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## Editor's Note

**So, let's talk about the weather. It seems that rain, reigns. Whether it's Tāwhirimātea, Lumo (Tibet), Asiaq (Greenlandic Inuit), Surupa (Hindu), Anitun Tauo (Filipino), Bunzi (Kongo), Dodola (Slavic) or Tefnut (Egyptian) or one of the many other deities associated with rain, they are out there making their presence known.**

Of course we welcome the rain for many reasons - for one, it will feed those stunning spring blooms (see page 8). It can also cause a multitude of problems and many in the community will be acutely aware of recent flooding, slips, potholes and other damage (see page 17).

Meanwhile, wildfires rage uncontrollably in the US and across Europe. Many in drought-stricken areas will also be desperate for rain right now. If only we had the super power to redistribute water more equitably - not in plastic bottles - as billions of litres does from Otakiri Springs to China, but in aid.

Rain, the water that we eventually drink, is a precious resource and how we manage this is currently under reform. Three Waters, addressing drinking water, wastewater and stormwater, is causing quite a torrent of debate (see page 15). The time has come for us to face the fact that we have not been particularly good guardians. The world needs us mere mortals to pull together and create restorative solutions to address water quality and its distribution.

So yes, it has been raining. Quite a lot. Look for rainbows this month, keep your gumboots handy and be mindful of our water.

**Meg Brasell-Jones**



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## The Pepper Problem

by Hilary Rowley

**We sit down at every meal and list the things which we didn't grow at home or buy trade from local producers. The challenge is to make the list as short as possible, just for the hell of it really, but it annoys me that there is always pepper on the list.**

I wish I could get my hands on kawakawa berries locally, as they are true relative of pepper, but they don't thrive in these parts. The alternative is horopito peppercorns from the native pepper tree. You can use the dried leaves as a seasoning, but horopito berries dry so nicely into little black 'peppercorns' which can be used in a pepper grinder.

I've been observing the trees for a couple of years trying to figure out when they flower and fruit, but the flowers and fruit are so nondescript and tiny, it is hard to tell at a glance, they also don't seem to do it all at once. I have narrowed it down to autumn as your best bet to go pepper hunting.

If you look up under the branches you will see the tiny black berries growing on the stems close to the leaves. They are about the size of a peppercorn or smaller.

The berries need to be dried so you can grind them like pepper and they have a peppery citrusy flavour.

There are a lot of trees growing in the bush around the sides of Mopanui. Those that get full sun seem to produce more fruits.

Horopito contains a couple of potent antioxidant flavonoids: quercetin and taxifolin which reduce internal inflammation and can also be used when infused in oil as a topical painkiller. Maori traditionally used the leaves for toothache or for external pain as it has a numbing effect.

Apparently horopito is also a very effective treatment, taken internally for *Candida* fungal infections.

Now I have solved the pepper problem, I'll have to look into making some local salt- I'll get back to you on that one, it will probably be in the too-hard basket, but we'll see.



## The Cancer Society Daffodil Day Fundraiser

**This event will be held on Friday 26 August with a stall at Blueskin General Store from 7.45am – 5pm and at Harvey St Merchant from 10am - 5pm. Freshly-picked, locally-grown daffodils, baking, preserves, raffles and some mixed bouquets will be on offer.**

If anyone would like to pre-order bulk bunches, then please email me at [p.g.clements@xtra.co.nz](mailto:p.g.clements@xtra.co.nz)

Grateful thanks to Blueskin Garden Club, Liz Sumpter, Blueskin General Store, Harvey St Merchant and Blueskin Nurseries for your ongoing support. Daffodils will continue to be sold through September at Harvey St Merchant and Blueskin Nurseries.

In previous years there has been wonderful support from our community. We all know someone affected by Cancer, and I look forward to talking with a lot of local people on the 26 August.

Thanks in advance for your generous donations.

**Glenys Clements**

Blueskin Bay Daffodil Day Co-ordinator  
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# Special Visitors to St Barnabas

Although at the moment St Barnabas is locked when unattended because of local circumstances, it is our proud tradition to leave the church open to visitors and for private worship.

Two of our most remembered visitors came by on 23 March 1960. These two women, one from Dunedin and one from Gore were convalescing at the then James Powell Rest Home, our next-door neighbours. It must have been a popular way for the convalescents to get some fresh air.

These two visitors enthusiastically filled in a book, giving their full names, marital status, place of residence and age. All of which, they scored out almost at once; one of them adding at the foot of the page "Sorry thought this was the Visitors' Book."

Since then, we have not left the Burial Book out on display. It is intended only for the names of those who are staying on in the graveyard, and not for those who are only passing through.

The Burial Book has been in use since 1875. The first burial service was held on 10th November 1875. This was the funeral of Joe Edwards who had been a bell ringer at St Barnabas, and whose wife used to clean the Church. The service was conducted by Captain Pitt who was a lay reader in the Church. All the burials since then have been recorded in that same book.

Our first service was on 11 November 1872, and we will celebrate our 150th year with a special service on 13 November this year. I'm sorry I got the date wrong last month.



No.	Date 1875	Name and Residence in full.	Where born	Age	Married or Unmarried.	Name of Parents, Husband, or Wife.	Place of Residence.	No. of Plot per Day
1	1875 Nov 23 11 <sup>th</sup>	Joseph Edwards			Married		Warrington	11
2	1875 Dec 23 11 <sup>th</sup>	O'Connell			Unmarried	St. O'Connell	Leesliff	12 13 14
3	1876 Feb 14 11 <sup>th</sup>	Myahel Stanley	1876 Leith 7 <sup>th</sup>	4	Unmarried	Thomas Stanley Leith	Dunedin	12 13
4	1876 Feb 14 11 <sup>th</sup>	Downes			Unmarried	St. Downes	Warrington	7 15
5	1876 Apr 23 16 <sup>th</sup>	Wilson			Unmarried	St. Wilson	Leesliff	12 13 14

If you would like to visit the church, or look at the Burial Book, or the Visitors' Book for that matter, please contact Rowena Park.

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## My Name is Mandy

I was born and educated in Dunedin, and have spent 30 years as a Waitati resident. Currently, I am the Chair of Keep Dunedin Beautiful and Deputy Chair of Keep New Zealand Beautiful. Having served six years as elected member of the Waikouaiti Coast Community Board, I listen and advocate for the people I represent. I am the Zone 6 representative on the Community Board Executive Committee for Local Government, New Zealand. I sit on the Otago Local Advisory Committee for Fire and Emergency New Zealand and I coordinate our Voluntary Community Emergency Response group working with Civil Defence. I am passionate about resilience for our communities. My governance background gives me a good understanding of how council works. We need a councillor representing the North Coast. Please vote me your number one.



**Mandy Mayhem Bullock**



# Waikouaiti Coast Heritage Centre

The Waikouaiti Coast Heritage Centre is getting a makeover this month. New/old display cases on long-term loan from Toitu Museum are replacing our current modern looking display cases. We are thrilled with them, they will change the whole ambience of the heritage display area.

When we get additional funding, we intend to make further changes, adding new lighting and large montages etc to make it an exciting place to learn even more about the local history of our area.

The gift shop and gallery continues to have new items added for sale, this month we have four new children's books by Jo Carson-Barr. They are beautifully written and illustrated New Zealand stories. Don't forget Father's Day is fast approaching (4 September) and we have some great ideas for the man in your family, as well as items to help these miserable winter days seem a bit brighter.

Call in and see us, we are **OPEN Wednesday and Thursday 1pm – 4pm, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10am – 4pm**. If you'd like to learn more about us and what we do come along to our AGM at 2pm on 27 August. Guest speaker is Nick Dixon, Area Manager for Heritage NZ. Everyone is welcome.

**Shirley McKewen, Chairperson**

## Winter Workshops 2022

Working with beeswax

Tuesday 6 September

7pm – 9pm

Waikouaiti Coast

Heritage Centre

200 Main Road

Waikouaiti

**Facilitator:** Kate Mossman

### Objectives of the workshop:

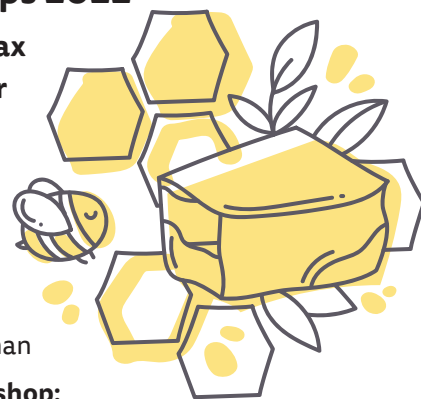
- Learn about how much fun working with beeswax
- Create beeswax wraps
- Learn how to make rolled comb candles and solid beeswax candles

Just bring along enthusiasm and the energy to learn something new. We will provide all the materials.

**Cost:** \$30

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# Blueskin Playcentre

**Tēnā koutou katoa! We are still buzzing after the very special Matariki celebrations that we recently shared with Waitati Kura! Although Covid pushed things back a bit, it just gave the children more time to put the finishing touches on their lanterns for the lantern walk! They looked incredible! The tamariki also helped with the hangi preparations by making stuffing balls and steamed puddings — What a wonderful way to celebrate Matariki as a community! And what an awesome (and delicious) hands on learning experience for our tamariki!**

At Playcentre, we are so lucky to have such a close relationship with the school. Those tamariki who “jump the fence” and move on to Waitati Kura when they turn 5 are often greeted by a bunch of friendly ex-Playcentre faces in their classroom. Nothing like a friendly face (or five!) to help settle the nerves in a new situation! Seeing many of the friendships formed at Playcentre carry on into the school years is a real pleasure. It is also not uncommon to see the teachers popping into Playcentre before the transition to school – to get to know the tamariki, to see what they enjoy, to see what learning they are drawn to, and to build those all important relationships between child, teacher, and parents. Thank you Waitati School for welcoming our little people into your community.

We have sessions Mon, Tue and Wed, 9am – 12pm. If you'd like to arrange a visit, then please find us on Facebook (Blueskin Playcentre), at [www.playcentre.org.nz/centre/blueskin/](http://www.playcentre.org.nz/centre/blueskin/), or at [blueskinplaycentre88@gmail.com](mailto:blueskinplaycentre88@gmail.com). Just a reminder that our Facebook page is the easiest way to get the latest updates on what we are up to. We hope to see you soon!

Aroha nui,

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# Bernie's Sunday Breakfast Drop Scones

225g plain flour

1 level tsp salt

2 level tsp cream of tartar

1 level tsp bicarbonate of soda

1 tblsp caster sugar

2 eggs

1 tblsp golden syrup (Tate and Lyle's is best)

250ml milk

Whisk all ingredients together to make a very thick batter. Heat heavy based pan and lightly grease (a dab of butter and then wipe with kitchen roll). Drop tablespoons of the batter into the pan, the batter will bubble, when the bubbles start to burst flip the pancakes. They should be an even pale brown. Allow approximately 3 minutes for first side and 2 minutes for second. Remove from pan and place in folded clean tea towel to keep the steam in. Serve warm with butter and jam or golden syrup.

**Bernie Cornford**



## SAVE THE DATE

**On Saturday 10 September the Waitati Militia will mark its 50th Birthday.**

**You are invited to the Grand Ball at the Waitati Hall, door sales will be \$20 and the Bands for the night are Joe Public and Soul Deep (pictured)**

## Unsustainable Preservation

B-grade, encrusted, fourth-generation derivative poet;  
has an obligation to cut down on writing (no one would know it).  
Pumps out tripe, basks in a critical warmth, drinks Tui and Moet.  
Unsustainable preservation.

Vendetta-spiked bureaucrat, mean goat with a government job,  
headbutting newcomers, hippies, any kid with a hope to rob.  
Couldn't manage a fishing line. Our region's official Chief Knob.  
Unsustainable preservation.

Self-righteous, vainglorious, inconsequential 'research clusters';  
proud, prim, well-paid academic twits, linking up in cyber-musters.  
(Their typical tomes drive a thriving market for featherdusters).  
Unsustainable preservation.

Baby-face, investaholic, professional, money-massive dad.  
Made a killing in the urbs. Issey-Miyaki-sweet, yacht-clubbing cad.  
Seasoned sailor of the GFM. Can spot a mend from a fad.  
Unsustainable preservation.

Liberal, hypocrite, ad-lib, cheek-smooching, blue-blooded poli,  
touting young-persons slavery, spending taxes on her dolly.  
Lean plutocrat, down on the ranch, rounding voters with a lolly.  
Unsustainable preservation.

**Richard Reeve**

# on the spot

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# BLUESKIN GARDEN CLUB

The Club's AGM was held on Saturday 16th July with 19 members present. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to meet again and after a short meeting then lunch, we were busy making succulent baskets and knitting squares to make a blanket as a giveaway. Many had been knitting at home with a variety of coloured squares completed.

The Spring Flower Show is planned for September 24th & 25th September at Waitati Hall, printed copies of the schedule will be available at the Library and local shops from early September.

For further info on the club, please contact, Nicki ph 0274851656

Glenys Clements, Vice President.



## 2022 Spring Flower Show

Saturday 24th  
& Sunday 25th  
September,  
Waitati Hall

- Entries to be accepted at the Hall – Saturday 10am to 1pm
- No Charge
- Own containers accepted. Some small bottles available.
- Entrant will be responsible for reclaiming their own containers.
- No arranging of exhibits in the Hall
- Open to the public Sunday from 10.00am, entry free
- Prize Giving at 3.00pm Sunday
- Entries not to be removed until after the prize giving



### PRESCHOOL, JUNIOR & INTERMEDIATE SECTION

Entries in the Children's section MUST be the work of the child named. While Children may enter Adult Sections, points gained there will not be included for the Junior Trophy.

The trophy is for points gained in the Children's Section ONLY.

- Preschool – under 5 years of age
  - Children aged 5 and 6 years
  - Children aged 7 and 8 years
  - Children aged 9 and 10 years
  - Children aged 11 to 14 years
1. Harakeke Puti Puti
  2. Sand Saucer
  3. Imitation stained glass Artwork, A4 size
  4. Vegetable Creation

### TROPHIES



Blueskin Garden Club trophy for Champion Bloom  
Blueskin Women's Guild Trophy – Family with Most Points in the Show  
Agnes Beatty Trophy – most Points in Floral Design  
Phil Crossan Trophy – most Points in Junior Section  
Blueskin Nurseries & Women's Guild Trophy – most Points in Flowering Shrub Section  
Ruth Spears Memorial Trophy for most points in Cut Flower Section  
Blueskin Garden Club Trophy – most Individual Points in Show  
Blueskin Garden Club Trophy – Champion Exhibit – Children  
Blueskin Garden Club Trophy – Champion Exhibit – Adult  
David Sumpter Memorial Trophy for Champion Rhododendron

### ADULTS SECTION

#### CLASS A – Daffodils

Daffodil – Trumpet

1. One stem – petals white – trumpet any colour
  2. One stem – petals white – trumpet white
  3. One stem – petals yellow – trumpet yellow
  4. One stem – petals yellow – trumpet any colour
- Daffodil – Large Cup (cup more than one third length of petals)
5. One stem – petals & cup yellow
  6. One stem – petals yellow – cup any colour
  7. One stem – petals and cup white
  8. One stem – petals white – cup any colour
- Daffodil – Small Cup
9. One stem – petals yellow – cup any colour
  10. One stem – petals white – cup any colour
- Daffodil – Other Varieties
11. One double daffodil – one colour
  12. One double daffodil – bicolor
  13. One multi headed daffodil
  14. One double headed daffodil
  15. Miniature – any colour-one bloom







# Waitati

SCHOOL UPDATE



That is a wrap whānau, half way through the year, the middle of winter, a holiday and a celebration and a re-set for the new year. Puaka Matariki offers a chance to begin the year as is appropriate with New Zealand's seasons. Covid meant we postponed our original date. However, the day we celebrated Matariki at Waitati school was perfect. The night was clear, it wasn't too cold. The school was decorated, the lanterns ready and waiting and the hangi prepared.

We had about 200 people turn out for our lantern parade and 150 who stayed on for the hangi. It was lovely to see members of the Waitati community come and share with our students.

We were proud of the quality of lanterns made by the ākonga at Waitati School. They were spectacular.

People who may have not enjoyed Hangi before, loved the one we cooked in the Hangi cooker.

Thanks to so many people who came together to make this night successful. It was a wonderful example of a cohesive, giving, positive community. Thank you to the Dunedin City Council for sponsoring our event. The community had a fabulous celebration.

Nga Mihi

**Tara O'Neill, Principal**

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We have a variety of tasks at our community planting days from digging to planting, or folding cardboard guards, there is something for all interests and abilities.

We will provide everything you need including a sausage sizzle!

**Location:** Head to Long Beach, turn right onto Beach Road and drive to the end of the street.

**What to bring:** Spade, gloves and gumboots, warm clothes, lunch and a drink. Low fitness is required.

**Cost:** No cost: we appreciate you volunteering your time.

**Upcoming community planting days:**

20/8/22- Sat | Long Beach

3/9/22-Sat | Long Beach

11/9/22-Sun | Long Beach

17/9/22- Sat | Long Beach

25/9/22- Sun | Long Beach

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# THE RANT

by Chris Todd



This is an opinion piece designed to promote feedback.  
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**What makes me mad?**  
**What gets me riled?**  
**What steams me up?**  
**What makes me wild?**

That the cost of housing in NZ makes life such a struggle for so many.

That the rivers I drank from as a child are now unsafe even to swim in, given away to make milk powder and capital gains.

Calling to sort your power bill and getting an hour of muzak.

**What makes me sad?**  
**What makes me sigh?**  
**What brings me down?**  
**What makes me cry?**

So many armed conflicts this year, so much misery!

My Russian colleague's arrest and interrogation for protesting the Ukraine war.

The world's painfully slow response to climate chaos. My own complicity.

Leslie William's death: He was full of wonderful stories about the area.

The lack of a safe way to walk or cycle to Doctor's Point.

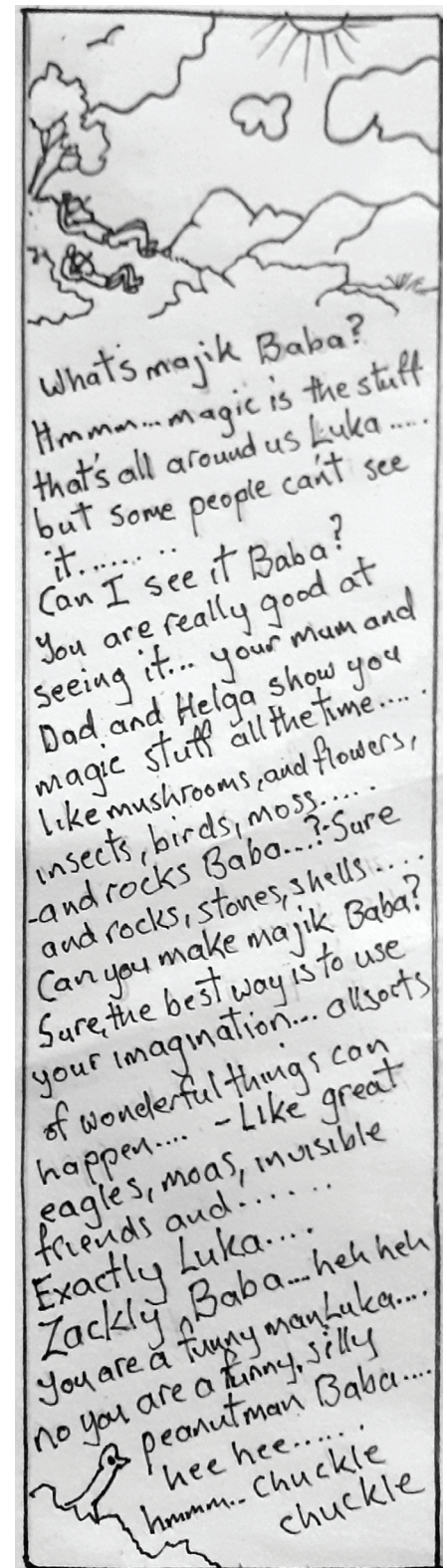
**What makes me glad?**  
**What keeps me well?**  
**What spins my wheels?**  
**What rings my bell?**

Reading by the fire and knowing the days are getting longer.

Hearing korimako at first light and the 'flapping-canvas' flight of tui. The return of the kūkupa (where did they all go for the autumn?), hearing the buzz and chatter of pipipi and the night-calls of ruru and kākā. Seeing banded kōkopu and kōura in the creek. The commitment of the Halo Heroes to making the area such a haven for wildlife.

Collecting cockles, bream and wakame to make chowder. Hearing the happy shrieks of 'Forest School' youngsters as they learn to forage, cook on a fire, make huts and go bush.

The much-needed rain and seeing the waterfall in spate. The sound of a big sou'wester souging through Mopanui Ridge. The luminous orange dawns and dusks courtesy of the ash from Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai volcano. Ian and Helga's exquisitely crafted roadside garden. Working outside in all weathers. Trying out Nia dance with Clare Reilly - great fun!



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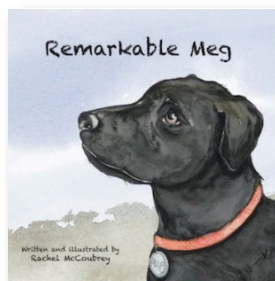
## What's On

Please be aware visitors are required to wear a mask or show an exemption card.

### Meg Memorial Day

Friday 5 August, 3.30pm

This will be a fun memorial celebration for Meg, the dog whose dramatic disappearance was captured in the book, *Remarkable Meg*. All welcome.



### Children's Book Club

Tuesday 9 August, 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.

### 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\*

Every weekday, 2 - 5pm

Come along and join in the fun of board games for all ages. Or, drop-in and build something awesome with our great new Lego pieces.

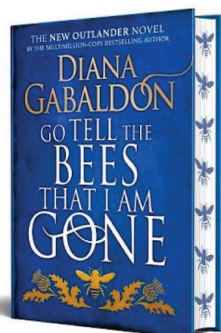
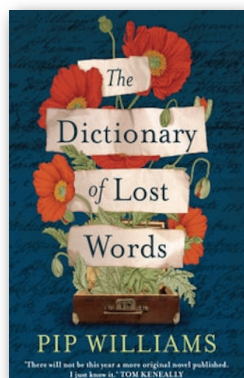


\*Suitable for ages 5+.

### Bookshare

Thursday 25 August, 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. Or come along and pick up the latest issue of *Good Reading*. All welcome.



## Wunderkammer

In the cabinet this month we're exhibiting exquisite works by members of the East Otago Embroidery Guild. They meet on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday of each month at the Hawkesbury Village Church Hall. Contact Pearl 021 262 8289 or Marilyn 027 482 2812 for more information.



## All Saints' Fruit & Veg

Following a story in the ODT interest in these bargain bags exploded across the city taking everyone – that is the amazing team of volunteers – by surprise, please be patient while a few wrinkles are ironed out. If you'd like to sign up take a look at their website ([www.allsaintsdsn.org.nz/all-saints-fruit-and-veges](http://www.allsaintsdsn.org.nz/all-saints-fruit-and-veges)) or pick up a form at the Library. Please remember all orders must be placed by Monday and the contents are 'get what you're given'. It's good quality and good value, if there's something in the bag you don't like, think about gifting it to the Anti-scurvy Pantry. Pick up at the Library is every Thursday between 4-6pm.



## Lost Property

We're building up a collection of lovely mittens here at the Library. If you're missing yours please ask if we have them we'd love them to find their home.

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# STV System — Understanding Single Transferable Vote

**STV means that voters are able to rank candidates in order of preference.**

In a nutshell, it is in the title —Single Transferable Vote. Pick the person you most want to be elected onto the council, and in case they are not voted in, the second person you would most like to see on council and so forth. STV means that you have one vote, but can indicate your preferences for all the candidates. For your vote to be eligible you only need to vote for one person. You can number as many or as few candidates as you want. The number of vacancies and votes determines the quota a candidate must reach to be elected. What happens is the popular candidates get voted in straight away, they set a percentage of the vote the other candidates need to obtain. This quota is worked out by the total number of valid votes divided by the number of vacancies plus one. To be clear —Do you need to rank all the candidates? No, just pick a few people whom you would like to see representing you. Keep it simple. Single Transferable Vote.

**Rank any number of options in your order of preference.**

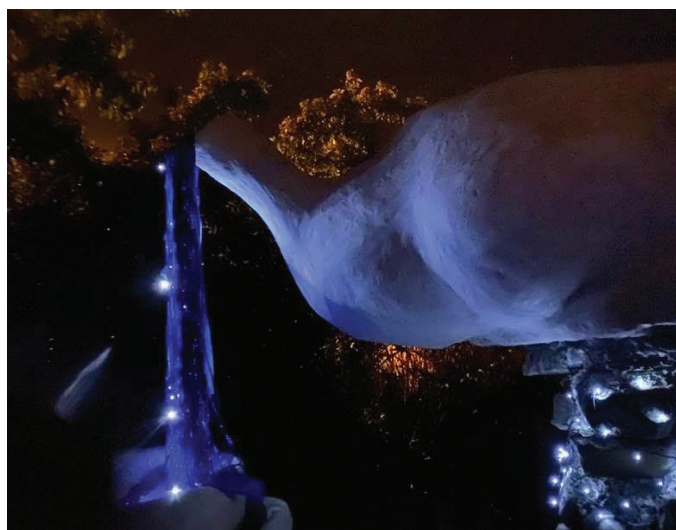
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| <b>2</b>                 | Mary Hill    |



## Matariki Glow Walk Opera House Garden

The Trust was really pleased to host the Matariki Glow walk last month. Around 60 people, kids, and dogs came to the Opera House Garden to roast marshmallows, eat sausies and play in the Garden. Stephen and Sandra built a fishing game for the Waitī and Waitā stars, while the food and hot chocoalte was served at Tupuānuku and Tupuārangi. People were able to light tealights at Pōhutakawa to remember those who had died. Daisy made wishing stars with the kids at Hiwi i te Rangi, while other kids painted teapots at the Teapot Waipuna ā Rangi. Sounds of the environment flowed out of the sugarbowl at Ururangi; Chris McLay, Waitati and Warrington musicians all played beautifully at the Matariki stone stage. We really hope that this will become an annual event and want to thank everyone for their help and support for this event.

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Landing in Blueskin Bay a year ago with his partner Eleanor, originally from Timaru, the pair have teamed up to launch 'Little Tree Garden Frames' and plan to create affordable Little Tree Cabins. AD utilises his artistic eye and sacred geometry incorporating the golden ratio into his structures.

Eleanor and AD have travelled globally with their crew of chainsaw carvers and carpenters, working on large festivals such as Glastonbury, Boomtown Fair, Fuji Rock Festival in Japan and Tribal Gathering in Panama where they worked with natural materials creating huge stages and fire breathing sculptures.

The pair have been welcomed into the Blueskin Community with warmth and enthusiasm for their work. If you're looking for a unique structure for your garden get in touch.

**Eleanor and AD**



## Remarkable Meg

**On Friday 5 August Meg the dog would have turned 11. Although she is no longer with us her remarkable story of hope lives on.**

The Blueskin Library in conjunction with Mandy Mayhem and Meg's owners Andy and Alison, have a celebration planned. Come along to the hall for afternoon tea at 3.30pm. Please bring your pooch. There will be doggie bags, a parade, prizes, cake and an unveiling!

Why? To recognise the care and attention Meg received from Blueskin residents, searching for her when she was lost, and loving her when she visited to walk around the area, post event.

In celebration of her story there will be copies of Remarkable Meg book as prizes (Best Dressed Dog, Best Dog Trick, Dog and Owner Lookalike, Spot Prizes).

The author, Rachel McCoubrey has kindly donated the original cover art to the library for display. Thanks also to Meg Brasell-Jones for donating design services.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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## Nathan Power 1971 -2022

**Nathan moved to Waitati with his two siblings when his parents, Colin and Marilyn, saw the family homestead was for sale. With three cousins living just across the road and Grandparents, Jack and Ivy also at Doctors Point, it was perfect.**

Nathan attended Waitati primary school and made many lifelong friends. Weekends were spent spearing flounder, eeling at the river, jumping off Blacks Bridge and creating mudslides in the back paddock.

As a teen he caught the bus into town to attend Otago Boys High School, he started working in the Cherry Farm hospital kitchen and later the City hospital kitchen. In his early 20s he travelled overseas to Bali, India and London, on return to Dunedin completed his education, training as a builder.

He married and was soon Dad to a son and daughter. His kids completed him and he was so proud. He enjoyed watching them grow and exposing them to his vast music tastes.

Nathan enjoyed the outdoors and was a hunter-gatherer; he loved to fish and to forage wild foods for his family. His other family was the crew of the 'Al Bar' and 'Inch Bar', regular places for a quick, after work drink. Nathan always had good things to say, he loved a yarn, he appreciated his friends and he let people know too.

He always maintained strong connections to his Waitati community, keeping up with old friends and attending gigs and parties in the neighbourhood.

Nathan left the world too soon, if only he knew how much we loved him, especially his daughter Stevie; she has lost her best friend.

RIP Bro



## Confusion Rains

I'm confused. I'm conflicted. I'm a dyed in the wool Labour man (Labour/Green under MMP). Things just seem more equitable under Labour than National. Mind you, much has happened over my 62 years. Keith Holyoake's National as we severed ties to Britain. The stabilisation by Big Norm Kirk's Labour party. National's tumultuous "life isn't meant to be easy" Rob Muldoon years, displaced by David Lange's 4th Labour government, their No Nuclear stance overshadowed by Rogernomics' introduction of neo-liberalism. National's Jim Bolger and Jenny Shipley implementing Ruth Richardsons "mother of all budgets" to punish the poor. Helen Clarke's Labour terms re-establishing some modicum of equilibrium before John Key bribed National back to power with tax cuts for the already wealthy. Now Jacinda Adern's task-laden Labour terms, stymied by Winston Peters, distracted by Covid, attempting a world first co-governance strategy, under threat by Key-clone Christopher Luxon and National's penchant to redistribute wealth to those least in need. But if there's one issue bound to deliver a government that mimics an evangelical airline company, it's the proposed 3 Waters reforms. My experience suggests Labour governments make good people-centered decisions. Is this one?

To help clear my confusion, I flipped the question. Is not implementing these reforms a better idea? I look at the groups vehemently opposed and see self-interest at best, alt right conspiracism at worst, a smattering of blends in between. The claim these reforms are a Nanny State asset grab is a smoke screen and fails to account for dereferral of debt and obligatory repair/replace needs of \$billions. But we still pay. This burden, taken off the rate payer, only falls to the tax payer. What the groups most opposed fear is a diminished ability to pump water onto pastures to grow dairy cows, to feed Fontera's coal-fired evaporators. And, I suspect an elephant in the room. Does Labour's co-governance strategy encourage water ownership claims under Ti Tiriti O Waitangi? The argument that nobody owns water, it just falls from the sky, is easily de-bunked by Tikanga Maori's post-rainfall deification of rivers, streams, lakes, and the ocean. These entities are easily proven historical Taonga and therefore hold special significance within any interpretation of Ti Tiriti. If co-governance frameworks expand, cultural and environmental importance over water ways increase, while capitalist exploitations exponentially decrease. Vested interests obviously see 3 Waters reform as the thin edge of an ideological wedge. What's also apparent is the lack of any real opposition to these reforms by National. Better ACT wags that dog, and let the disinformation juggernaut suck up the votes.

And so, I've decided. After much research (talking with people), I will support these 3 Waters reforms and am happy to have discovered that many other people feel the same way.

**Doug Nuttall**



# WAITATI BOOK CLUB by Ian Melvin

Sign of the times ... or as they say, keep calm and carry on ... the first meeting was postponed because of weather and road conditions ... this time Scott couldn't host as he had succumbed to Covid, thankfully Peter stepped into the breach at short notice ... due to sickness and other issues it was down to four members attending ... but as they also say, it's about quality not quantity. Marc ... We had a very enjoyable evening — Peter thanks for your hospitality.



## MUSIC

**(Me —dedicate this one to Marc)**

*Still Got The Blues* by Gary Moore:

One of the more underrated blues guitarists, featuring Albert Collins, Nicky Hopkins, Albert King, amongst others ... if you like the blues you will like this ... Best track, *Too Tired*, with Albert Collins ... watch a great video on YouTube ... <https://youtu.be/3oeJRjHFIU>

**TV/FILM/PLAYS ETC. (Me)**

*The Great British Sewing Bee* - TV One

Don't laugh ... well ok, you can if you want ... *The Great British Sewing Bee* ... a rerun on TV One. Can't believe how much I love this ... humorous, sometimes silly, sometimes tense and enthralling, only the Brits can do reality TV like this ... task to make a trendy sports outfit from these old tents ... sewers you have 3 hours and your time starts now ...



## BEER (Marc)

*North End Visitation Quadruple*  
10% ABV

At my request Henry's got some *North End Visitation Quadruple* in. At 10% ABV it is to be approached with caution, but it is just the beer for winter, a complex blend of malts and fruit to be savoured with a good book in front of the fire.

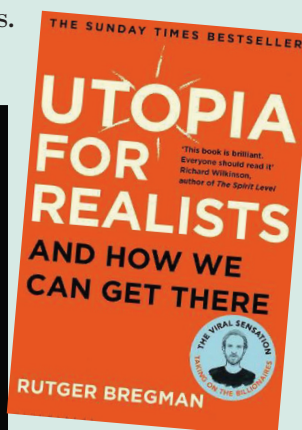


## THE BOOK (Marc)

*Utopia for realists* by Rutger Bergmann

There was interest and support of the ideas expressed but also a certain fatalism they were too radical for our times and were not going to affect the status quo. At a personal level there are things to aspire to, such as working and consuming less, and achieving greater equality in society. I have begun another book by Bergman which discusses whether humanity is inherently good or bad. It is a complex matter which he thankfully, does not oversimplify.

Me ... big thumbs up, keep them coming Ross.



## OTHER BOOKS

**(Me — dedicate this one to Scott)**

*The Dharma Bums* by Jack Kerouac

A re-read after 40 odd years ... still like his rambling stream of consciousness style ... a montage of random characters and events ... San Francisco Beatniks follow the existential search for life. What is the nature of truth? Who decides and how can you find it ... funnily enough does tie in with Bregman's thinking ...

## MEANING OF LIFE

*"Dharma Bums refusing to subscribe to the general demand that they consume production and therefore have to*

*work for the privilege of consuming, all that crap they didn't really want anyway such as refrigerators, TV sets, cars, at least new fancy cars, certain hair oils and deodorants and general junk you finally always see a week later in the garbage anyway, all of them imprisoned in a system of work, produce, consume, work, produce, consume,"*

*Jack Kerouac in Dharma Bums*

**WORD OF THE MONTH**  
*Sustainable ...*

What does this buzzword actually mean anyway ...? Can we have a new word for it pleeeeeease?

**Editor's Note:** I like the word 'Regeneration' or 'Restoration' as an alternative. It's too late to be merely sustainable.



# Storm Damage

Photographs from Glenda Nisbet



## WAIKOUAITI COAST COMMUNITY BOARD UPDATE

Well here we are – the end of another Triennium – one that was dominated by three words : Covid; Lockdown; Zoom : all rather frustrating and unwelcome. In spite of this, we did manage to accomplish many things.

From our Discretionary Fund we were able to provide financial assistance to the following :-

Waitati Volunteer Fire Brigade ; Waitati Music Festival; Waikouaiti Community Garden; Waikouaiti District Museum; Blueskin News; POWA; Waitati Hall Society; Otago Blue; Memorial to Joel Vanderburg; Hauteruruku ki Puketeraki; Waiputai Trust; Hawksbury Lagoon Inc; Waitati School; East Otago Events Centre; Waikouaiti Rodeo Association; One Coast; Blueskin A & P Society; Blueskin AED; Waikouaiti District Museum; Karitane Bowling Club; East Otago Blokes Shed; Waikouaiti District Pony Club

Throughout the year we deal with many requests from our community, and much of what we do ‘flies under the radar’ and we don’t seek publicity for these. There are many issues around roads, footpaths, vegetation, trees, consents, etc. and we just attend to them as they arise, always liaising with appropriate DCC Staff.

There have been some notable exceptions – who can forget the issue of ‘lead in the water’ which became a major item on TV and radio for a while? It almost seems like a distant memory. After many years of lobbying, we finally got a weekend bus service for our area. There will likely be some tweaks required to the timetable, but the new service seems to be well received in the community.

It is pleasing that we have individual Board Members representing us with their involvement in many aspects of life in our community. We have Mark and Andy pushing ahead with the upgrade of the Truby King Recreational Reserve. Sonya and Mandy are very active in the area of Community Emergency Response groups. Geraldine and Andy represent us with great work that is being achieved by One Coast – led by local resident Judy Martin. Mark keeps abreast of progress with the re-planting of the dunes along Matanaka Drive in Waikouaiti and liaises with the local contractors. Andy has been busy lately with many issues around Karitane Harbour. Mandy keeps us up to date with all that is happening with ‘Keep Dunedin Beautiful’. Sonya keeps a close eye on many issues around Waikouaiti. Andy is our representative on the Moana Gow Pool Committee. Geraldine is the eyes and ears of all that happens in Warrington. Mark and Mandy keep a close eye on issues in Waitati and the wider Blueskin Bay area.

There isn’t enough space in this publication to go into great detail about all of our activities, so I’ll just close by saying thank you to our Board Members. We have had a good team this past three years.

**Alasdair Morrison**

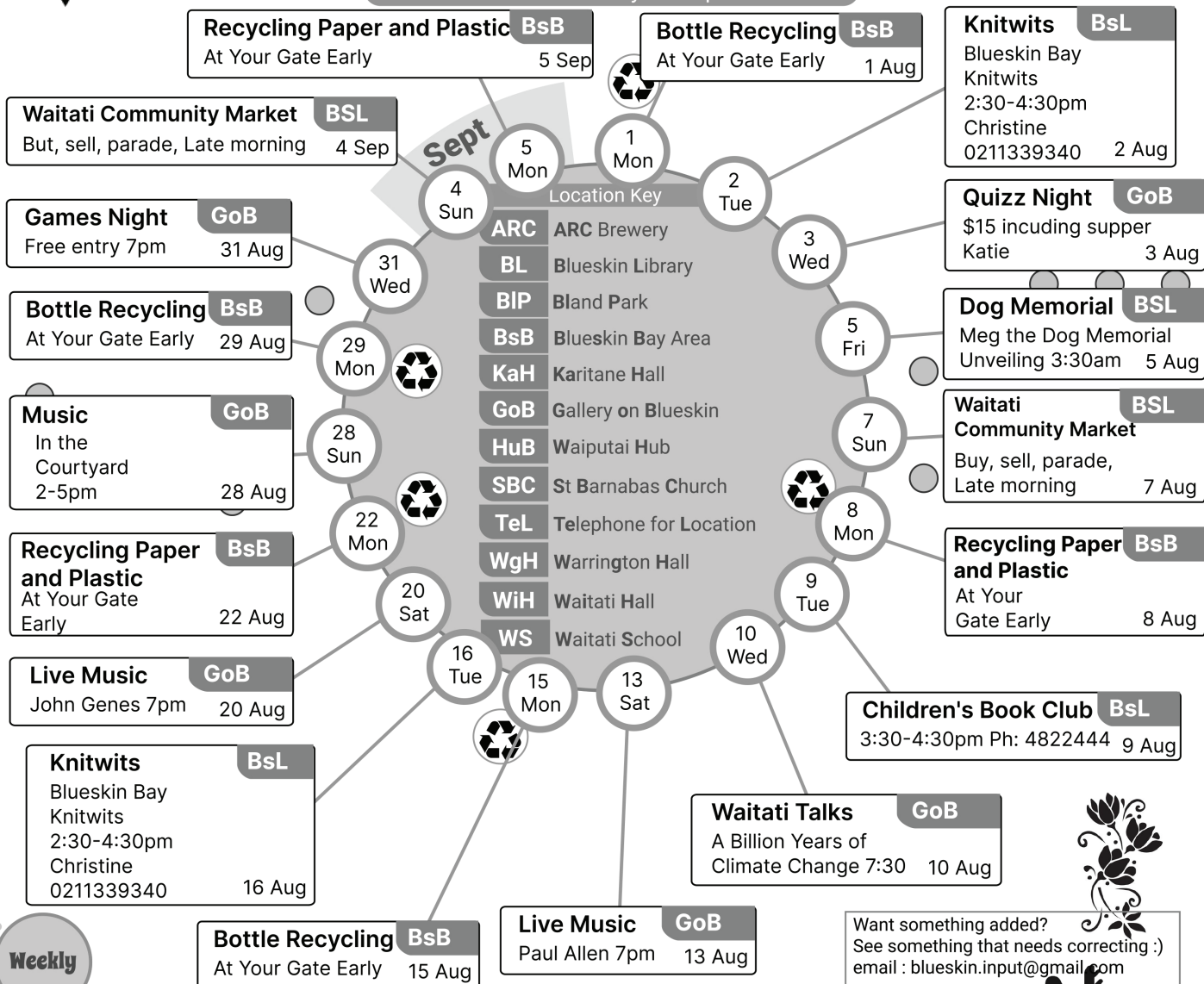
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# Welcome to the Wonderful Wheel of What's on - August

Wheel of What's - Monthly and Special Events



## MONDAY AT WiH

- **Table Tennis** 7.30 pm til late Nigel 0212362818
- **Steady as You Go** Age Concern 1:30pm
- **Yoga Foundations** 6-7pm Hagino hagino.yoga@gmail.com

**Darts Club** 7 pm For beginners and others, all welcome Gold Coin, Sam 021 023 91946

- **Knitwits** 6.30-8.30pm Christine 0211339340

## TUESDAY

- **Ping Pong** 7-8 pm All Welcome from 12 yrs Helena 0226474738
- **Indoor Bowls** 7.30pm
- **NIA - Dance Class** 11:30-12:30 \$10 Claire Reilly 0211775350
- **Exercise** Classes with Shania 6:30 - 7:30

## WEDNESDAY

- **Yoga** 6-7pm and 7.15- 8.15 WiH Hagino hagino.yoga@gmail.com

## THURSDAY

- **Pilates** \$18 Casual session, \$150 for 11, 6pm, Sylvia 021 109 9302
- **Pilates** Pilates for your back and posture Sabine 0212070664
- **Yoga** Bring you own mat \$10pp, 6.30 -730pm Hagino hagino.yoga@gmail.com
- **Exercise** Classes with Shania 6 - 7

## SATURDAY

- **Live Music** 7-9pm Katie 0211485535

## 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



# Cafe-Barista-Reception Worker Needed!

We are after a new worker to join our cafe and reception team at Orokonui Ecosanctuary. Our ideal applicant has experience working as a barista and cafe assistant, is a team player that is friendly and outgoing, with a passion for conservation and all that we have to offer at Orokonui. Initially, we are looking to fill one regular shift, 10:30-4.30 on Saturday, with the ability to provide cover for other cafe workers on Sunday and Monday if required. There will be opportunities for increased hours as we head into the busy summer season, and/or wider opportunities to assist our education and guiding teams, for the right person.



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### ONE OFF EVENTS

**Intro to Harekeke Weaving** — with Lisa Phillips, Sunday, August 7, 9a.m.- 1p.m., koha.

**Intro to String Making with plant material** — with Julie Gemmell, Sunday, August 28, 10a.m -12p.m, koha.

### EVERY WEEK

**Darts Group** — Mondays, 7-8.30pm. All ages and levels welcome. Koha. Sam 021 023 91946.

**Ping Pong** — 7-8.30pm. All ages and levels welcome. Koha. Helena 022 647 4738.

**Guke Jam for all** — Bring your guitar, ukelele, and/or voice to Sing and Play together in our open Guke Group with Jenny Gleeson and Peter Gillan. All welcome every other week. Free. On August 12th and Aug 26th, 7pm-8:30pm.

**Pilates** — Thursday, 7pm-8pm; Waipuai Hub \$150 for 10 concession, and \$18 for casual class. Now taking new students for Term 3. Tutor: Sylvia Loong, ph: 021-109-9302

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