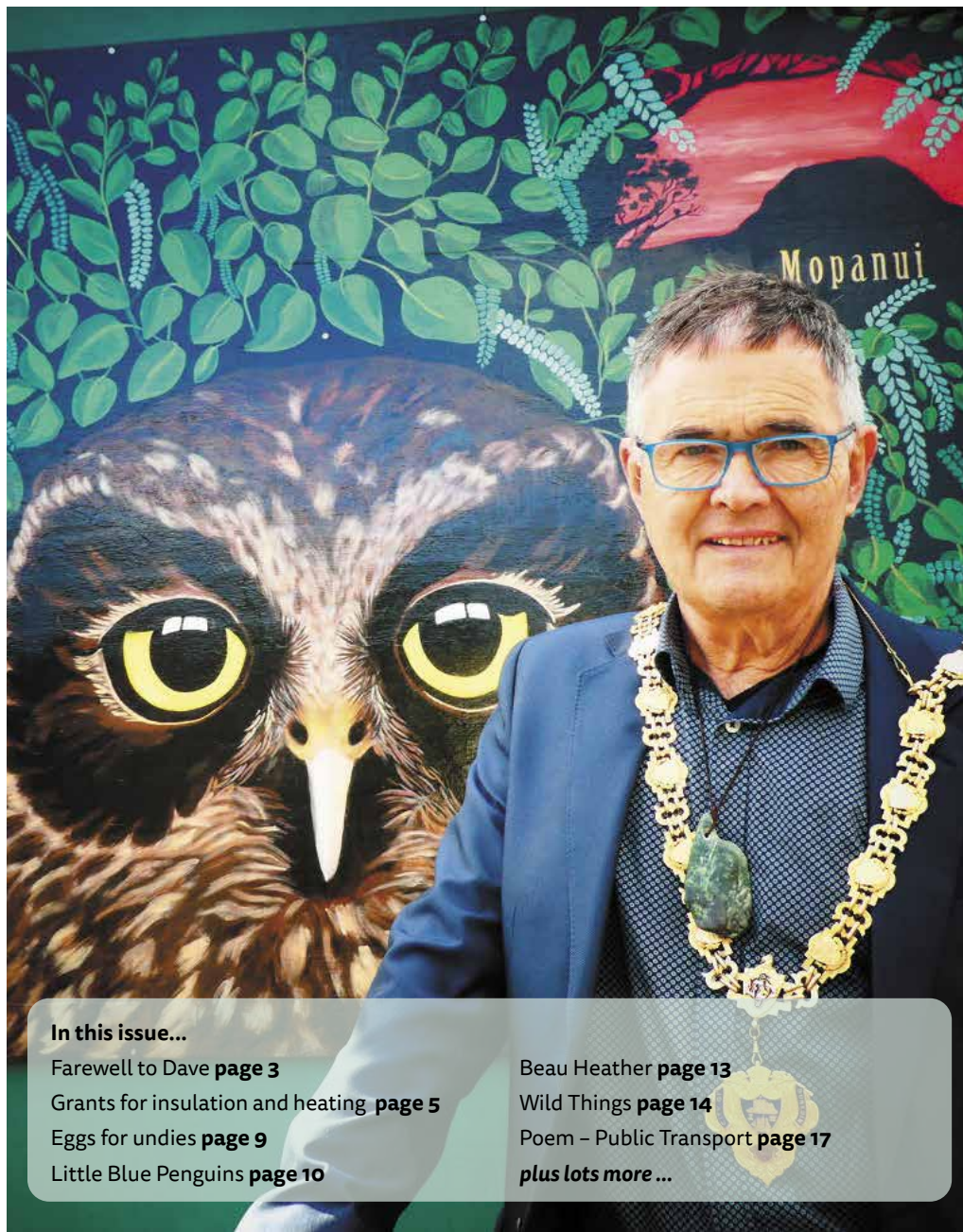


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Editor's Note

Well, it does seem that winter has arrived, and in several different variations. After a week of beautiful, clear, freezing weather I sit now listening to the sound of the rain on the roof and feeling for the poor people evacuated from their homes in Canterbury. For those of you feeling the cold and with no fixed heating appliance or insulation check out the article on Grants for Insulation and Heating.

The Waikouaiti Community Coast Board have been making submissions on our behalf – particularly of interest to some is for the implementation of a better bus service especially in the evenings and at weekends. Two international film festivals will take place in Dunedin in June – French and Italian, unfortunately our bus service will only allow you to go to the French films!

Little Blue Penguins have been a hot topic of conversation among residents of Waitati and Doctors Point – please keep your dogs on a lead and well away from nesting birds.

As for me, I have been very busy finishing the wedding quilt my daughter in Brisbane and I have been making for my son's wedding in the UK at the end of June. It has taken us over a year and we have both vowed never to make anything so complicated again. Neither of us will be there – but we intend to make our presence felt on Zoom!

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

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Farewell to Dave

It is with sadness we acknowledge the passing of a great leader.

Dave Cull served 3 terms as Mayor of Dunedin and during this time he made numerous official visits to Waitati. These included the opening of our Library, along with the tree planting and opening of the estuary boardwalk track. One of his final civic duties and the only time he opened a toilet was our wonderful 'Turdis'. Dave saw the humour in this, as is reflected in his speech.

Mandy Mayhem-Bullock

Dave Cull – On Opening the Waitati Turdis

Kia ora tatou. It is a privilege to be able to be here today to open Waitati's new public toilet.

Alasdair is quite right to highlight this event as a significant one in my time as Mayor – I'm pretty sure this is the first time I have been asked to open a toilet.

I guess it's appropriate that this crowning event of my mayoralty should involve a throne.

When I was first asked to do this opening, Alasdair sent me a brief email with a little bit of information – but I've got to say, it wasn't a lot to go on ...

... And I guess that's the way it's been for a while for visitors to Waitati.

I'm sure that having this new facility will be a great relief to locals – and of even greater relief to visitors to the beautiful township of Waitati.

Being the wonderful community you are, I know businesses have been as accommodating as they could, but your persistence in asking for new public facilities has paid off. Now the people who come and go, will have somewhere to go when they come.

Puns aside ... for now – I'm well aware Waitati has always been a popular destination or at least a pleasant stopping point for day trippers from Dunedin.

In the early days of the motor car, groups would make their way out here for a drive - to explore the many points of interest nearby, or perhaps take a break before pushing on to points further north.

Back before the motorway was put through, the old Mount Cargill Road was the main thoroughfare in and out of Dunedin.

The oldest ones here may remember those journeys – I know I certainly heard the stories about people returning home to Dunedin from the north. Having worked their way over the Kilmog Hill – which was a vastly tougher test than it is today – the motorist would then face the grind up and over Mount Cargill.

Not surprisingly Waitati was a popular spot to stop and let the car cool down and the passengers stretch their legs before that final push for home. I bet they would have loved facilities like these back then.

Today those journeys are much easier and, of course, we are seeing a huge increase in tourist traffic, making facilities like this essential.

I must congratulate Alasdair on his persistent push to have this new toilet facility built. It is a credit to him and the members of the community who have supported his efforts.

This is an excellent example of a Council and community joint venture – and it is particularly pleasing that everything from design to final construction has been carried out by local contractors. That's the way it should be.

You have done a fantastic job and the end result is a neat and functional testament to the skills your community possesses.

Again - thank you for inviting me here today to be part of this occasion and to give this wee speech. I'm sure you're busting to get this thing open.

That's my last pun – I promise.

The Soldier's Secret

He grabbed me by my slender neck
I could not call or scream

He drew me to his darkened car
Where he could not be seen.

He took me from my flimsy wrap
And gazed upon my slender form,
I was so cold, so scared, so damp,
And he so delightfully warm.
His fevered lips he put to mine
I gave him every drop,

He took from me my very soul
I could not make him stop.

He made me what I am today
That's why you'll find me here,
A broken bottle thrown away
That once was full of beer.

Taken from **Remember Us – Poems of the Second World War** collected by William Doeherty and printed by Anne Fitzgerald.



Derek the Dunnock

Sugar Babies



Unlike those upper class endemic Bellbirds and Tui, not to mention them middle class native Silvereyes, us foreign workin' class, riff raff Dunnocks ain't got a sweet tooth. I'm an invert* and seed man meself. It comes natural to them to go poking around in flowers. They's even got bristly tongues. Yuk, imagine kissin' says me ornithologist. All the better to lap it up wiv says they. True yous Homo so called sapiens may have sucked the odd bit of nectar from flax flowers but I asks you is it natural, let alone healthy to spend \$380 billion a year on fizzy drinks? And now here yous are tryin' to force sugar down the throats of our poor nectivors at a time when they's half bloody starvin' in winter.

Yes I knows yous got good intentions, like when you flick me a bit of your sarnie, poor wee starvin' babies, and yes they loves it and piles in but let's just fink about this. Even before yous napalmed 80% of their forest homes, what would've been flowerin' way down here in winter? Yeah the odd kowhai and fuchsia starts up early on but that's bugger all compared with the gallons of sugar water dangling from half the gardens in Dunedin.

Doris up at the Orokonui Eco thingy, who may or not be me mum, says have you seen them sugar feeders? Bolshie males yellin' at each uver. Us gals don't get a look in. Up in Karori or whatever they calls it now, NZ Forest Experience or some such, they reckons it's skewed the sex ratio no end. Us fems ends up wiv heaps of blokes to choose from but them's all sugar freaks.

And then there's those Tauhou, Silvereyes. Come down from the hills my tarsus. (Why ain't I got a Māori name. I was here only a few years after 'em). There's more of 'em in Dunedin than out here in Upper Waitati. Fewer up in beech forest, let alone the scrubby Silverpeaks than in lower forest. But they's like rabbits. Turn out chicks like there's no tomorrow, which for most of them there ain't 'cus most don't survive their first winter**. Gang up in autumn and compete with upper class endemics for berries and me ornithologist landowner's apples. Then come hard times they pile into yous HscS's sugar in winter and survive to compete wiv yous upper class endemics much more than us alien seedeaters. I knows, dear BSN you ain't a scientific journal that's gonna be up for refereeing before going out on the streets but how about checkin' out some of yous ornirlogical facts wiv us avians on the ground before yous publish?

So instead I says of gettin' me mates hooked on sugar, better you plant bushes wiv berries to see the poor little buggers through the winter. Wholesome natural food.

**Invert is not a psychological condition but in common parlance, short for invertebrates, those poor lowly creatures lacking a backbone who are gobbled up by our lovely little endemic Robins and the like.*

***Albatrosses are more laid back. Live for fifty years and turn out a chick every two years if they's lucky.*

Thought for the month: Is it better to be killed by a Halo Cat with a Chip on it's Shoulder than a one without?

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Change My Name

by Jenn Shulzitski

This year I received a school newsletter in Dunedin, celebrating the last days of school with Mufti Day. Since my family was new in the country, I did my research. What is mufti day?

Mufti is an Arabic word referring to a revered, respected Islamic scholar or cleric. The British army usurped the term in the early 19th century, as they dressed mockingly in slippers, a tasseled cap, and dressing gowns when they were out of uniform. The colonial military had the objective to "render [the Islamic people] obsolete and powerless, while the authority of Mufti in India was being extinguished. One culture's power dressing was another's play clothes." (Katie Pickles, University of Canterbury, The Spinoff)

So how on earth are we still using this terminology today? Around the world, colonial statues and street names are being placed in community graveyards as historical artifacts. We are questioning cultural appropriation in all of its forms - replicas of the Endeavour are turned away

from Te Ika-a-Maui and product names like "Eskimo Pie" are rebranded. Mufti Day is just another relic, and most people don't have a clue about the racist origins.

So the time is ripe to educate ourselves and to act with integrity and empathy. We can contact our local schools if they still engage in violent language or traditions like Mufti Day. We can let our young people lead the way towards solutions and reconciliation. Students could research the ways in which Pākehā engage in cultural appropriation in New Zealand, as well as the dominance of European cultural in a "bicultural society". Our young people could brainstorm solutions for a tolerant, multi-cultural society, and they could create the language, symbols, and traditions in cooperation with tangata whenua in pursuit of our treaty obligations.

Language is powerful. As we struggle to decolonize our country and implement our moral and legal commitments, we can acknowledge that Mufti day has no room in a tolerant and "kind" society.

<https://thespinoff.co.nz/society/12-02-2020/a-mufti-day-is-enormous-fun-but-time-to-give-it-a-new-name/>

Grants for insulation and heating available

The Warmer Kiwi Homes programme offers grants for insulation and heating for qualifying homeowners. In Otago, Cosy Homes Charitable Trust, with support from Dunedin City Council and Otago Community Trust, tops up these grants so that insulation is FREE and up to \$3300 is available towards a heating appliance.

To be eligible for a grant, the home must be built before 2008 and you must be an owner-occupier - sorry, rentals and holiday homes are not included. In addition, you must have a Community Services Card or Super Gold Combo Card (it will say CSC on the back), OR alternatively live in a designated warm-up zone.

There is one warm-up zone in Blueskin Bay, located in Waitati. It stretches from east side of Harvey Street through to Black Bridge. This includes Brown, Erne, Foyle, Killarney and McLachlan Streets, as well as Doctors Point Road east of the bridge. So, if you own a home in this area, you qualify for the programme even if you do not have a Community Services Card.

The insulation grants cover 100% of the cost of ceiling and underfloor insulation, as well as a ground vapour barrier. If you already have some existing insulation, the programme will cover upgrading it to meet current standards.

The heating grants will pay 100% of the cost of a heating appliance (heat pump, wood burner, pellet fire) up to a maximum of \$3300. Note that the heating grants are only available to homes that do not already have a working fixed heating appliance in the main living area. So, if you

already have a heat pump or wood burner, you may not be eligible.

These grants are available for a limited time, so act now to take advantage of the funding available and make your home warmer, healthier, and less expensive to heat.

To verify your eligibility and start the process, go online and search for the "Warmer Kiwi Homes tool" or visit the website at: <https://tools.eeca.govt.nz/warmer-kiwi-homes-tool/>.

If you have any questions or need additional assistance, contact Cosy Homes Trust on 021 999 935 or email info@cosyhomes.org.nz.

Jeremy Baker, Cosy Homes Trust

Map of Waitati Warm-Up Zone (shaded area qualifies for grants)



THE RANT

by Giselle



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

What Makes Me Mad and Sad.....

My top rant continues to be the lack of a decent bus service which the ORC thinks the North Dunedin region is adequately served by. NO, yes NO public transport nights, weekends, or holidays – pathetic! While this is a growing region and SH1 services thousands of trucking companies, people are expected to hop back in their cars and keep on polluting.

The next rant is people who don't fix their cats, and think it's alright to drop off kittens in the Bland Park area. I'm not blaming the felines. It's clear to me irresponsible humans are the problem.

What Makes Me Glad.....

There are at times temporary solutions to the above problems. A friend gave me rides to Dunedin's Writers and Readers Festival. Amazing NZ authors talked about their books. Wow, we have talented people in this country. If only I could find a ride to the Film Society screenings, and thank you to Cat Rescue they are terrific, caring people who will trap and re-home abandoned kittens.

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All are welcome at our meetings: 7pm on 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday of the month at Blueskin Bay Library. Email waitatittoastmasters@gmail.com or facebook @waitatittoastmasters.

Jane Gregory

BLUESKIN GARDEN CLUB

Several of our members attended the Anzac Service at Waitati and once again got into the kitchen to serve hot drinks and wash up dishes. We would especially like to thank Glenys Clements for the lovely floral arrangements in the hall as well as Lyne Carlyle, Phyll Jones and Wendy Chapman for making 3 wreaths to be laid for local groups - Garden Club, Warrington School and Warrington Surf Life Saving Club.

On Saturday, 15 May 24 members met at the Warrington Hall on a sunny but blustery day. We started off with catching up over a cuppa and then got into the "business" of having our Annual General Meeting. We wish to say a big thank you to Phyll Jones and Shirley Zwies for their time and effort on the committee. They will be replaced by Ruth Porteous and Janice Henderson who join Lyne Carlyle, Nicky Johnston, Carol Fletcher, Wendy Chapman, Christine Hardisty, Glenys Clements and Lyn Hastie on the 2021/22 committee.

Following our meeting we had a plant/place quiz. That got us all thinking and scratching our heads – thanks Shirley and Carol – we will all try harder next time! A delicious shared lunch was enjoyed by us all with further time to catch up and spend time together. Several of us went home with new plants from the bring and share table.

If you would like to join us, get to know some folk in the area or rekindle old friendships then come along and join us. Our year's programme will be out soon but for any info please contact our President Lyne Carlyle on 482 2822.

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WHAT'S ON

Children's Book Club

Monday 14 June, 3.30 - 4.30pm

Please note this Club is for Year 3 and up.

Last month, we looked at lots of maps, especially maps in stories. We all chose to make an imaginative map. The themes included dragons, horses and ninjas – pictured is Lily Kuzma's *Forest Ninja Base* map.



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Thursday 24 June, 3.30 - 4.30pm

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Tuesdays, 2.30 - 4.30pm

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Andrew Martin once worked in the finance industry in Australia, but after learning about the true state of the world as peak oil and climate change begin to take effect, he knew he had to leave that unsustainable lifestyle behind and do something useful to help heal the earth and to be more resilient in the face of change.

Mr Holmes



In 1947, Sherlock Holmes, long-retired, lives in a sleepy Sussex village with his housekeeper and her amateur-sleuthing son. But far from living out a peaceful retirement, he is haunted by an unsolved case from fifty years ago.

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



Pūrākaunui School

Kia ora koutou. I am enjoying my current role as relieving principal at Pūrākaunui School, while Tim Cook is away on sabbatical for Term 2.

We were blessed with some wonderful autumnal weather for the first week back, and all the students were able to take full advantage of our beautiful school environment. Things have got decidedly cooler this week, and it was exciting to be able to light the log burners for the first time. These are a rare commodity in schools these days!

Our overarching theme this term is Kaitiakitanga. We have been examining what we already do at a school, home and community level to act as guardians of our environment. We have also begun to explore local challenges and opportunities across these three areas. This theme will be integrated where possible across our curriculum. Our writing focus is on effectively presenting an argument. The students will be challenged to formulate arguments based on their inquiries around the environmental threats we have identified.



Image: Nick Beckwith

We will be continuing our involvement with the 'Kei Hea Ngā Kākā? (Where are the kākā?) project this term. This fits beautifully with the Kaitiakitanga concept. The students are particularly looking forward to more field work as part of this study. West Harbour schools are very lucky to be able to readily access programmes provided by organisations such as Orokonui Ecosanctuary and the Halo Project.

We have plenty of cool things to look forward to this term and I will look forward to sharing them with you over the next couple of issues.

John Fisher

BLUESKIN BAY WATCH

Did you know that Blueskin Bay is classed as a Coastal Protection area? This means that local authorities seek to ensure that the water quality is enhanced over time.

The funding application for river monitoring has been approved by the Participatory Science Platform. A huge vote of thanks to Dr Lucy Wing for getting this project over the line.

Sampling during high rainfall events will tell us more about what nutrients are coming off the land and will enhance the NIWA modelling for eutrophication susceptibility of Blueskin Bay.

But that's not all! Some of you may know that Lucy has linked us in to the *E.coli* research by Georgia Bell of ESR (a Crown Research Institute doing science for communities) and enough of you scientists and/or locals have agreed to help for it to go ahead in Blueskin Bay.

Again – well done Lucy and all those people putting their hand up!

This is the kind of science that is sorely needed to inform decisions on development around the Bay.

The AGM for BBW is June 17, Blueskin Bay library at 7.30pm. The speaker is yet to be confirmed. All welcome.

Sue Hensley

Blueskin Bay Watch Society Incorporated (2006)



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Eggs for undies or a brief history of local barter.

by Hilary Rowley

"I will trade you one pair of undies for a dozen eggs". Sounds like some perverted school lunch deal doesn't it, but apart from what goes on at schools, barter is alive and well in Blueskin Bay. If you are cash poor but time rich then barter is a very good way of getting things done, and buying what you need without using precious cash in hand, take note retired people, young people, and beneficiaries.

Back in the late '80s and early '90s we had a local Coastal Otago Barter System, or COBS. There was a drop box for cheques at the Blueskin store. We had amazing markets on a regular basis. I sold samosas, dog food, plants, clothes, preserves... and I purchased art, clothes, jewellery, food, plants... I still have a beautiful carved stone necklace made by Moira Crossman which I would never have been able to buy on the unemployment benefit. Barter made the work of artists affordable, and it made artists able to sell their work to people who really appreciated it.

COBS worked with a central "bank" (some people with a computer) and every member signed up with what they had to offer for barter. The list of people, goods, and services was published in a booklet which every member received, along with a COBS cheque book.

Whenever we spent a COBS cheque, the cheque was banked at a drop box. These cheques were collected weekly and added or subtracted from our COBS balance.

The system was amazing for a few years, but then faded due, I think, to a lack of good management. I do believe something similar could thrive again in the area, but perhaps in a more online and computerised way.

Barter may be circumventing the cash and tax system, but what it does is enable people to see what kind of small business they can start without any risk. It is possible to gauge the market, fine tune your products, and see what sells and what doesn't and to gain confidence as an entrepreneur. Barter can exist successfully beside the cash system.

Just lately I have been trading home made undies made from recycled stretch tops for fresh local eggs, and I traded a specially-made jacket to Ivan Basset in exchange for him repairing a treasured but broken mid-century chair (see pics above).

A barter system is better than direct barter though because we can buy and sell things without having to find another person who wants what we have to offer, we simply take a cheque, and spend it where we want. Children can be members too, so they really could do complex trades where they can get carrot cake, without having to find some one who wants their egg sandwiches.

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Kororā – The Little Blue Penguin

While Kororā are the most abundant penguin on our coast they are also the smallest. Kororā look a bit like a duck when they are sitting on the water – but they are unmistakable once they hit the shore. Kororā will nest where ever there is “real estate” – often under buildings or even people's seaside houses – which may not be much fun for the house residents due to the noisy late night squabbles and pungent poop of these little guys.

Kororā housing has been provided along the base of the cliffs between Doctors Point and Mopoutahi – and it is full house over there. Kororā are good little parents and once the young hatch and are ready to leave home, they really leave home! Swimming hundreds of kilometres off the eastern shore of Aotearoa where they stay and fish in groups for about two years – finally returning to the shore to breed like little bags of jelly.

As you can imagine, trying to walk on land after two years at sea is pretty hard for these jelly bag young adults, thus they are quite vulnerable to things like dogs, cats ferrets and stoats. Their population and numbers have ben declining in areas not protected from predators. Dogs are likely the greatest threat to little penguin. These threats have increased with more coastal development bringing more dogs off leads snuffling around in the dunes and rocky outcrops – always remember to take a lead when you walk your dog and keep **pets on the wet**.

The map below shows in green where dogs are permitted off lead, the yellow shows where they must be on a lead. By law when within 20 meters of any wildlife dogs must be placed on a lead and kept under control.



Waitati Volunteer Fire Brigade

The Brigade has been busy over the first months of the year, our calls for the total year usually number about 50, currently we are at 42 calls for 2021. One of which was the devastating house fire in Double Hill Road. We used many local brigades and tankers to assist our efforts, unfortunately the loss was almost total but no injury or loss to any family or brigade members.



It was with a sense of pride we farewelled Jim and Liz Clark from our community. Jim served many years as Brigade Chief, a job well done, a small presentation was made to Jim as they move to Oamaru. For the last few months we have been trying to find the Key to the safe on station, whilst at their presentation Liz asked if we would like the key safe in her possession. We gladly said we would appreciate it's timely return. Jim and Liz go with our blessing and enjoy your new surroundings in Oamaru.

We are doing the rounds of rural properties with two of our operational support members who will call in to look at your local rural situation and leave you with some helpful hints as to how to make your property accessible to the Brigade should you have an incident. See below for actions you should complete.

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 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.

Let's keep our community safe

Paul Clements

In Week 1 of Term 2, Waitati School went to Puketeraki Marae. We stayed the night as well. What a rich community time we had. Puketeraki is a beautiful Marae.

We did the LEOTC programme, we split into our groups again and went to the afternoon workshops one was playing traditional māori kēmu with rākau (sticks) and poi toa (poi crafted specifically for games). The second activity was learning about the coastline, where you can and can't take seafood from, how much of each shellfish you can take per person and a favourite part of this activity was learning about what we can use seaweed for. We learnt that with a mussel shell and seaweed you

can create a bag, shoes, a pōhā which is traditionally used to preserve kai and that you can even make a bouncy ball! All four workshops were fun and engaging for the ākonga. At the end of the day, we had a poroporoaki (farewell) for the kaiako who ran the activities during the day.

Some of the Year 7 and 8's are fundraising for their ski camp in Term 3. They will be holding a car wash at the Local Waitati Market each month plus selling kai. Lastly, they will have a

raffle for a load of dry firewood. Please keep an eye out for them because we would really value your support.

Finally, thank you to the local community fund and the DCC for supporting the installation of a kiln for ceramics. Our goal is to have this ceramics studio open to the Waitati public to use in some form. If you are interested please give me a call.

Nga Mihi
Tara O'Neill, Principal



Congratulations

Warrington lads Finn Ward and Nathan Hastie have both been recognised recently for their sporting achievements.

Finn Ward is one of 3 Otago players to be selected in the NZ Men's under 21 squad for hockey. Nathan Hastie is one of 3 Otago players to be selected in the National under 20 rugby squad. Congratulations to them both for great competition and an exciting future in their chosen sports.

Waitati Warblers

Warrington Hall: Sundays 4pm - 5.30pm

Are you someone who enjoys sharing your vocal offerings alongside others? Come and join a group of singers who have a common joy of making unaccompanied music together.

The repertoire is wide-ranging and caters to all tastes. Our director, Nancy Miller, (nancymiller140@gmail.com) would be pleased to hear from you and meet you at one of our practice sessions.

Days to Remember - June

World Environment Day 5 June

Queen's Birthday 7 June

World Oceans Day 8 June

Global Wind Day 15 June

International Panic Day 18 June

World Refugee Day 20 June

International Fairy Day 24 June

June is Men's Health Month and Bowel Cancer Awareness Month





Source to Sea prepare for planting

Working with over 30 landowners between Heyward Point and Waihero Shag River, we're developing restoration plans, landowner agreements and fencing-off wetlands and streams. Six landowners are officially signed up and fencing has been completed at three sites.



Jeanne sorts local harakeke flax seed for propagation by Department of Corrections.

Our new Field Team Supervisor, Jeanne Hutchison, started with us in March, and has recruited a fine team of six Field Team Rangers. Having just started, the team will begin their training and get underway with site preparation and planting. They will be working together mainly preparing sites, planting and tree releasing over the next 12 months.

To register your interest as a landowner and to find out more, please visit www.haloproject.org.nz

Noticing more possums and rats about?

Now, and until August, you may notice more possum roadkill or hear them screeching and calling at night. It's possum breeding season: males are moving to find mates and juveniles are leaving their birth territories. Also in Winter, when there is less food about, rats move indoors for food and shelter. This is a great time to set and regularly check and rebait traps for these predators.

We provide chew cards to find out what predators you have lurking in your backyard, and sell subsidised rat traps to people within our project area. If you would like to host a possum trap but don't have time to use it, we can also help. Please contact us on 022 026 2115 or email info@haloproject.org.nz.

Blueskin Rainfall Event Monitoring Project

Kia ora community, Last year a varied group of locals from Blueskin Bay met to discuss nutrients, sedimentation and increases in the seaweed species *Ulva* in Blueskin Bay.

A 2020 study had detected increases in *Ulva* over 10 years, and increases in nitrate discharged from the Warrington Waste Water Treatment Plant, so Otago Regional Council are going to do a Eutrophication Susceptibility Study of the estuary. However, they are not measuring nutrient levels in the rivers that run into the estuary during rainfall events.

A successful application made to the Unlocking Curious Minds fund now allows the community to undertake this river monitoring.

I have just taken up the job of coordinating this project and have been assembling all the things we will need to get out there and start measuring in the next downpour. We have a number of volunteers happy to put on their coats and gumboots, but if there is anyone else keen to join us, please contact me (beatrice.lee@actrix.co.nz, or 027 208 8305).

There will be a training day for volunteers soon and it will be advertised via email and local Facebook pages.

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Beau Heather - Waitati Market garden legend

From 1931 the the southern end of Waitati, from the store to the school, was a farm owned by Brown Ferguson, 30 acres of this he leased to Chinese market gardeners.

Beau (Arnold Frederick) Heather worked in these gardens from age 14 until he was conscripted to the army at age 18. On his return, he was asked to form a business with Gee Ng and Ferguson to manage the land. Three years later Ferguson died and Beau Heather and Gee Ng continued for another 20 years. Beau married Gwen Kennedy from Gore, a nursing sister at Orokonui, and continued growing veges and also his family

The vegetables were not sold locally but loaded onto the 5pm train to Dunedin to be sold at auction. Some were sent to Timaru and Christchurch and in winter, brussel sprouts even went to Wellington.

A mix of produce was grown, including carrots, brassicas, beetroot, brussels, lettuce, and spinach. The fertile alluvial soil and climate was perfect for growing. 'Pop' Oliver Crawford also had gardens on the other side of the river (the wholesale nursery grounds) from 1946 until his death in 1976.

There was a flood in 1968 where the School creek and the Waitati River overflowed into the gardens and houses. All the vegetables were washed out and left hanging on the fences. At this point, Gee Ng decided to retire.

Beau also worked as a fruit and produce auctioneer for Lovell Reilly and by now he had his own truck for transport to town. He grew carrots and during another small flood in 1971 the willows along the river were festooned with them. The Turner family remembered harvesting 8kg of carrots from the trees.

Beau continued growing for another 15 years then semi-retired working only 3 acres until he retired finally aged 72 in 1996.

Mandy Mayhem-Bullock

ONECOAST RESOURCE RECOVERY

Waikouaiti Wardrobe workout – pre-loved clothes sale

Saturday 10 July, 1 – 4pm

East Otago Events Centre, Main Road, Waikouaiti.

\$5 entrance fee for a shopping bag of clothes, plus individually priced items

Last year's post lockdown Wardrobe Workout run by OneCoast and POWA was so successful we promised to hold another one, and here it is, bigger and better than ever. This year we will be moving into the main auditorium to display the large number of clothes we are expecting to receive.

Again, a \$5 entrance fee will let you fill a shopping bag with clothes of your choice from the auditorium as well as the chance to buy special items individually priced. There will be a changing room available. Other entertainments will include free tea and coffee, a workshop and fashion advice from Fiona Jenkins of Stitch Kitchen, a white elephant stall, and maybe even a recycled fashion parade!

At the moment we are collecting clothing in good condition to sell. Everything from mens to babies, outdoor to sleepwear is welcome. You can email onecoastotago@gmail.com or text 021 130 7765 to arrange drop off or pick up.

Judy Martin

Sudoku

To solve Sudoku, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in:

Each of the nine vertical columns

Each of the nine horizontal rows

Each of the nine 3 x 3 boxes

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Wild Things are coming to your area.

Wild Things Home-based Early Learning are excited to announce that we have some exciting activities coming up.

Our free pop up playgroups have been a fantastic way for families to meet and enjoy a cuppa while their children engage in a wide range of activities. This is open to all parents/caregivers with infants through to school aged children and interested educators. You can use this time to ask questions about how Wild Things home based education works or just enjoy feeling welcomed in our school environments.

The upcoming dates for our pop up playgroups are:

Warrington School, Tuesday 8 June, 10am;

Karitane School, Tuesday 15 June, 11am;

Warrington School, Wednesday 23 June, 10am, their 4 year old explorers club is the 24 June;

Karitane School, Tuesday 29th June, 10am.

We are currently looking for educators. Do you enjoy the energy that children bring to the world as they explore in their own time and pace all that this amazing world has to offer them, and the ability to provide a safe environment in your home.

No experience is necessary as Wild Things will provide all the support and guidance needed to create a nurturing learning environment that supports a child in their lifelong learning journey. You can choose your own hours, set your own rates or use our administrative service. We have many allowance options to help you to get set up and offer professional development opportunities including free first aid training. Find out more at wildthings.org.nz. co.nz, ph Christine 021 0838 5973 or email christine@wildthings.org.nz.

Circle the date 15 June at 7.30pm at Waitati School. Wild Things are excited to announce in conjunction with the Brain Waves Trust and Waitati School a free 2 hr information night by Dr Rob Thomson called Nurture our Tamariki. Designed to equip whānau with the knowledge to help their children reach their full potential. Find out more at www.brainwave.org.nz. Please R.S.V.P Christine if you would like to attend as numbers are limited.



Monument

*She cheered when they carted off
the Hamilton statue,
and she mourned
when they blew up
the Bamiyan Buddhas,
and she's sat high above the rocks
where the bodies rained down
at Mapoutahi.
A towering stone monument
to mark the defeat of Ngati Tama
at the hands of Tuhawaiki's warriors
now stands alone
in a cow paddock near Matura.*

Duncan Eddy



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WAITATI BOOK CLUB by Ian Melvin

Driving over the hill in the dark, and rain, without Scott's conversation and company to keep things upbeat, peering into the darkness to see the road, a reminder that the dreads of winter has arrived without me really noticing. However at the end of the long and windy road to my destination on the hill above Purakaunui, I was rewarded by a warm welcome from Ross and Barbara and the perfect setting for another enjoyable evening with my book club cohorts.

THE BOOK

Heart of a Dog by *Mikhail Bulgakov*. A biting satire of the Russian revolution and the misguided attempt to transform mankind. Initially prohibited in Russia until 1987, released as a TV movie in 1988 on Soviet television, gaining universal acclaim. This is an important book obviously and I think well received and enjoyed, though probably without rampant enthusiasm.

OTHER BOOKS

Ian – \$2 from the sale bin at the library – **Jewelweed** by *David Rhodes*, the best book I have read for a very very long time. "*David Rhodes takes seemingly mundane events and makes them magic. The everyday is made spectacular by his telling.*" Jack Hannert Brilliant Books, Traverse City, Michigan. Love it when you find magic simply by chance in a bargain bin.

Scott – **The Great Successor: The Secret Rise and Rule of Kim Jong Un** by *Anna Fifield* the fascinating story of modern North Korea, the weird and whacky make it strangely entertaining, while drawing a more subtle portrait than the media has done. Makes the Orange Man look even more foolish, if that is possible.

MOVIE, TV, PLAYS

Ross – **Woman at War**. If you missed this movie at the film festival a few years back, then dig it out. It's a rarity: Icelandic, idiosyncratic, feelgood, funny. Rotten Tomatoes Audience rating of 97%. DCC Library has it on DVD or stream at www.flicks.co.nz/movie/woman-at-war/

Ian – **Te Ao with Moana** by Māori Channel. Want to get a different perspective on whats happening in NZ? Remember Moana and the Moahunters? Try fb.watch/5p_CQXlhv5/ on Twitter, her interview and singing along with Māori judge Justice Sir Joe Williams. Or **Te Ao with Moana** on Facebook.

BEER, WHISKY, WINE, PORT

Marc – **Garage Project** (zero carbon, accredited living wage provider) **Lupus The Wolfman**, 9% IPA Imperial Double. A strong beer, claiming it is not for the weak of heart, nicely malty , and had the substance and complexity of a Belgian beer. It lacked a bit of fizz though both literally and figuratively, never the less, I am tempted to go back and give it another go.

Martin – whenever we travel through north Canterbury we always stop at Waipara and head to **Torlesse Wines** and I always come away with a Tawny Port. 10 years old seems more like 20 years... beeeuuutiful! As it should be, it is smooth and oaky, as it clings to the mouth. Has a viscous sweetness, with eyes shut there's Christmas pudding and spices. Great with a hard cheese as the end of a meal.

MUSIC

Ian – a handful of random picks from Blueskin Library... **Frazy Ford** by *U Kin B the Sun*, forgettable...

Fay Hield by *Wrackline*, bit too folky for me, but great banjo player, and great cover art.

Fleetfoxes, folky but great harmonies and clever original sound and songs. Got better as it went along.

Bob Dylan 1970, 3 disc set of unreleased songs from the 70s, great backing band, great songs, Without You, one of my favourite Dylan songs but 5 versions is too much even for me, Bob. This is a firm middle finger to all those snobbish literary aesthetes who criticised his Nobel Prize award. Is there any other artist, writer, or musician that so totally encapsulates the mood, issues, and feel of the 60s and 70s?

WORD OF THE MONTH

Whanaungatanga – a relationship through shared experiences and working together, which provides people with a sense of belonging.

Develops as a result of kinship, rights and obligations, which also serve to strengthen each member of the kin group. If like me you wish to try and understand more try www.newsroom.co.nz/ideasroom/dame-anne-salmond-iwi-and-kiwi-beyond-the-binary. N.B this should be compulsory reading for all of us.

MEANING OF LIFE

A New Day! "...but now as he sat on the sagging front step of his new residence, Blake participated in something the rabbit traps of civilization could not snare. The morning enlisted in a secret but nonetheless universal rebellion. The past could not prevail. Everything important was not simply being mirrored forward through time. It was being overthrown, and Blake was part of the insurrection. The inexhaustible emptiness of morning would eventually win. Nothing could stand against it." Quote from *Jewelweed* by *David Rhodes*.



Blueskin Playcentre

Tēnā koutou katoa! This term at Playcentre we are focusing on exploring our world through all our senses. This provides us with plenty of wonderful play opportunities, as well as supporting our tamariki to learn to use their senses to regulate their big feelings.

Sensory play can sometimes get messy (and slimy... and sparkly... and sticky...) and many of our parents value the chance for their kids to get stuck into these activities without having glitter all through their house! Our wonderful Playcentre parents have been sharing their talents; turns out we have some wonderful musicians and bakers who have been sharing their talents with the tamariki in session!

We have also been refreshing our Te Reo Maori resources, with the new CDs and books enthusiastically embraced by tamariki and parents alike and they are already living up the centre.

We also have an upcoming outing planned to Orokonui Ecosanctuary (01/06/21); what better way to engage the senses than a crisp autumn walk through that beautiful place?

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 www.playcentre.org.nz/centre/blueskin/, at blueskinplaycentre88@gmail.com, or on (03) 470 1228. Just a reminder that our public Facebook page (Blueskin Playcentre) 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

WAIKOUAITI COAST COMMUNITY BOARD UPDATE

Results of Submissions?

Well, we have sent many pages of wise words through to Dunedin City Council, Otago Regional Council, Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment and the Southern Regional Transport Plan in response to their requests for comment on their various long-term plans. The outcome of various requests and comments won't be known until just after publication date of Blueskin News but we'll give you an update in the next issue.

Issues we commented on relating to the wider Blueskin Bay area included: more recreational spaces for older children; the upgrade of Truby King Historical Reserve at Seacliff along with modifying the DCC Management Plan; investigating the feasibility of a reticulated sewerage scheme for Waitati; more public toilets; better monitoring of the ecology of Blueskin Bay; a decent bus service for the north coast area, including buses in the evenings and at weekends; implementation of Park & Ride facilities; better tree maintenance along the state highway; improved forestry management close to waterways; continuing the Seaside train to Waitati and beyond, to name but a few. We shall see what develops.

Our next formal meeting will be held in the Karitane Hall on Wednesday 23 June starting at the slightly earlier time of 4.30pm. If you wish to speak at the public forum please contact Rebecca Murray on 477 4000.

From 1 July our Discretionary Fund gets topped up by \$10,000. If you would like to apply for a grant for a community project you can find the application form on the DCC website, or have a chat with a Board Member (who are never bored!).

Alasdair Morrison, Chairman

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But morning commuters-
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But there's no room inside!
Hitch hiking is all some folk can do.
Is it safe these days for Mums and children too?
Parking meters everywhere in town.
Finding a place can really get you down.
Leave the car at home!!
Wherever can we roam?
The trains run mainly at night.
Delivering precious cargo alright!
But people are far more valuable than this!
To have some decent transport is our wish!
Let's get a proper service round our city.
These days to be to be SO deprived is such a pity!!!!

by Lynda Bassett



Nia Waitati.

Nia Dance classes are a wonderful blend of nine different movement forms, 3 dance arts, 3 healing arts and 3 martial arts, put to a variety of world music.

Classes are held every Tuesday morning, 11.30am at Waitati Hall, \$10 per class. The class on 15 June will be held on 16 June.

The aim is to explore the joy of movement, with each person moving within their own capabilities while being guided in the simple choreography. The invitation is to connect with the senses and find health and well-being through moving and learning new patterns. It's great brain gym and the movements are low impact and adaptable for each individual, there is room for self expression and the classes are fun.

There is a welcoming group of participants, energy comes from moving within a group and developing a strong sense of connection with others in our wider community. It is not a performance, there is no right or wrong, and no experience of dance is necessary. If you can walk, then you can do Nia. If you can't walk, then it can be experienced as a seated activity.

Clare Reilly, a resident of Waitati, is a certified Nia teacher with many years experience. She is passionate about sharing this movement form, and creating a safe environment in which to enjoy and reconnect with self, and gain a sense of uplift and joy.

So if you feel like trying something new this winter, want to meet others in our community and gain a sense of well-being, then come along, where you will be welcomed. If you wish, contact Clare on info@clareilly.co.nz or 021 177 5350.

Clare Reilly

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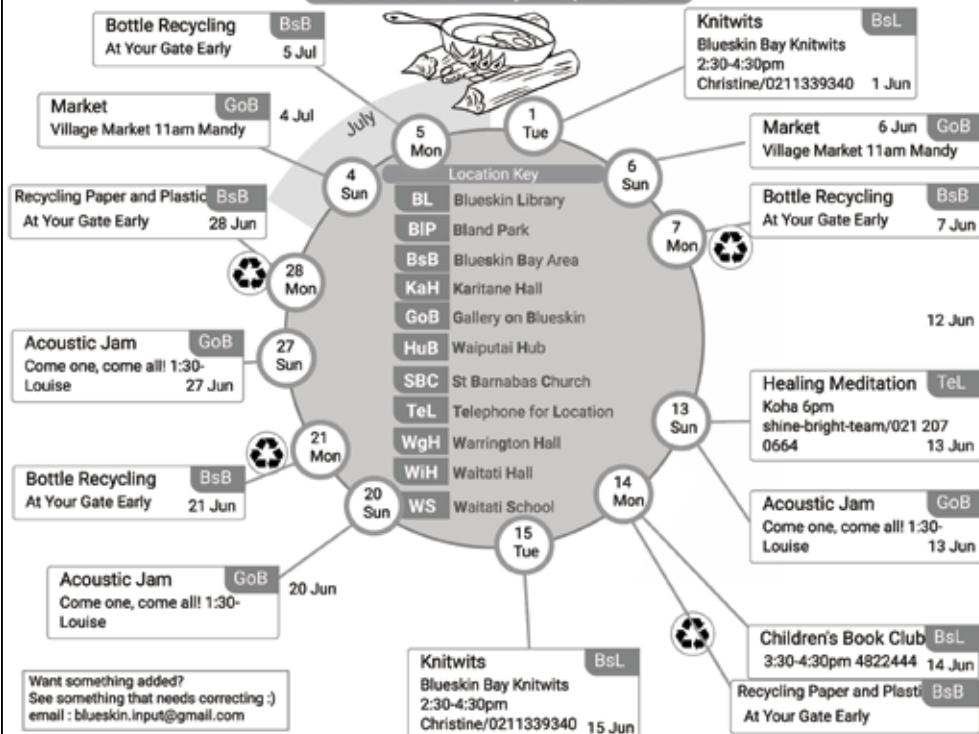
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Wheel of What's - Monthly and Special Events



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Monday at

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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

Wednesday

- Nordic Walking 9am** Karitane
Walking with poles
Sabine 021 207 0664
- Yoga with Hagino**
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**
Peter 021460760

Friday

- Live Music** 6 or
7pm start, various
performers, Louise

Sunday

- Service** 9.30 am
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- Waitati Warblers**
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Monthly Healing Meditation

9 May, 4pm-5pm contact Shine Bright Centre for location, Koha [also on Zoom]

Pilates for Back and Posture

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

Casual \$15, 10 sessions \$100

Nordic Walking

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

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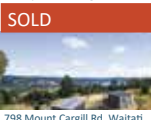



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