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The Toughest Chick in Town









Editor's Note

It's Mother's Day on 9 May, and having always thought it a completely commercial holiday I decided I would do a bit of research.

Mother's Day is a celebration honoring the mother of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. It is celebrated on various days in over 40 countries, most commonly in the months of March or May. Although not a public holiday in New Zealand, it is in such varied countries as Finland, Malawi and North Korea.

Our modern Mothers Day was first celebrated in 1907, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother at St Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia. In 1908, the U.S. Congress rejected a proposal to make Mother's Day an official holiday but by 1911 all US states observed the holiday. Although Jarvis was successful in founding Mother's Day, she became resentful of the commercialisation of the holiday with companies selling cards and flowers and exploiting the holiday for profit rather than sentiment.

In Ethiopia, Mother's Day is celebrated for three days. It comes in mid-autumn where people enjoy a three-day feast called "Antrosht". For the feast, ingredients will be brought by the children for a traditional hash recipe. The ingredients are divided along genders, with girls bringing spices, vegetables, cheese and butter, while the boys bring a lamb or bull. The mother serves the hash to the family. A celebration takes place after the meal. The mothers and daughters anoint themselves using butter on their faces and chests and men sing songs which honour their family and heroes.

I wish all the mothers out there a happy day. Enjoy this month's read, keep safe and well - Bernie



RURAL SKIP DAYS

Warrington Beach Carpark | 29 and 30 May | 10am-4pm These are cash only collections.

(Waste must not be left at the site outside these times)

NO LARGE ITEMS: i.e. engines, metals, tanks, metal drums, whiteware, demolition materials*, or large items of vegetation**

NO UNACCEPTABLE WASTE: i.e. hazardous waste, animal remedies, herbicides, medicines, medical waste, gas bottles, wire, asbestos or petrol tanks

NO LIQUIDS: i.e. liquids including oil

- * demolition materials the maximum size of demolition material is 1m in any direction. Material is to be clean and contain no ashestos
- ** vegetation no complete hedgerows or similar. Fees apply. See website for details.



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Blueskin Bay Community Spaces

Warrington Hall

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

Contact Lvn 482 2896 or Rowena 482 2667

Waitati Hall

Suitable for large meetings, weddings, parties, concerts, dances etc. (up to 120) features kitchen. toilets, stage, sound system and large projection

Contact Blueskin Nurseries on 482 2828

Waitati Hall Meeting Room

Suitable for committee meetings, small gatherings, demonstrations etc. (up to 20 people) features kitchen and toilets.

Contact Blueskin Nurseries on 482 2828

Blueskin Bay Library Meeting Room

Suitable for committee meetings, presentations, training, interviews etc. (up to 12 people) features modular tables, large projection screen, kitchenette and toilets.

Contact Blueskin Bay Library 482 2444 | blucirc1@dcc.govt.nz

Waiputai Hub

Warm and cosy meeting space, community gatherings, classes, children's parties, and workshops for up to 20 people. Features include small kitchen, comfy couches, tables and chairs, fenced grounds including playground for under 5s and toilets. Available to hire for workshops, courses, children's parties or family events etc. at a reasonable hourly rate.

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

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



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WARRINGTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB 40TH ANNIVERSARY

On Saturday, 17 April, over 70 members past and present, came together to celebrate 40 years since the A-Frame club house was opened. Over a delicious shared meal, events were recalled, stories told, and achievements recognised.

One wall in the meeting room was covered in great photos of competitions and club events. There were old minute books to peruse and lots of photo albums to browse. We were welcomed by both the Club Chairperson Charlotte Beaconsall-Ryan and Club Captain Mark Hastie.

Roger Bartlett, a founding member, gave a brief history of how the club started and he congratulated present members on their achievements. He recalled the early days of no wetsuits, a few polystyrene boards and an old canoe. Parents worked hard fundraising to purchase gear and other necessities. The cafe at the playground was open every Sunday to sell pies, ice creams, drinks etc and always on carnival days too. Many thousands of hamburgers and sausages were cooked on the homemade BBQ. Catering was done for large events including the 1995 Nationals where \$5,000 was raised to purchase a brand new canoe, "The Burglar". Over the years more buildings have been added, the gear garage, meeting room with storage underneath, kitchen and downstairs bathrooms.

Arnold Jones a Life Member of Otago Surf spoke of very early days in Warrington. He was a nipper in the 1940's. Arnold is the last of the group of volunteers who helped build the A-Frame and he was thanked for his support.

Glenys Clements was awarded a Life Membership and thanked for her support over many, many years and the several roles she has been involved in. Glenys worked tirelessly as a club chairperson, fundraiser, lifeguard, patroller, patrol inspector, official, board member for Otago Surf, camp mum and second-tonone caterer. Well done Glenys, this award was well deserved. Glenys and her nipper grandson Charlie cut the A-Frame birthday cake made by Lynette Harris. It was an amazing cake both in taste and decoration. A wonderful get together for clubbies young and old. May there be many more in the future.









The Train

by Lynda Bassett

They alight from the train Both young and old, There's a film crew with them,

We are told. Mandy summoned The Militia.

"We need all to hand.

Wear your red tea shirts.

Assemble the band!"

So, on that special visitors day,

We're there to greet them

In the Waitati way.

As 200 passengers disembark,

it isn't as simple as,

A walk in the park.

Through the shower curtains

They're all directed.

And Mandy checks for nylon

As their clothes are inspected.

Rubber stamping every wrist.

We don't want any to get missed.

Sweets for the children

Then all sent away,

To make the most of

A lovely day.

Lunch at The Gallery,

Or Garden Centre cheer.

Visit the Arc, to sample the beer.

Or buy at Waitati Designs, a gift

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Then the red double decker

Will give you a lift.

To the Ecosanctuary

In easy reach,

Or take a stroll

On the lovely beach.

At Harvey St. Merchants,

You can buy the best ice cream.

Such a lovely outing

 ${\it Just the perfect scene.}$

Sitting in the garden,

And living the dream.

by special request from Duncan Eddy.





Warrington School has just polished off an amazing first term. We have really enjoyed swimming in our school swimming pool each day, and making the most of our learning opportunities and connecting in our big backyard that is Warrington.

We've had an amazing start to our pikao planting programme in the sand dunes of Warrington beach. We've harvested the seeds of the golden sand sedge and planted them. A humongous thank you to Blueskin Bay Nursery for sponsoring us gloves to help us plant! We're so grateful. We're also so grateful to Angelina for spending her time



to come in and help us harvest and plant the Pikao seeds. Your knowledge is invaluable



The Year 7-8 children had an awesome camp experience spending a night on the Routeburn Track as well as a trip on the Dart River Jet. We have also just completed our weekly Friday morning surfing sessions down at Warrington Beach, with nearly everyone being able to stand up on a surfboard, which is fantastic.

Our school is in the middle of its renovation/modernising work to the junior, library and middle classroom learning spaces. Our junior room has relocated temporarily to the office building, and Room 2 is learning at the old Warrington playcentre building. Massive thanks to Waiputai Trust for allowing us to stay there for the time being. The junior room has had a wonderful term engaging in lots of stimulating learning opportunities.

They have especially enjoyed the explorer's group (4 year old club) get together which was held last Thursday with Billy, William, Emily and Staal joining us for some exciting Easter activities. It is always a pleasure to honour our heritage and the tamariki have created some amazing paintings and thoughtfully written poems to remember those who fought for us in war. The artwork will be displayed at the Waitati Hall along with the senior room's poppy art on ANZAC DAY.

We hope you have an amazing holiday and a special Anzac day.

by Blue and Phoebe



We have just opened a home based Massage Therapy clinic in Trotters Gorge, Palmerston.

We are passionate about helping people feel better through the healing properties of massage. Improving circulation, helping soothe sore achy muscles and aid recovery. We offer Aromatherapy, Therapeutic & Sports Massage.

Appointments please contact Lisa on 022-655-0521.





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Anzac Day

On a cold, crisp morning, the Blueskin Bay community gathered again to remember those who have given their lives to enable us to live in a peaceful country.

Thanks to our speaker retired Major Andy Mackenzie Everitt and also to William Law, Beatrix Casey, Molly Gilbert, Hank Williams & Blueskin Garden Club for their participation. A special thank you to the Moana House Whanau for the Waiata outside at the cenotaph and during Morning tea. When you drive or walk along Harvey St, take a moment to reflect on the crosses and wreaths at the Cenotaph.

The crosses belong to our community to be used each year on Anzac Day, please do not remove them. If you would like to be involved helping arrange the Anzac commemoration for 2022, please get in touch.

Paul & Glenys Clements E: p.g.clements@xtra or Alasdair Morrison E: info@calamarine.co.nz





Maybe Michael, the rain's not as wet as it used to be. Think about it.

Billy Connolly's mum and my mum, despite one living in Glasgow and the other in London, probably had quite a lot in common, but the only sharing of behaviour that I know of is that Billy's mother, standing on the balcony of Billy's home in California on a sunny breezy day said something close to 'What a pity, what a pity. Such a lovely drying day and not a line of washing in sight'.

I do not think my mum ever experienced the perfect drying day: one where the sun shone and a warm wind blew. I'm not sure that we did those days in Britain in the 1940s. There were days of pouring rain, days when the wind broke the washing line, and even days when the clothes froze on the line. But in Waitati on Easter Monday it was a washing day that would have stirred the hearts of our mums, a sunny windy washing day from heaven. The clothes went onto the line at 9.30am and were dry by 12.00. The words of the heading to this note were said to me by a fellow Waitati weather watcher, and since she is a wise woman with ways of thinking about things that are beyond the normal realm of science, I did think about it. Not all the time, not even very much of the time, but it lingered in some crevice of my brain and now made sense.

In warmer and windier conditions the water in the clothes and sheets is blown and sucked into the air at a greater rate, and exactly the same happens to the rain. Those are precisely the conditions that we are experiencing more often, leading to falling leaves, dying shrubs and lack of grass growth, and the driveway turning to dust...and this is only the beginning.

In effect the rain isn't as wet as it used to be, and it's probably going to get less wet as the Earth warms.

by Michael Fay

Okahau Dune Project

We are having a cuppa at the Waiputai Hub in Warrington on Sunday 16 May 1pm - 4pm and you are invited. If you want to be involved in this restoration project, or just have some curly questions you'd like answered, then come on down!





Blueskin Garden Club, Our club members were busy on Sunday 11 April at the Blueskin Show. Here we received and displayed entries from club members and the community's gardens. There were 17 vegetable entries, 41 fruit, 63 flowers, 35 preserves, 11 novelty, 2 decorated wheel barrows, 20 hats decorated by local children and 5 baskets of fruit and vegetables.

Many thanks to the Waitati and Warrington Schools for putting together their basket displays of their garden produce. A total of 194 entries which was down by 50 entries from 2019. Many thanks to Paul Clements for the loan of the tents, our judges Marilyn Weare, Roger Blok, Eunice Hoogsteden and Janice Henderson.

Thank you to everyone who supported our plant stall on which many plants were sold. Folk enjoyed reliving their childhoods in the making of sand saucers using flowers and foliage etc from local gardens.

A great community day and we would like to say a big thankyou to the Blueskin A&P Committee for all the hard work before, during and after to make the day such a success.

Our club members will be making wreaths to be laid on Anzac Day at the service at Waitati Hall. We will also be serving morning tea and helping with dishes.

On Saturday, 15th May we will be at the Warrington Hall for our AGM. Here we will have a day of getting together, a quiz, short meeting and a shared lunch. Club members will be emailed details for the day which will need responding to. Autumn has arrived, colours are changing, fruit is plentiful, and as always there's something to be done in the garden.

If you would like to join us then phone Lyne our President 482 2822 for details.

Lyn Hastie, Publicity



Valuing our diversity.

Reading Bernie's editor's note in the April edition resonated with me, especially her 'storying' about the reassurance we seek when making decisions, even as adults.

What a really human thing to do; seek reassurance as it connects us. If we never seek reassurance, we are either so confident in all we do, or rather arrogant in our manner and therefore not open to the view point of others. Being human is about being genuine and real and also being true to one's self.

We seek reasssuranace in all the conversations we have with others. Perhaps not directly, rather by sharing our thoughts which in turn makes us vulnerable and open to others' thinking as we hear back the thoughts of others

This whakatauki really resonates with me as we seek, as people, to have a shared purpose and direction in life.

Whakapūpūtia mai ō mānuka, kia kore ai e whati

Cluster the branches of the mānuka, so they will not break.

At this time, as we see and experience a different world, we hopefully value the diversity we experience being alongside one another. That is a diversity in terms of knowledge, skills, life experiences and Ways of Being. I am reminded locally that it is our sense of community that is so important. We can wait for government to act and what each of us can do by ourselves, whilst important, lacks the momentum of a community that cares about what matters.

by Murray Fletcher



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:

Companies that pretend to be doing the right thing with the environment, their workers and workplaces when the truth is its not the truth. There is so much abuse of such terms as 'eco, sustainable, and green' and as consumers we should ask the tough questions of these claims and if the answers are not adequate don't buy their products. Consumer power is real.

What makes me sad:

Watching E.T. for the umpteenth time. Doesn't matter how many times I watch it, it gets me every time. Timeless.

What makes me glad:

Unexpected moments of joy and wonder. Sometimes they are the smallest of things and sometimes the biggest of spectacles.

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WHAT'S ON

Children's Book Club

Monday 10 May, 3.30 - 4.30pm

Last month, after discussing all the books we had read, we collaged some beautiful bookmarks. We also celebrated Leilani's 11th birthday with chocolate cupcakes made by mum — yum!

Please note this Club is for Year 3 and up.



Book Launch

Friday 14 May, 6 - 7pm

Gaps in the Light — the new book by poet and hybrid writer, Iona Winter (Waitaha/Pākehā). Iona's work is widely published and anthologised internationally.

Games Galore

Every Thursday, 2 - 5pm

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

Lego Club

Thursday 20 May - Saturday 22 May

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

Bookshare

Thursday 27 May, 3.30 - 4.30pm

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

Blueskin Bay Knitwits

Mondays, 6.30 - 8.30pm Tuesdays, 2.30 - 4.30pm

All ages and experience levels are welcome.



Don't Panic!

After a holiday weekend we always open the library to a mountain of books overflowing from the drop-box and blocking the chute. There's no need to panic though as we always backdate returns at these times and remember children's books don't accrue fines – please stagger your book returns.

DORA – Digital On-Road Access

Wednesday 19 May, 9am - 5pm

DORA is on a national 'tour of duty' delivering digital banking classes. This unique wifi enabled bus supported by Kiwibank is visiting local communities to help people learn online banking and how to recognise and avoid online scams.

FREE, no booking required.

Service Centre

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

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

Monday & Tuesday: 2-6pm
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday:
10am-12pm & 2-6pm
Saturday: 10am-1pm

Kā Kete Wānaka o Ötepoti

ONECGAST RESOURCE RECOVERY

OneCoast in need of volunteers

Are you looking for a volunteer activity? Do you have a couple of hours a week to spare that you would like to give to a local group? OneCoast could be just the local volunteer opportunity you are looking for.

Local group OneCoast are working on establishing collection of reusable items that come through the Waikouaiti Transfer station. The group has recently taken delivery of a shipping container which will be used to store reusable items for resale, which are safe and clean. The plan is to collect up items via the Rural Rummage Shed that already sits at the Transfer Station and store them in the container, and once a good amount of stuff has been collected, OneCoast will organise a 'popup' sale either at a location within Waikouaiti or at the container at the Transfer Station.

Volunteers are needed to help with a variety of tasks that can include sorting and cleaning items which are considered safe and able to be re-sold. Maybe you are a registered electrician and can take items for testing and tagging, or you would be more interested at helping out once a 'pop-up' location has been decided and assist with shifting and setting up items for sale to local shoppers. Or you are more interested in helping out with storing and sorting of items, or maybe you would be happy to collect items from people who wish to donate but do not have transport to shift the items. Maybe you have a container sitting on your property you no longer need and would be interested in donating it to OneCoast as your way of helping? As the activity grows there will be more opportunities for people to get involved and help out.

OneCoast knows that it is early days and storage space is limited so they don't want to collect more than they can store, but they also know there is a lot of good stuff out there that could have a new life with someone else who needs it or just likes it. There are of course some things they are unable to accept, but gradually the list of what is acceptable will grow.

So if you would like to get involved in OneCoast and are interested in Waste Minimisation and Resource Recovery, please make contact with our OneCoast Chairperson Judy Martin on 021 1307 765 or email Judy at onecoastotago@gmail.com.



Hi everyone. A lot has happened here at Pūrākaunui School in the last month. The end of the term is suddenly here and we look forward to gathering our school community together for our end of term evening assembly and shared meal. The evening will be a Pecha Kucha night, which will see the children present slideshows on topics of their choosing. Our Pecha Kucha nights are very entertaining and the breadth of information shared is always impressive.

We are very lucky to be part of the 'Kei Hea Nga Kākā? (Where are the kākā?) project which is our major current science focus. We will be learning all about this amazing bird and how our community can best prepare ourselves for more interactions with kākā outside of the ecosanctuary, which is a very exciting prospect. We enjoyed a wonderful trip up to Orokonui Ecosanctuary as part of this project work and we saw a number of kākā going about their daily business which was magic!

In some recent social studies work we have been learning lots about Canada as we have a school parent who is Canadian, and she has been sharing her culture with us. We have learnt lots of interesting geographical information, songs, games, stories and recipes! Canada's cool flag inspired us to do some investigations into national flags and the kids have now made flags which look fantastic on our classroom wall.

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

Tim Cook, Principal



BLUESKIN BAY ONLINE is a FREE searchable Local Business Directory developed to support local businesses across Blueskin Bay.

We aim to list as many local businesses, and trades & services as we can find – to make it easier for you to find and support them too!

If you would like to advertise your business, email your details to: **blueskinbayonline@gmail.com**

or complete the contact form at www.blueskinbayonline.co.nz

It's as simple as that

Let's keep supporting our local businesses



Noticing more possums and rats about?

Now, and until August, you may notice more possum roadkills 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 Autumn, as the weather cools and there is less food about, rats start moving indoors for shelter. This is a great time to set and regularly check and rebait traps for these predators.

We provide chew cards for you to find out what predators you have lurking in your backyard. We 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.



Is your cat a Halo cat?

The Halo Project supports responsible cat ownership by providing free microchips and cat registration for 200 cats in our project area. We've teamed-up with Vetlife Waikouaiti who will insert the microchip for only \$20. The first 50 cats microchipped will also receive a free goodie bag. Book in with Wendy at Vetlife Waikouaiti Ph 03 465 7613 or email waikouaiti@vetlife.co.nz

THE HALO PROJECT TEAM





by Hilary Rowley

I love a glass of wine with dinner, doesn't nearly everyone? I also love making things from scratch, and wine happens to be one of these things.

Our elderberry wine has been famously a bit horrible, but finally it is starting to come of age. I opened a bottle to use for slow cooking some tough meat recently and had a taste. This was breakfast time, so it was just a sip to see if it was worth keeping to drink, but my taste buds said a big NO, so I glugged most of it into the casserole dish instead.

Come dinner time, the bottle was still on the bench, so I thought I would trick Alex by pouring the remaining deep red wine into two glasses to have with dinner. Alex had a sip and asked what the wine was, I told him it was Shiraz and it got his approval, so I had a taste myself, and it was actually really nice. This particular elderberry wine was bottled in 2016, so at 5 years old it has finally come of age.

This is a local wine, made from local berries and it can end up tasting good, just don't bother tasting it before breakfast.

Another elderberry success was an elderberry wine which I put more sugar in after it stopped fermenting at one point, and accidentally chanced upon the method used to make port. This port is now 10 years old, and I only have half a bottle left, but pulled it out to taste after dinner with a bit of goat's milk gouda the other night, and it was absolutely delicious. This port would have been perfectly at home on the port list of a posh restaurant. It is so good now, but when it was new it was vile sweet stuff and I used most of it for cooking or giving away.

Do have a go at making homemade wine. It is really easy, and the ingredients are mostly foraged fruit and flowers with some added sugar. The guy who runs the brewing shop in Hillside Road is really helpful and pleasant to deal with

If the wine you make tastes awful, don't despair. Keep making wine and put it aside for 10 years...20 years...it only gets better, but unfortunately by the time it tastes really amazing, there is only half a bottle left.

EXPLORING EVANSDALE GLEN with Foot'in Fitz

A botanical wonder – native flora, streams, gullies, glow worms and waterfall Walk approx. 30-40 minutes return. Boots recommended. Care is needed on this track due to slippery slopes, rocks and logs.

Turn off State Highway 1 at the signpost for Evansdale Glen on the Kilmog



Start the stroll at the entrance to the track behind the large old manuka in the carpark.



After 5 minutes a slip is reached where many large manuka trees have fallen.



After crossing a 3 metre muddy hole you are back into the rocky stream with thick vegetation all along the bank. Bracken ferns, epiphyte ferns, lichens hanging off wineberry and fushia trees. Occasional large miro and matai can be spotted in the thicker growth.



The track narrows into a gully with rock walls covered with moss, maidenhair and filmy ferns. Glow worms hang off the damp face and can be seen late afternoon or early evening.



Suddenly you're at the end of the track facing an 8 metre high waterfall. Depending on the weather the flow down the face is a disappointing trickle or hopefully a spectacular torrent.









S C H O O L U P D A T

What a fabulous Term 1 we have had at Waitati School.

We have been involved in lots of stunning learning.

Passion Projects - One day every fortnight the ākonga stop to learn about a passion they might have. In multi-aged groups, they learn from experts. This term on offer has been Ceramics, Oamaru stone carving, Good to Great (Sport training), Forest Play, Painting, Animal Enquiry, and Eco-Warrior. The focus of this time is to learn new skills, to experience flow in their learning, to self-evaluate their self-managing skills (Rangatiratanga) and celebrate success of completing a project.

Heather McQuillian children's author visited Waitati School and took a workshop with our keen writers.



Heather also runs the School of Writing in Christchurch which is availableon line for anyone interested. Visit www.schoolforyoungwriters.org/

Sadly, we have just farewelled our lovely office manager Cori Holmes. Many of you will know Cori. She has been amazing and we will miss her dearly. We welcome Laura Mulconroy. Kat Frankpitt is away on maternity leave and we welcome Belinda Topping into Mapounui.

Ngā Mihi Tara O'Neill, Principal







Passerines - our wonderful song birds

In autumn and winter, birds that have been feeding in the bush surrounding our homes can be attracted to the garden and we can enjoy their beautiful songs.

Tui and bellbirds are passerines – nectar feeding songbirds. A cautionary note, however, we can do more harm than good if we do not take care. Fungal spores kill birds and readily infect unclean sugary surfaces. It is important to bleach or boil the container used to dispense sugar water in your garden before refilling.

To make sugar solution, dissolve half a cup of sugar in four cups of water. The best sugar to water ratio is 1:8. Anything higher may attract bees and wasps or start to ferment more quickly. A saucer well out of the way of predators will work, but a container hanging from a tree is best.

Here are a few don'ts from the Forest and Bird website.

Avoid

- Bread, seeds and grain. They attract introduced birds that out-compete natives
- Milk. It can't be digested by birds and causes stomach upsets. Fermented dairy products such as cheese are okay.
- Honey or honey water. Never put out honey or honey/water for birds. Birds love it, so do bees, so this practice can spread bee diseases.

Watch out for the Tauhou, later in autumn. While small, these little birds arrive in big numbers and will devour all sugar water in their path! They are currently feeding higher up the hills and arrive when the cold sets in. In the meantime, enjoy watching your Tui and bellbirds at the sugar water station.









Big Fat Funny

By Doug Nuttall

Oh how they laughed. The crowd left with wet pants, damp faces, and split sides. Having witnessed Blueskin Bay's contribution to The Dunedin Fringe Festival, "The Carnival Ain't Over", they could have been forgiven for thinking the circus had come to town. Then realization hit:- they live here all year round. Dubbed "The Mayhem Circus, A Rock Opera", this was a cast of freaks and misfits telling the story of Siamese twins Candy and Mandy and their dad Randy, and how Big Fat Fanny came to interrupt their insipid Brockville lives.

With a chorus-line of dancing vulvas, mermaids, an accordion playing gorilla, a bearded lady, a harlot with 3 breasts, and a bath-lounging Flipper Boy, this wasn't for the faint hearted. Offended? Possibly. Entertained? Definitely! By the time the amazing aerial silk acrobats dropped from their perch 50 feet above, the crowd were in rapture. With audience participation not just urged but essential, the entire venue was singing, dancing, and roaring laughter. I guarantee everyone present had those three songs:- "Fat Bottom Girls", "The Power of Love", and "I Want You To Want Me", on insanity forming high rotate for a fortnight.

This was community theatre at its finest. And oh what a venue! If you haven't visited The Waitati Equestrian Centre yet, I recommend you do so. Designed and built by Mark Spencer, the Roundpen is destined to become a taonga in this community. Other special mentions:-Props designer and creator Chester Dextar. You (when you're not an accordion playing gorilla) are The Man. As for writer/director Mandy Mayhem Bullock...Oh Mandy (I can't believe that song wasn't in the show), you are superb at dragging people out of their comfort zones. And despite social media's apprehension towards those pesky pro-nouns, I'm gonna say it. This show was big. It was fat. And it was very, very, funny.

Warrington Indoor Bowls Club

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

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

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

All Welcome. **Lyn Hastie**



We sell local, regional and NZ sourced produce from fresh organic veges, flowers, fruit, meats, cheese, along with other delicious treats and Pure NZ Artisan Ice Cream.

Our Opening Hours: Thursday, Friday & Monday 10 - 5.30pm Saturday & Sunday 10 - 5pm

Check out our website Harvey-street-merchant.myshopify com

Blueskin on Show - 11 April 2021



Dunedin – NZ MUSIC MONTH 2021

1st May - Live from St Louis - Ragtime Capital

In this live presentation via Zoom, St Louis based duo Cherry and Jerry, open NZ Music Month at Dunedin Public Libraries with a ragtime history show.

12,30pm, Dunningham Suite, Dunedin City Library | FREE

2nd May - Nook & Cranny Music Festival 6.0

We bring you a cracking start to New Zealand Music Month 2021 with a library full of wall-to-wall live music! 11am-4pm, Dunedin City Library | FREE

5th & 7th May - NZ Music Month Storytime with Amanda

10.30am, Children's Storypit, City Library | FREE

5th May - Going Local Dunedin 2021

Ever wanted to know more about the music industry how it works, who to talk to?

Book online

5.30pm, 4th Floor, City Library | FREE

15th May - Songwriting 101

Local singer/songwriter darryl baser takes you through the basics of turning an idea into a fully-fledged performable song.

11am-4pm, 4th Floor, City Library | Koha entry

22nd May - Freedom to Sing

Enjoy a performance by this great local choir. Freedom to Sing is a group that comes together for the passion and health of singing.

12pm, Gig Hub, Ground Floor, City Library | FREE





29th May - Saturday with the Sweet Adelines

Dunedin Harmony Chorus return with their beautiful a capella songs - great versions of some well-known classics, from traditional waiata to rock and roll. Saturday 29th May, 11.15am Gig Hub, Ground Floor, City Library | FREE

29th May - Live from St Louis - Early African American Composers

In this live presentation via Zoom, St Louis based duo Cherry and Jerry, present a ragtime history show. As well as the talk, there will be live performance and a chance for the Dunedin audience to ask questions. 12.30pm, Dunningham Suite, Dunedin City Library | FREE

Thursday Nights Gigs with the OK Boomers & Friends

Join us from 5.30pm every Thursday in May, as the OK Boomers introduce you to some new guests each week of May with an eclectic mix of original New Zealand songwriting.

Gig Hub, Ground Floor, City Library | FREE

Friday Lunch Buskers

Jackson Caine presents acoustic sets on Friday lunchtimes in May featuring some of Dunedin's great busking talent.

Bring your lunch, pull up a chair and enjoy great New Zealand Music on a chilled-out Friday. Gig Hub, Ground Floor, City Library | FREE





WAITATI BOOK CLUB by Ian Melvin

Wending our way upwards to the heights of Dunedin in the direction of Flagstaff, we arrive at Peter's abode, where a warm welcome awaited, well provisioned and gemutliche. We spent an evening of pleasant imbibing and conversation, sprinkled with just the right amount of humour, gentle provocation, and debate. Thanks to our host for an enjoyable evening.

THE BOOK

The Last Kind Words Saloon by Larry McMurtry. Surprisingly, for me, as this was my choice, this book was generally well received.

"is never dull, and it's also very funny... McMurtry's characters are plain spoken, but subtle and full of dry humour. Moseying along with McMurtry is always worthwhile." Adam Wong/Seattle Times, about sums it up.

Other Books

Scott – I've been reading the DCC's Long Term Plan, tō tātou eke whakamuri (The Future of Us) and the ORC's Long Term Plan, preparing my submissions. (Ian... should we all be doing this? hmm)

Marc – The King of the Rainy Country by Nicolas Freeling. Featuring inspector Van der Valk, set in Amsterdam, and written in 1966. Read it so long ago I can't remember anything about it, but it has a nostalgia of the past, like Martin Beck novels by Marj Sjowall, and Per Wahoo, which are set in Sweden. Am enjoying the different perspectives of the period and of the culture.

MUSIC

Ian – Focusing on some kiwi music, Reconsidered by *The Erica Miller Experience*. Cabaret, bluesy, soul/jazz. Great husky voice, recomend this. (Shane Carter's mum)

Trials by *The Tiny Lies*. Harley Williams & Charlotte Mey from Christchurch. Gentle harmonies, acoustic gentle music for the soul. Takes more than one listen to get into this.

Just Quietly by John Hanlon. Remember Dam the Dam? Yes, he is still around, his voice has mellowed, deep and growly, slow moving easy music with purpose. Best of this bunch loved it.

FILM/TV/

Ian – Found on the Maori channel, I Daniel Blake, 2016 fim by Ken Loach, like all of his films, a pseudodocumentary of confronting realism. This is a superb insight of one mans struggles with an unsympathetic welfare system. As in NZ where Metiria tried to make the point, lost in small minded controversy, the people and system entrusted to helping the most vulnerable, often only confuses and adds to their problems, as here with catastrophic results! Available online.

REER

Scott – deeply appreciated the Godver Domme, from *Craftworks Brewery Oamaru*. At 10% alcohol it was surprisingly spicy and rich, and an extremely pleasant drop.

Ian – Emulous, imperial double stout, from *Scott's Brewery Oamaru*. 2 years tended in oak pinot barrels to mature. Sampled by several at our meeting, I think with general approval. This is the sort of beer I like, with bells on! Try the website, 37 beers, can be ordered online.

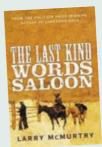
WORD OF THE MONTH

Politics... as in Rogernomics. "As a nation we own nothing – not our telephones, nor our railways, our bus services, our electronic communications, most of our forests, our newspapers, our television stations – none of the utilities New Zealanders daily spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on. Mostly they were sold off in the 1980s and no bastard had the brains to ask the question how do you harvest a garden when you've sold the bloody soil?"

Quote from The Shag Incident by Stephanie Johnson. Montana NZ book awards Deutz medal winner 2003.

MEANING OF LIFE

Field Operations by HoneTuwhare. "The soldier places a flower between the leaves of Strategy and Tactics. That book, said the leader, is eminently more useful for crushing the enemy than pressing a botanical specimen. "I will sit on it", said the soldier. Quotes taken from Entangled Life.









Blueskin Playcentre

Tena Koutou! At the time of writing Term 1 is drawing to a close, and what a Term it has been! Waitati Kura have kindly lent us their marimba, which coupled with our already well stocked musical supplies means our children have been able to make some beautiful music! Play using all our senses has been a focus this term, with everything from sounds to slime to swings to sensory socks being enthusiastically embraced by our tamariki.

It's been lovely to meet some wonderful new families who have joined our Playcentre whanau this Term. Seeing the friendships grow and flourish, even amongst our youngest members, is one of the best parts of Playcentre. If you are wondering if Playcentre might be a good fit for your whanau, please remember that you are very welcome to join us for up to three "getting to know you" sessions – so please feel free to come and give it a try with no strings attached. We would all love to meet you! Tuesdays are proving to be our busiest session, with Wednesdays our quietest; so whether you are looking for lots of social stimulation for the kids, or something a bit more mellow, we have sessions to suit everyone.

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 in Term 2!

Aroha nui, Blueskin Playcentre

WAIKOUAITI COAST COMMUNITY BOARD UPDATE

Submissions Time

This is the season of submissions. At the end of March we submitted to the Otago & Southland Regional Land Transport Plan, and I met with the hearings panel on 21 April. Highlights of our submission were poor tree maintenance on State Highway 1 and vehicle speeds around the Waitati curve. On 29 April we submitted to the Dunedin City Council 10 Year Plan with more than a dozen topics. The closing date for the Otago Regional Council 2021-2031 Long Term Plan is 9 May. Let us know of any topics you would like us to include in our submission.

At the end of April the Otago Regional Council finalised its Regional Public Transport Plan to go out for consultation. We will be making a strong submission about the poor bus services currently available for North Coast residents. I would encourage you to also make individual submissions on this topic when the plan is open for submissions. We will let you know through the usual social media platforms when this occurs.

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

We have a small amount remaining in our Discretionary Fund (which gets topped up on 1 July). If you would like to apply for a grant for a community project you can find the application form on the DCC website.

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



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The Waikouaiti Coast Heritage Centre is undergoing major redevelopment aimed at developing the centre into a vibrant and bustling heritage precinct.

A new purpose-built exhibition centre is currently under construction. increasing exhibition space and enabling us to bring the history of the Waikouaiti & Coast area to life while creating a sense of identity and providing a great destination for the local community.

In preparation for opening our new museum we are looking for local East Otago craft groups or creative individuals who are interested in displaying and selling their artistic endeavours in the museum retail area.

Anyone interested will be asked to bring three items representative of their work to meet with a small panel at the end of May to see if their work fits with what we are looking for.

For more detailed information please contact me at ts.mckewen@gmail.com or phone 027 371 3111.

Shirley McKewen, Chairperson



Homemade Roasted Tomato Basil Soup

For those of you with a glut of tomatoes, this is the best homemade roasted tomato basil soup made with fresh tomatoes, garlic, olive oil, caramelized onions and optional add-ins for extra creaminess. This easy tomato basil soup recipe is full of flavor and the best way to use up garden tomatoes!

Ingredients

For the roasted tomatoes

1.5 kg tomatoes, cut in half8 cloves garlic, peeled3 tablespoons olive oilFreshly ground salt and pepper

For the caramelized onions:

½ tablespoon olive oil 2 onions, thinly sliced Additions to the soup:

1/2 cup packed basil leaves

½ teaspoon dried oregano

1-2 cups water or stock, depending on how thick you want the soup

Freshly ground salt and pepper, to taste

Optional add ins:

Light/Regular coconut milk for a creamy vegan soup Whole dairy milk/heavy cream for a creamy texture Parmesan cheese, for a tangy, flavor enhancing flavor A tablespoon or two of butter, for richer flavor

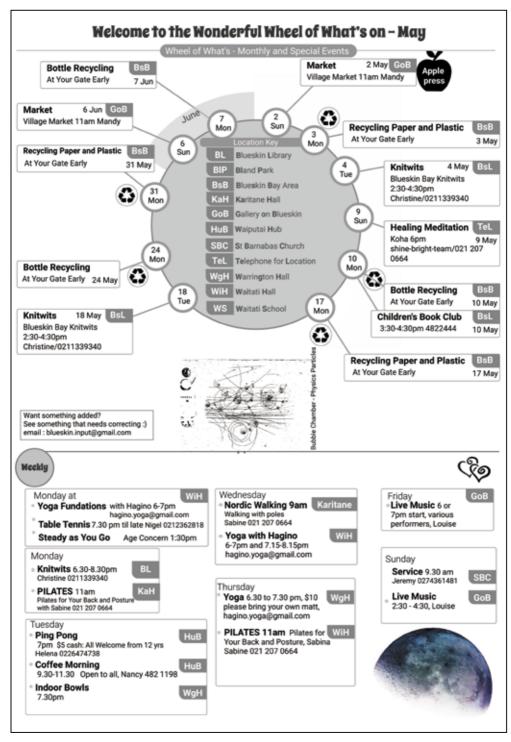
Instructions

Preheat oven to 200°C. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper. Place halved tomatoes and garlic cloves on the baking sheet and drizzle with 3 tablespoons of olive oil. Generously season with salt and pepper. Roast in the oven for 40-45 minutes.

While the tomatoes are roasting, you can make the caramelized onions: Add 1/2 tablespoon olive oil to a large pot and place over medium heat. Add the onion slices and stir to coat the onions with olive oil. Cook, stirring occasionally. Check onions every 5-10 minutes until they have completely caramelized and turned golden in color. This ususally takes 20 minutes.

Once tomatoes and garlic are done roasting, allow them to cool for 10 minutes, then add them to a food processor or high powered blender and blend until smooth. Next add basil and caramelized onions and blend again. Alternatively you can add the tomatoes to the large pot and use an immersion blender. It's really just about what you have available to you.

After blending, transfer back to pot, turn to medium low heat and add in oregano, vegetarian broth and salt and pepper to taste. From there you can add in any additional add-ons you want (as listed in the ingredients). Allow tomato soup to simmer 10 minutes before serving. To serve, garnish with parmesan cheese and serve with grilled cheese, if desired. Serves 4.



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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, Waitati 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, 10sessions \$100

To book for any Shine-Bright-Centre classes please contact shinebrightcentre@amail.com or call Sabine on 021 207 0664, www.shine-bright-centre.co.nz

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