

BLUESKIN NEWS

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Editor's note

Well I finally get to be on the cover and in colour too – sadly though this is my last issue of the Blueskin News. I have loved putting together this great publication with such varied input from our small community. My thanks go to the Committee for their unwavering support during the last two years. Also I'd like to thank all the people who have sent in their articles and who have said such kind things about the News. Keep them coming!

Meri kirihimete Bernie

Our Tamariki



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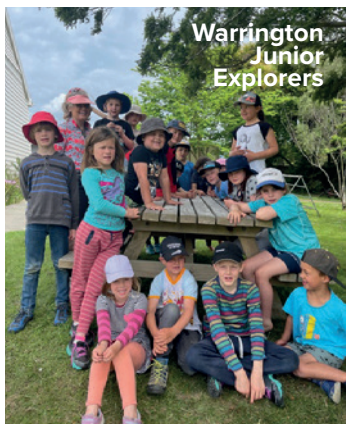
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Blueskin News Committee

Sadly we will be saying goodbye to our treasurer Mark Brown and editor Bernie Cornford after this issue.

Mark has been pivotal in keeping the books afloat, not only that but his local knowledge and one-to-one personal skills meant advertising was also a breeze. We will struggle to find a person to do both.

Bernie has made our newsletter the polished and popular publication it is. I do not know what we will do without her vibrant personality, amazing skills, and artistic eye putting it all together each month. I know I speak for us all when I say she will be sorely missed, We have been lucky to have such a treasure on the team.

Mandy Mayhem-Bullock, Chairperson

BLUESKIN NEWS AGM 2022

Our AGM will be held at 7.30pm,
Thursday 9 December 2021, at the Waitati Hall.

If you are excited by our community - it's news, history, events and characters and would like to play a more active role in sharing information with the community come along to our AGM to find out more. We are looking for new committee members and importantly a new editor and designer to help with the production of the Blueskin News. All welcome.



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Waikouati Coast Heritage Centre

If you haven't yet paid a visit to the new Heritage Centre, then you are missing out on a great experience. There is something for everyone. The Gift Shop has a wide range of items for sale, with more arriving each week, if you are looking for a unique Christmas gift this is the place to come.



Local artists and craft people display and sell their work here, there are some amazing local paintings along with Messy Bee products, jewelry made from old stamps, steampunk

influenced clocks, handcrafted rolling pins, pottery and cards. But this is only a small selection of what we have available for sale.

In addition, you can browse our heritage collection, scramble over the replica Cobb & Co coach and tour the redressed 1869 BNZ bank building. If you want hassle-free Christmas shopping, come and see us, support our volunteer community facility. Check opening hours on our website www.wchc.org.nz.



Warrington School Junior Room 4 Year Old Sessions

We are having loads of fun during our little Explorer's Group sessions which are held from 9am - 11am during the term.

We have a number of 4 year old tamariki who visit and are getting ready for school life transition. The children really enjoy these sessions as it gives them the opportunity to be great little leaders and to plan fun and engaging activities.

Our next session will be held on Thursday 9 December. Just bring a drink, sun hat, morning tea and if you like, a familiar book for the teacher to read. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Wendy Russell or Molly in the school office.

Ngā mihi

Wendy Russell





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

Social media trolling – "Let people give free rein to their fantasies and hell will open up before you. A smelly sulphurous torrent of their thoughts will gush forth, full of slimey desires spawned from their souls like monstrously deformed infants, full of suppressed fears dredged up from that cemetery of bones and putrid corpses inside." Quote from *The Son* by Andrej Nikolaidis

WHAT MAKES ME SAD AND GLAD

My friend Jurgen generously offers me the use of his ebike while he is incapacitated, I offhandedly refuse the offer and go on to dismiss ebikes out of hand, due to past bad experiences with the lycra crowd on walking tracks and footpaths. Recently arriving at the Waikouaiti transfer station recycling area, we found a group of mainly retired older folk busy planting out around the site. Chatting to some of them I noticed that a number of them were traveling by ebike. Upon further reflection I thought of a conversation I had with another friend recovering from illness, and how he had not been able to ride his bike, and now could cycle again because of his new ebike, and how satisfying that was. I was forced to reconsider my words of dismissal and rethink my opinions. Remembering a bike is just a bike, and don't judge all by the actions of a few, and that I owe Jurgen an apology for my poor judgement at the time.

Also to never take the kindness of friends and those around me for granted.

New Retreat Dates for 2022

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Phone Stephanie on 022 127 8656.

FB [womensretreat21](#) then to my website



Warrington Hall

Warrington Hall is available for hire on Monday and Wednesday nights for the next few months. Anyone interested please see hall notice in this edition.

Lyn Hastie, Secretary

Some Social Fun

Come along for some social fun during December and January.

Challenge your eye-hand co-ordination.

Warrington Indoor Bowls Club is opening for locals and visitors to our community, to come and have a go! Starting Tuesday 8 December 2021 from 7.30pm, then 21 December, 11 January, 25 January 2022. Cost just \$2 per person each night.

For more information contact Ruth 482 2849



Everybody deserves to smile this Christmas!

This festive season, Ray White will continue its successful charity drive 'A Little Ray of Giving' for the tenth year running. Leanne has proudly brought it to Waikouaiti for a second year with the support of The Outpost Café and the community. This year we support "The Anglican Family Care" and those in need - Donated gifts for all ages are welcomed and can be placed under the Christmas Tree at the Outpost Café, 182 Main Road, Waikouaiti or contact Leanne (027 552 5502) for collection. Business owners who donate a gift may place a business card on the tree for recognition. The campaign starts from the 22nd Nov and runs until the 17th Dec. Gift Tags will be available at the Café, gifts can be wrapped (with labels e.g. Boy age 10) or left unwrapped. No one deserves to miss out on Christmas!

Thank you, on behalf of Leanne, The Outpost Café and Ray White for your support. xxx



A failure and a success.

Sometimes, when I go on about something as if it is a great idea and everyone should go out and do it ... it turns out that I'm wrong.

Just days after submitting my article to the BSN about planting onions in autumn so they grow into proper big round "Pukekohe long keepers", the onions I had planted started to go to seed. We have been eating giant spring onions in every meal ever since. Which is OK I suppose as there is not much in the garden in October, but I really want to crack this onion-growing thing. Next year I'll plant the seedlings just before winter, and struggle to keep the wee baby onions weeded until spring without accidentally pulling them out. Gardening is definitely a lifelong learning curve. Take notes and keep a garden diary, and remember where you went wrong last time (this last one gets harder the older you get).



So, for something completely fresh and different, I was out for a walk in the drizzle recently and thought I would challenge myself to pick a salad in the wild. There are loads of edible things about, and spring/early summer is a good time to eat them while they're small and more delicately flavoured. Also as stated earlier, between the end of winter crops and the beginning of the summer harvest there is a lean time in the garden, called the hungry gap and wild foods are the way to fill the gap.

My foraged salad consisted of samphire shoots - these grow on the sandy patch by the Waitaiti River, where it turns the corner just before Black bridge. It is a sort of succulent and sends up tasty, salty little asparagus like shoots in spring. I added some soft feathery new fennel fronds, from by the Estuary track just down river from the foot bridge, some tender young dandelion leaves, and sorrel leaves. There are plenty of wild onion plants around so I pulled up a few of their little white onion bulbs, and also some new growth of chickweed. For colour I added some calendula (French marigold).

The whole salad tasted surprisingly good with a sweet mayonnaise, and Alex didn't even notice that we were eating weeds. You lose some and you win some.

by Hilary Rowley

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BLUESKIN GARDEN CLUB

Blueskin Garden Club members have been out and about this month visiting 3 gardens in Waitati.

On a cool and damp evening on 2 November we started off at the garden of Matt and Mel. A beautiful array of colours of a large number of rhododendrons. A canopy of trees and lots of under plantings make this property a wonderful, peaceful spot which their family having tended for many, many years. Thanks Mel and Matt for opening your garden for us all to enjoy.



A little further down the road we called in on Daphne. She was in the gazebo with a welcoming fire going along with drinks and nibbles to share with us all. Another peaceful, beautiful spot leading right down to the bay. Sounds of bird song amongst the rhodos, camellias and primulas make this another piece of paradise. Many thanks Daphne for having us all at your place.

On 9 November, in the evening, 41 members and husbands/partners descended on Fiona and Dave's Double Hill Road property. A large garden with lots of colour surrounded by sheep and a wonderful view of hills and Blueskin Bay. We wandered around admiring all the flowers, shrubs, veges and fruit gardens and enjoyed a good old get together. We had a shared meal with a Christmas theme.

Lots of laughter and a chance for us all to catch up and celebrate all things gardening. We are lucky to live in this piece of paradise where we can wander and catch up freely without too many restrictions. Many thanks Fiona and Dave for your wonderful hospitality. Wishing you all the best for a happy Christmas and great 2022.

Lyn Hastie, Publicity.

Blueskin Playcentre

Tēnā koutou katoa! As we race towards the end of the year, we often find ourselves looking back on the year that has been, and looking forward to the promise of a festive season full of fun, family, and friends (fingers crossed anyway!) And what a year it has been! There's no denying it's certainly had its moments, but looking back, I feel like the things we have come to appreciate in these complex and challenging times are the things we see lots of at Playcentre.

Playcentre offers a wonderful environment to connect with families in your local community. Even when we are stuck in our bubbles, it was heart-warming to see our Playcentre community keeping in touch, checking in on each other, and sharing survival tips for being stuck at home with wee ones! So if you are keen to meet some local families at a similar age and stage to you, then please come along! We'd love to meet you!

2021 also has many of us appreciating the little things more than ever before. Many of our parents find that in a busy world, Playcentre offers a wonderful opportunity to slow down and connect with their children through play. Children are so skilled at finding joy in the world around them, and watching and walking alongside them as they explore new play opportunities and experiences is such a simple but profound parenting pleasure.

We have sessions Mon, Tue and Wed, 9am – 12pm in our centre in the grounds of Waitati School. Our last session for 2021 is Wednesday 16 December and we will kick off for 2022 on Tuesday 8 February. Please find us on Facebook (Blueskin Playcentre), at www.playcentre.org.nz/centre/blueskin/, or at blueskinplaycentre88@gmail.com. Just a reminder that our Facebook page is the easiest way to get the latest updates on what we are up to. We hope to see you soon!

**Aroha nui,
Blueskin Playcentre**

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What a year!

We're thankful to have been in the position where we could still engage and operate. And we're grateful for all the support from landowners and volunteers to get to where we are now.

Halo's highlights include setting up landscape-scale stoat control across 12,500 ha, from Flagstaff to Aramoana. The aim – ground-feeding and hole-nesting native birds (eg. robin kakarawai and kākā) are safe to spread across the landscape, far beyond Orokonui.

A large-scale trial of automatic traps is going well, showing real promise as an efficient way to control possums. Possums cause so many problems for wildlife, habitat, people and property, that we had to take up the opportunity to keep numbers down following OSPRI's TBFree possum control. This would not be possible without the support of rural landowners and urban residents, ORC and DCC. Thank you all!

Otepoti and beyond has also benefitted from 43,000 native plants and fencing at important riparian sites. Planting at Waitete Bush alongside Waitati Stream and SH1 is complete, with the help of numerous volunteers and groups including the East Otago Catchment Group, Honda, Monowai Ecological Ltd, DOC, ORC and Frank O'Neill, the landowner.

Now that planting is done for the year, the Source to Sea field team turn to caring for those thousands of plants.



Photo: Sophie puts down her power drill and picks up a spade to plant harakeke, sedges and trees near the saltmarsh at Osborne.

Holidays are coming – we wish you all a safe and happy season and a huge thanks to all of you who support and contribute to the Halo Project!

You can still contact us if you need us at info@haloproject.org.nz

Meri Kirihimete!

The Halo Project Team

Waitati School Enrolment Scheme

To avoid overcrowding or the likelihood of overcrowding, the board of Waitati School has implemented an enrolment scheme. Under this scheme, students will be enrolled if they live within the home zone. Details of this scheme and the precise description of the home zone may be viewed on the school website www.waitati.wordpress.com or at the school office.

Please note that siblings of presently enrolled students who live out-of-zone must also apply. Siblings of currently enrolled students do not automatically get a place at Waitati School.

There will be three enrolment periods. The first enrolment period runs from the first day of Term 4 to the 19 Nov (18 Oct - 19 Nov 2021) Ballot 20 Nov 2021. The second enrolment period runs from the first day of Term 1 to the last day of Term 1 (31 Jan - 14 Apr 2022) Ballot on 15 April 2022. The third enrolment period runs from the first day of Term 3 to the last day of Term 3 (25 Jul - 30 Sep 2022) Ballot on 1 October 2022.

Application forms are available from the Waitati School office. Please email: office@waitati.school.nz

If the number of out-of-zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. If a ballot for out-of-zone places is required, it will be held the day after application deadlines. Parents will then be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.

Tara O'Neill and The Board of Trustees

Automated External Defibrillator (24/7)

We are delighted to say we have now enough funds donated to buy and install the A.E.D thanks to the generosity of the local community, beach society, and the Waikouaiti coast community board. We plan to have a ribbon cutting ceremony on the 28 December at the Michie Crossing Bus Stop, 2pm, all welcome.

Sue Bourne



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Bert and Ernie

If Sesame Street taught us anything, it's that it takes all sorts of characters to make up the world. Some (like my personal favorite), love to count, some are addicted to cookies, while others live in dust bins. But what the writers of Sesame Street (and its offshoot, The Muppet Show), took pains to ensure, was that each individual character came with a message. Invariably, those messages were positive, and included tolerance, inclusivity, and thoughtfulness.

That list of characteristics got me thinking about a couple of local body politicians, and while normally reticent to indulge in character assassination (yeah right), I feel that since both are elected representatives, and therefore open to public (me) scrutiny, and since both seem to thrive on appearing in print media, I feel it's my right to point a few things out.

First in my cross-hairs is Dunedin City Councilor Lee Vandervis. I'll call him Bert. Now, counter to the popular public perception carefully devised by himself (champion of the people, great fiscal defender, deflector of the Woke), Bert doesn't seem to actually stand for anything except Bert. No matter the resolution before him, Bert votes with a predetermined "No". Not, it seems, because he has undertaken thoughtful consideration of the matter at hand to ensure his vote is both tolerant and inclusive, but, a lot like one Donald Trump (now there's a real muppet), because he has calculated that there are enough nah-sayers on each topic who will agree, and therefore ensure Bert will continue to receive enough votes to retain his disruptive position on council.

Of course, his latest "No", is to not get a covid vaccine. With typical Bertism, he claims vaccine hesitancy and then attends an anti-vax Freedom Picnic under the guise of defending personal rights and freedom of speech. About a hundred votes in that one eh Bert. I reckon the sooner Dunedin voters wake up to our little Trump, the better our city will be.

Second coming into focus down my scope is newly-elected (and astonishingly appointed deputy chair) Otago Regional Councilor Micheal Laws. I'll call him Ernie. Now, if you're old enough, and your memory is reasonable, you may recall Ernie from his years as councillor and then Mayor of Whanganui. Obviously not many Southland voters are cognisant of Ernie's inherently destructive behaviour during his tenure there. Oh what a fight he put up in attempting to stop the silent "h" being added to Wanganui. Tolerant and inclusive? Not! Thankfully the good people of Whanganui voted Ernie out, but unfortunately for us he has drifted south to continue his Right Wing apologetics and help shore up the ORCs continual feet dragging on any meaningful regulation to help save our water ways. If the government needs a talisman to parade in support of their Three Waters proposal, I suggest the ORC and the election of Ernie into such an influential position should do nicely.

Which all reminds me of a particular episode of Sesame Street when Ernie told Bert he shouldn't eat cookies in bed because he'll get crumbs in his bed. So Bert went over and ate his cookies in Ernie's bed. Oh those muppets! So thoughtful. So tolerant. So inclusive.

Doug Nuttall



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Ecosanctuary fire

A huge thank you to all who called the fire brigade and alerted them of the fire that threatened Orokouai Ecosanctuary recently! With such great community support the fire was managed quickly and the threat was overcome. We couldn't have done that without you! A huge thanks also to the fire department for their prompt action and ongoing support in helping us to establish exactly how to prepare for fire and to mitigate the risks that we're able to manage.

Just as there is a halo around the sanctuary to ensure the safety of sanctuary wildlife in regards to pests and trapping, the fire department has helped us to understand that, so too is there a halo regarding fire risk or safety. This is where our community can help again!

The best way you can help to ensure that our community and the sanctuary is fire safe is to ensure your own property and fire activities are safe. You can look on the website www.checkitsalright.nz which will explain whether or not your activity is restricted and how to reduce the risk of fire danger.

The fire department has helped us to understand that some activities can be of greater risk than others such as scrub-cutting, chainsawing, grinding or even lawn mowing! All of these activities can produce a spark, and combined with dry vegetation and strong winds, this can result in an out of control fire! These activities are restricted on 'fire spike days', or days when a range of environmental factors increase the risk of fire. With changes in the climate leading to more hotter, drier weather, we all need to be mindful of the risk of fire, especially now as we are heading into summer. The Fire Department let us know about fire spike days via their facebook page www.facebook.com/fireandemergencynz or via their 'fire danger today' street signs!

Thanks for reading this update and for being such an awesome community! We hope never to encounter a fire like that again, but if you do see fire please call 111!

WAIKOUAITI COAST COMMUNITY BOARD UPDATE

Bus Users - I need your help

If you are a bus user, I would appreciate your input. I have previously reported that NZTA (Waka Kotahi) did not provide the 50% subsidy as requested by ORC (Otago Regional Council) to upgrade the north coast bus service. It seems **likely** that ORC **will** fund their share - but that has not been confirmed, since the report which was due to be discussed at the November ORC Council Meeting has been deferred until their December meeting. (I don't know why).

The ORC 50% will not be enough to fund the fully upgraded timetable we had requested, but it will likely be enough for **one** of the following two scenarios :-

- a) Two (2) extra weekday return services between Palmerston and Dunedin plus a Friday night service.
- b) Extend the current weekday timetable to Saturday and Sunday.

We would like to know what you think. (This item will also be published in the Waikouaiti monthly POWA News).

If you are a bus user, can you please email your preference to my email address: info@calmarine.co.nz **before 7 December**. We will then present this information to ORC prior to their December full Council meeting.

Our last meeting for 2021 was held on 24 November and there were quite a few requests for grants funding. We'll provide a summary of all 2021 grants from our discretionary fund in the first 2022 edition of Blueskin News. There is still some money available, so if you, or anyone you know, has a community project that could benefit from a grant then please contact Rebecca Murray at the Dunedin City Council (477 4000) or speak to a Board Member. Our next Community Board meeting will be held on Wednesday 2 February. The venue will be dependent on the Covid19 situation that prevails at the time.

And, in closing, I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Alasdair Morrison,
Chairman Waikouaiti Coast Community Board
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WHAT'S ON

We're optimistically listing all our events and regular club meetings but please be aware they will only proceed at Covid-19 Alert Level 1. However, our Digital Library is always open, Library members can access a range of eBooks, audiobooks, newspapers and magazines from home via our website www.dunedinlibraries.govt.nz.

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Launch – Children's Summer Reading Programme

Wednesday 1 December, 3.30pm

Come in to the Library on the 1st December, sign up and pick up your booklet along with a stash of goodies for the summer holidays. Set your own reading goals and fill the booklet with the details of what you've read and go in the grand draw for some cool prizes.



Children's Book Club

New dates in the new year – watch this space

This Club is for Year 3 and up.

Games Galore & Lego*

Every weekday, 2 - 5pm

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

*Suitable for ages 5+.

Bookshare

New dates in the new year – watch this space

Join us for a chat over afternoon tea about you're recommended reading. All welcome.

Blueskin Bay Knitwits

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 - St Andrew Street

Pop in to the library for an application form.

Overdue Charges Removed

Dunedin Public Libraries have removed charges for overdue library items and historical late fees will be waived. It may take a little time for our system to make this change, but in the meantime staff will be happy to manually remove the debt for you. We hope this encourages you to use the library more.



Please note, COVID-19 Alert Level changes impact the Library hours and events 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



dunedin public libraries

Kā Kete Wānaka o Ōtepoti



Pūrākaunui School

Kia ora koutou. We are suddenly half through the term and it has been a pretty exciting term so far. The major highlight recently was our school camp at Borland Lodge in Fiordland which we had planned and looked forward to for a while.

The weather was perfect and the kids loved every minute of the various adventures we enjoyed. A special treat was a big day out on Doubtful Sound, with some decent waves out in the Tasman Sea and some clusters of Fiordland Crested penguins being memorable moments. Our hike from Borland Saddle was also a highlight. Our hike took us up into a mountainous wonderland beyond the tree line which was a thrill for everyone, with spectacular views in every direction.

Being a hot day we didn't need any encouragement to get into the crispy water of the tarn when we stopped for the best picnic lunch ever! Our junior teina were amazing and tackled all of the hiking and adventures with spirit and the senior tuakana were awesome big buddies throughout the week. The adult camp helpers were also all amazing and helped make this one of our very best camps.

On our return we thoroughly enjoyed our work with Anya and Aroha as part of the Artist in Residence programme. Thanks again to the West Harbour Arts Charitable Trust for providing these very cool experiences for the kids.

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

Tim Cook



Kia Ora Koutou, lock down for 3 weeks. Loads of things have been cancelled. Assembly is now zoomed to whānau and mask wearing and scanning is a normal part of life. It seems so unwelcoming, and whānau miss meeting in the school playground for a catchup with popping into class to see the new learning.

Despite all of this, we are grateful that school has been open. We have adjusted. There hasn't been a time where our Waitati School Values have been so meaningful. As a school focusing on wellbeing has become really important.

The five ways of wellbeing gives some structure around things we might do to support ourselves and our whānau. Connect, Be Active, Give, Take Notice and Keep Learning. Our highlights throughout the year have been visiting Puketeraki Marae, Matariki, Learning Exhibitions, our school camps and our new Ceramics studio and wonderful bees. The stars of the show are our amazing, enthusiastic and passionate learners. A huge thank you to our Kaiako who give so much and finally our whānau (parents and community). Thank you for being an amazing community to work with.

Tara O'Neill, Principal



Virus by Octavia Palmer

You can't sit with friends in your Toyota Corona, drinking Corona beer in case you have Corona virus.

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Waitati Talks!

We are fortunate to live in a community teeming with wonderfully interesting people. A new series of informative and engaging talks will be held at the Gallery on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm. The idea is to encourage local people to share their research and interests.

Assoc. Prof. Yoram Barak will speak at the first session on the 8 December about 'aging successfully'. He is an expert in this field and is a fantastic speaker. Cost is \$15 and supper will be provided. Places can be reserved by texting 021 148 5535.

If you are passionate about something and/or have research interests that you would like to share with our community, please register your interest to speak. Alternatively, you may like to nominate someone to speak. All topics considered.

Katie Peppercorn

pARTy

**Various artists, live music and DJ's
Sunday 5 December, 12 – 5pm
Blueskin Gallery**



The amazing reggae band Skuldubbery played in the courtyard on a wonderful sunny afternoon in November to a very appreciative crowd. Thanks to all that came and supported this event.

The next event will incorporate Art with Music – it's a pARTy!! A selection of fabulous artists have been invited to share the gallery space – Athena Passione, Lovey Rose, Karan Snow, Nichola Cheetham, Tony Rowe and more. Outside in the courtyard Alfarhythmn will play live – (dubby, melodic, triphop & dub tech) alongside two great DJs playing reggae and sunny beats.

There will be delicious veggie/vegan nachos, hot chips and more. Art is a great xmas present! The art exhibition will run for 2 weeks.

KOHA for the musicians is appreciated.

Katie Peppercorn

Hui Te Rangiora Church

Christmas Eve Service

24 December | 6pm

Above the Huirapa Marae at Puketeraki, stands the old wooden church and graveyard, with a glorious and peaceful view back over the Karitane Peninsula..

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WAITATI BOOK CLUB by Ian Melvin

Arriving at Peter's abode in the the hidden depths of Helensburgh with Scott and Ross, we meet with the very pleasant urban rural scene of Peter and Claire in their garden. The dog who as usual offers an enthusiastic greeting to all is accompanied by the three rescue chooks who show very little interest in us and continue with the serious business of looking for bugs and grubs etc amongst the greenery. Thanks to Peter for hosting a very enjoyable evening.

THE BOOK

The Son by *Andrew Nikolaidis* – winner of the European prize for literature.

Set in the city of Ulcinj, Montenegro in the Balkins. I found this a gruelling endurance test, of one man's self indulgent, long winded, depressing, prolonged journey of self pity and self loathing. For which he of course eventuality pays a significant personal price. Incredibly well written, but I had to ask myself why?

However others thought differently and could see the merit in this celebrated novel.

OTHER BOOKS

From the library – **The Night Always Comes** by *Willey Vlautin*. Reviewed recently in the ODT.

Enjoyed this a lot, rattles along at pace, and gives you plenty to think about.

From the Lilliput library – **Garrison Keillor: Wobegon Boy**. Loved this book... 'Keilor is endlessly inventive, by turns charming, wry, moving or grotesque, irresistibly and consistently hilarious' *Steve Waterston/Weekend Australian*, sums it up nicely.

BEER

Filling my own swing top bottles at the Andy Bay Liquorland and enjoying the banter with my usual staff member there on the merits of beer and Whiskys. A good range of beer styles from an ever-changing list of Micro Breweries, on tap at reasonable prices. This time – **Little Creatures: Take Off Coffee Stout**.

A good stout, bitter sweet, with a hint of coffee in the mix, at \$8 a litre very good value.

MUSIC

Charlie Parr: 1922 – great guitar, steel guitar, and banjo picker. Bluesy roots folk, singing might be an acquired taste for some but I love it. Try, www.youtube.com/watch?v=rqzRxy5poEs

Grant- Lee Phillips: The Narrows. One of those albums you grow to love, pared back country music, at times reminds me a bit of Springsteen's solo efforts, raw and honest every mans stories. Try www.youtube.com/watch?v=rr1OYLOr6QE&list=PLwRQtPMiHJjEQr7iPrOeoGmg11AP5CfHw

MOVIES

By the time you read this it will be all over I guess, The Whanau Marama New Zealand International Film Festival. Found a couple of interesting things, but where are all the feel good, humorous offerings, where are all the music choices. Overall a fairly bleak, serious,intense, challenging selection. Times like this I was in need of my spirits being uplifted... hope, and laughter. Preferred it in winter as well, who wants to sit inside for 2-3 hours on a nice day?

WORD OF THE MONTH

Mauri (Power of the Gods) 'the mauri is that power which permits these living things to exist within their own realm and sphere. No one can control their own mauri or life-essence.' 'with the oceans, rivers, and forests. . .' 'it is possible to return the Mauri through conservation (Rahui) and appropriate ritual ceremony'

From a book lent by Jacob – **Tikanga Wakaaro, Key concepts in Maori culture** by *Clive Barlow*. A book every one should read!

MEANING OF LIFE

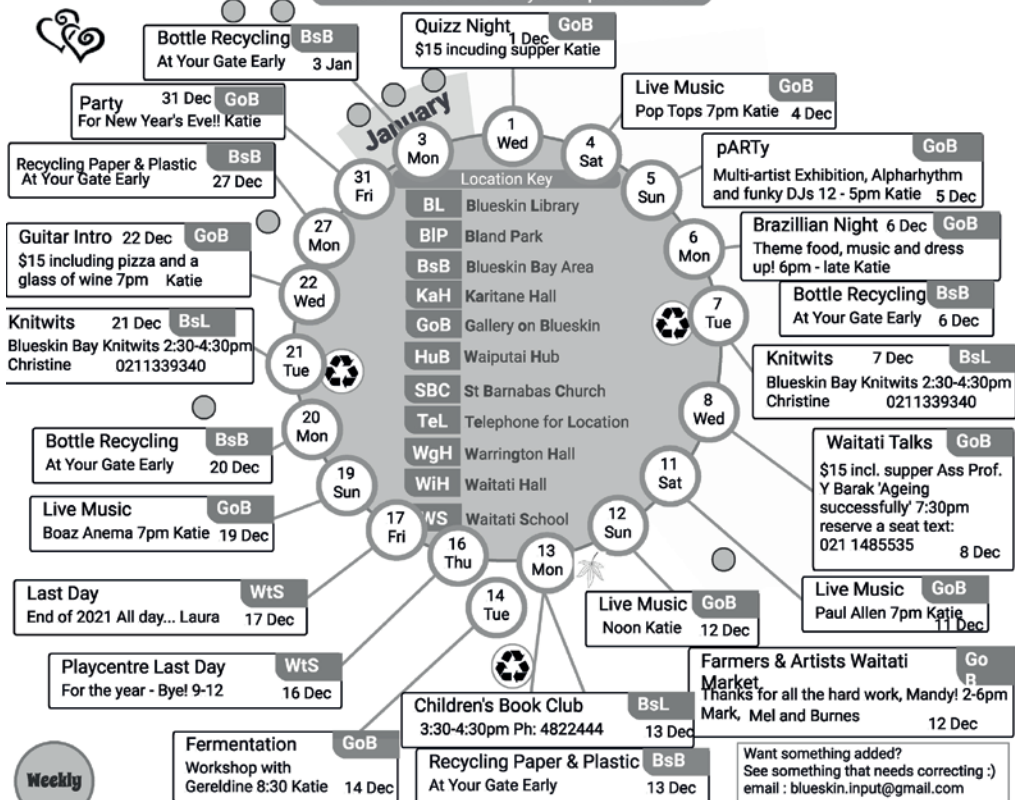
"As a child you are taught not to interrupt, but interruption is a necessary skill in any negotiation. When someone tries to lead you down the garden path, you have to say 'Whoa' or else he will steal your shoes off your feet." "Politeness is their undoing. There comes a time when you have to put the pistol on the table and say 'stop lying to me and tell me how much it will really cost' "

Quote from **Wobegon Boy: Garrison Keillor**.



Welcome to the Wonderful Wheel of What's on - December

Wheel of What's - Monthly and Special Events



Monday at

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

- Ping Pong** 7pm \$5 cash: All Welcome from 12 yrs
Helena 0226474738
- Coffee Morning** 9.30-11.30 Open to all, Nancy 482 1198
- Indoor Bowls** 7.30pm
- Boxing Class** 6.30pm, Baden 0221529523
- NIA - Dance Class** 11:30-12:30 \$10 Claire Reilly 0211775350

Wednesday

- Piano Lessons with Yana** HuB
By appointment 2:30-5:30
Yana 021 120 2020
- Pilates - For Beginners** HuB
7pm-8pm
Sylvia 021 109 9303
- Nordic Walking 9am** Karitane
Walking with poles
Sabine 021 207 0664
- Yoga with Hagino** WiH
6-7pm and 7.15-8.15pm
hagino.yoga@gmail.com

Thursday

- Yoga** 6.30 to 7.30 pm, \$10 please bring your own matt, hagino.yoga@gmail.com
- PILATES 11am** Pilates for Your Back and Posture, Sabina Sabine 021 207 0664
- Self Defence 6:30pm** WiH
Peter 021460760

Thursday - continues

- Singalong for Fun** HuB
All ages welcome, bring an instrument, gold coin.
7pm-8:30pm, Jenny Gleeson
021-171-0226

Saturday

- Live Music** 7pm start, various performers, Sue and Steve
- Darts Club** 4-5:30 pm For beginners and others, all welcome Gold Coin, Sam 021 023 91946

Sunday

- Service** 9.30 am
Jeremy 0274361481
- Waitati Warblers** WiH
Sing! Joy! 4- 5:30pm
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(Both every week at Waitati Hall unless timeslot booked by someone else)

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Piano Lessons, all ages with Sylvia on Saturdays at the Hub, 2-4pm during school terms, \$20 for children per lessons, \$25 per adult, \$30 advanced players, text or call Sylvia on #021-109-9303

Blueskin Bay Darts Group: Come and learn to play darts in Level 1 at the Hub, age 12+, with Tim Ashdown, Otago Darts Association member. Beginners are more than welcome. The Group will meet during school terms. There is a gold coin koha to cover venue costs. For info call Sam on 021 0239 1946

Singalong for Fun: Starts Thursday 11 November, 7pm. Anyone and everyone welcome. Come and sing along with Peter Gillon and Jenny Gleason, guitars and ukules welcome as well. There is a gold coin koha to cover venue costs. For info call Nancy on 021 171 0226

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