welcome. Check with the Library for dates during the summer holidays.

Games Galore & Lego*

Every weekday, 2 - 5pm & Saturdays 10am - 1pm

Come along and join in the fun of board games for all ages. From chess to checkers, Monopoly to Twister we've got the lot. Or, drop-in and build something awesome with our great new Lego pieces. *Suitable for ages 5+.

The App is Back!

Great news for all users of the Library App! Our access to the Library App has been restored. If you still have the App on your device you can now sign back in.



If you had deleted the App it can be downloaded from the Google Play Store and Apple App Store, find it under **Dunedin Public Libraries**.

Thank you for your patience. We know how much you have missed the Library App.

Beamafilm

There are over a thousand great movies to stream for free if you are a Library member. Titles are now searchable on the library catalogue. This month's staff pick: *Everybody's Oma*, an unforgettable story of a family that comes together whilst beautifully falling apart.



DCC Service Centre @ Blueskin Bay Library

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



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Kā Kete Wānaka o Ōtēpoti

A peachy season



I was thrown off a facebook gardening page for insisting that “black boy” was an outdated, borderline racist name for a peach. I choose to call it a “blood peach” which is fitting, when you tear one open it leaves your hands looking like Macbeth’s. All bloody looking, but such sweet delicious blood, maybe it should be called a “vampires peach”.

Our “blood peach” upped and died on us this year, and our “red haven” peach only managed to produce 2 peaches, which while they were delicious, is barely worth the effort and space to grow them.

Peaches are not all that well suited to this climate and soil. We are going to replant with a ‘Monty’s surprise” apple which seems to thrive here and will be good for juicing.

The other peach we have is a “flatto”. I thought, when I first saw these peaches, that they were some modern, genetically engineered variety made especially to fit into school lunch boxes, but research shows they are a truly ancient heirloom variety originating in China as long as 1000 years ago.

This year was the first year our “flatto” has produced a decent quantity of it’s distinctive flattened looking fruit with really small kernels. They are one of my favourite

peaches to eat – white-fleshed and very juicy. They are a late variety too as I just picked the last of ours on the 11 March.

I mulch around our fruit trees each year with seaweed (not that it did some of them much good), and they could definitely do with more water than I give them (none).

I think my dreams of an abundance of peaches and nectarines from home are starting to die too. Our nectarine “fantasia” was an early casualty and was replaced by a plum.

So here we are in apple season. Drying apples for muesli and juicing for cider, brandy and preserved juice is just about to start. At least their names don’t cause a storm in a facebook group- Monty’s Surprise, Cox’s Orange, Reinette du Canada, Belle de Boskoop and Liberty are all pretty harmless.

Hilary Rowley

Blueskin Satanists

It might surprise you to know that certain branches of Satanism actually have nothing to do with evil, devil worship, sacrifice, ritual abuse, or black magic. On the contrary, Satanism is a philosophy centred around ethical social rebellion, which emphasises individual human rights, rationalism, and social justice activism.

“The mission of the Satanic Temple is to encourage benevolence and empathy, reject tyrannical authority, advocate practical common sense, oppose injustice, and undertake noble pursuits.”

A central pillar of Satanic philosophy is the belief in the pursuit of individual freedom, critical thinking, and accountability, while doing no harm to others and allowing them the same liberty. Internationally, The Satanic Temple campaigns for various causes, including reproductive rights, child protection, addiction recovery, and community service.

If this resonates with you, and you are interested in joining the emerging Blueskin Satanists, please contact blueskinsatanists@gmail.com.

Note: The Blueskin Satanists are not officially affiliated with a specific Satanic organisation. Please be aware that Satanism is a controversial topic and may be misunderstood by some.

Madness vs Sanity

More bad ideas: The 3-headed monster





easter egg hunt

The words easter egg are hidden in this puzzle 20 times. Can you find all of the easter eggs?

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DRAFT LONG-TERM PLAN 2024-34 CONSULTATION

Otago Regional Council is proposing some big changes to public transport, environmental funding and how they rate.

With future opportunities and challenges in mind, ORC has prepared the draft Long-Term Plan 2024-34 which sets the direction, identifies key work programmes for the next 10 years and explains the rates implications for the work proposed.

The plan is now open for your feedback.

ORC wants to know what's important to you, what levels of service communities need or want, and is mindful of affordability, so is sharing different options to see what's preferred.

The impact of the proposed changes will be different for everyone. You can see what it means for you by using the rates calculator on the ORC website.

Find out more about what's proposed and tell us what you think. Give your feedback online or pick up a Long-Term Plan consultation document from an ORC office, or call ORC on 0800 474 082 to have one posted to you.

Come to your local drop-in event or other events in Otago and talk to councillors and staff.

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Wednesday, 10 April | 4-7pm
South Dunedin Presbyterian Church Hall,
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Have your say!

Feedback on our Long-Term Plan is open until 28 April.

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The event information was correct at the time of printing. Please check our website to confirm and to see details of other events.



Around the Bay – April Events

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

BLUESKIN LIBRARY	
Thursday 11	Flax as an Industrial Commodity: 6pm Stuart Strachan, former Hocken Librarian, will talk about the place of flax as an industrial commodity.
Thursday 18	Pa Hareke at Orokonui: 6pm Sue Hensley and Janet Brown: in this talk we'll learn about the history and uses of the pa harakeke/flax garden at Orokonui Ecosanctuary.
Monday 22	String Making Workshop: 2.30-4.30pm Learn to make string from locally foraged plant materials with Coastal Otago Willow and Weavers. Cost: \$5 (15+yrs) Book online: wilddunedin.nz
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TUESDAYS	Blueskin Bay Knitwits: 2.30 – 4.30pm Contact Christine 021 133 9340
FRIDAYS	Story Time with Stephaney: 11am

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SUNDAYS	Blueskin Bay Orchestra rehearsal 4pm – 6pm. Contact: Emily

WAITATI VILLAGE	
Sunday 7	Village Market: 11.00am Contact: Mandy

ARC BREWERY	
SUNDAYS	Live Music: 2 – 5pm Contact 021 4108 1141

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TUESDAYS	Indoor Bowls: 7.30pm
THURSDAYS	Seasonal Hatha Yoga: 6.30 – 7.30pm Bring your own mat \$10pp Contact: hagino.yoga@gmail.com
SUNDAYS	Waitati Warblers: Singing for joy 5 – 6.30pm (summertime) Contact: nancymiller140@gmail.com

WAITATI HALL	
MONDAYS	Steady As You Go: 1.30pm Age Concern Gentle Yoga: 6 – 7pm 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
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SATURDAYS	NIA Dance Class: 4 – 5pm \$10 Contact: Clare Reilly 021 177 5350

GALLERY ON BLUESKIN	
Wednesday 3	Quiz: 7 – 9pm
Wednesday 10	Mingle and Games: from 7pm
Saturday 13	Open Mic Night: from 7pm
Saturday 20	Paul Allen and Bella
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St Patricks Day at Arc Brewery

Sea shanty sing alongs with Captain Spoonbill and the Hoihos.
Fringe festival event.

Pictures: Therese Hailes and Gerry Thompson, Vita ,Mandy and Francis ready for sea shanties.



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