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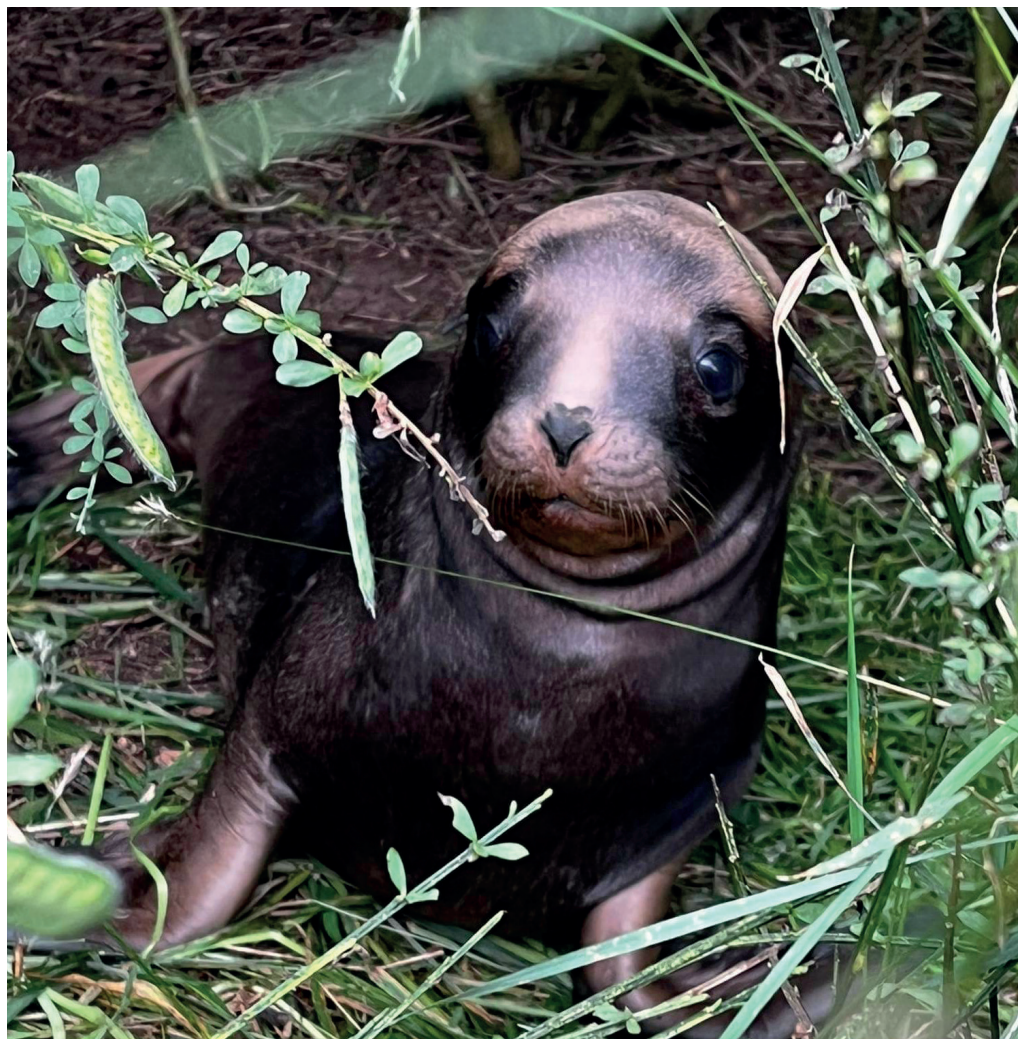
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Editor's Note

Welcome all to 2022, which looks to be little different to 2021 except that we have a bit more freedom and are awaiting Omicron instead of Delta.

Having gone back to the office in December I am now working from home again, a state of affairs that I am not unhappy with, the view being so much better.

I did not expect to be writing this column this year having retired from the BSN in December, however we have not yet found a new editor. I am happy to continue being the editor but we need to find a community minded individual to step up and do the layout every month.

We have a template and I would be very happy to coach anyone interested in the position to acquire a new skill. If you can use a computer and type a letter, I'm pretty sure I can teach you the rest! There will be a meeting at the Waitati Hall on Thursday 10 February – please come along if you think you might be willing to take on this role.

I'd like to thank Kerry Hodge for the beautiful picture of one of our sea lion pups on the front cover. Residents of Warrington who go to the beach will have noticed the numbers of juvenile gulls crowding together in large groups. A reliable estimate has put the numbers as high as 7,000. That's a lot of gulls – but please don't allow your dog to run through and disturb them and remember cars are not allowed on the beach. Look after our amazing wildlife.

Keep safe and well, Bernie



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Dunedin Tracks Network Trust

Press Release: Coastal cycleway a step closer with funding from Lottery Community Facilities Fund

A plan to connect the coastal communities north of Dunedin with a shared-use path for cycling and walking is underway after the group behind the project received funding from the Lottery Community Facilities Fund.

The Dunedin Tracks Network Trust has received \$28,750 for the costs of preparing a technical feasibility study for the proposed cycleway project. The feasibility study will investigate options for constructing shared-use paths that link Dunedin, Waitati and Waikouaiti. In addition to connecting these communities, the potential for future tracks inland to Central Otago and northward to Oamaru will also be considered. The study will include detailed design work by consultant Hamish Seaton. Hamish Seaton has previously designed the Alps2Ocean, Old Ghost Rd and Paparoa Track.

The Coastal Communities Cycle Connection group applied to the fund under the umbrella entity of the Dunedin Tracks Network Trust. The trust was set up last year to facilitate "a world-class network of public accessible pedestrian, cycle and multi-use tracks in Dunedin". Trust chair Lindsay Dey said "the project aligns well with the purposes of the trust. We're delighted to receive funding for the first steps in this exciting project."

The Lottery Community Facilities Committee approved the grant of \$28,750.00 on 30th November 2021. The Coastal Communities Cycle Connection group was established in 2020 with 'a vision to connect the communities of Waikouaiti-Karitāne and Warrington-Waitati with shared-use paths'. Facilitator Emily Cooper said "The feedback that residents submitted showed overwhelming support for a safe, alternative travel option between our villages and to the city that avoids SH1.

People want to be able to ride their bikes or walk to their local library, pub, school or club, or go further on a bit of an adventure. These paths will be a game-changer, so we're fizzing!"

Preliminary work on the project to date includes two public meetings, a Facebook group, discussions with landowners, an initial appraisal of the upper shore biota of Waitati inlet by Professor Keith Probert and discussions with the Walking Access Commission, KiwiRail and Department of Conservation. Letters of support for the application were received from Kāti Huirapa Runaka ki Puketeraki, the Otago Regional Council, the Department of Conservation, the Waikouaiti Coast Community Board and members of the public.

A report prepared by Martin Jenkins in 2019 for Waitaki District Council and Dunedin City Council presented a top-level feasibility study of a potential Oamaru to Dunedin cycle trail, "which will provide some useful assumptions for our detailed study", said Emily.

The study will identify the most appropriate routes based on usability, cost, environmental impact, and stakeholder feedback. Plans will be prepared showing the routes and budget estimates produced to determine likely construction costs. The proposed tracks will be suitable for cyclists, runners and walkers. They will ideally conform to the NZCT Grade2 (Easy) trail standards, otherwise the Grade3 (Intermediate) trail standards. Public land will be used where possible. The report will be completed next year.

Contact: Lindsay Dey - email Lindsay.Dey@impactconsulting.co.nz

More: Coastal Communities Cycle Connection Facebook group

Bruce Sheppard aka Sir Arnold- 1949 to 2022



Bruce brought Waitati flavour...

He was the most vibrant, zany, eccentric and compelling person you ever met, he made music and threw fantastic parties. He loved a good explosion and a good cup of tea.

Bruce came to Waitati in 1974. He purchased 2 acres of bare land (52 Doctors Point Road) with the vision of creating his own private castle. His garden was a visual symphony

– sculptures, structures and artistic installations, like dummies having tea-parties, people watching TV, or playing piano on his front lawn.

Bruce was a royalist and named his property Prince Harry Place, he always referred to Gingernuts as Prince Harrys too! He marked the birth of a princess by naming a manmade lake 'Beatrice', and his vessel was the Ark Royal.

He was a wool classer and a horticulturist and grew up in Taranaki, where his mother Marie was involved in Pukeiti gardens. He loved Rhododendrons and propagated many.

Bees were kept in a hive in his kitchen where they flew in and out the windows. His Sir Arnold's Honey brand was 'Guaranteed to be stickier for longer'. He bred pigs for a time and his yellow ute, the Hilton, always had old bread and scraps for Pork Corp, as he called it – one of the pigs was named Margaret Thatcher.

Bruce was a devoted solo dad to Simon and Larry and an all round fun guy. One Xmas morning several people in the village woke up with telephone boxes on their lawns.

Bruce was a drummer in a pipe band as a teen and it led to a long and percussive musical connection. He joined the Dunedin Folk Club and was in high demand becoming a regular at the Whare Flat festivals and playing music with all his friends. One band 'The Coast Roaders', being local, is known to many. For a time Bagdad Cafe in Moray Place was a fantastic little jazz venue and he played in the resident band, 'Rue de Remarque'.

In later years his house became known as the Opera House after his famous Crescendo party. It involved a symphony on a roll of wallpaper, an Opera singer, a burning piano, chainsaws, lawn mowers, sledgehammers, car horns honking, and a gigantic explosion created by igniting two banana boxes jam packed with contraband Tom Thumb fireworks.

Bruce lived in Thailand for many years and returned to NZ with wife, Keel, when his son, Charlie was about to start school.

His Waitati connection continued with the establishment of the Militia Band, he taught and inducted many people into the group. Regulars at the Open Brewers Cup, the Music Festival and A and P Show days, he lead the troops around Bland Park or officiated at events.

More recently, although in a wheelchair due to Parkinsons, he was a regular attendee of market days and cups of tea at the Gallery or cafe.

He never complained about his illness and left us on 20 January 2022, peacefully, with family all around. This world will not see the likes of him again. He was a real Character.

Mandy Mayhem-Bullock

Waitangi Day 2022

Waitangi Day 2022 will be quieter than we are used to. COVID has meant many of the Māori events we have attended in the past just aren't on. This annual opportunity to head to Ōtakou or the Octagon to hear mātanga (experts) on Te Tiriti o Waitangi, decolonisation or Tangata Whenua, Tangata Tiriti relations is missing so it will take extra effort to remember to think about these issues on a (hopefully) warm and lazy Waitangi Sunday.

So whether hanging out with whānau, going to the Blueskin Gallery or the Bob Marley day gig at the hall, it would be worth taking some time to think about how marae, whānau, hapū and iwi are leading the

way in response to the trauma of these times. Māori organisations are demonstrating the whanaungatanga response to the pandemic, getting whānau vaccinated, offering food and support, taking on negligent government policy and bending it to fit a kaupapa Māori world.

Have a read of "*He Puapua - A Plan to Realise the UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Aotearoa New Zealand*." It's a really good plan, both practical and visionary, despite some people losing their nuts over it. *He Puapua*, read alongside *Matike Mai*, spell out how we can make a genuinely Te Tiriti-based nation, which is crucial as we edge closer to the 200 year Te Tiriti of Waitangi anniversary in 2040. It not that far away.

Metiria Turei



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 is that not only global and trans-national leaders (e.g. UN, ASEAN), but also leading governments (USA, China, Australia, EU) do not make it their social business that gives even the last person on earth the choice of becoming vaccinated against the Coronavirus.

Social business can make profit but is not its main goal. It targets 'the bottom end' – the uneducated, the poor, and the vulnerable, creating opportunities and the freedom to choose. Given the Coronavirus, the freedom of all depends on the freedom of everyone to become vaccinated, or otherwise, to isolate and separate themselves from others. Unless everyone can make that choice, and are sufficiently educated about what that choice means, nobody can be truly free.

What makes me sad is that even those claiming to be educated and insisting on their rights for freedom and choice, do not see that freedom exists only in that very moment of choice: once you choose, you are bound by the consequences of that choice and thus no longer free; if you cannot take that responsibility, you are not worthy of such freedom. You can change your opinion and choose differently, but it must be sincere, and you must learn from the mistake. Not making vaccines available to everyone restricts our freedom; but the leaders give us no alternative, the virus will mutate and keep coming back to bite us.

This would also be true for our community, and in less lethal situations than the pandemic. We would expect that when people choose to obstruct social enterprise that they come up with better alternatives, to create an even more inclusive and resilient community.

What makes me glad, therefore, is that Blueskin Bay keeps producing people with unwavering, selfless intent that helps bring out the good in everyone. They keep offering their skills and make sure all can participate. Whether it'd be free books, community gardens, markets to exchange wares, or clubs and meetings to develop skills, knowledge and mindfulness. Real leaders promote social business, show alternative ways of doing business, create choice, and more resilient communities.



Karitane Playground

A concept plan has been finalised for the upgraded Karitane foreshore playground (attached), which will become an adventure play course.

The Dunedin City Council has been working with the Waikouaiti Maori Foreshore Trust Board to develop the playground, which is due to be completed in mid-2022. It is due for improvement as part of the DCC's Play Spaces Plan.

The playground will make the most of the existing space and coastal environment by encouraging inventive adventure play in a natural setting. It caters for children/youth of all ages who can use the equipment in several ways, including to increase fitness.

It will include pull-up bars, a net climb, vertical climbing rope, balance beam, log jumps, stepping poles, climbing ladder bridges, box jump and parallel bars. It is planned to re-use the existing swing set and source locally, if possible.

The work will cost about \$100,000. See www.dunedin.govt.nz/playground-upgrades

New Retreat Dates for 2022

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I have been asked if I would run Men's Retreats also, and the answer is yes. If you would like to attend a Men's Retreat, please phone me for further information.

Spaces are limited to 8 per retreat. Secure your spot now.

Phone Stephanie on 022 127 8656.

FB [womensretreat21](https://www.facebook.com/womensretreat21) then to my website



Smokefree 2025

Remember when the only time someone wore a mask to the gas station was to rob the joint? Those were the days.

And why rob the gas station? Smokes! And they steal smokes because legislation has made them prohibitively expensive, their underworld value ensuring them a lucrative target for anyone willing to risk an aggravated robbery conviction. Fact:- the majority of these robbers are kids as young as 12 and 13, who when apprehended are dealt with by the youth court system, a subject best left to sociologist Paul Spoonley, or gang specialist Jarrod Gilbert. That said, I have more experience with the consequences of kids robbing gas stations than I wish to share here, except to say I have experienced this system at work. The judges, the lawyers, Oranga Tamariki, the youth crime squad, youth justice co-ordinators, the family group conference system. And I have nothing but admiration and kind words for all of these organisations.

But my purpose here isn't to delve into youth crime, but to explore my own battle giving up the darts, and the governments legislative sledge hammer which has forced my hand.

Now, I am one of seven siblings, and we all smoked in the womb. The 1950's had no tangible knowledge of tobacco's harmful nature, and pregnant women may even have been encouraged to participate in smoking's relaxive qualities. Born in Feb 1960, I'm just grateful my Mum didn't get prescribed thalidomide. But trapped inside a small home while Mum and Dad both furiously smoked ensured I and my siblings were second hand smoking our entire childhoods and continued smoking through to adulthood. When the price hit 50 cents a pack, my mum gave up in disgust. She'd be rolling in her grave at today's almost \$40 price for the same. She lived to be 82. My dad wasn't so lucky. He went at 56 from the smokes and golf (he dropped dead on the 18th green!). I'm about to turn 62, and for the past 18 months have used poverty and vaping to fight the six decade's old addiction, and while I'm fully aware the jury is still out on the health effects of vaping (and who knows, kids may start robbing vapouriums), the reality is, I can maintain my nicotine habit vaping for \$15 a week. The old "20 a day" smoker needs \$280. Now that's a sledge hammer.

But the point I wish to make isn't about price, that horse has bolted. It's the next nag in the stable I have my eye on, and that is availability. The proposal is to reduce cigarette retail outlets from about 5000 down to 500. No more smokes at gas stations, supermarkets, corner stores. Only dedicated dispensaries (with appropriate security and wrap-around addiction services?), with maybe even a prescription requirement. And I'm a fan. Here's my reason. When we got snapped overnight into the last lockdown, I woke to realise I had no vape juice, and of course, all the vape shops were closed untill further notice. But when I made my essential trip to the supermarket and gas station, there they were, the old demon smokes. So smokes it was. If I'd had to visit a doctor for a script and then travel (essentially) to a cigarette dispensary that day, I may have put more effort into finding some vape juice.

Anyway, a few weeks and a few hundred dollars later, lockdown eased, my vape shop of choice re-opened, and I'm back on the juice. Thanks Mum and Dad.

Doug Nuttall.

Midday Ōtepoti Autumn

*The clouds clear at noon,
or nearly. A beam of light:
pear tree, tauhou's stage.*

*I take my coffee
outside, turn my face skyward.
Tūi bleats; I spill.*

*Pears plonk. Soft sun sets
the coffee stain on my shirt.*

Who cares? Not the birds.

by Claire Lacey

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Blueskin Playcentre

Tēnā koutou katoa! Is 2022 the year you give Playcentre a go? Why not come for a visit and see if it is for you?

Blueskin Playcentre is an inclusive, community focused and quality early education centre. Whānau from all backgrounds are welcomed and valued. We use te reo Māori as much as we can, seek to build on what we have, and encourage our tamariki to explore Te Ao Māori with us. At Blueskin Playcentre we seek to connect tamariki and whānau to their community, to build friendships and social confidence that will last far beyond years spent at Playcentre.

Our tamariki learn from each other, as do our parents. We provide quality resources for use in learning through play, as well as quality excursions, giving children increased confidence in their abilities. We give our time in place of fees and value the diversity of input each member brings with them.

Here is what some Playcentre kids said they love about Playcentre:

"I like seeing my friends and doing facepainting!" Elsie (3)

"I like the toys!" Atlas (almost 5)

"I like water play and dinosaurs!!!" Ivar (3)

"I love playing and I love my teachers and my friends" Koha

"blllffffppppppp" Maisie (3 months)

And the parents:

"Seeing everyone's lovely faces and chats and hanging with the little ones"

"I love the other Māmā and the coffee"

"Meeting lots of lovely local families... and the coffee machine!"

We have sessions Mon, Tue and Wed, 9am – 12pm. Our first session for 2022 is Tuesday 8 February. If you'd like to visit then please contact us at blueskinplaycentre88@gmail.com or by Facebook. For further information (including full contact details) please see www.playcentre.org.nz/centre/blueskin We hope to see you soon!

Aroha nui, Blueskin Playcentre



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A thank you from the Blueskin Gallery

Taking on the Gallery project could be considered a wild thing to do at our age and certainly goes against the normal definition of 'retirement', 'you just bought yourself a job' said someone! We love a challenge however and saw the opportunity to further develop a hub/venue/meeting place/party space for people, which the ex-owner Louise worked brilliantly to establish.

Six months in and we have already learnt heaps about the business of the Restaurant/bar/cafe - a very steep learning curve challenging our aging brains to forge fresh neural connections that will surely, at least, aid the delay of dementia! We are lucky to have Jean Douat from Brazil as our head chef, as well as being a lovely person, he has great skill in creating delicious meals.

The last six months have seen many fabulous musicians entertain us on a Saturday night, quiz nights, talks, busy reggae afternoons outside in the courtyard and the best New Year's Eve party ever! We have really enjoyed seeing people soaking up the sun in the beer garden. Thank you to all the performers who have played for us. Please get in touch if you would like to arrange, or have an idea for an event, or would like to perform. The art gallery has been a fun space to manage too, thanks to all the creatives who exhibited their work.

We wish to say a big thank you to all the people of our community who have visited and supported us by buying coffees, cakes, lunches and evening meals - we are open to suggestions and would love your feedback.

In 2022 we will offer more interesting talks, quiz nights, theme events, Saturday night music and courtyard parties - we hope to see you there.

February events

Wed 2 Feb – 7pm quiz night (\$15 incl. supper, booking essential 027 858 6588)

Sat 5 Waitangi Weekend party – DJ's outside 2 – 10pm

Wed 9 Feb – 7.30pm Waitati talks – Chris Skellett "The Power of Asking Good Questions" (\$15 incl. supper, booking essential 021 148 5535)

Sat 12 Feb – Valentine's dinner. Live music: Sam Cummings

Sun 13 Feb – Don McKensie – Art Exhibition opening 2pm, Paul Allan in the courtyard 3 – 5pm

Sat 19 Feb – Food & healing workshop with Hagar (\$25 booking essential)

Sun 20 Feb – Dee Street Blues in the courtyard 3 – 5 pm

Sat 26 Feb – Live music; Paul Allan – 7 – 9pm

Sun 27 Feb – Art exhibition – Anthony Deaker, Photos and Poetry 2pm

Sue & Steve Bourne

Ngā mihi o te tau hou, Happy New Year!

After a big year of planting 43,000 native plants along streams, and around estuaries and wetlands, the Source to Sea team is delighted with the high rate of plant survival (95%)! But that's not all! We have new nursery facilities at Purakaunui, thanks to Rob Chapman. Until planting resumes in March, the team are keeping on top of weeds and grass growth around the plantings and potting up seedlings.

If you can help us with potting up seedlings, please contact Jeanne@haloproject.org.nz.

The Predator Free team are busy over summer, ensuring stoat traps are checked every fortnight to increase catch during juvenile dispersal season. It's a big job covering the 12,500ha network. If you think you can help on a regular basis, we'd love to hear from you. We need more volunteers who are committed to regular trap checking and entering their trap catch data.

Follow us on Facebook (@halobeyondorokonui), where we advertise all our planting days and volunteer opportunities or contact us at info@haloproject.org.nz.



Above: Keenan at Source to Sea's new nursery facility at Purakaunui. The Halo Project Team

Left: Halo volunteer checks and resets a double-set stoat trap.

Due to start

January 2022

Due to finish

June 2022

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Orokonui Estuary Track

If you've been enjoying this track and would like to help with the revegetation we're keen to add some local volunteers to our team.

It's a couple of hours on a Sunday twice a month with no obligation to attend every mahi session. Tools, gloves and morning tea provided. Please call Chris on 021 474 367.

We're grateful for previous support from the DCC for purchase of plants and to current support from the Otago Community Trust. And for our volunteers who give the most valuable gift of all - their time.

Chris Baillie

BLUESKIN GARDEN CLUB

Garden Club members have all been busy coping with the lush growth in their gardens. Some group activities are being planned, members will be advised by email.

I have gardened here at Waitati for 50 years and thought I would share some tips. I well remember the gardening tips given by Beau Heather, he had a market garden here for decades. I might now qualify for the title old-timer.

I have vegetables all year round and use the sequence of root crops, brassicas, other leafy greens, rotating around the vege beds. Many years ago I had a poor strike with carrot seed and changed to the Lunar Calendar for planting. I recommend this method to ensure good germination of seed.

Always plant calendula in your greenhouse/glasshouse. They attract whitefly, aphids and greenfly. As the stems become covered with bugs, pick these stems and throw into the compost. Soak banana skins in a jar of water and use as a tonic for tomatoes; also bury banana skins around the tomatoes. (Roses also love these).

Plant calendula, phacelia and nasturtiums around your brassicas and fruit trees. They help to keep the bugs away and attract the bees. Good companion plants for fruit trees are nasturtiums, fennel and comfrey. Let the fennel grow up through the apple trees for healthy apples.

When the capsicums have finished producing don't throw these out. Trim back, keep damp over winter enough to keep them alive. Next spring put on compost; give a tonic of seaweed water to promote growth. They will start producing fruit earlier than new plants. Give the same treatment to climbing beans.

I had a great crop of early potatoes, "Jersey Bennes", plant these in August and bury under a bed of straw to keep the frosts off, ready to harvest late November/early December.

I like trying different varieties of vegetable seed, this year I have sown "Xera Select", a dwarf bean and will grow this again, a great cropper. The seeds I have mentioned are from Kings Seeds, these are available at Blueskin Nurseries.

My worst pests are rabbits having to fence off parts of the garden. They even nibbled the tops off my lavender plants and other new plantings.

Collecting seaweed from the beach grows wonderful crops. We are very lucky here to have the sea so close and a great local plant store. A library with an extensive range of books and locals who can share their knowledge of gardening.

If you would like to know more about the Garden Club or join this group, please contact:

Nikki 027 485 1656 or Lyne 021 145 5023

Happy gardening, Glenys Clements



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Members of the community have asked Fire and Emergency to consider enhanced protection for the slopes of Mopanui maunga, which features many natural, historical and cultural assets of significant value to tangata whenua, Blueskin Bay community and to Aotearoa New Zealand – for example the Orokonui ecosanctuary and Mapoutahi. Also, Doctor's Point and Osbourne are 'rural-urban interface' settlements on the lower slopes, where people and properties are at higher risk from fire.

Fire and Emergency has formed a preliminary view that Mopanui is both an 'area of significant value' and a 'special risk area'; and could benefit from additional fire control and focused risk management work. Now we want your input; so we can co-design a community risk management plan that empowers your community to protect what you value.

Any input is welcome, but here are some questions to consider:

1. Is Mopanui maunga a place of significant value and special risk?
2. What do you do in the area? E.g. work, cultural, lifestyle, recreational activities etc.
3. What specific assets or places are extremely special to you and may be worth protecting using regulatory fire controls and/or other measures?
4. Do you have any suggestions as to how the risk of fire, and from fire, might be reduced?

You can send your comments to OtagoDistrict-CRRTeam@fireandemergency.nz

If you would like to give us your views in person, please make a request to that effect in your email, and one of our team will get in touch to arrange a meeting.

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WAIKOUAITI COAST COMMUNITY BOARD UPDATE

Happy New Year one and all. Prior to Christmas I mentioned that NZTA (Waka Kotahi) had not provided their 50% share of the extra cost of improving our north coast bus service. The Otago Regional Council agreed at their December meeting to provide their 50% share.

In the local media outlets prior to Christmas I asked bus users to advise which option they would prefer if the ORC funding will only be able to support a partial improvement to the service. The options were :-

- 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 had a good response with 132 people providing input. 73% of those people stated a preference for a weekend service. With ORC staff now back from summer holiday they are crunching the numbers to see what exactly we can get for the available funding. I hope to be able to give you something definitive in the next issue of Blueskin News. (It has been a long process this one).

Residents in Waitati & Warrington may have noticed the addition of two large water tanks in the area; one at Michies Crossing and one at the Warrington Esplanade. These 30,000 litre tanks are there to provide a back-up water supply to the Fire Service in time of need. (It has also been a long process getting these established and our thanks go to the DCC 3 Waters Department.)

Now that we are under the Red level of the Covid19 Protection Framework, Dunedin City Council have made the decision that all Council, Committee and Community Board meetings will be by audio-visual link. Our meeting on 2 February was the first under these constraints. Our next meeting on 23 March will likely be the same. All meetings are available for viewing on the DCC YouTube channel.

We still have some money available in our discretionary fund, 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.

Alasdair Morrison,
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Internet Banking

Wednesday 16 February, 9.30 - 11.30am

The lesson will cover:

- Getting to know banking online
- How to recognise the signs of an online scam and what to do
- How to protect yourself online
- Discuss online banking.

E-Books & Audio Books

Wednesday 23 February, 9.30 - 11.30am

Curious about e-readers? Wondering about audiobooks? Come and learn how to use your device to read or listen to books.

Bookshare

Thursday 24 February, 3.30pm

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

Blueskin Bay Knitwits

Mondays, 6.30 - 8.30pm

Tuesdays, 2.30 - 4.30pm

All ages and experience levels are welcome.

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You can collect your items from the foyer of Blueskin Bay Library on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, between 9.30am and 10am. You still need to contact trace and wear a face covering.

You can return your items, and the accompanying bag, via the libraries' return chutes.

More details and the form can be found here:

<https://www.dunedinlibraries.govt.nz/services/click-collect/adult-click-and-collect-form>



Reed Gallery Exhibition

150 Years of Excellence:

Published Books by OGHs Alumni Reed Gallery

Founded in 1870, Otago Girls' High School was the first state secondary school for girls in New Zealand and reputed to be the sixth oldest in the world. At Labour Weekend 2021, Otago Girls' High School celebrated 150 years of excellence with their 150th jubilee. To mark this significant milestone, Dunedin City Library's Reed Gallery is showcasing an exhibition of published books by OGHs alumni, as well as historical jubilee publications and school magazines.

View online here: <https://www.reedgallery.co.nz/exhibitions/150-years-of-excellence-published-books-by-oghs-alumni-reed-gallery>

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Pūrākaunui School

Kia ora koutou. Our year finished up with a lovely end of year of assembly where we were able to gather together to celebrate 2021. Despite a few Covid related disruptions and cancellations in the latter part of the year we still enjoyed a wide variety of interesting learning experiences during 2021. We also enjoyed some significant roll growth at school in 2021 which was very exciting for us all.

Our wonderful new playground is taking shape and looking amazing and should be all finished in the early part of the school year. The play area is a fabulous set of linked huts set in a forested area of the school grounds. The kids are very excited and have been involved in aspects of design throughout the project.

On a sad note this will be my final Rothesay news article as I have resigned from my role as principal of Pūrākaunui School. I have thoroughly enjoyed sharing stories and highlights from school over the last 9 years via the Rothesay news. It has been a huge privilege to have been the Pūrākaunui School kaitiaki over this time and I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to everyone who has supported me and Pūrākaunui School throughout my tenure.

Exciting times are ahead and I would like to wish Nicky Bell who is the incoming new Principal all the very best.

Any queries about Pūrākaunui School please call the office on 4821026.

Tim Cook



Tena Koutou Katoa, welcome back whānau. It has been a wonderful summer break and the school playground has been busy with visitors. We have also had builders here over the summer break renovating three of our learning spaces. So exciting.

A big shout out to **Atawhai (Connor) Turei** who had a short story published in the latest issue of Write On called Believe it or Not. Stories from young people are selected for this magazine and there is a very high standard. Connor is off to high school this year.

Shattered

It was a hot evening. I was in my bathroom trying to cool down by constantly splashing water on my face. An ache filled my head and I jolted forward. I looked up to see the back of my bathroom, the toilet instead of the mirror? I felt different. More stiff and straight, like I was hooked up. The fear of breaking took over my head. I was so caught up in thinking about how this happened to not notice the person staring at me. I examined their face. Holy cracker that's me. How did I get out there, if I'm stuck wherever here is?

The clone smiled a menacing smile, one you'd see a villain pull at a hero in a comic book. They then called out, "Dad, is this the mirror we wanted to throw out?"

The mirror? I'm no mirror?

The other me pulled that same hideous smile with my face.



"Yes! Please take it out to the bins," Dad called back.

The clone grabbed me, taking me off the hook and holding me under their arm. I felt as if I could cry. That was my body walking on the soft carpet to the front door. We made it outside and past the car. I took a quick glance at the car window. I am the bathroom mirror.

The clone harshly threw me on the cold stone floor. I shattered.

The clone looked down at me with a look of disgust. "I can't believe I was once like that," they scoffed. "A useless mirror for people to stare at themselves pathetically." They lifted their foot off the ground, placing it on top of me before hitting it down, smashing my glass. Then there was nothing.

Atawhai Turei, Year 8 Waitati School

Waitati School begins back on Thursday 3 February with a Mihi Whakatau. We are looking forward to a fabulous year.

Tara O'Neill, Principal

What is a Community Response Group?



A Community Response Group (CRG) is made up of passionate volunteers who are willing to volunteer their time to help ensure that their local community is ready and prepared for an emergency. This could be a flood, earthquake, landslide, wildfire, severe storm or even a global pandemic.

The role of the CRG is to help ensure that systems, resources and information are ready to be activated to help support their community in a time of need. They play a major role in supporting our district wide 2050 vision of "Disaster Defying Resilience". The group also helps with the development and updating of Community Response Plans (CRP) for their local area. These plans provide information for a community on how to "Get Ready, Get-thru" by identifying what the local hazards are and where the key Civil Defence locations are that will support a community in the event of an emergency.

A key responsibility of the Community Response Group is to support with the promotion and administration of the **Otago Gets Ready** system for their local area.

What is Gets Ready? Otago.getsready.net

The **Gets Ready** system is a purpose built website where residents securely register with their name, address and contact details in order to:

1. Find out what's happening, what to do and how to help others via email/text alerts. Get localised updates FAST about situations that directly affect you, from small scale events (boil water notices or fire bans) to major emergencies (earthquakes, floods, fires, severe weather events, tsunamis etc.) to help you look after your family, neighbours, friends and work colleagues.
2. Be part of a co-ordinated community emergency response. Help Civil Defence plan more effectively for emergencies by registering skills or resources you have (such as 4WDs, generators, First Aid training etc.)

that can be used if needed. Vulnerable community members are also encouraged to provide details of special assistance they may require such as power, mobility or translation.

3. Provide valuable on-the-ground intelligence to the Emergency Operations Centre via your Community Response Group. This will help Civil Defence co-ordinate a targeted response and get information and help to where it's most needed, quickly and effectively.

Local Community Response Teams (CRTs) are the direct link between the authorities and the communities. Their members look after a rural or suburb or township area. They are the key volunteers who seek to assist at community level. They have the trust of the community. We ask that all CRT members have Police background checks.

They support the rollout of **Gets Ready** across their communities by:

- Promoting the system and encouraging people from their community to sign up
- Helping with the system administration at a community level
- Preparing reports to help collate resource and needs assessment information together to support a community response activation
- Preparing status reports on behalf of local community that can be shared with Emergency Operations Centre.

Remember when the proverbial really happens communities may become totally isolated. Power and phone communications may be severely disrupted. The internet may go down. CRTs are the local teams who are ready to liaise directly with their sub-area and street contacts who will know what is going on and where priorities lie.

Mandy Mayhem-Bullock

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Figs and feet

Our elderly neighbour, when I was a child in Chatto Creek, stuck in my memory for two things- I was fascinated by her extremely gnarley feet which bulged through holes she had made in the side of her shoes, and her absolutely juicy sweet preserved figs which my memory can still taste after all this time.

I had never tasted a fresh fig though, until walking past Oliver's courtyard in Clyde in the '80's, I spied a plump purple tinged ripe fig, oozing sweetness and drooping over the stone wall. It made its way straight into my mouth and I was smitten.

I've been trying to grow figs to enable this fresh fig obsession of mine, but after 14 years I have only managed to have one fresh ripened fig to eat.

I was told that restricting their roots forces the trees to fruit, so we planted 2 figs in matching giant sized pots, but these have only produced juvenile fruits which never ripen, except during a particularly hot summer when we had one ripe fruit. One of these pots was blown off our deck a few years ago by a particularly strong wind, the pot rolled down the driveway so we lazily planted it where it ended up. It is now quite a large tree, but despite plenty of fruit, (proving that root restriction was not the answer) none of them ripen. It is pretty obvious that warmth is the answer, so I suppose we could build some kind of giant warden case around it out of obsolete single glazed windows, or corrugated polycarbonate.

Another option is to espalier a fig against a brick wall in the garden as Scott and Jenna have done, or against a sunny wall of the house.

I never saw how old Mrs Duncan in Chatto Creek grew her figs, (I was far too interested in her feet) but I expect it was against a wall of her brick house.

I suspect that without a brick wall or a glasshouse I am never going to get many ripe figs here in Waitati, so I'll just have to live with that and maybe someone else can grow them and sell them at the community market.

No one wants those bunions though.... ouch.

by Hilary Rowley

Editors note: Although figs won't cure your bunions, their juice will remove warts!

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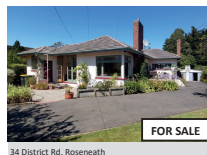
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WAITATI BOOK CLUB by Ian Melvin

Last meeting for the year as always Pubnite! This year we met at the well known student watering hole Eureka. A Tuesday night in December, and students were in fact thin on the ground. The anticipated tidalwave of Aucklanders yet to arrive. Our esteemed Blueskin News editor Bernie was deservedly invited along as our honorary guest. As the first woman present at a bookclub meeting as a woman (Kyle was a foundation member and for many years attended as one of the guys, post bookclub she decided to come out as a transgender woman, more later...) she of course acquitted herself well, and as usual was thoroughly enjoyable company.

THE BOOK

In The Miso Soup by *Ryu Murakami*

A book chosen by Paul (his category for book selection was Japanese horror, why? a story for another time. This book is not for the faint hearted or the squeamish, edge of the seat tension most of the way through. Unusual, and well done, but would I read another... honestly? probably not for a very long time. "Reads like the script notes for *American Psycho* – the holiday abroad", The Guardian.

OTHER BOOKS

Faking It: My life in transition by *Kyle Melbourne*

From the library (thanks Louise) been on my list of books to be read for a while. Odd to be reading a book written by someone you've known for a long time, about themselves. As it turns out someone quite different from that person, but in many ways the same person, if you can understand what I mean? Very glad I read it for many reasons. It would have taken almost as much courage to write this book, as it did to decide to come out I would suspect. But then Kyle never did anything by halves. Recommend this book if only to try and understand how it actually feels to be a woman in a man's body, especially for those who might feel the same way. Like any good book it can make you see the world differently and maybe in a better way.

stuff.co.nz/entertainment/books/125011166/kyle-melbourne-s-transgender-journey-to-becoming-her-own-person

The Crossing by *Cormac McCarthy*

Part 2 of a trilogy of connected novels. Like all his writing confronting, testing, thought provoking and engaging, a lot to digest, and never dull. "They are stories about people as real as the land they ride, and as disturbing as the rituals they enact" the Daily Telegraph. Me – those that like him will like him a lot, those that don't will probably not finish the book.

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MUSIC

Some summer sounds to try...

Louisiana Red/I Hear The Train Coming – blues bottle necked acoustic guitar and blues harp singer.

Joanna Connor/Slidetime – blues slide guitarist singer.

Sarah Jarosz/Follow Me Down – modern bluegrass

Kelly Joe Phelps/Brother Sinner & The Whale – blues singer, finger picking, bottleneck acoustic guitar, one of my favourite recordings!

The Du-Droppers/Can't Do Sixty No More – doo wop, R&B this is where rock and roll came from...

JJ Grey & Morocco/This River – R&B, Soul if you like Joe Cocker then you will love this...

The New Basement Tapes/Lost On The River – unreleased. Songs by Dylan played and performed by an all star band – Elvis Costello Jim James, Marcus Mumford, Rhiannon Gidding, Taylor Goldsmith et al. All on YouTube, Spotify, etc if you want the CD try Dave at Relics in town, he is good at finding music that is not current or mainstream, might even have it on the 2nd hand shelves...

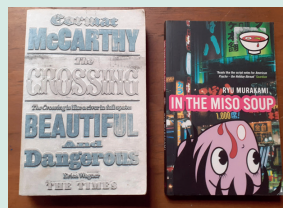
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WORD OF THE MONTH

Life "life is memory, then it is nothing. All law is written in seed".





Volco (Part 1)

It seems Waitati once had an association with the noteworthy/notorious poet James K. Baxter. (He was known for some loose associations!)

Whare Manuka, and the adjacent sawmill shed, are hidden away in the Volco bush, near the Mt. Cargill Road horse-trough. In the early 1970s, it was home to a medley of hippies living free-love and rent-free, taking their water from the stream and off the roof, with candles and lanterns for lighting, an open fire and coal range for warmth and cooking. Their little commune was an off-shoot of the poet's Jerusalem commune on the banks of the Whanganui. We are to suppose that he at least called in there at some stage.

Most of Volco's 100 hectares of native forest was cleared for timber and then farmland, in the 19thC. Only 15 hectares of virgin forest remain. A road was cut into the hillside and is still evident in the bush today. It is known as The Bullock Track and the bullock wagon was its heavy traffic. Beside The Bullock Track are the remains of a tiny wayside hotel. It was built of stones gathered from the hillside around it.

Some decades later the farms were abandoned as too difficult. They have long returned to native bush, and are under the protection of the QEII Covenant.

Volco is on the flanks of Mts. Cutten and Kettle, beside Mt Cargill Road, and mostly between Green Road and the Mt Kettle Quarry Road. For all of this, let's be grateful to the memory of Dorothy and Lloyd Morris who came from Canada in the 1960s and bought the land, piece by piece, between 1968 and 1980. They lived in a small cottage at the high end of the property.

(Based on information gleaned from the Volco time-line notes by Bill Dacker.)

Beckford Ritchie

Cancellation of Blueskin Show 2022

Due to the recent changes in the Traffic Light System, The Blueskin A & P Society Committee have unfortunately decided to cancel the 2022 Blueskin Show. Thank you for your ongoing support, we look forward to seeing you all at the 2023 Blueskin Show

What is it?

Answer next month
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Omicron

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Omicron is likely to be in our community soon. We know from other countries that it can take as little as 14 days for Omicron case numbers to grow from the hundreds into the thousands. Once Omicron is spreading in the community, there will be higher case numbers than we have ever experienced before.

While many people who become infected with Omicron will not get critically unwell, others will. That's why it's important to prepare now.

Traffic lights

With the evidence of Omicron spreading in the community, the whole country moved into Red on 24 January.








Red setting requirements

- Record keeping and scanning required.
- Face coverings mandatory on flights, transport, retail, public venues and recommended when leaving home.
- Public facilities open with 1m distancing.
- Retail open with capacity limits, 1m distancing.
- Working from home encouraged.
- Schools, ECE open with public health measures.
- Specified outdoor community events allowed with limits
- Regional restrictions might apply.

Venues using vaccine certificates:

- Gatherings, weddings, funerals limited to 100 people with 1m distancing.
- Vaccinations required for onsite tertiary education, capacity based on 1m distancing.
- Indoor or outdoor events limited to 100 people with 1m distancing.
- Gyms, hairdressers or close contact businesses, limited to 100 people with 1m distancing.

Life at Red

-  Make sure you have your My Vaccine Pass ready to be checked - most places will have restrictions in place
-  Workplaces are open - where appropriate staff may work from home
-  Everyone can go to school - public health measures will be in place
-  Wear a face covering whenever you leave the house
-  Keep scanning QR codes and record keeping everywhere you go
-  Keep physically distanced where possible
-  If you have cold or flu symptoms isolate immediately and call Healthline for advice about a test

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Venues not using vaccine certificates:

- Contactless pickup only for hospitality.
- Gatherings, weddings, funerals limited to 25 people.
- Distance learning only for tertiary education.
- No gyms or hairdressers or close contact business.
- No events, indoors or outdoors.

Changes to testing

At this time, PCR testing is the primary way of identifying cases. There is capacity to do 40,000 tests a day across the country without any strain on the system.

With wider spread, this system will need to change. There will be a focus on those who are symptomatic, vulnerable, essential workers and close contacts.

Testing will remain free, and available locally. Rapid antigen tests, commonly known as RATs will be used more widely.

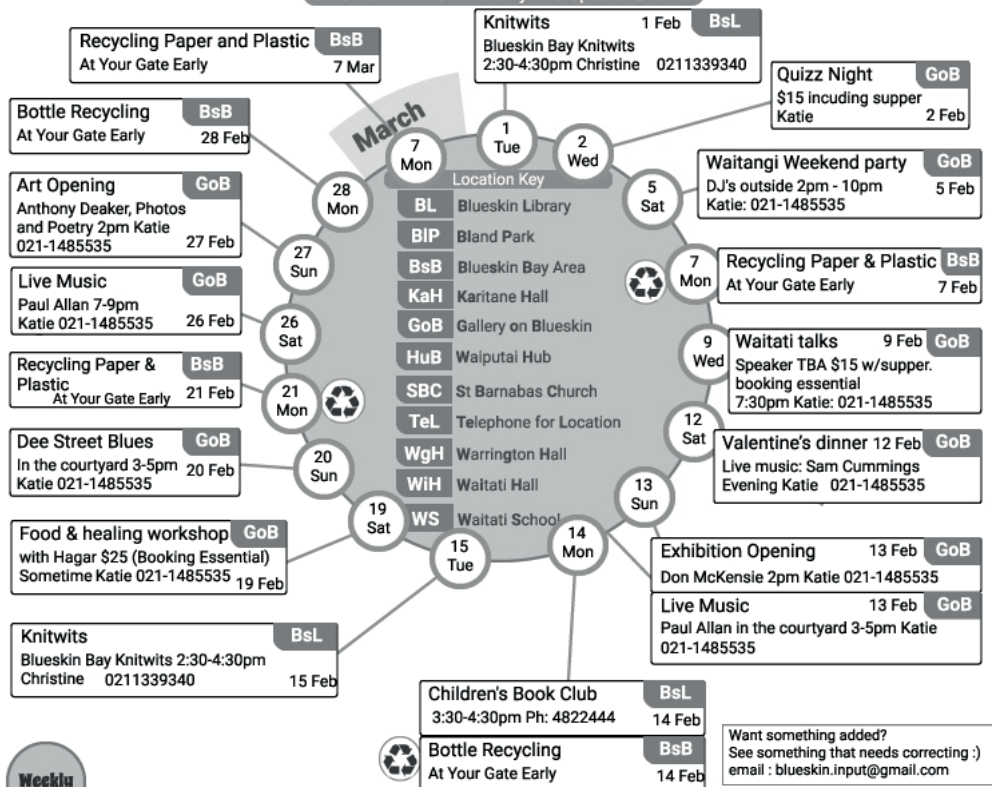
What you need to do now

- If you're 18 and over, get your booster dose 4 months after your last dose. The booster reduces the severity of illness if you get Omicron. It means you're much less likely to end up in hospital than if you don't have a booster. Get your booster here: [BookMyVaccine.nz](https://bookmyvaccine.nz)
- Make a plan if your family have to self-isolate. Download a suggested plan here: covid19.govt.nz/be-prepared
- Businesses should start planning, as well as supporting their workforce to get a booster. Familiarise yourself with the leave support scheme that gives financial support while people are isolating: www.workandincome.govt.nz/.../leave.../index.html

More information on how to prepare and stay safe can be found here: covid19.govt.nz/prepare-and-stay-safe/

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

Wheel of What's - Monthly and Special Events



Monday

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

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Wednesday

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- Pilates - For Beginners** 7pm-8pm Sylvia 021 109 9303
- Yoga with Hagino** 6-7pm and 7.15-8.15pm hagino.yoga@gmail.com

WiH

Tuesday

HuB

- Table Top Role Playing Games** All ages welcome, 3-5pm, Paul waiputai@gmail.com
- 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

HuB

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Thursday

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- Yoga** 6.30 to 7.30 pm, \$10 please bring your own matt, hagino.yoga@gmail.com
- Sing along for fun** All ages welcome, bring instrument, gold coin. 7-8.30pm. Jenny Gleeson 021 171 0226 Sabine 021 207 0664
- Self Defence 6:30pm** Peter 021460760

Hub

WiH

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Saturday

HuB

- Piano Lessons** Variable rates 1-4pm Sylvia 0212070664
- Darts Club** 4-5:30 pm For beginners and others, all welcome Gold Coin, Sam 021 023 91946

HuB

Sunday

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- Service** 9.30 am Jeremy 0274361481
- Waitati Warblers** Sing! Joy! 4- 5:30pm Nancy nancymiller140@gmail.com

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Boxing – Baden 022 1529 523 – 6.30pm Tuesdays
Self Defence – Peter 021 460 760 – 6.30pm Thursdays
(Both every week at Waitati Hall unless timeslot booked by someone else)

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WAPUTAI HUB waiputai@gmail.com

Piano Lessons – All ages with Sylvia on Saturday afternoons, vaccine pass required, \$23 children, \$28 per adult, \$33 advanced players, text or call Sylvia 021 109 9303.

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