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Editor's Note

Hi there, welcome to November's Blueskin News and thanks to everyone who contributed to the making of another jam packed issue.

I have exciting news about next month's issue - the last of the year, we will be printing four pages in **colour** including the cover. The theme for the four pages will be **2021** - so please send in photos of your special moments in the year, drawings and artwork, any craftwork that you are particularly proud of, your animals and plants and any new babies etc. I would love to have lots of entries from our tamariki - paint a scene of your best day this year. So get remembering, look through the photos you have taken in the last twelve months and send them in to blueskin.input@gmail.com. I will do my best to include everything I get sent. I think this is the first time we have ever printed colour in the BSN and it is only possible through the support of our advertisers and donations. We thank you all for your generosity and loyalty.

On a more serious note we are still in Level 2 lockdown. With cases now in Christchurch I think most people believe that it is inevitable that COVID will appear in Dunedin in the near future. Our best strategy if we want to keep enjoying the freedom we have and keep our loved ones safe is to carry on with what we have already been doing and mask up, scan in and get vaccinated.

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



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Blueskin Bay's Dairy Factories



The land around Blueskin Bay was pretty rough after clearance by the first European settlers. It was only suitable for resilient cows such as Ayrshires. They provided good meat and milk that when not used domestically was converted to butter and cheese as a small-scale cottage industry. The cows were hand milked and the cream separated using a skimming pan before being put into a hand cranked butter churn. Hygiene levels were poor so the butter did not have a long shelf life after it was transported to Dunedin for sale or barter.

The Bay could have become more productive if there was a milk processing facility using the latest innovations like centrifugal separators and engine-driven churners, within a more hygienic environment. There was a vast export market opening up with the first refrigeration ship *Dunedin* leaving Port Chalmers in 1882. In that year Blueskin residents agreed that a dairy factory would facilitate an expansion of the local economy but nothing eventuated. In 1887 another meeting attempted to form a dairy co-operative, financed by the sale of shares to users. No consensus was reached so later that year the Seacliff/Omimi/Warrington farmers went their own way, building a co-operative factory at Omimi. It was always very productive, for instance producing 58 tons of high quality export cheese during the 1890-91 season. It closed in 1949 largely due to a huge rise in wool prices during the 1940's-50's.

The farmers of the southern end of the Bay eventually organised a co-operative dairy company, building a factory at Manse Street that opened in 1895, just when dairy prices were low. After only three years of financial struggles, the company was sold. The new owners used the factory only to separate milk with further processing in Dunedin, the protein-rich whey returned to the farmers to feed their farmhouse pigs. It provided farmers with good incomes until its closure in 1922.

A Merton dairy factory serviced that area from 1899 to 1948. Others existed at Flag Swamp, Waikouaiti and Goodwood showing that the east coast of Otago was a very rich dairying region. After factory closures, milk still produced locally was transported to Dunedin's Cadbury chocolate factory.

In more recent times the successful Evansdale Cheese Factory was established by Colin (Colleen) Dennison in 1981. It has retained its name despite moving to its present location at the former Cherry Farm Hospital site at Hawksbury.



Blueskin Rainfall Event Monitoring Project

Kia ora community, this project has finally started for real.

The school holidays recently were rather damp at times – fantastic! Metvuw had been predicting steady rain for a couple of days. Just what we wanted! Volunteers got ready to collect samples of water from the Waitati River and Careys Creek during this rain.

The project aims to find out what levels of sediment, nitrogen and phosphorus are in the water when the river is swollen by lots of rain, so ORC can consider this when compiling their model of nutrients potentially entering Blueskin Bay via rivers and streams.



If you saw people hanging over the Waitati River bridge on Harvey Street with a bucket on a rope, or heading down to Careys Creek, under the bridge to Warrington, that was our people collecting water once an hour, every hour, for 36 hours. As the rainfall started late in the afternoon, this meant two night monitoring sessions within the 36 hour period. Next time we hope the rain starts at 8am!

The rain was fairly low intensity (averaging about half to one millimetre of rain per hour) but continued the whole time we monitored. The Waitati River rose within a few hours and became discoloured with suspended sediment, but it took Careys Creek over 12 hours to rise and eventually become discoloured.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers, who worked as a great team, like a well-oiled machine. Apparently, everyone really enjoyed themselves, throughout the night and all – chatting with their interesting fellow volunteers, eating chocolates and watching to see what the sample looked like each time they collected the next.

The results are yet to come back, but after watching the river so intently for so many hours it will be fascinating to see the results. There is enough funding to sample one more rainfall event, so you may see us out there again soon.

Beatrice Lee

Letter to the Editor

I was a Trustee of the Blueskin Resilient Communities Trust from 2010 to 2019 and retain an interest in its activities. As a result I was looking forward to attending their AGM for the 2020-21 year.

I was therefore surprised to find that, according to a report in the October Blueskin News, an AGM had already been held. It seems that no public notification of the meeting was made and it appears that only the three current trustees attended – referred to in the report as their 'voting members'.

It's been suggested that the Covid regulations in place at the time were the reason for this restricted attendance.

That's surprising given that many other organisations faced with a similar dilemma either organised their AGM on Zoom (or a similar app) or delayed their AGM until restrictions on the number of people who could attend because of Covid were lifted. The Charities Commission were reported to be receptive to applications for a delay in reporting given the Covid restrictions.

The reports generated for this AGM should be available on the Charities Commission website but BRCT is listed there as being deregistered as a Charity on

October 4. Deregistration occurs either because the organisation chooses to do so or because it no longer meets the requirements for registration. Either way the deregistration of BRCT raises a number of issues relating to the \$30,000 grant they have received from the DCC, what they intend to do with the Climate Safe House and the future of the company they own: Blueskin Energy Ltd.

If ever there was a time for an open and public AGM it would seem to be now.

Some 'sunshine' seems to be needed and that can only occur if a public AGM or meeting is held where appropriate questions can be asked and answered.

Transparency and accountability are central to the operation of all organisations and charitable trusts, but the operation of BRCT currently seems to be particularly opaque and the only opportunity for its operations to be publicly examined by Blueskin residents appears to have been sidestepped.

Can I respectfully suggest that a publicly notified AGM for BRCT be organised as soon as possible or a similar public meeting. At such a meeting the Trust's activities in the 2020-21 year and their current intentions could be reviewed and discussed.

Ross Johnston, Pūrākaunui

Clare Reilly *Eye of the Calm*

'A beautiful meditative exploration of a life and a life's work'

Clare is a hidden native treasure of Blueskin Bay. A celebrated artist whose work has gained international recognition, she has exhibited extensively throughout NZ. Clare wants her art to be accessible to as wide an audience as possible; we all recognise the reproductions of her art on annual calendars and greeting cards.



Eye of the Calm is an expression of Clare's life's work and her life with Max, her partner of 41 years (also a fellow artist, 'muse and mentor'). Sadly, Max died within days of beginning their dream of living in their idyllic, bush-clad home on Blueskin Bay. It is a beautiful and fitting tribute to Max (you can glimpse his art on p. 25). The power and beauty within its covers is an experience of Clare's life and life's work.

Remember how the nationwide COVID-19 lockdown in 2020 silenced the bustle of over-busy lives, allowing us to pause and recalibrate our senses to the sights and sounds of nature? Clare's *Eye of the Calm* invites you to recharge your senses, to notice and reflect, and to heal and celebrate.

Clare continues to be active in her passion and support for conservation through her art and has worked to help relocate Tui to better environments. Her words express what we all search for:

"Throughout my life I have continued to express the dreamlike quality of calm and joie de vivre, in my paintings, my passion and zest for life".

Eye of the Calm will be launched at her upcoming art exhibition at the Little River Gallery on 30 October.

Alison Gilmore

Warrington Hall

Warrington Hall has been open and closed quite a lot due to Covid restrictions this year. However, it is now open again to our regular users who are happy to be back enjoying their activities.

The hall is a great venue and available to hire for many and varied uses. We welcome enquiries for birthday parties, weddings, family get togethers, arts and craft, physically active groups etc etc. The hall is a good size, easy to heat and has a fully equipped kitchen with no need to hire crockery or cutlery. See hall notices in this edition for further information.

Our Annual General meeting will be held on Thursday, 4 November at 7.30pm at the hall. We would love to have some new folk come along and join us. Maybe you have a few spare hours a year and would like to renew old friendships or maybe you are new to Warrington and want to get to know some of the locals. There is no fundraising to do, meetings are short and we just meet a few times a year to see to the running of the hall. Some members have been on this committee for many, many years and we would like some new faces to come and share the load. Looking forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Lyn Hastie, Secretary



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November Cockle watching in Blueskin Bay

Katie Fenton, a Marine Science student of Steve Wing's at the University of Otago, has contacted Blueskin Bay Watch to notify the community that she will be carrying out a field manipulation in Blueskin Bay at the end of November, running up to just before Christmas.

She will be looking at the survival of juvenile cockles with and without adult protection, and how predation rates by oystercatchers change under different treatments. It is a similar project and area to that run by Nichola Salmond in the Wing lab in 2020.

The research sites will be marked out to be kept clear of foot traffic and human predation. We look forward to hearing the results of Katie's project.

Blueskin Bay Watch



Unfortunately we have had to cancel our spring flower show for the last 2 years. This is a big event in Blueskin Bay and we know the community enjoy coming together for a catch up and admire the beauty of all things grown in the Bay.

However, clubbies got together and held their own mini show at the home and garden of Lyne Carlyle. We brought along a selection of flowers and voted for the best looking blooms. Not easy when you have such an array of daffodils, tulips, freesias, iris, hellebores and rhododendrons to name a few.

After a shared lunch we wandered Lyne's garden and then three more local ones which belong to club members. We had a fine, mild day after rain, wind and typical spring weather.

If you visit the Blueskin Library you will see a display of club trophies which are given out at our flower shows. No new names on them for two years now but they do look good all polished up and ready for next ear (we hope).

Next month our members will be visiting some gardens in the Waitati area and in December we hope to be able to have our usual Christmas meal for members and their partners. It's been a mixed bag of weather but the rain has helped the plants to grow and we all look forward to more colour in our gardens as well as delicious, fresh vegetables.

Happy gardening to you all.

Lyn Hastie

Warrington Indoor Bowling Club

Warrington Indoor bowlers are back in action for a few weeks before they break up for the end of the year.

After several weeks off due to COVID it was decided we would all go back for a few more nights as long as COVID rules are adhered to. We meet at the Warrington Hall on Tuesday nights at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Lyn Hastie, Secretary.

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Possums love our summer veggie gardens and fruit trees. If you already host a Halo possum trap but need a hand with checking or entering data on TrapNZ – we are happy to help. We need the information which active traps can provide, whether they are catching possums or not.

We also provide chew cards for you to find out what predators you have lurking in your backyard and sell subsidised rat traps to people within our project area. Please email info@haloproject.org.nz or ph 022 026 2115.



Source to Sea planting days

Together with landowners and volunteers, we've planted over 21,000 native plants to improve freshwater habitat.

The places we are planting are all special. They are places where natural habitat values can be reinstated, such as shelter for birds, spawning habitat for fish, filtering of ground water, connecting isolated vegetation (creating wildlife corridors). The process of revegetation also provides learning opportunities in communities.



Join us at Bushey, on a farm that borders Waihemo Shag estuary and SH1 for a planting day on Saturday 6 November from 10am till 2pm. Look for the Halo Project flag on SH1 near the southern entrance to Walsh Rd. There are more details on our Facebook page @ halobeyondorokonui

For more information about Source to Sea, visit www.haloproject.org.nz/source-to-sea or email info@haloproject.org.nz

Above: Why are the trap boxes so big? They have two DOC200 traps deep inside, behind metal baffles to prevent harm to other wildlife, pets and people.

Left: View of Source to Sea planting site from SH1 at Bushey. Matakaea Shag Point and Waihemo estuary in background.



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Blueskin Playcentre

Tēnā koutou katoa! Blueskin Gallery was in fine form last Sunday afternoon when it hosted an auction for Blueskin Playcentre. The lovely Jack Monaghan donated several pieces of art. Boppa, our auctioneer, enthusiastically drove prices high and wrangled the non-locals who were having a quiet beer into leaving the Bay with art on the back of their bikes.

It was so much fun we hope to do it again soon. So a big THANKS to Blueskin Gallery, Harvey Street Merchant (check their walls for new art), Giselle, Sas and the townies for giving so generously to Playcentre.

It's been lovely to be back at Playcentre after losing a chunk of Term 3 to lockdown. I was so impressed with the way our team leapt into action to make Playcentre at Level 2 a safe and enjoyable experience for our tamariki and whanau. We've clearly learned a thing or two!

A special thank you to our wonderful Playcentre President, Jay, who gathered together some supplies and put together fantastic "lighten up lockdown" kits for our Playcentre families to collect from her letterbox

– having some fresh ideas, craft supplies, and a few fun treats really did make being at home more fun! I love the way our Playcentre families look out for each other – it is a great wee community.

We are continuing to enjoy the spring weather, and were lucky enough to have a couple of iconic springtime visitors to centre – two very cute little lambs! The tamariki loved giving them pats and feeding them bottles of milk.

Lastly, it's been lovely to welcome Jessie and Aria, and Shania, Te Vaipuna, and Te Ahorangi (as well as some new additions to some of our families!) We very much look forward to getting to know you better!

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 (Blueskin Playcentre), www.playcentre.org.nz/centre/blueskin/, or at blueskinplaycentre88@gmail.com. Just a reminder that our Facebook page is the easiest way to get the latest updates on what we are up to. We hope to see you soon!

Cara and Alice



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THE RANT

from Ian Melvin



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 / SAD

All those angry folk, directing their anger so carelessly, personally, and hurtfully against others...

While waiting to be served in a lunch place in town (watched on the TV with accompanying teletext) Prince Charles being interviewed in his garden about COVID and the issues arising around that. Asked how do you feel about all the people who are so angry about the restrictions and vaccinations etc? (Paraphrasing from memory) 'Oh I can totally understand them, these are extremely difficult times for everyone, they have good reason to be concerned, and frustrated, and even angry... it is not only understandable but even reasonable to expect people to be upset and to speak out about their feelings. However, I believe that no matter how strongly we feel about something, we should always attempt to express our views, and act in a constructive manner and never in a destructive manner. The former can possibly achieve something positive, the latter almost always never does, and often achieves the exact opposite, making a bad situation considerably worse!'

WHAT MAKES ME GLAD

The folk who can rise above the negativity and do it in a rational, reasonable way. Offering hope and inspiration even humour to lighten the way forward!

On another track... Today preparation starts for our annual Thornicroft Road exhibition and gathering, one of my highlights of the year. Hope many of you can get along to the gallery and take a look at what some of the folk in our little corner of Waitaiti get up to.



WAIKOUAITI COAST COMMUNITY BOARD UPDATE

Last month I mentioned that the Otago Regional Council had not received the 50% funding they had requested from NZTA/Waka Kotahi to be able to implement the improved bus service we have been asking for. At our last Community Board meeting we asked the ORC Transport Manager to request the ORC Councillors to approve full funding. If this was not to be forthcoming, we asked that he request at least part of our proposed upgraded timetable to be funded in this financial year. The next ORC full council meeting will be held on 24 November, just a few hours before our next board meeting on the same date. We will be contacting all ORC Councillors prior to that date and asking them to support our request for our proposed improved bus service. Please feel free to also lobby the ORC Councillors about this matter.

We have been advised that the issue of traffic speeds at the Waitaiti Curve on SH1 is 'on the list' of items for consideration by NZTA/Waka Kotahi, but their main current funding is being directed to safety improvements on the highway between Palmerston and Herbert. They have been collecting speed data at the Waitaiti curve and we should have the results of that soon.

From 1 July our Discretionary fund got topped up by \$10,000. If you, or anyone you know, has a community project that could benefit from a grant then please contact Rebecca Murray at the Dunedin City Council (477 4000) or speak to a Board Member. Our next Community Board meeting will be held on Wednesday 24 November at the East Otago Events Centre in Waikouaiti. As always, you will be most welcome to speak at the Public Forum at the start of the meeting. Please give me a call and we can book you in.

Alasdair Morrison,
Chairman Waikouaiti Coast Community Board
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- BorrowBox: eBooks, audiobooks
- Romance Bookcloud: eBooks
- PressReader: newspapers and magazines
- Storybox: children's video stories



Children's Book Club

Monday 8 November, 3.30 - 4.30pm

Please note this Club is for Year 3 and up.

This month we'll be making book-themed bunting.

Games Galore & Lego*

Every weekday, 2 - 5pm

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

*Suitable for ages 5+.

Bookshare

Thursday 25 November, 3.30 - 4.30pm

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

Blueskin Bay Knitwits

Mondays, 6.30 - 8.30pm

Tuesdays, 2.30 - 4.30pm

All ages and experience levels are welcome.

Launch - Children's Summer Reading Programme

Wednesday 1 December, 3.30pm

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



Kā Kaiti Wānaka a Ōteoro

Wunderkammer

Still popular after all these years. In the cabinet this month we're displaying Stephanie's prized collection of Hornsea Pottery. I've no doubt the expats of Blueskin Bay will recognise this piece – on every trendy bride's wedding list in the 70s. Founded in 1949 the business was sadly affected by imports flooding the market and closed in 2000.



Saffron, teapot
(1970s)

Teen Reading Challenge

For age 13 - 18 years.

Take up the challenge to win a night at the movies. Pick up an entry form from the Library. Fill in all the sections as you read, recording the title and author of a book from each challenge. Complete the challenges and return your entry form to receive three DVD rental vouchers and go in the draw to win a movie pass. Winners are drawn February and August each year.



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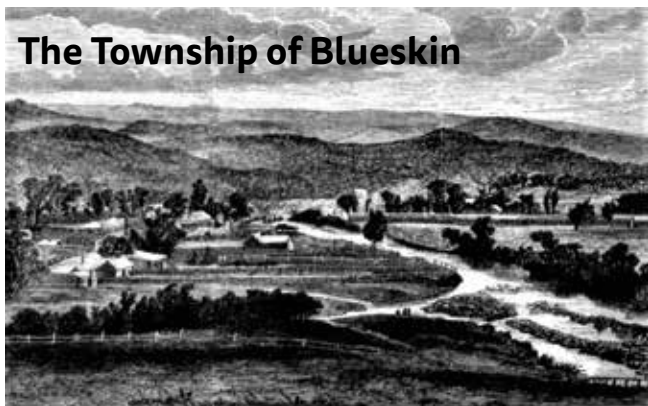
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Monday & Tuesday: 2-6pm
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday:
10am-12pm & 2-6pm
Saturday: 10am-1pm

The Township of Blueskin



The above etching appeared in the 'Illustrated Australian News' in 1874, and the following is an excerpt from the accompanying article.

"Progressive as the place has been in the past there cannot be a doubt about it's advancement in the future, and we feel assured that as soon as the railway to Dunedin is formed, it will prove one of the most attractive places for villa residences and sea bathing the province possesses, for there are fine sands sheltered from gales of wind by a long spit, which nearly closes up the mouth of the bay, and makes it look at high water more like an inland lake. Tourists to Otago should never omit paying a visit to Blueskin, for the drive from Dunedin through such varied and lovely scenery will be thoroughly enjoyed by all admirers of nature's beauties, and there are good hotels where travellers meet with excellent fare, civility, and attention". Indeed, when the railway from Dunedin was formed, the Blueskin area advanced rapidly through the ease of getting goods, materials, and services on site. Trainloads of holidaymakers and picnickers would arrive, groups of people from Dunedin would stop at the Evansdale station, picnic in the Glen, then return home that evening

Early last year I started a Facebook page, 'Karitane, Seacliff, Waikouaiti and environs, memories of people and places', which covers all from Waitati to Waikouaiti, it is filled with photos and commentary, please join, I am sure you will find something of interest.

John Scott



Pūrākaunui School

Kia ora koutou

Term 3 finished with a bang here at Pūrākaunui School. We had a lovely community evening assembly on the final Thursday of the term which gave the kids an opportunity to share their learning from throughout the term.

We had an array of learning to share, mostly associated with our Energy topic, ranging from electrical circuits to kite making to wind turbines and wind energy. The kids did a brilliant job presenting their work to the large assembled gathering of parents, whānau and adult guests. The assembly finished with shared kai and then the kids flew their cute wee kites in perfect breezes which was a lovely sight. It was a nice way to end the term, to gather everyone together, especially after being in lockdown not long before. We continued the shared food theme into the following day when we lit the outdoor pizza oven and had a shared community lunch in lovely spring sunshine.

We look forward to an exciting Term Four as we have lots planned. Our school camp will be a highlight as we are heading to Borland Lodge in Fiordland which will be a real treat. We also look forward to seeing lots of people at our school fair in late November. Please join us for this special day if you are able.

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

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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
Puzzle is Medium Level this month. Have fun!



Something oniony

by Hilary Rowley

We may both be vaccinated, but I sure as hell don't want to catch that damn virus. It may not kill us but I do so hate having a cold or flu and being miserable and sick.

During the most recent lockdown we managed to avoid going into town to buy food, and when we actually do get the virus on the loose down here I'd like to hunker down at home for a few weeks and just eat what we have on hand.

With this idea in mind, I have been planting a vegetable garden which is so extensive and comprehensive that I have almost run out of space behind the rabbit proof fence.

We have hardly bought any vegetables in the past year except mushrooms, kumara, and onions. I failed at mushroom growing, having killed a "just add water" kit purchased from the Blueskin market. I'm not even going to attempt kumara, but onions are possible so I am having a go at growing a big main crop to store. If I can grow enough onions for a year I'll be so smug and satisfied.

In Autumn I raised loads of Pukekoe Long Keeper onion seeds in trays. When they were big enough I transplanted them into a big, sunny garden bed. I left a decent gap between each plant as I read that they don't bulb up unless they have plenty of space.

I have kept the plants weeded all winter and now they're looking really big and healthy, so all I have to do now is keep them watered and weeded until autumn.

Onions love a good long growing season, so I have done everything I can, except maybe plant twice as many next year.

I'm growing a heap of leeks too, so if something unexpected happens to the onions, or the virus comes before the onions are ready, I'll at least have something oniony to cook with.

Or perhaps, bees

by Susan Wardell

The neighbour stays in his tin-roofed studio polishing dark chunks of road gravel into jewellery for high-end galleries.

One of his hens finds herself in our yard.
Forgets her wings. Can't tell us how she got there.
She cocks her head and cries.

It took me three summers to grant myself flowers –
stubborn and ascetic, days spent
feeding a baby in the blue kitchen.

Someone far away is yelling at a dog.
I stake my laundry out above the cornflower heads
to wave like rebellion, or surrender.

Later when I bring it in the chickens are quiet,
their gullets full of worms, and around me curls
the whizzzzzzzzzz of diamond-tipped drills
or perhaps, bees.



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BRCT Community Survey

The Blueskin Resilient Communities Trust is currently undertaking a research project on housing and community issues in the wider Blueskin area.

We encourage all residents of the Blueskin area to participate, including our tamariki and rangatahi - every voice is important and we want to get as wide a representation of our community as possible.

As an incentive we have eleven awesome prizes for all ages for you to win – from Arc Brewery, Blueskin Gallery, Blueskin Nursery, Harvey St Merchant, His & Hers Catering Kitchen, Leap Dunedin, Orokonui Ecosanctuary, and Salt & Sugar General Store! The survey can be completed anonymously, and any personal information will be kept confidential.

The results of the survey will be used to guide our next moves in response to the issues that you identify as important to our community. The survey asks a number of questions about housing because that appears

to be a serious and immediate issue for many whānau living in Blueskin. We also ask about climate change, environment, transport, and development issues. We recognise that they are interlinked and so any potential solutions may impact on a number of concerns.

The survey results will be published in a report which will be publicly available for everyone to read and use, and which we intend to be used as an advisory document by other organisations as well.

We would like to thank the Dunedin City Council, who have funded this project with a Place-based Community Grant. These grants support community development over all ages, religions, cultures, and ethnicities within a geographically defined community.



The survey can be accessed by scanning the QR code or at the following weblink: <https://cutt.ly/brct>. If you prefer a paper version, hard copies are also available from the Blueskin Library or by contacting Sarah Williamson: 021 0238 6550 brctsurvey@gmail.com.



Brewers Cup 2021

This year was a small scale event but of a fantastic calibre as always.

The beer was superb and so were the bands. Local brewer Jeremy Baker made a tasty cherry sour that was highly commended.

Richard Pettingrew scooped the Jan Breward award for the specialist beer with a classic German pilsner.

And Jessie Campion won the Gary Pearson memorial cup with a landslide victory to become the first woman to win. (Previously the Jan Breward cup was won by Roswitha ten years ago)

Band highlights were all girl band Human Susan!

Special thanks to the venue hosts, all the brewers and Simone for the very Hoppy decorations.

Mandy Mayhem-Bullock

WAITATI BOOK CLUB by Ian Melvin

My turn to host, but had to withdraw due to life issues, thanks Scott for standing in. We were two members down for this meeting, however we still managed to engage in an enjoyable evening of convivial, lubricated, productive social intercourse. Note: according to the Oxford dictionary 'men lubricated with alcohol speak their true feelings'.

THE BOOK

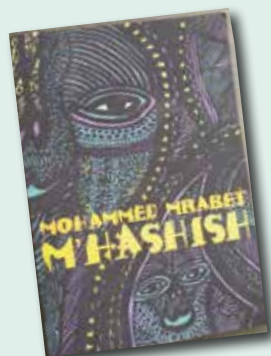
M'Hashhish by *Mohammed Mrabet*
taped and translated by Paul Bowles.

Martin – Well probably familiar revue. Simple, simple language, fable like tales, without the morality tail at the end. Very easy read, but I thoroughly enjoyed the risqué and the rascals. Definitely don't have to be a H'head to appreciate this subculture in a (ok, it is a bit dated) setting that many people would not be familiar with. It's not often we read such offerings and I was glad of the opportunity.'

OTHER BOOKS

Marc – reread *The Locked Room* another of the Martin Beck police dramas by *Sjowall and Wahloo* 1973. I really enjoy the commentary about Sweden in that time. The shortcomings of the social system and the ineptitude of the police. Quite a contrast to my perception of Sweden as a modern socialist democracy.

Scott – *The Road* by *Cormac McCarthy* – Bleak, bleak, and we can only hope it remains a dark dystopian story, rather than becoming reality.



TV

Paul recommended, supported by Scott *Vigil* TV One 9.30 on Sundays, or One On Demand. Crime drama on board a British nuclear submarine, after a crew member is found dead under suspicious circumstances. I have been taping this and look forward to viewing it. A top line of British actors feature in the cast.

BEER

Ian – Gubernja Brewery Lithuania 1665, one of the oldest Breweries in the world. Sampled the *Strong Traditional Bock* and the *Caramel Brown Ale* the second appealed much more. Rich malty taste, full bodied head that lasted, very moreish.

MUSIC

Martin – I have been listening to Ian's latest musical offering *Eli "Paperboy" Reed's Roll With You*. Boy he can pick them, this was the young American's first recording in 2007. The title track is pure Otis Redding. This is laid back soul with full refrains from the horn and sax section's. Rhythmic and lively, clear crisp vocals, plenty of gospel a bit of blues and dollops of southern soul. I wore out your CD sorry Ian.



Ian – no he didn't, my pennies worth, anyone who loves James Brown will probably like this, a lot. Try, *Eli Paperboy Reed and The True Loves* – Satisfier, on YouTube.

WORD OF THE MONTH

Innocence – "There is always one moment in childhood when the door opens and let's the future in." *Graham Greene/The Power and the Glory*

THE MEANING OF LIFE

'Ah! Vanitas Vanitatum! – which of us is happy in this world? Which of us has his desire? or having it is satisfied? – come children let us shut up the box and the puppets, for our play is played out!'

Thackeray/Vanity Fair

Both quotes taken from *A Widow For One Year* by *John Irving*





Call for supporters

If there is anywhere that deserves to be described as a “hidden gem” it is the Truby King Reserve in Seacliff.

The site of the renowned (now former) asylum for psychiatric patients, it is today a historic and recreational reserve, managed and maintained by the Dunedin City Council. Although the Reserve is used regularly for gentle recreation, especially in the summer months, by groups and individuals, it needs a significant sustained effort to bring the Reserve up to a standard worthy of its potential. Of particular note is the “Enchanted Forest”, planted under the direction of Truby King himself and including many noteworthy specimen trees. Sadly, these have been neglected of late, infested with weeds and with some in need of careful remediation.

The DCC has recently completed a review of the Reserve’s Management Plan. The review confirmed the need for major work to be done and – in response to submissions by the Waikouaiti Coast Community Board and the local Seacliff Truby King Reserve Committee – has set up a Truby King Reserve Management Committee.

The main purpose of the Management Committee is to ensure local community involvement in what should be an exciting opportunity to make the Reserve the asset it truly deserves to be.

To this end we are putting out this call for supporters – people with an interest in any aspect of the management of the Truby King Reserve and/or the willingness to participate in the practical work of improving its amenity, recreational or other value. We will create a mailing list of supporters, to keep everyone informed of news, working bees and other items of interest.

If you would like to be part of this community endeavour, please contact me: mobile/text 021 890 048; or email: asbarratt@gmail.com

Andy Barratt, Chair, Truby King Reserve Management Committee

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My name is Stephanie and I will be your facilitator for the weekend. I am a Life Coach and Reiki Master. We will ask some hard questions of ourselves like, what is important to me? What is my purpose? Am I stuck or just settling? COVID has given us the gift of time where we may have looked at the world and ourselves a little differently and ask the hard questions.

You will enjoy the tranquil and private sanctuary of my place in Waitati. The weekend investment in yourself is \$495 which includes shared accommodation, healthy vegetarian food cooked by our Chef, a beautiful journal to record your experience and more.

Spaces are limited to 8 women so be quick to secure your spot. To register or further information please email womensretreat21@gmail.com or phone me on 022 127 8656

Stephanie Bungard



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When was the last time you
did something for yourself?



That feeling of sprinting to the end of the year but with great excitement!

Coming up at Waitati School

We are holding a Waitati School Art Exhibition at the Gallery on Blueskin. Thursday 18th of November through to Sunday the 21st November. Come along and see the outstanding art pieces and read some of our stories.

Our Kapuka learning space (Year 6-8) has a brand new deck attached to it. We are appreciative of the space it has created for learning. Our Year 7 and 8 intermediate programme is top notch. Last term, we went on a ski camp to Coronet Peak. This term the Year 7 and 8's are attending a Hiphop dance session, and a great Waitati Bake off. Our Year 7 and 8 programme develops leadership and focuses on growing character.



Thank you to the Bendigo Trust for funding us to purchase Bee Keeping equipment. This week we started a Bee Club and hope to have some honey by next year. Thank you to Mitre Ten for supplying us with some shelves for our Ceramic studio.

This term we have introduced an enrolment scheme with the Ministry of Education, meaning we will be open for enrolments at different times of the year. Anyone in our zone can enrol, but if you are outside, you will need to apply. Prospective students who have a sibling enrolled at the school on 14 October 2021 when the scheme comes into effect, will be treated as in-zone students for enrolment purposes. We have spaces for 2022 throughout the whole school but particularly in NE and Year 6 to 8. If you would like to apply, the scheme, which includes a precise description of the home zone, may be viewed on the school website www.waitati.wordpress.com or drop in to the office and talk with the lovely Laura.

Tara O'Neill, Principal



I'm Baden, the founder of Oxley Property Care Ltd. My small business is lucky enough to be based in Blueskin Bay - although we service all of Dunedin and wider Otago.

Following years spent in the trades, with qualifications in stone masonry and landscaping, I have decided it's my time to begin a new adventure.

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Whānau Mārama: New Zealand International Film Festival 5 – 21 November

The programme for Whānau Mārama: New Zealand International Film Festival 2021 in Dunedin is out and features 92 feature films from 37 countries plus five short film collections across 17 days at Regent Theatre and Rialto Cinemas, Dunedin

"We are delighted that even at level 2 we can screen our outstanding 2021 programme," says Festival Director Marten Rabarts.

"We hope that Dunedin film fans will now rally behind the film festival and show their support by coming out to see the stunning line-up of films that we'll be presenting.

"As well as a fantastic collection of New Zealand films, our international selection is jam-packed with award-winning, critically acclaimed films from around the globe that we can't wait to share with audiences."

Dame Jane Campion's *The Power of the Dog* will screen at The Regent Theatre on opening night. The film, which was shot in the Otago region, premiered to a standing ovation at the Venice Film Festival and earned the New Zealander the Silver Lion award for Best Director.

Tickets on sale NOW! Advance bookings can be made for all NZIFF screenings.

Rialto Cinemas seating will be allocated. Due to Covid-19 spacing requirements, all customers must sit in their allocated seat. Seating at The Regent is unallocated, screening capacities will be capped to ensure space for physical distancing.

For more information www.nziff.co.nz/2021/dunedin/

Parihaka Day

Although as a child I'd always enjoyed Guy Fawkes Day with a bonfire and fireworks, I now believe Parihaka day has more relevance for residents of Dunedin/Ōtepoti.

The Parihaka village was supported by many Taranaki Māori. Their leaders Te Whiti O Rongomai and Tohu Kakahi were early proponents of passive resistance and looked upon as prophets. However most of the settlers in the surrounding areas were frightened by them, considering the village a potential trouble spot. Over time many of the Maori ploughmen who worked the land were arrested for removing surveyors pegs, when their unpaid fines eventually totalled \$8000 they were shipped as prisoners from Wellington to the South Island /Te Wai Pounamu. On arrival at the Dunedin gaol, their one request was they be allowed to honour their Sabbath,

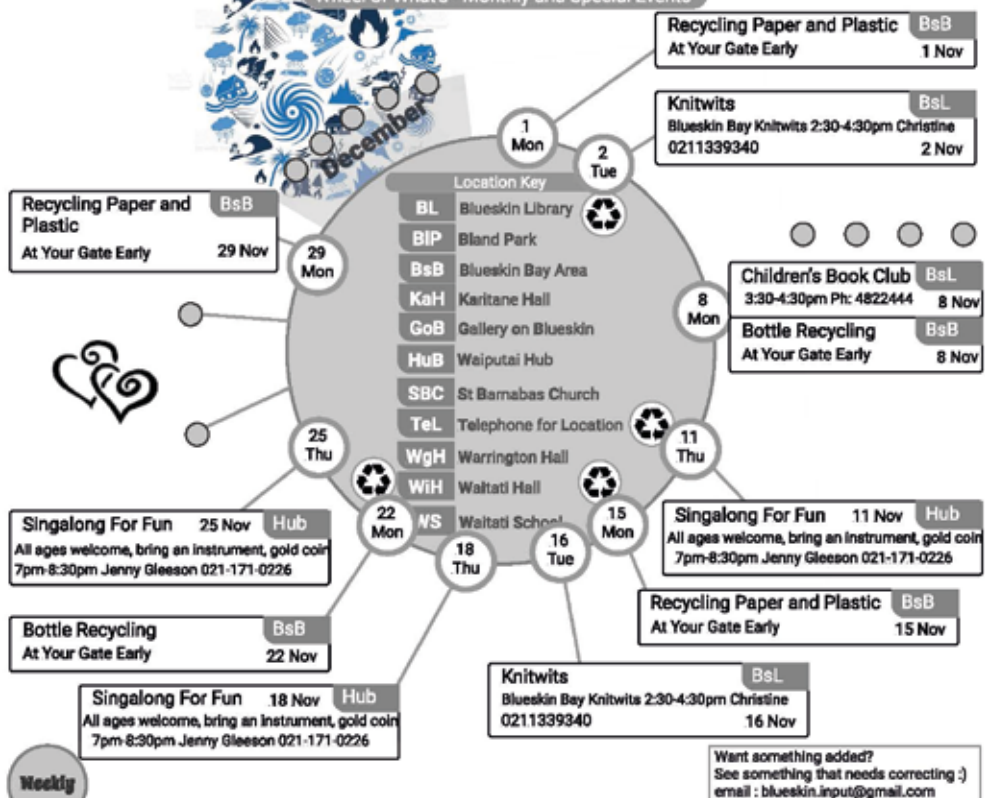
the 17th of each month. This was denied them, and they were told to celebrate Sundays instead. Living on hulks and in gaol, they built the Peninsula roads, the gardens and much of the cities infrastructure, also using quarried rock to build the seawalls.

On the 5 November 1881 Native minister John Bruce lead over 15,000 armed militia to the village, both leaders Te Whiti and Tohu were arrested along with most of the menfolk, and Parihaka was destroyed. On their arrival here, a number of them died and prisoners continued to die from cold-related ailments. Their bodies are buried in both the Northern and Southern Cemeteries, and their descendants have since placed memorials in both cemeteries. After several years, survivors returned to Taranaki but much of their lands had been lost to settlers.

Gisele

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Wheel of What's - Monthly and Special Events



Monday at

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

- Ping Pong**
7pm \$5 cash: All Welcome from 12 yrs
Helena 0226474738
- Coffee Morning**
9.30-11.30 Open to all, Nancy 482 1198
- Indoor Bowls**
7.30pm
- Boxing Class**
6.30pm, Baden 0221529523
- NIA - Dance Class**
11.30-12.30 \$10 Claire Reilly 0211775350

Wednesday

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

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

Thursday - continues

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

Saturday

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

Sunday

- Service** 9.30 am
Jeremy 0274361481
- Waitati Warblers** WIH
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Blueskin Bay Darts Group: Come and learn to play darts in Level 1 at the Hub, age 12+, with Tim Ashdown, Otago Darts Association member. Beginners are more than welcome. The Group will meet during school terms. There is a gold coin koha to cover venue costs. For info call Sam on 021 0239 1946

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

Pilates for beginners: There are a couple of spaces left in the Hub's Wednesday evening classes, \$15 per class. For info call Nancy on 021 171 0226

Days to Remember November

November 1 – World Vegan Day

November 4 – Diwali

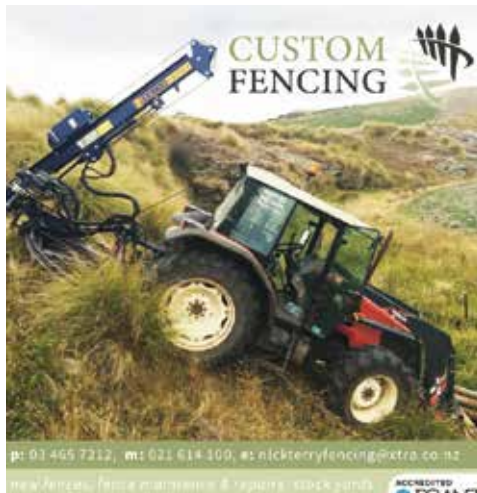
November 9 – World Freedom Day

November 11 – Remembrance Day

November 13 – World Kindness Day

November 20 – Universal Children's Day


November 25 – International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women Day



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