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Editor's Note

Hi everyone, this month is a significant one for me – I turn 65 on 7 April, I've received my Gold Card and am looking forward to having access to my KiwiSaver and getting the government pension every fortnight. I count myself extremely fortunate as in both the UK and Australia I would have to wait an extra year.

However, reaching this awesome age has made me think and I have lately had conversations with several people who achieved this state before me. We are mostly homeowners with families, have held challenging jobs and generally would be regarded as responsible members of the community. So why is it that all of us are still waiting to feel grown up? As a 30-something I still asked my parents for reassurance that I was making the right decisions. Now at 60+ my children are 30-somethings themselves and are coming to me for reassurance, I feel no more equipped to answer them than I did for myself at 30, but I do encourage them in much the same way my parents did. So there's the rub, did my parents feel as I do now and were only grown up in my eyes? And, if that's the case how does it affect those who make the big choices for all of us, does Jacinda feel grown up, able to make adult decisions. Or is the fact of being grown up just a myth?

In the meantime, I'm going to be a Senager, all the perks of being a senior but with the heart, mind and curiosity of a teenager and I'll enjoy life like one. Live like Peter Pan I was told. I'd love to hear from anyone who has views on this..

Enjoy this month's read, keep safe and well – Bernie



Blueskin Bay ANZAC DAY Commemoration

Waitati Cenotaph
(Beside Waitati Hall)

10am Sunday 25 April

All Welcome

- Lest We Forget -

Blueskin Bay Community Spaces

Warrington Hall

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

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

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Booking enquiries to waiputai@gmail.com or Nancy 482 1198

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



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Easter Services at St Barnabas Church

Maundy Thursday Service | 1 April | 7pm

Good Friday Service | 2 April | 10am

Easter Sunday Service | 4 April | 9.30am

Everyone welcome.



Waitati Volunteer Fire Brigade

The Brigade has been busy over the last few months with incidents on our roads and medicals, our training continues to be interrupted by Covid.

The medical incidents have highlighted an issue with how we find your house or property; we need clear directions when our community rings 111 for assistance. For instance, in Warrington and Waitati, there are several streets that share the same name View St, Church St. In one incident recently being unable to find the property resulted in a 20 minute delay whilst we searched needlessly nearby.

But most important of all is the numbering of your street address so we can see where to stop to assist you.

But numbering on the street is not enough, a gaggle of letter boxes on the side of the road subdivision does not tell us what house to proceed to, we need you to number your house at the turn off the subdivision road into your driveway.

If you are in a complex with multiple occupancy clear numbering of the flat/house you are calling from will make our response to you much easier.

Please sort your numbering out. 111

Let's keep our community safe,

Paul Clements



Work Place First Aid

"First Aid Solutions/Meditrain" are willing to hold a Work Place First Aid course in the Waitati Hall , as has been done in 2017 and 2019, again this year.

I propose to organise this for late May, day/date to be confirmed. It is a full day for the first time and half day for renewal.

Do you need to renew your existing qualification?

Or would you like to do this course? Many work places require this.

If you are interested, please email **clare@blueskinnurseries.co.nz** or phone me 03 482 2828.

Clare Brown



There's a lot happening during this year's Wild Dunedin Festival, from 22 – 28 April, with events for all ages during the April school holidays This year there's a focus on rewilding.

On Earth Day 22 April you can explore the Orokoni Ecosanctuary for a reduced entrance fee and discover the benefits of membership. Orokoni's kākā will feature at an information session at the Waitati Community Hall on 23 April where you can hear about the Kei Hea Ngā Kākā project which is creating a database of kākā sightings outside the Ecosanctuary.

This year's festival has several opportunities for boat trips on the Otago Harbour – to Quarantine Island on Port to Port's Sootychaser, story time for young children on the Monarch, a trip to explore Dunedin's ancient volcano, a hands on opportunity for intermediate age children to take scientific measurements while out on the Monarch, and a short cut for residents north of Dunedin to access the Marine Studies Centre activities at Portobello via Sootychaser embarking from Back Beach at Port Chalmers.

The Halo Project is running a Landowner's Field Trip to learn about Source to Sea, a project designed to enhance freshwater and forest habitats. The field trip will take place at a property on the North Coast, and information on funding for similar projects will be available.

Larnach Castle is running a Native Plant Detective activity throughout the school holidays, with prizes, and free entry for children. The Royal Albatross Centre is putting on express tours at a bargain price, Blue Penguins Pukekura will have excellent family deals, and Penguin Place and Monarch Wildlife Cruises are offering discounts for their tours. This is a great time to visit these local wildlife attractions, with no international tourists around.

Many other wild activities will be available at Otago Peninsula, Otago Museum, Toitū, Tomahawk Lagoon, Dunedin Public Library and the Art Gallery. And special guest Suzy Cato will be making various appearances including a celebration of nature through music and song with local musicians.

For all Festival information, the online programme, and bookings, visit www.wilddunedin.nz. And you can follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Suzanne Middleton



This year at Blueskin on Show, Sunday 11 April, the drawcard event is the Toughest Chick in Town contest.

We expect that Sheilas will be flocking to the neighborhood to take part in the event, Powerhouse Pixies, Vivacious Vixens, and Iron Maidens will be the divisions, allowing all ages 16 and above to participate. Like the Southern woman challenge contestants, they will be expected to answer a few personality questions by way of introduction, perhaps belt out a verse of their Tough Chick tune or piece of prose as to why they should win

After dazzling the judges, the competition will get underway in earnest, with displays of skills, speed and strength expected. The event will run in heats of three or four and those with the best time will become finalists and compete for the crown and title Toughest Chick in Town.

Our femme fatales will be expected to wheel a barrow, stack some wood, ram a waratah, and sprint back via the warrior princess obstacle course.

Finally, and most important, will be getting the cap off a (ginger) beer using a weapon of choice, a chance to display non-traditional methods, and some kiwi chick ingenuity to skull the beverage and finish in the best time!

So if you are known to be a tough Sheila, strong, adventurous, and share a sense of sisterhood, this event is for you to showcase these skills

Mandy Mayhem-Bullock

BLUESKIN ON SHOW

Produce Schedule

Organised by the Blueskin Garden Club

Blueskin A&P Society 'Blueskin on Show Day.' 11 April 2021

Entry Requirements

- All sections are open to all age groups (except for entries for decorated wheelbarrows and hats)
- Entries for produce etc is between 10am and 11.30am 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
- Entries must be collected between 3pm and 3.30pm

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

Fruit

1. eating apples 3
2. cooking apples 3
3. pears 3
4. tomatoes 3
5. cherry tomatoes 3
6. small bowl of berry fruit
7. any other fruit

Novelty

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

Three age groups for wheelbarrows and hats.

Under 8 yrs, under 14 years, over 14 years

Sand Saucers to be made on site, all requirements will be provided

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

Visit the Blueskin Garden Club marquee to purchase Plants

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

Flowers

1. Tussie Mussie using flowers and herbs
2. Rose – one stem, single bloom
3. Rose – one stem, multi bloom
4. Dahlia – one stem, any colour
5. Hydrangea – one head
6. any other flower

Other.

1. Best Decorated Wheelbarrow
2. Basket of mixed fruit and vegetables
3. Decorated Hat

THE WIDER BLUESKIN BAY AREA IS ON SHOW

Blueskin Country Fair

Blueskin Agricultural & Pastoral Society Inc.

COUNTRY FAIR

SUNDAY APRIL 11TH

10AM - 4PM AT BLAND PARK

WAITATI

RIDES, RACES & FAMILY FUN

LOCAL SCHOOLS & GROUPS ON SHOW

FOOD APPLE PRESS
& DRINKS
trade displays

BEST DRESSED DOG

CAR BOOT SALE
LOCAL BUSINESS DISPLAYS

HALO PROJECT & ECO SANCTUARY



Best Decorated
WHEELBARROW

GARDEN PRODUCE
competitions

\$3 entry (includes free raffle ticket)
Children 12 & under **FREE**

CARBOOT SALE \$10 includes 1 gate entry
PAYMENT ON ARRIVAL CASH ONLY

STALL HOLDERS

For more details please email
Mark Brown blueskin@xtra.co.nz

**Toughest
Chick in Town
Competition**

CONTACTS Alasdair Morrison 4822505 Mark Brown 4822833 Colin Thom
Setting up from 7.30am ON SHOW DAY

Fish Song

by Kirstie McKinnon

flecks of light stretch and bend
over scooped sand
tessellated and placed
palm next to palm
in the outgoing tide
seaweed parades
royal green ruched opulent
burgundy filagree balls

hands dip and stretch
skin like kelp pours
through kite trails of warmth
then cool, and all the time light
swallow flickers
in a rippled sky

a small green fish
moss-like, lichen patched
rests in a palm of sand
it sees me and stays
translucent fin tender
as a film of mist
I hold my breath
it sings, it sings

when I stand, the fish song
has settled a soft hum
in my treasure chest
patient and unafraid

WAITATI SCHOOL

School Board of Trustees Election

Nominations are open for the election
of two parent representatives to the
board of trustees.

All eligible voters will receive a
nomination form and a notice calling
for nominations – you can use
this form to nominate yourself or
someone in your community.

If you need more nomination forms,
contact the school office.

Nominations close at noon
on 7 April. You may provide a
signed candidate statement and
photograph with your nomination.

The electoral roll is held at the
school and can be viewed during
normal school hours.

As nominations are received, there
will be a list of candidates' names
kept at the school up until election
day 10 May, which you can view.

Voting closes at 4pm on May 10th.

Signed Corianne Holmes
Returning Officer



Sandra Clark

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Labour

Authorised by the Electoral Commission, 31 January 2022, 10:20am



Blueskin Garden Club members, along with Sally Brown, recently showcased a celebration of flowers, fruit and vegetables, arts and crafts. Held over the weekend of 27th and 28th February in the beautiful old St Brigid's Church, Blueskin Nursery, Waitati. We would especially like to thank the local artists who brought along some of their arts and crafts – Rowena Park, Kate Middleton, Pearl Stenhouse, Vicky Patten-Burrow and Anita de Soto. Floral displays were much admired by locals and visitors and the autumn colours were vibrant. Thank you to everyone who came along to admire the beauty from the bay.

On 11 March 17 folk spent the day on Quarantine Island. They travelled to Port Chalmers where they boarded the Sooty Chaser on a very calm crossing to the island. On arrival they were met by the island's custodians and given a speil and tour of the area. Some facts are; there were two ships wrecked there, women and children stayed together and men were sent to Goat Island, there are 72 buried there, mostly children. The married quarters are being restored and the flooring has come from Greggs' factory in Dunedin. After a bush walk, cuppa and lunch, members spent time helping with weeding around the Keeper's quarters. A great day by all accounts and then back on the boat to return to Port Chalmers.

On 11 April you will find clubbies at Blueskin On Show Day. We will be just inside the gate. Details of the competitions and activities are in this issue. We hope you will bring along your produce to help make the show as good as always. Do you remember making a sand saucer as a child? Well, now's your chance – we provide all that is required so let your imagination run away with you and do a creation of your choice – not a competition just a bit of old fashioned fun. This is also a chance to purchase some plants for your garden.

On 25 April, after the Anzac Service, club members will be serving tea and coffee to all those who have attended. Please bring along a plate of food to share.

Happy Gardening for Autumn

Lyn Hastie, Publicity.



Waitati Locals Support World Naked Bike Ride

The world naked bike ride is an annual event that promotes alternatives to the domination of transport by large steel fuel guzzling machines. By cycling naked it emphasises the soft frailty of the human body.

This event has taken place at various places around the world including famously in London and San Francisco since 2004. In New Zealand the event is regular land back to the Hally held in Takaka and for the last seven years it has been hosted in Waitati by the Southern Free Beaches Collective. In this last year our two Kiwi events are the only ones that we know of in the world. It is not necessarily a naturist event but we also promote the naturist aspect of it celebrating the diversity in shape size and color of the human body.

For our ride on Sunday 14 March we were warmly greeted by a lovely sunny late summers day and also warmly cheered on by locals. Starting from the village hall our small group did a tour round the town with a commentary for the benefit of out-of-town visitors passing Almond Castle, the Turdis, on past the lair of the Pirate Queen, Pukeko Crossing, the entrance to the Orokonui Inlet walking track and back to the hall via the old foot bridge. Our cycle ride was enjoyed by all.

We got asked after wards if it was legal to ride naked around the town. The answer is "yes". New Zealand has no law specifically banning public nudity and the only possibly applicable law relating to offensive behaviour has a very high threshold. For many of us this is also an expression of our spirituality and thus protected by the Bill of Rights Act.

Paul Campion of the Southern Free Beaches Collective.

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WHAT'S ON

Book Launch

Friday 9 April, 6 - 7pm

Gaps in the Light — the new book by poet and hybrid writer, Iona Winter (Waitaha/Pākehā). Iona's work is widely published and anthologised internationally. She creates work to be performed, and has authored three collections, *Gaps in the Light* (2021), *Te Hau Kāika* (2019) and *then the wind came* (2018). Skilled at giving voice to difficult topics, she often draws on her deep connection to land, place and whenua. Iona lives on the East Otago Coast.



Children's Book Club

Monday 12 April, 3.30 - 4.30pm

Last month we acknowledged Sea Week 2021 and talked about all the ways we can help to care for our beaches and the animals that we are so lucky to have visiting them. We looked at lots of books and took home some guides to help us identify things along the seashore.

Please note this Club is for Year 3 and up.



Games Galore

Every Thursday, 2 - 5pm

Love Gaming? Why not try the old-fashioned way. Come along and join in the fun of board games – new and old for all ages.

Lego Club

Thursday 15 April - Saturday 17 April

We supply the Lego you bring your imagination. Suitable for ages 5+.



Bookshare

Thursday 22 April, 3.30 - 4.30pm

Join us for a chat over afternoon tea about what you read over the summer months.

Blueskin Bay Knitwits

Mondays, 6.30 - 8.30pm

Tuesdays, 2.30 - 4.30pm

All ages and experience levels are welcome.



Kākā Catchup

Friday 23 April, 6 - 7pm

Waitati Hall

How can you make sure your garden is a kākā Haven? Come along and meet the .Kei Hea Ngā Kākā team to find out and catch up on the current research. For the full programme of events got to www.wilddunedin.nz or pick up a brochure from the library.

■ From 22-28 April join the library Nature Scavenger Hunt.



Explore the Digital Library

Who Else Writes Like...? is a readers guide to fiction authors, it helps to introduce both book borrowers and buyers to novelists whose work is unfamiliar to them. It is designed to answer the perennial question "I've read all the books by this author, who else writes like that?" There is also a sister website **Who Next?...** a guide to children's authors – the answer when children ask "who can I read next?" Both sites include useful features and links – many authors have their own websites.

Service Centre

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

Please note, COVID-19 Alert Level changes impact the Library hours if in doubt please check the website. Library hours are normally:

Monday & Tuesday: 2-6pm

**Wednesday, Thursday & Friday:
10am-12pm & 2-6pm**

Saturday: 10am-1pm



Kā Kaitiaki Māori o Ōtago

Derek the Dunnock

Friday Night at the Gallery



The juvs is off me hands, all I gotta do now is fight off the little bastards as they tries and takes over me hard won territory. Me moults almost finished. Even though I says it meself, me auriculars look specially fine this year though me left alula's come out a tad twisted and steering'll take a bit getting used to. But I's a fine set of remiges & retrices so I thought I'd take Friday evening off and nip down to what yous H. so called sapiens calls The Gallery. Messy eaters you lot so there's always crumbs from the table of yous top predators. You knows how it is, sometimes you can't be fagged pokin' round in the compost heap for a few inverts. Managed to avoid me arty farty cuz Damian Dunnock. Changed his name from Dan in awe of Damian Hirst that English H. so called sapiens who reckoned stickin' a dead sheep in a case* were art and's wurf \$284 million f'ing dollars to boot. But t'was a nice evenin' even if the sun were gettin' a bit equinoctually low. So hopped out round the stage where Richard were playin' somethin' that I s'possed were amorous and territorial to you Hscss, and there, suppin' wine wiv a couple of Hscs females were an ornithologist. Pointin' at me. An one of the females were sayin' is that a boy or a girl? I was offended. I mean there's a spectrum nowadays ain't there? Gender fluidity. Me bein' a modern Dunnock I accepts them all as long as theys don't muscle in on me patch or me missus but I wants to point out that me meself will have none of it and, specially when Desiree is around, I's no girl or anyfing else yous care to mention.

Give him his due the ornithologist admitted that Hscss can't tell us Dunnocks apart. But then he said, except in the hand. Oh the trauma. I cowered under the stage. Great, great, great Grandpa Darcy. (Yeah I know). Karitane. Mindin' his own business under the brassicas. Flits across to say hallo to GggGrandma Dafila and all of a sudden he's trussed up in a net like a White Pointer just lookin' for a bite to eat off St Clair. Then he's upside down in an orni bloody thologist's hand wiv his never regions feathers bein' blown upon to expose his.. Can I use the c word? Bugger it I will. His cloaca. Male says a Hscs voice. Wing 71; average; weight 20; bit skinny. Band A2213064. Got that? Then he's let go, feathers lookin' like he's had a night on the Poroporo and leg weighed down wiv this bloody great shackle banging against his tarsus. Dafila freaks out and dives under the dahlias.

I recovers enough to hop up and take a look at the "art". Terrifying it were. Hundreds of icons of us avian folk, dangling, hanging, immortalised. Wiv a price on our heads. And there's me down the back. For chicken feed at \$35 dollars and a Chaffinch thrown in for free.

*Damien Hirst *Away from the Flock* 1994 © Damien Hirst and Science Ltd. All rights reserved, DACS 2018.



Pūrākaunui School

Hi everyone. It has been an interesting month at school and we have been loving the settled sunny autumnal weather.

This nice weather has seen us start the term off with a focus on cricket for PE. It has been very impressive seeing the kids grow in confidence with their hand-eye coordination and general mastery of the wide variety of disciplines involved with cricket.

Our term topic of Communication has seen us explore and think about the myriad ways animals communicate. This learning was complimented by getting up close and personal with some very friendly horses on a recent visit to Long Beach when we collecting Pikao seeds.

Our cooking programme has been humming along. We have done some preserving, made Chinese dumplings and had one of our classic vege pasta lunches. It is really great to have an oven and stove in the classroom. We have also thoroughly enjoyed lighting our outdoor pizza oven on two occasions to celebrate new entrant's arrivals at school.

It was lots of fun hosting a visit from Koputai ECE recently, which is always a special event designed to farewell a graduating Koputai student who is heading to Pūrākaunui School. We ended up having a brilliant big game of noodle soccer which is one of our favourite morning fitness activities.

Any queries about Pūrākaunui School please call the office on 482 1026.

Tim Cook, Principal



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It's as simple as that

Let's keep supporting our local businesses



Source to Sea helps Rewild Dunedin

Our Source to Sea team is running a field trip for landowners, as part of Wild Dunedin's Festival of Nature, at 2-4pm on Saturday 24 April. Learn about our programme, designed to enhance freshwater and forest habitats north of Dunedin. Meet the landowners on site to view a restoration project and its natural values. Be inspired and find out what funding is available for private landowners. Contact info@haloproject.org.nz for details.

Fencing is underway at two important sites, but we are still looking for landowners to work with. We have funding available for three years to fence and plant waterways, wetlands and forest habitat in Coastal Otago. To register your interest, visit www.haloproject.org.nz/register or call Jennifer on 021 651 939, and come along on our landowners field trip.



Caption: Halo Project works with landowner to fence-off a regionally significant wetland at Kaikai. Credit: Halo Project.

No time to trap?

Keen West Harbour residents have been sending us photos of their chewed chew cards, showing that possums, rats and mice are visiting their backyards. Those people are now fully trained in setting their traps and recording their catch. If you would like to host a possum trap but don't have time to use it, we can help. Please contact us on 022 026 2115 or email info@haloproject.org.nz.

With lots of help from volunteers, we've been installing new stoat and rat traps across Mt Cargill, along roadsides and through bush, working our way west to complete coverage of the Halo Project Predator Free area. Controlling stoats and rats helps protect South Island robins, kākā and other native wildlife.

THE HALO PROJECT TEAM



by Hilary Rowley

Knitting, it is a mugs game – or so I thought when Mum tried to teach me Jersey knitting. It was something she was brilliant at, but I never took to it. Years later I was given a hand knitted cotton dish cloth, of all the things to fire up my urge to knit, this was it, so weird.

Anyway, I knitted quite a few dishcloths from cotton yarn bought in op shops, but then there must've been a bit of a craze for knitted dish cloths for a while, because it became really hard to find cheap yarn.

My grandmother spent the first 85 years of her life knitting for everyone, and the last 15 unravelling jerseys for their yarn, so my Mother could re-knit it. This cycle of knitting and unravelling has probably been going on in my family since knitting was invented. It is therefore, no surprise that when I spotted a cotton jersey in an op shop, my first thought was to unravel it and re-knit it into dish cloths. But then came my epiphany - why bother, knitting is a mugs game - just cut dishcloths out of the already knitted fabric and hem them with a sewing machine, so easy, and (still sort) of satisfying.

Why would you make a dish cloth? Well, there is the joy of making something for yourself and they work really well, as they have a bit of texture which helps with cleaning, and are super absorbent, washable and hard wearing. Cotton can be thrown in the compost heap when you are done with it and having made your dishcloth from cast off clothing is even better.

If you really must make your cut and hemmed dishcloth more attractive, do some creative thing with a crochet hook around the edges. I wouldn't bother, personally as I think crochet is a mugs game too... until I get inspired to have a go.



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WARRINGTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

Our patrol season is now finished. Our lifeguards were kept busy on our final weekend assisting ten people to safety and attending to two major first aids. Although Warrington is regarded as a very safe swimming beach, these incidents provide a timely reminder that people can easily get into trouble if they overestimate their ability in the water.

Nippers is also now finished for the year. Our juniors have enjoyed a great season. A big thank you to all our volunteers who have turned out, especially our Junior Coordinator Rhys Owen. Our nippers continue to do swim training at Hawkesbury pool Thursday nights at 6pm.

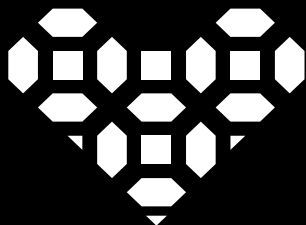
Our seniors travelled to Christchurch to compete in the Southern Region Champs on 27 February. Our canoe teams excelled picking up 6 of the 8 available canoe titles and were looking to continue this good form at the National Champs. Unfortunately due to the latest Covid restrictions the National Champs at Ohope beach in the Bay of Plenty were cancelled.

Looking forward our IRB teams continue to train hard as they head into their big competitions of the year and preparations are well underway for our 40th anniversary on the 17th of April. For any further info please contact Tricia at warringtonslscnz@gmail.com

Mark Hastie



tō tātou eke
whakamuri
the future
of us



What do you think of our plans for
Dunedin over the next 10 years?

We've got some ideas on what the priorities
should be based on what you've told us before and
the challenges we're facing.

Tell us your thoughts and join the conversation at
www.thefutureofus.nz

Feedback closes at noon on Thursday, 29 April.

#koreroiamai
#jointheconversation



Waitati

SCHOOL UPDATE

Passion Projects are back up and running at Waitati School. We run them every second Friday and have some great options this term.

We have ceramics workshops. There is an Oamaru stone crafting project working with our lovely Janet. There are animal projects working alongside Orokonui Bird Sanctuary, Hut building, Eco warriors working on several projects, one at Warrington, planting the beach front with Pikau, golden sand sedge with Angelina. Dare to be great are learning about exercise and how the body works. We have a painting workshop with Pip.

Vita is working in Ceramics, creating with clay. We are looking at putting in a kiln at Waitati School. If you would be interested in using it and you are in our local community, we would love to hear from you.



Thanks to Reece Winter and Fuel through schools programme for our new TV. We really appreciate the products and they support so much learning at school. Thanks to everyone who purchases fuel from South Fuels. Cargill Contracting you rock.

We also recently had Bikes in School programme which the children loved. That along with Wheels week has really encouraged a lot more children to bike to school. Can I just add in a warning here, please take care driving past Waitati School before and after school. The corner the school is on and the route to the village is really tricky to navigate for children and we would appreciate everyone slowing down.

Last week we joined the local schools for the East Otago Swimming Championship at East Otago High School. Well done to all who swam. We will have some students progressing through to the regionals.



Thank you community for your ongoing support of Waitati school.

Tara O'Neill, Principal



Supporting a healthy, strong, inclusive, connected and sustainable Blueskin Community.

To refresh readers memories, late in 2020, the lease for the vacated Playcentre Building in Warrington was awarded to the newly formed Waiputai Trust. Our purpose, to operate the building for community purposes.

We opened the Hub with a BBQ on 17 January, a beautiful sunny afternoon which attracted around 30 people.

Since which we have secured our first few bookings for The Hub. These include an outreach beach day base for PACT and 25 of their clients, a meeting and BBQ space for

Habitat for Humanity, and a venue for a child's birthday party. We have a weekly ping pong group starting up, and we are operating a weekly coffee and garden work group on Tuesdays from 9.30 – 11.30 (Sam), and a weekly "lunch for those working from home" group, (Nancy – when not working away!) on Thursdays.

Please note both groups will be on holiday from 22 April to 16 May while Warrington School occupy the space as a temporary classroom, to allow the last phase of the classroom refurbishments at the school to be completed.

With financial support by way of a grant from Waikouaiti Community Board and the logistical support of Marie at the DCC, who has been amazing to work with in getting things safe or more efficient to use, we have been able to make a small but positive start to 2021 and starting to attract the multifaceted user base we hoped for.

This great little space suits meetings, family gatherings, community groups, parent and child groups and a multitude of other purposes.

Email waiputai@gmail.com for enquiries for booking the space, starting a group or activity or if you fancy getting involved in the trust.

**Nancy Higgins and Sam Ashdown
Trustees**

Ashford Landscaping DIY Digger Challenge

Monday 15 March was a busy day for the Ashford Landscaping Team. We all gathered early at our Evansdale yard bringing plans and an assortment of recycled materials ready for a crazy challenge.



Four Teams stood eager to get building with only 6 hours to create a working excavator from scratch with the winner to be decided by a public vote at the upcoming Blueskin A&P show.

The rules: build time 9am-3pm using recycled materials and timber off-cuts with the design limited only by imagination. After a quick Health and Safety briefing, there was a crazed rush to the yard timber racks and rubbish bay where lay a varied assortment of broken tools, discarded waste items and other trinkets destined for re-purposing into earth moving monsters. A frenzy of construction begins, sparks fly, saws buzz, welders blaze, impact drivers rattle home a blizzard of bolts.

By lunch time - a tasty BBQ, thanks Oliver - things were starting to take shape with all contestants having completed a solid pivoting base with certain progress on the arm and bucket assemblies. The afternoon flew by, and before long the "15 minutes remaining!" alarm sounded out. Some ideas were abandoned in the final rush as we realized 6 hours really isn't that long... a flurry of duct tape and spray paint, final structural alterations and finishing touches. By 'time up' there stood the craziest assortment of unique ideas that reflected each Team's character. Well done guys!

You get to drive our diggers at the Blueskin A&P show on Sunday the 11th of April and we need you to decide which will win the prize of best DIY digger. The winning Team members each receive an extra paid holiday day, so this is serious. Please consider your vote carefully. Thanks!

Paul Ashford

Warrington Conservation Project



A small group of Warrington locals have been given support by DCC and Kati Huirapa Runaka ki Puketeraki to start a dune revegetation project at our local beach. The project will focus on re-introducing pikao (pingao/golden sand sedge) on the foredune where it was once plentiful.

Some of you may have already seen us out on the beach with kids from Warrington, Waitati and Purakaunui Schools, collecting seed to be sown and cared for by them at each kura.

Pikao is an endemic NZ plant, with the current conservation status of "At Risk - Declining". It would once have been highly visible on almost every mobile dune system in Aotearoa, but has been ravaged by stock trampling and grazing, fire, changes to land use for forestry and agriculture, and competition from exotic Marram grass. It now only exists in remnant populations or where it has been actively replanted by local groups.

Although pikao is often described as a sand-binder, it is more correct to describe it as a sand "collector". Bringing it back to our dunes aims to enhance the natural cycles of sand accretion and erosion which characterise a mobile dune environment. In turn this creates a succession of ecological niches, allowing other native species to colonise, and in turn helping the area to become increasingly diverse. It is also prized by Maori weavers for its strength and beauty, another good reason to treasure this wonderful plant!

We plan to begin planting this year in May/June (weather and site preparations permitting) and will advertise planting days closer to the time, but just wanted to give a shout-out to anyone in the community who is interested in helping out - or who has questions - to please contact Angelina by email at this address: okahaudunere restoration@gmail.com

Angelina Young

Steiner School Harvest Fair

Saturday, 10 April, 11am-3 pm

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Warrington Indoor Bowls Club

Warrington Indoor Bowls Club invites you to join them for a season of social bowls at the Warrington Hall. Are you new to the Blueskin Bay area? Want to meet some friendly locals, get away from the telly one night a week? Then maybe this is for you.

Warrington clubbies meet on Tuesday nights at the hall in Stephenson Street. We start at 7.30pm and the only requirement is that you wear soft soled shoes. If you have trouble with knees or hips then we have devices to help you get up and down so don't be put off by this. There is no pressure to be competitive, just come along and we will help you to learn how to play the game.

Children over 9 years of age are welcome – they just need to have hands big enough to hold the bowls. We usually play three games and then end the evening with supper and a chat. If you would like to come along and see what it's all about then please join us at the hall on Tuesday evenings starting on 6 April. If you would like more information then feel free to ring Ruth 482 2849 or Lyn 482 2896.

All Welcome.

Lyn Hastie

Ecology @ Doctors Point

Kia ora and hello! If you wander along the Waipūti bay at Doctors Point on Saturday or Sunday (20/21 March) you might wonder why a group of young people are walking up and down the intertidal with measuring tapes, sieves and clip boards.

First year students from the Ecology Degree Programme, University of Otago are learning how to carry out a population survey along the shore. They will count and measure the size of cockles from the higher to the lower part of the beach. There will be about 100 students each day, and they use the data throughout the semester to learn about scientific process, the ecology of a characteristic local environment, and some of the challenges of managing resources.

We have been collecting data since 2013 and are collating this to share with you at some future opportunity.

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THE RANT

by Doug Nuttall



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

Mad

Qanon conspiracy theorists. Enabled by social media. Emboldened by Trump's incessant undermining of free media's position as a cornerstone of democracy. He labels them enemies of the people who peddle fake news. Fact-checking shows the lies Trump's platform is based upon, identifying him the greatest faker of America's faker presidents. (There's been a few). The chasm between the two media's, social and free, are stark. One is a postmodern construct fueled by limitless subjective relevance. The other, an objective foray into independent reporting. The first is a corporate money grab refined to an algorithm, the second, a rigorously examined public platform. Certain

followers of the first choose the truth which suits them until it resembles a referendum. Followers of the second need to employ measured interpretation skills. I suggest vigilance to ensure Qanon does not take root in our communities.

Glad

Rereading books which blew my mind. Then blew it again. Recommended:- Marlon James' Booker Prize winning, "A Brief History Of Seven Killings". 1970's Jamaica, the communist threat, Cuba, the ghettos, the gangs, the music, the assassination attempt of Bob Marley. Rasta don't work for the CIA. James Ellroy's, "The Cold Six Thousand". You think America's

crazy now? Try the 1960's. Bookended by the assassinations of JFK and Martin Luther King, is murder, money, the Mob, Howard Hughes, Las Vegas, Vietnam, heroin, racism, and America's security apparatus. Glad I live here. Tom Spanbauer's, "The Man Who Fell In Love With The Moon". Indescribable treasure trove of joy and horror. Find it. Read it.

Sad

The continual degradation of our waterways. Intensive agricultural practices pump rivers down to a trickle while oozing nitrates and phosphates into what's left. Wadeable or swim-able? How about drinkable! That future generations may never drink from a NZ river is very sad indeed.

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WAITATI BOOK CLUB by Ian Melvin

Appropriately our last meeting was held at ours, in the studio manplace. Among the many things discussed was the criteria for the choosing of our next lot of books, and the possibility of a mid winter gathering with significant others, where members put on some sort of performance/ entertainment.

THE BOOK

Frankenstein in Baghdad by *Ahmed Saadawi* (shortlisted for the Man Booker prize 2018) Received mixed reviews... did not live up to the expectations of some, others found it intriguing and thought provoking. Frankenstein in the middle of Baghdad, post American invasion and war, chaos amid the chaos, stories within stories, certainly offered something different.

Other Books

Scott – giving *Stephen King's The Shining* a go for some popular horror. Not really enjoying it, but will try to persist. Haven't read SK since I was a teenager.

Ross – *Trio* the most recent novel from *William Boyd*, reveals something of the machinations inside of a film production. The story is told through the experiences of three individuals associated with the production. An entertaining novel.

MUSIC

Ross – musical nostalgia from *Trio* as it references the song *MacArthur Park* (cake out in the rain etc...) originally sung by Richard Harris, but the version my younger self was familiar with was by the late great Donna Summers – all nearly 18 minutes of it! If you want to indulge in some nostalgic disco, don't tell the family just put on your headphones and head for www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vfo7a5jIE



FILM/TV/

Ian – *The Eric Clapton Story*, documentary on Prime. Wonderful look back into 60s and 70s onwards music and culture. The influence of black American blues on English rock music. Clapton and others part in that. NB. Prime tends to repeat their programmes, so keep an eye out

BEER

Marc – *North End Brewery Visitation Belgian Quadrupel*, a strong one at 10% alcohol. Rich and sweet with fruity flavours associated with the type. Centre City New World at a reasonable price.

Scott – *Nice/White Stout from ParrotDog*. A gift from Marc. Unusual and special beer, coffee and cocoa nibs give it a smoky flavour. Not so much like a true stout though.

Limburgse Witte – authentic Belgian wheat beer. Slips down like a beautiful sunset, perfect end to an afternoon of woodsplitting.



WORD OF THE MONTH

Ecology – “emerged from the idea nature is an interconnected whole...”, “organisms could not be understood in isolation...” (including us), “we are ecosystems, composed of and decomposed by an ecology of microbes...”, “we carry round more microbes than your own cells...”.

All taken from - *Entangled Life* by *Merlin Sheldrake*, fascinating book lent to me by our friend Pam.

MEANING OF LIFE

“To use the world well, to be able to stop wasting it and our time in it, we need to re-learn our being in it” *Ursula Le Guin*.

“Our hands imbibe like roots, so I place them in what is beautiful in this world.” *Saint Francis of Assisi*.

Both quotes taken from *Entangled Life*.





Blueskin Playcentre

Kia ora! Despite the challenges of shifting Alert Levels, we have still been having plenty of fun! A big thank you to the wonderful team of parents who got our centre ready to go up and down levels as we needed. This meant that we could continue to have plenty of good times! Just a reminder that our Facebook page is the easiest way to get the latest updates regarding Alert Levels, as well as all you need to know about any upcoming outings.

We recently had a wonderful time exploring the gardens at Warrington School; a big thank you for hosting us! We are still planning some more outings this term and are hoping to visit the Blueskin Bay Library, the local alpaca farm, Opeke, and enjoy a Playcentre Playdate hosted by St Leonards Playcentre. During centre-based sessions we have been making the most of the late summer weather, with outdoor balance beams, obstacles courses, swings/hammocks and bikes all proving popular!

We have really been enjoying getting to know some new families who have joined our Playcentre whanau; it's a pleasure to get to know you and your tamariki! If you are wondering if Playcentre might be a good fit for your whanau, please remember that you are very welcome to join us for up to three "getting to know you" sessions – so please feel free to come and give it a try with no strings attached! We would all love to meet you!

We have sessions Mon, Tue and Wed, 9am – 12pm in our lovely wee centre, which is located in the grounds of Waitati School. Please find us on Facebook, at <https://www.playcentre.org.nz/centre/blueskin/>, at blueskinplaycentre88@gmail.com, or on (03) 4701228.

We hope to see you soon!

**Aroha nui,
Blueskin Playcentre**

WAIKOUAITI COAST COMMUNITY BOARD UPDATE

Street Lighting Upgrade

A couple of years ago a large project commenced to upgrade all of the streetlights in the whole city. This involves replacing 15,000 High Pressure Sodium (HPS) lights with LED lights (Light Emitting Diodes). The HPS lights are nearing the end of their life span, are becoming more difficult to obtain, and are expensive to replace. (A large part of the funding for this comes from New Zealand Transport Agency -Waka Kotahi.)

The installation of the new lights in our north coast area will be happening over the next few weeks. We had hoped to be able to give you more notice regarding this, but some circumstances within the DCC negated this. There is some really good information about the LED lights on the Dunedin City Council website. On the left of the page click on 'Services' - then 'Transport' - then 'Transport & Roading Projects' - then 'LED Streetlights'. There is also a video in this section which provides some comfort for those concerned about 'dark skies' in our area.

Blueskin on Show

On Sunday 11 April we will have a presence at Bland Park on show day. Board Members, Councillors and Council Staff will be there to answer any questions you may have relating to the DCC 10 Year Plan.

We still have some money to give away. The DCC financial year runs from 1 July to 30 June each year and our Discretionary Fund gets topped up by \$10,000. To apply for a grant to support a community project, please feel free to either contact a board member or download the application form from the DCC website.

Our next formal meeting will be held in the Meeting Room in Blueskin Bay Library on Wednesday 14 April starting at 5.30pm. If you wish to speak at the public forum please contact Rebecca Murray on 477 4000.

Alasdair Morrison, Chairman Waikouaiti Coast Community Board – info@calmarine.co.nz 027 4354 384

Training opportunity

Emergency Management Otago is helping communities to develop the capacity to actively participate in future responses utilising local networks and coordinating local resources. The Community Incident Control Point workshop is ideal for those who respond to an emergency as a member of their Community Response Group. This one-day workshop is a mix of practical exercises and theory.

Cost: FREE but you will need to register.

<https://tinyurl.com/flr48bak>

9am-5pm | Saturday 10 April | Waitati Hall

Please contact Mandy Mayhem Bullock for more details
mayhem2u@yahoo.co.nz



The Waitati Rope Walk

From the 1860s to 1880s, Flax milling and Rope making was the short lived industry of the area. Farmers harvested the flax to supplement their income as there was a natural abundance .

Alexander Grant's flaxmill was on Dons Creek, where the school carpark is currently. Adam Bell and sons established a mill in 1861 and another owned by Fredrick Bust started operating in 1871. Twenty-five tonnes of flax was processed each week fetching as much as £25 per ton, the prepared fibre was referred to as 'tow'. Seven tonnes of green flax would produce one ton of tow. Flax cutters received eight shillings per ton and carters were paid 12 shillings for delivery.

Thomas Quayle owned the rope works and they were in the centre of the township (Quayle Street runs beside the hall and would have continued across to Brown Street to Doctors Point Road).

By the 1870s hand manufactured ropes were losing out to ropes made by imported machinery. In Dunedin the Donaghy's Factory was set up in 1876.

The rope walk building can be seen to this day, off Hillside road, bordering the length of the Bathgate park. This spot was called the Tramway paddock or the 10 acre block and was planted with flaxes which remained a feature of the grounds for many years.

By 1880 the depression and diminishing supplies of green flax saw the demise of the industry in Blueskin Bay. Grant's mill was still standing opposite the school in 1916, the old mill race was used to supply power to the Orokonui Home for Inebriates (mains electric lighting was established there by 1926).

Photo: Five men and three boys outside the ropewalk (Courtesy of the Hocken Library)

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How not to Racist

Some great news came out this month for Not Racisting. The Broadcasting Standards Authority announced that complaining about te reo Māori being spoken on the TV and radio was a nonsense and they would not process those complaints. The BSA said "A complaint about the use of te reo Māori does not raise an issue of harm as envisaged by the standards." Excellent – it's official, te reo Māori doesn't hurt you.

Te reo Māori has been spoken on this whenua for 1000 years, a language of love, law and life. It has been an official language of New Zealand for 40 years, so you would kind of figure everyone had gotten with the program by now. Te reo Māori is spoken regularly by over 35,000 people every day and is becoming a valued skill for young people building a professional life in modern Aotearoa New Zealand. We can thank the incredible visionaries who started the kohanga reo and kura movements for keeping our reo alive under really difficult circumstances. And we can thank all the whānau who have committed to speaking it and using it as part of thier every day life. So to celebrate this small but real win, here are some ways that you too can celebrate te reo Māori and use it every day:

Kei hea te wharepaku? – Where's the loo? (for those with weak bladders)

Takahuri, Kuri – Rollover Doggy (for the showoffs with cute pooches)

Ko koe te manako o taku ngākau – You are my heart's burning desire (for when you really need a pie)

Māioio ana tōku tuarā! – Ow, my back aches! (for the over 40's)

Horoi tōu nono – Wash your bumbum (for the under 40's)

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Ka pai! – Good work! (for everyone, everyday)

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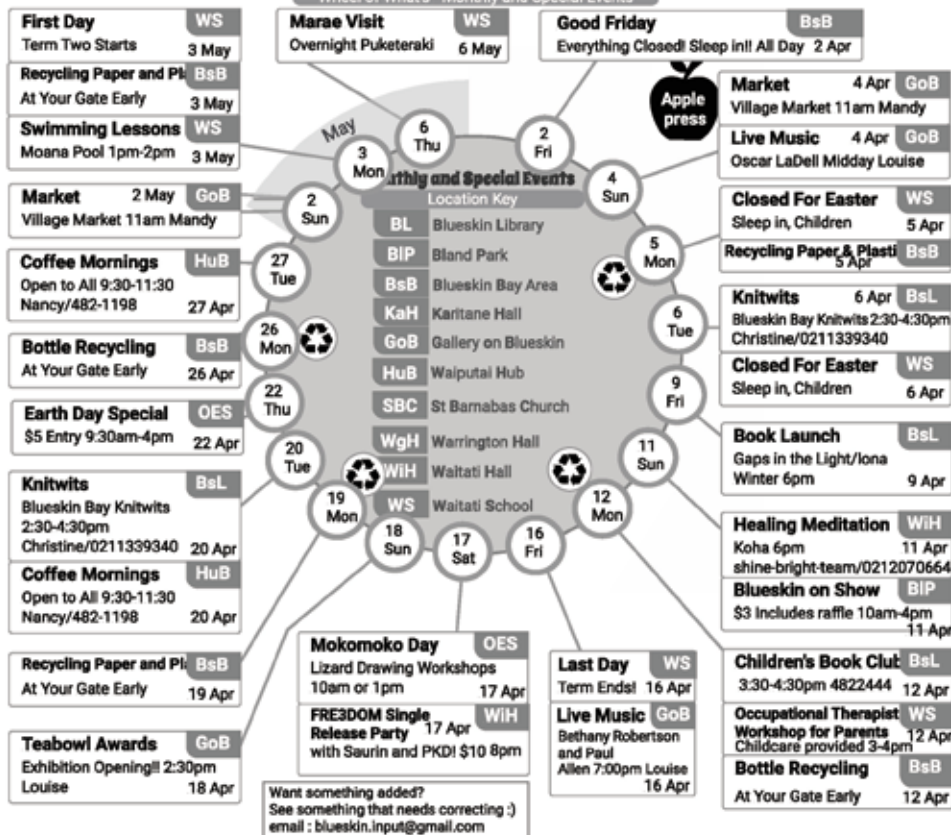
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Monday

- Knitwits** 6.30-8.30pm BL Christine 0211339340
- PILATES** 11am KaH Pilates for Your Back and Posture with Sabine 021 207 0664

Tuesday

- Ping Pong** HuB 7pm \$5 cash: All Welcome from 12 yrs Helena 0226474738

Wednesday

- Nordic Walking 9am** Karitane Sabine 021 207 0664
- Yoga with Hagino** WiH 6-7pm and 7.15-8.15pm hagino.yoga@gmail.com

Thursday

- Yoga** 6.15 to 7.15 pm, \$10 please bring your own matt, Tess 0211741135 WgH
- PILATES** 1 pm Pilates for Your Back and Posture, Sabine WiH Sabine 021 207 0664

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Pilates for Back and Posture

- Mondays 11am-12pm, Karitane Hall
- Thursday 11am-12pm, Waitati Hall
- Thursday 1.30pm to 2.30pm, Zoom

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Wednesdays 9am-10.30am, Karitane Peninsula or other location. Casual \$15, 10sessions \$100

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