

BLUESKIN NEWS

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Wuthering Heights

On Saturday 20 July Dunedin Celebrated the choreography of Kate Bush. 115 people danced aged from 5 months to 80 plus. A mother and daughter travelling all the way from Blackball.

To change it up this year there was also a medley of Kate Bush songs. The dancing not only raised serotonin levels but also \$530 was raised for WEKA-Wellness, Empathy and Kindness Aotearoa.

Photos by Martyn Buick.



From your Overseas Correspondent

This is a bit of cautionary tale – pay particular attention if you have dual citizenship! How can you leave New Zealand on a expired British passport which contains your Permanent Resident’s Visa? How can it happen that once in the UK you can no longer leave to come home or go anywhere else? How can it happen that to renew your British passport you need to have to have a valid Australian passport? Well I’ll tell you – I have no idea!!!

So I'm in the UK and have arranged to go visit my brother in France. Arrive at airport bag drop, show my passport and they say it has expired! Issued in June 2014, it says expiry date is June 2025, but it seems since Brexit you only get 10 years from date of issue, ignore the expiry date. So actually expired June 2024. Fine I say, so will go and renew my British Passport on fast track will have a new one in two days. Phone UK Passport Office they say great but by the way do you have dual citizenship seeing as you live in New Zealand? Yes, I say, I have Australian Citizenship but passport has expired – that's unfortunate, says man on end of phone, as you need a valid Australian passport before you can renew your British one. Oops, I say, then mention that old Australian passport is in married name Yeo not Cornford. Man sighs, you really do have a problem! New Special One Name Policy, means you can't have passports in two different names! Also by the way you can't travel back to New Zealand on your expired passport! So I phone Australian Embassy in London can I get Australian passport renewed and change the name on it to Cornford? Yes we can do it here, you need original copies of Birth Certificate, Marriage Certificate, Divorce Certificate, Australian Citizenship Certificate, proof of residence in New Zealand etc. etc etc. I attempt humour, Death Certificate too? Australian woman on phone is not laughing! And it will take at least four weeks from your interview in London for it to be delivered.

So I have a passport interview booked for Thursday 8 August at the Australian Embassy. My documents are en route from New Zealand, that's another problem, according to the tracking information they have been in transit with the airline since 23 July and it's now 29 July! I would hate to be a passenger on that flight.

What I am really grateful for is that the New Zealand customs staff who checked my passport before I left Auckland were as unaware as I was of the new expiry rules. As it is I get to sit in the sun and worry rather than sitting in front of the fire in Warrington worrying and wishing I was sitting in the sun! Altogether it's really a bit of a pickle, and seeing as there is little chance that I will be back in dear old Warrington before September now, I will update you on my foreign meanderings in the next issue!!

Keep warm and safe Bernie

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 021 171 0226.**

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



Daffodil Day this year is 30 August. There will be stalls at Harvey Street Merchant & Blueskin General Store. Freshly picked, local daffodils will be for sale along with Raffle tickets & baking. Cash only. QR code will be available for online donations. Sales of daffodils will continue after this date at Blueskin Nurseries & Harvey St Merchant. All the funds raised, stay in Otago. We all know someone who has been affected by Cancer. Please support this worthwhile cause.

Any enquiries to

Glenys Clements: Ph 027 27 38749

Daffodil Day Co-ordinator

BLUESKIN GARDEN CLUB

Welcome everyone from Point Clare, about 80kms north of Sydney. We are over here spending time with our family and grandchildren.

We are also enjoying the flora and fauna of Australia and watching the colourful birds, and listening to their raucous calls. The weather has been in the mid-teens but it hasn't felt that hot, and it has rained a lot.

Garden Club Events:

Our 13 July meeting was a get together at the Warrington hall, where members enjoyed a pot luck lunch, and shared garden hints. It is nice that everyone can meet together and share friendship.

Our 8 August meeting will be held at the library meeting room at 7pm where Susan Hellyer will share photos of some gardens and unusual plants that she saw on her recent trip.

On the 29 August we will be picking and bunching daffodils in readiness for Daffodil Day the following day. We will again have stalls outside 'The Harvey Street Merchant' and 'The Blueskin Store', where we will sell cakes, biscuits, preserves and raffles, with all funds going to cancer research. So please come along and support this worthy cause. Many thanks to Mel and Heather!

A heads up for the **Spring Flower Show's Craft Section**, which takes place on the weekend of the 28 - 29 September.

The classes this year are;

1. A dressed doll in any medium.
2. 3 dishcloths each one different - knitted, crochet, or sewn.
3. A child's jumper 0-5years.
4. A pair of socks.

Children's 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

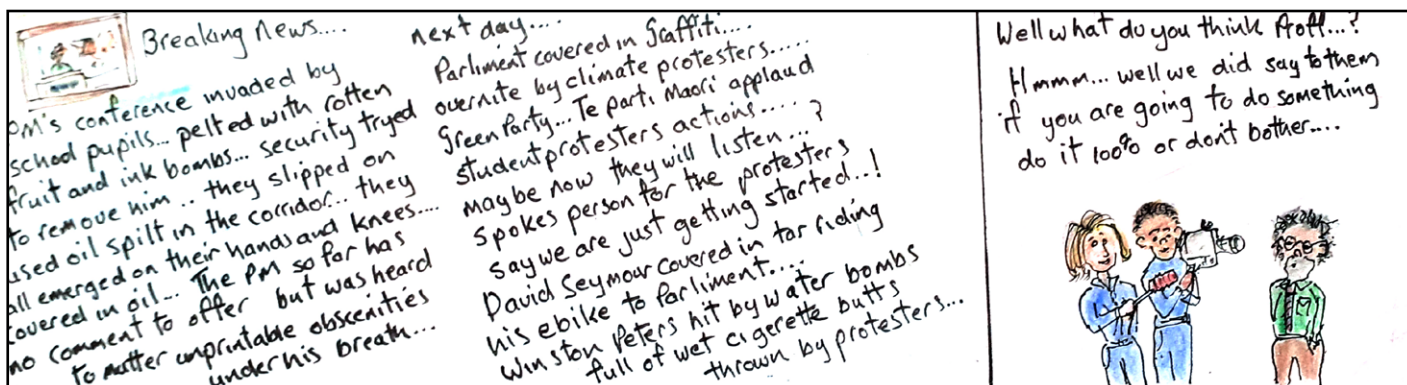
1. Handmade card with pressed flowers, A5 size
2. Sand saucer
3. Sculpture made from bottle tops, no larger than A4
4. Floral arrangement in a 440gm tin, please remove label.

So get busy everyone!

If you would like to join us, contact Glenys at 027 273 8749

Bev Lyon, Publicity

Madness vs Sanity





Kia ora Blueskin Bay!

Another wonderful term has wrapped up and a new term about to start. Some of my personal term highlights were: Watching Dylan meticulously paint the toy dinosaurs upon every visit, then wash them all up and start again; seeing Layla go from a bit shy, to crawling everywhere, to suddenly walking! Seeing what great friends Isla and Frankie are becoming: enjoying dress-ups, the inside swing, and playing shops; as well as seeing Cedar and Arne creating a sandpit quarry, with excellent workmanship, with Cedar on the digger and Arne driving the tipper trucks.

Maisie has been enjoying a good book, or ten, whilst not missing a beat of what's going on around her. Bennie has been settling in beautifully, gently getting to know everyone and finding her feet whilst her mum plays the piano to the enjoyment of all at playcentre. Kaea always delights with her rainbow unicorn themed outfits, face paint and sunny disposition and Emya's language has blown me away recently, I feel like she's learning a gazillion words a day!

Yep, I'd say it's been another great term! Looking forward to seeing you all again on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 8:45 and 12:15! If you'd like to join us, you can contact us to ask questions or to arrange a visit through our Blueskin Playcentre facebook page, through the webpage www.playcentre.org.nz or email us on blueskin@playcentre.org.nz.

Aroha nui, Heather



Green Hut Track Group

Walkers and particularly dog walkers will have noticed that the beach tracks at Warrington have recently been tidied up by Mike Fitzgerald and myself. We are part of an organisation known as the Green Hut Track Group.

The Green Hut Track Group is a group of volunteers who tidy up all the tracks in the Silver Peaks and Silver Stream catchments. The organisation began about 25 years ago, initially to encourage both men and women who had recovered from heart problems to get them off their bottoms and out and doing some exercise.

The group has some financial support from the High Country Trust, DCC and DOC to buy equipment such as weed eaters, saws and gardening tools along with fuel.

We have formal agreements with the DCC and DOC regarding maintenance and will continue to maintain these tracks.

Currently the group has some 20 volunteers available but as the work is voluntary with no compulsion expected, the average weekly turn out on a Wednesday is about 8-10 persons.

Most of our volunteers are in the older age group but all ages and levels of fitness are welcome. As well as the beach tracks we in Warrington have been maintaining tracks such as Carey's Creek, Pipeline, Burns and Rustlers. Locally we have recently received a new member from Warrington, Mike Bardwell. We are always keen to accept new volunteers.
Pete Smith 0274 822576





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.

AUNTY BLUEBALLS

Dear Aunty Blueballs,

I have an amazing partner who is everything I could ask for in every way. However, I recently made a new friend who is really into astrology and she has told me that my soulmate is a Scorpio - sadly, my partner is a Capricorn! The other day my friend predicted that I would receive an email between 9-10am and she was totally right! She also did a tarot card reading for me and drew "The Moon" and - get this - I saw the moon that night! She's so onto it I feel I should listen to her, but am torn because I love my partner. What should I do?

Perplexed Pisces

My dearest fish,

Now, I'm not one to pin all my hopes on the stars, but I know some solid evidence when I see it and I think your friend is onto something. I suspect your "perfect partner" is probably hiding a dark secret - and anyhow, do you really want to spend the rest of your life with a critical, workaholic goat? Your Scorpio Soulmate is out there crying in their room, writing dark poetry and waiting for you to walk in and find them. I suggest you go door knocking around the neighbourhood looking for love as you probably won't meet them outside. Move onwards and upwards but be sure to steer clear of Gemini, and be careful of water as you will probably encounter some at some point today.

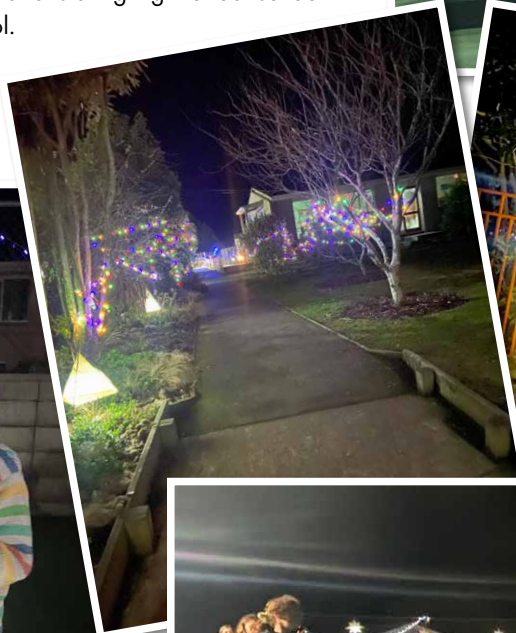
Best of luck, Aunty Blueballs xxx



WARRINGTON SCHOOL

On Thursday 4 July, Warrington school held our annual Matariki evening.

The tamariki and Warrington community always love the lights, lantern parade and Kapa Haka performance. This is an evening all the akonga look forward to and is a highlight of our school year here at Warrington school.



Jacinta Arianna Ruru

PūraKANUI powerhouse and wonder wahine

If you're looking for a role model for your daughters or someone to put upon a pedestal look no further than the amazing Dr Ruru MNZM FRSNZ

Ruru was born in Australia and is of Raukawa, Ngāti Ranginui and Ngāti Maniapoto descent.

Scholar, academic, mother, professor, and author Jacinta Ruru has lectured at OTAGO university since 1999. She went to the university 25 years ago as the only Māori person lecturing in law that is expanded now to 6. Her more than 100 publications consider Indigenous peoples' rights, interests and responsibilities to own and care for lands and waters ki uta, ki tai (from the mountains to the seas). Her work celebrates mātauranga Māori and seeks systemic change to decolonise research, knowledge, learning and practice.

Her accolades also include fellow of New Zealand's Royal Society Te Apārangi, winner of the Prime Minister's Supreme Award for Excellence in Tertiary Teaching, Fulbright Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga senior Māori scholar, and Tedx speaker

In 2016 Jacinta was the first professor of law. She gave her inaugural speech "Toitū te Whenua, Toitū te Mana",

providing inspiration to students and staff at the University of Otago.

Ruru addresses the challenges for Māori and points out less than 6% of university of staff compared with 15% of New Zealand population.

In 2017, Ruru was selected as one of the Royal Society Te Apārangi's "150 women in 150 words", celebrating the contributions of women to knowledge in New Zealand.

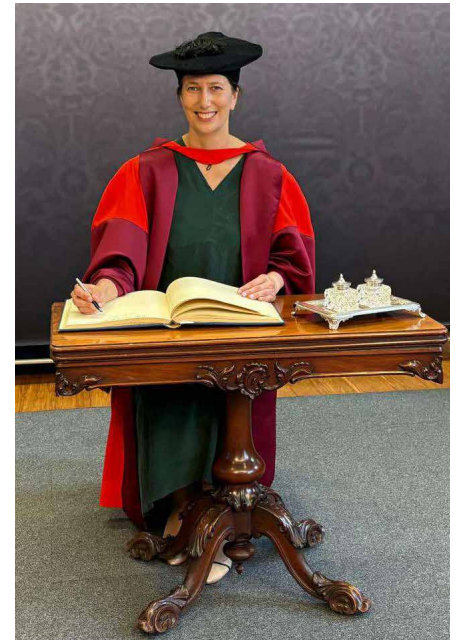
She is the co-director of Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga (NPM) the New Zealand's Māori Centre of Research Excellence (CoRE).

In 2019, she was awarded an inaugural University of Otago Sesquicentennial Distinguished Chair in recognition of her outstanding research, teaching and service.

Jacinta was on the panel that wrote the controversial report He Puapua, In 2020.

In the 2022 New Year Honours, she was appointed a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit, for services to Māori and the law, and later that year received the University of Otago's Distinguished Research Medal

In March 2024, she was appointed the University of Otago's first deputy vice-chancellor Māori.



And in July was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws from Newcastle University, UK.

The honorary degree recognises Ruru's work on indigenous people's rights and indigenous law especially in relation to land and water management and legal personality of the environment.

Listed as the 11th most powerful person in the South Island -That is Jacinta Ruru!

Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tuohu koe, me he maunga teitei

Seek the treasure that you value most dearly,

if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain

Mandy Mayhem



 **The HALO PROJECT**
Beyond Orokonui

**PUBLIC PLANTING DAYS
2024**

Tue 6 Aug
Tue 13 Aug
Sat 17 Aug

Do you have a community or business group who might enjoy a day out improving the whenua?

RSVP to info@haloproject.org.nz to register and guarantee your sausage sizzle!

REMINDER

This is a community newsletter and we would love to hear from YOU.

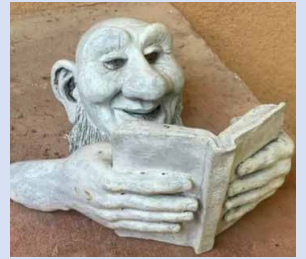
Photos, articles, history, opinions, paintings, poems, cartoons, recipes...

**Cut off date
15th of month prior**

**Send to
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WAITATI BOOK CLUB by Ian Melvin

With Scott at the helm of BYD we head off early towards Mosgiel and Martin's abode, Florence and the Machine setting the mood. A rather meagre representation of members in attendance, Paul is laid up by a lurgy, Ross is on Rakiura, and Marc and Inge are once more at large in Germany but Peter has managed to drop in on his way back from Queenstown. Still as they say it's the quality of the company that matters rather than quantity. And so it proves, as we enjoy meandering through a rambling discussion on a range of germane topics, including of course 'the book'. Big thanks to Martin and Robin our genial and accommodating hosts.



THE BOOK

All the Pretty Horses: Cormac McCarthy "one of the greatest American novels of this or any other time" *The Guardian*. You will get no argument from me. All present were strongly in favour of this book, Peter reading excerpts that had found favour with him, Paul saying by email it was the highlight of the year so far, and so on. I will paraphrase Neil Young here and say if you haven't read McCarthy I guess you'll want to soon! He is confronting, challenging, and offering deep insights into the nuances of life, culture and the human condition, at the same time keeping your attention on the divaricating plot that takes you places and offers conclusions that are totally unexpected.

OTHER BOOKS

Ross - 'My reading recently jumped from **The Scarlet Papers** by **Matthew Richardson** (2023) - a well plotted fictional spy thriller, carefully threaded into our relatively recent spy history (Philby, Burgess etc) - into 1260 pages of **Victor Hugo's Les Miserables (1862)**. It was a bit of a culture shock. The former, with a well developed central character was largely plot-driven and direct, while the latter staggers through a complex multi-charactered interwoven story where ten pages can often be spent examining motives or background politics behind the next aspect of the story.'

Both books are equally engaging but totally different.

BEER

Scott - **Ballast Point Brewing: Californian Chardonnay Barrel Aged Saison** 7.8% alc/ volume, not a fan of Saison style beers, so this is an exception.

Not something to drink as refreshment or for thirst, but excellent to accompany discussion (so as not to drink too rapidly) or as a pre-dinner tippie. Has a sharpness to it, but has the fat of a strong beer alongside and marries both well. Best consumed in moderation.

MUSIC

The Chieftains: Long Black Veil 1995 a collaborative album with various artists, Sting, Mick Jagger, Sinéad O'Connor, Van Morrison, Mark Knopfler, Ry Cooder, Marianne Faithful and Tom Jones. Traditional style Irish music with a twist, went gold in USA and Australia and unsurprisingly double platinum in Ireland. Stand out track for me is the unlikely sounding collaboration with Ry Cooder 'The Coast of Malabar' try on YouTube www.youtube.com/watch?v=BQOHDzmtCTo

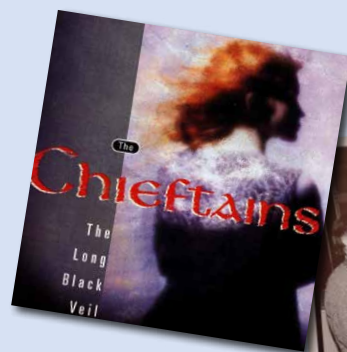
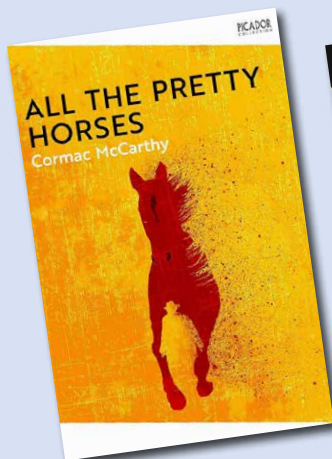
WORD OF THE MONTH

Empathy - "... a David Seymour who lacks that capacity to empathise with anyone who is not like him ... is a barbarian, despite his endearing Alfred E Newman grin." A quote from a newsroom/reading room article **Greg McGee's brief life as a woman** by **Gregg McGee**. A good read.

MEANING OF LIFE

"... 'ah they said, Que bueno' and after that and for a long time to come he'd have reason to evoke the recollection of those smiles and to reflect on the goodwill which provoked them, for it had the power to protect and to confer honor and to strengthen resolve and it had the power to heal men and to bring them to safety long after all the other resources were exhausted!"

Quote from **All the Pretty Horses** by **Cormac McCarthy**





Museum Committee members with our visitors.

Waikouaiti Coast Heritage Centre

During July we had two ACT party ministers visit us during their travels up the South Island which began in Invercargill. Those visiting were Mark Cameron who is the spokesperson for Rural Communities (amongst a range of other responsibilities) and Todd Stephenson who is the spokesperson for Arts, culture and Heritage. In addition, we were pleased to also have Sophie Barker (and her daughter Charlotte) join us. Sophie is a DCC councillor with a range of responsibilities, she has taken quite an interest in our activities, for which we are most appreciative. Our visitors enjoyed a tour through the old bank building and were impressed with our new (3 years old now) purpose-built heritage facility. We of course, took the opportunity to outline the process to reach this goal and also our continuing plans for restoration of the old bank building. In addition, we discussed the ongoing difficulties of small volunteer run museums in NZ, including our facility. After a sumptuous morning tea (thank you Bev) they left in their pink van heading for Oamaru and Waimate.

Thank you everyone who completed our survey, either online or the hard copy version. We had 338 responses with 114 indicating they wanted the verandah to remain and 224 requesting it be removed. As a result of this survey the verandah will be removed at some stage during the restoration process. A more detailed summary of the survey results will be on our website and Facebook page.

Finally, a reminder about our AGM on Saturday 24 August at 2.30pm in the Heritage Centre. Allan Anderson, a well-known local fisherman is going to talk about the Matanaka Sea Cave system illustrating his talk with photos, taken during the years when he escorted tourists through the caves. Many locals are unaware of this amazing cave system which, at 1.5km long, is the largest of its type in the world. The presentation will be followed by afternoon tea, we hope you will join us.

Shirley McEwen

Head on a Pillar

A wee lie-down, head on a pillow, is often required. I use three. This week's Govt declaration of their strategy on climate-change offers me five pillars to get my head around. Resilient infrastructure and community preparedness, credible markets, clean energy, climate innovation, and nature based solutions. Ohh, how comfy is that? Esp if you fluff them up. I could just drift off. And Climate Change Minister (what... it's not Shane Jones?), Simon Watts is desperate to fluff these five pillars till we're all fluffed-out. Politicians love a sleepy populace.

But boy, he has some fluffing to do. Fast-track plans for mining on conservation land, oil and gas exploitation, coupled with de-powering The Climate Commission and gutting DOC, will take some serious fluff.

And so, his favourite fluff will be the Technofix. And who doesn't like a good 'fix'. He needs Charter Schools to pump

out scientists and innovators who can help us adapt to climate catastrophe. Not those 'nimby wimby white-coated' ones Shane Jones despises. We need market analysts and stock-brokers, not climate commissioners and conservationists. The way out of this mess is the Market. It always prevails. We'll get MBIE (who they also recently gutted) who we recently stream-lined, to pull some strings. They're very helpful these days.

Now, we all love a good lie-down, but we mustn't lie down for an agenda which encourages market survival above all else. Previous Governments had at least attempted to separate climate from economy. Now we're back on Market Square. Environment for sale! What's your offer? I do like the 'resilient infrastructure and prepared communities' bit, because we're already getting hammered. And the 'nature based solutions' bit (they should korero with some Iwi on that one), is a no-brainer.

But fluffing us into a slumber until the market gets its act together, as a climate change strategy, that's real 'no-brain' territory.

Doug Nuttall

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What's On

Storytime with Steponey

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.



Comics Plus

Comics Plus offers free, unlimited access to thousands of digital comics, graphic novels and manga. There is something for graphic novel lovers of all ages.

You can access Comics Plus using a smartphone, tablet, or web browser, and titles can be downloaded to multiple devices. You never need to wait to read as all titles are unlimited access and simultaneous use. All you need is your Dunedin Public Libraries card and a computer, or download the Comics Plus app to your phone or tablet to get started.

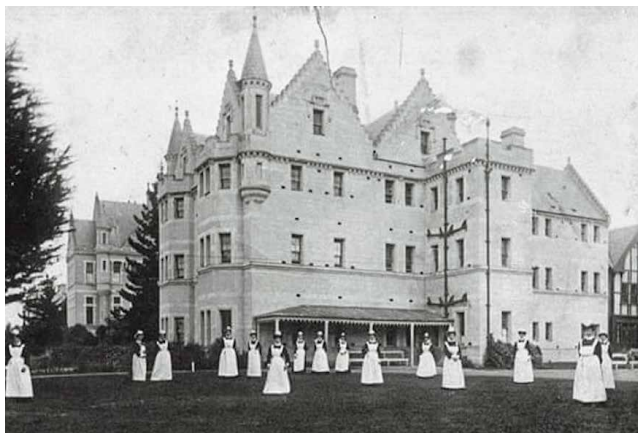
For all children and teens aged up to 17, we have a special link for access to kids and teen titles only. Holders of Youth cards will be unable to access the Full Collection. Adults' cards can access both collections. This also goes for access via the Comics Plus app.

Comics Plus Children's Library

For all Youth library card holders aged 0 to 17

Comics Plus Full Collection

For Adult library card holders aged 18+



Seacliff Asylum & Sir Truby King

Monday 5 August, 3pm

Daphne Henderson will share her experience as hospital aid and student nurse at Seacliff Asylum and her research of its history and the man who shaped this Otago landmark. All welcome.

Science Day @ the Library

Tuesday 6 August

Students from the Chemistry and Physics departments of Otago University will be back with their workshops to inspire young minds. Local schools are booked and the invitation extends to homeschoolers, if you would like to come along please phone us on 482 2444.

Bookshare

Thursday 22 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. 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+.

Beamafilm



Film titles are now searchable in the library catalogue. New to Beamafilm this month are three for football fanatics out there; *Maradona – Greatest Player Ever*; *Zinedine Zidane – Zizou The Great* and *Pelé – King of Football & Legend of the Game*.

DCC Service Centre

@ Blueskin Bay Library

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



Kā Kete Wānaka o Ōtepoti



Until now I have never understood why North Islanders find feijoas a bit overwhelming. I have always found them pretty precious. When I was a child there was a feijoa tree in our huge old commercial glasshouse. Unfortunately it was a lonely only, and because they need a pollinator, when it miraculously produced 2 fruit after 25 years, they were the most precious 2 feijoa fruit ever. My parents bought them down to Seacliff for me, and I left them sitting on the windowsill to admire. I was gutted when I discovered my former North Island dwelling flatmate ate them both, with no reverence at all!

So, now that we have a few young feijoa bushes ("unique" variety) producing a decent amount of small feijoas, I do actually end up with more than I can eat (Alex doesn't like them much).

I've made feijoa wine, which took hours of peeling each little fruit as they were too small to scoop, and this turned out to be a nice drop, but more of a dessert wine, so we won't go through much of it. And I just eat quite a few, but this year supply was exceeding demand, and because of the dry summer the fruit are very small. I have had some lovely feijoa flavoured sweet bought cider, which I assume is made by adding feijoa syrup to the cider, so I figured it would be fun to give making feijoa syrup a try. I was not looking forward to another marathon peeling effort, but then I found that many people make feijoa cordial out of only the skins. Wow, this is fantastic news, so the skins can be used too, so I just have to chop up the feijoas without peeling first.

So here is my sort of vague recipe.

1. Chop up a heap of feijoas; I probably had about 3 kg.
2. Put them in a big pot, add a chopped lemon or two, cover with water, and bring to the boil. Then reduce to a simmer until the fruit break up. Mash them a bit to make this happen faster.
3. Strain your mushed up fruit and juice through a jelly bag.
4. Measure out the juice into your big pot again and add 700g of sugar per litre of juice.
5. Bring to the boil while stirring in the sugar, and simmer for 5 minutes.
6. Pour into sterilized bottles with the kind of lids that will pop down when they seal (Barkers cordial bottles are perfect).
7. Place your cordial bottles in your pot again and fill it with water as close to the top of the pot as you can manage without having it boil all over your stove.
8. Bring to the boil, and reduce to a simmer, leave simmering for 20 minutes. This will preserve the cordial so the bottles will keep for a couple of years. If any lids don't pop down use them immediately (life is tough sometimes).

We tried some with ice and soda, and it was delicious. It will be a lovely summer drink. I have yet to try it with cider, but I have high hopes. And then as a cocktail with gin...So the tiny feijoa glut problem is solved.

By the way, at the time of writing there are feijoas on the bushes in the riverside Orokonui road community orchard. Help yourselves if there are still some left.

Hilary Rowley



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

The fact that we constantly hear concerns about the economy, the drop off in consuming, falling productivity, the lack of growth. The question no one is asking is, how do we have an economy without growth, and with greatly reduced consumption - what does a modern green economy look like? The Greens and Te Pāti Māori both have a raft of ideas that are being put aside as unworkable, why? Because those benefiting from the present system will not allow change because they don't want to lose what they have, ignoring the fact that will inevitably happen anyway if we continue as we are and it will be too late then to affect change. The first change needed is to step away from our present value systems and rebuild from the ground up, according to a renewed value system, sure it will be difficult, there will be significant sacrifices and compromises necessary but one thing that is for sure is that we cannot continue as we are! If you look at the frequency and severity of the climate disasters occurring right now and imagine them occurring more and more frequently and more and more severely, its not that hard to understand what we will be facing. Some say this scenario is alarmist thinking, and they are right because this prospect is totally alarming, but it is a reality, so why are the alarm bells not ringing???

What Makes Me Glad

Putting all of this aside for a while and spending some time with my friend Luka doing school holiday activities together and fooling around.

'Baba - how do you make brown from other colours when you don't have brown?'
 'What sort of brown Luka?'
 'Brown that looks like mud!'
 'Ok try a bit of green and red, how's that?'
 'No its not dark enough.'
 'Ok try a little black, how's that?'
 'No now its too dark.'
 'Ok try a bit of yellow, how's that?'
 'Yeah! cool.'
 'Looks a bit messy to me Luka.'
 'Mud is messy Baba, you know that!'



Waikouaiti Coast Community Board

The theme this month is roads and what travels on them.

Since the incoming Government announced that they were to going to reverse some of what the previous Government had introduced by way of Speed Management, we still have no idea about how that will affect our North Coast area. DCC cannot finalise their recommendations until there is some clarity about the topic. We'll keep you posted.

For many years we have been advocating for the northbound bus from Dunedin to pull into Waitati to drop passengers off, rather than have them alight beside the highway outside Blueskin General Store. It is a pity that it has taken a recent incident involving a vehicle hitting a school pupil to convince Otago Regional Council to accede to our request. At the time of writing this, it appears that the necessary changes will be made.

There is also an issue with the northbound bus stopping at the bottom of Jones Road, Evansdale. A recent change in bus drivers has seen some long-standing residents being told that the bus will no longer stop there and that they will have to get off the bus further south. In our view this is potentially dangerous, and we will be meeting the recently rearranged ORC transport team in a week or so to try and resolve the matter. At that meeting we will also be discussing the issue of a bus going into Warrington. This follows on from our article in last month's Blueskin News.

The condition of Shortcut Road, and the general condition of roads and footpaths has not escaped our notice, and these are included in our ongoing discussions with Dunedin City Council staff.

We are now into the new DCC financial year, and our Discretionary Fund has been topped up. If you, or someone you know, has a community project that could do with some funding assistance, then you can complete a funding application form which can be found on the DCC website, or give any board member a call if you need some clarity.

Also, as advised last month, if you have concerns about the new red & green wheelie bin system, please do let me know at info@calmarine.co.nz

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

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Monday 5	Seacliff Asylum & Sir Truby King: 3pm Daphne Henderson will share her experience as hospital aide and student nurse at Seacliff Asylum. All welcome.
Tuesday 6	Science Day @ the Library Science students from Otago University will be back with their workshops. Local schools are booked and the invitation extends to homeschoolers, if would like to come along please phone us on 482 2444.
Thursday 22	Bookshare: 3.30-4.30pm, join us for tea and a chat about what you're reading and get ideas for what to read next. All welcome.
EVERY DAY	Games Galore & Lego: Every weekday, 2 - 5pm & Saturdays 10am - 1pm
MONDAYS	Blueskin Bay Knitwits: 6.30 - 8.30pm Contact Christine 021 133 9340
TUESDAYS	Blueskin Bay Knitwits: 2.30 - 4.30pm Contact Christine 021 133 9340
FRIDAYS	Story Time with Stephaney: 11am

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TUESDAYS	Table top role playing games (Dungeons and Dragons, etc.): 4 - 6.30pm All ages Drop in any time FREE Ping Pong: 7 - 8.30pm. All ages, levels and drop ins. Contact: Helena 022 6474 738
WEDNESDAYS	Homeschool Group: 10.30am - 1pm, Music Workshop. Contact: Emily Internet Cuppa & Printing: 2 - 5pm Access to internet computer (no-gaming), and printer (A4 black/white (20 cents/page) & A4 colour (\$1/page). Note: Bookings essential and must be made by Tuesday. Book a space by texting 021 171 0226 or emailing waiputai@gmail.com
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Saturday 17	Dee Street Band: 7pm live music
Wednesday 28	Live Gentle Jazz: 7pm

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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
FRIDAYS	Line Dancing with Marie at the Warrington Hall: 7 - 8pm All Ages welcome <i>Sponsored by the Waiputai Trust</i>
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Sunday 5	Village Market: 11.00am Contact: Mandy

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Winter Gardening

Blueskin Nurseries hosted Jason Ross from Habitate nursery for a Winter gardening evening.

Jason has created an vegetable garden and orchard calendar/planner for Dunedin and Coastal Otago area. He spoke about planting perennial and annual edibles to achieve year round vegetables and fruit. He also talked about creating a vegetable garden through permaculture techniques.

Winter is a wonderful time to prepare and plan for the season ahead.

These wonderful calendars are available in store at Blueskin Nurseries and online through Habitate website.

Sally Brown



Halo Project



The Halo Project Source to Sea team have been working with local Heyward Point landowners to plant 12,000 seedlings. Volunteers have planted most of these young natives including species such as mānuka/*Leptospermum scoparium*, kaikōmako/*Pennantia corymbosa* and kahikatea/*Dacrydium dacrydioides*.

Besides the extreme weather we have been having causing a few planting day cancellations, another issue the plants have been facing is roaming deer tampering with more than 100 seedlings!

The Halo Project team, with the help of volunteers have planted 6,000 seedlings and have another 6,000 to go. They are actively recruiting community, family or business groups who would like a day out in the sunshine giving back to the whenua/land. With delicious sausages provided by Deep Creek Deli and lots of hot tea and bikkies the team think the trade is a good one!

Get in touch with Alice on info@haloproject.org.nz or 028 402 3759 to find out more and to confirm your spot.





Winter is always such a challenge at school. Rain keeps energy filled students inside and the bugs keep them at home with ongoing sickness. Very annoying. It was lovely to see the sun over the holidays wasn't it. Still, learning must go on and indeed that is what we do well.

To finish Term 2 2024 off, we held our annual Matariki Celebration at the Waitati Hall. This year, students used their passions to come up with some amazing ways to celebrate and share the Matariki story. This included a korero about the lantern parade and its history in Waitati. The students paraded with beautiful lanterns to start the event. The ceramics Passion project made a collection of Matariki stars to decorate the tables with and another group produced a Matariki drama telling the story of Matariki. Finally, the Creatives in Schools passion project released their debut album called Birds of a Feather. This is their first album. The students had so much fun making this album and I hope you will enjoy listening to it.



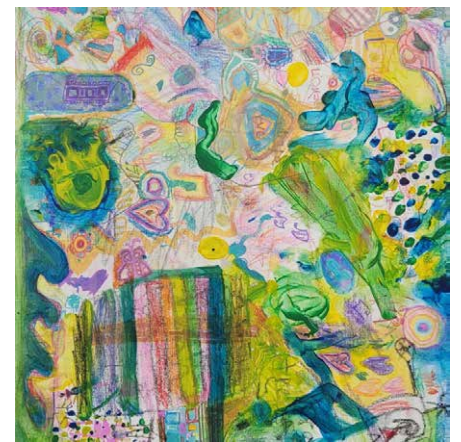
This was followed by a lovely meal of fried rice and salads, with shared deserts accompanied by lots of talking and catching up with family and friends. This is a very special event that showcases our amazing community spirit and our passion for Matariki.

Thanks to the DCC for providing us with funds for the Kai.

Term 3 will be an action packed term. Every Friday afternoon the children will have swimming lessons at Moana Pools. We have the annual cross country event, a science day put on by the University of Otago and the Waitati Library. We are also going on the Karitane Waka Tour later on in the term plus of course regular reading, writing and math.



Our Year 6-8's continue with their William Pike challenges and start the term with a week's ski camp at Ohau and continue the term with various community service opportunities and their own passion projects. They really loved attending the Leadership Day at Dunedin Town Hall last term where they got to see William Pike in the flesh and were inspired by the top quality speakers.



Here is the link to the album Birds of a Feather in which I hope you will listen to. It is free of course, but if you would like to donate to progress Waitati Schools music please feel free.

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Thank you for your ongoing interest of Waitati School.

Tara O'Neill, Principal