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## Editor's Note

Hi there, I was reminded last night by Giselle that Monday 25 October is Labour Day. For most New Zealanders it is now just another holiday and we forget that it is a reminder of the struggle for an eight-hour working day. New Zealand workers were among the first in the world to claim this right when, in 1840, the carpenter Samuel Parnell won an eight-hour day in Wellington.

Labour Day was first celebrated in New Zealand on 28 October 1890, when several thousand trade union members and supporters attended parades in the main centres including Dunedin. Government employees were given the day off to attend the parades and many businesses closed for at least part of the day.

The Labour Day Act of 1899 created a statutory public holiday which was 'Mondayised' in 1910, and since then it has been held on the fourth Monday in October.



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

Dunedin Labour Day parade, 1894, URL: <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/media/photo/dunedin-labour-day-parade-1894>, (Ministry for Culture and Heritage), updated 25-Jun-2014



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-  Everyone can return to work and school.
-  Use the NZ COVID Tracer app to scan in everywhere you go, and have Bluetooth tracing turned on.
-  Wear a face covering when you go out and about.
-  If you have cold or flu symptoms, isolate immediately and call Healthline for advice about a test.
-  Get vaccinated.
-  Physical distance 2m from others in public.
-  Gatherings can have up to 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors.

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# Martin Thompson

15 January 1956 – 4 September 2021

**Some of you may have seen Martin around Dunedin or given him a ride from Waitati into town. His brother, Gerry is a long-time resident of Brown Street. Martin first came to town for Gerry and Therese's wedding, it was Spring 14 years ago. He never left.**

A man of few words and unkempt in appearance. His main focus is a place to sit and do his artwork. Anything else for him is a distraction, he is unraveling the fabric of the universe in some complicated mathematical equation, revealing itself in coloured ink on graph paper. Known as the human calculator to some. Martin is a savant when it comes to numbers. A self-taught artist, his work is created from plane fractals.

In the outsider or obsessive art world he is famous. His work is held in 'all the major metropolitan art collections in the country', so that's Auckland Art Gallery, Wellington City Art Gallery, Te Papa, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, Hocken Library – the University of Otago, the Dowse Art Museum, Lower Hutt. Also on permanent display at the American Folk art museum, His work has been to Australia, Paris and well-received across Europe. Recently the Chief designer of Nike corporation purchased one of his works, so did David Bowie, rumour has it.

In the 80s and 90s Martin was found in Aro Valley and Cuba Street area, the heart of the Capital's creative community. He was a regular at Midnight Espresso, a hip cafe on Cuba street, Wellington.

He had attended school in the Hutt Valley, After he completed a Joinery apprenticeship he left home. From then on he frequented Tonks Ave, working with the recycling crews including the Chair company and, Fox and table. He was a perfectionist and enthusiastic about preservation of native wood. His role was chief de nailer, working late at night pulling apart ancient flooring and readying it for repurpose.

His first love may have been timber but it was quickly replaced by his drawing. He started drawing to occupy himself, and would spend 10 to 12 hours per day working on complex pieces. A member of Vincent's art group, he would also frequent their workshop. It was at Vincent's in 2003 he was discovered by Stuart Shepherd an advocate for self-taught art. With his support and promotion Martin's international acclaim has grown from there.

For more than a decade here in Dunedin, Marty was represented by Brett McDowell, hosting an annual show at his Dowling Street gallery. Over the years, Brett has been a great friend and advocate of Martin's.



Dunedin reminded him of Wellington before his precious Upper Cuba street area was altered by the motorway.

Martin was well supported here and lived for a long time behind Gray's picture framers in the Valley. This stability gave him even more time to focus on his work.

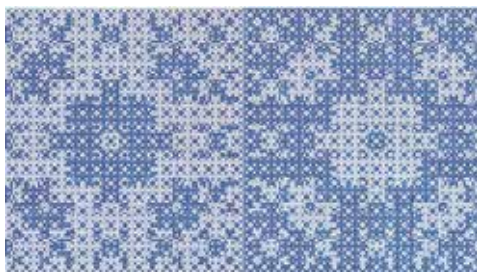
He loved cafes such as Kiki beware, Modaks, and RdC (also the Whakamana cannabis museum and cafe prior to its closure). It was at these spots he could usually be found with his precious folio of art churning out another colourful piece.

Recently Marty suffered terrible bouts of coughing, he was hospitalised and tests revealed the grim state of his lungs, his health deteriorated very quickly and he passed away after a short 6 week illness.

He was working on his most complicated work to date, 93% complete he said.

Aotearoa has lost a great artist the likes of whom we will never see again.

## Mandy Mayhem-Bullock



# Farmedgeddon II

Apparently I am a provocateur. A close-minded Greenie whose cringeworthy lack of knowledge requires reconsideration, foremost my obsession with TV1 news. Well, some of that offends me, especially the TV1 bit. After all, I'm a Newshub guy. As for Green-tinted glasses, John (who replied to my Farmedgeddon piece), will be horrified to learn I lean toward Extinction Rebellion these days. So, thanks for your reply John. This is an issue worthy of considered debate.

Now, while I make no apology for my provocative attack on Howl of a Protest, I'd suggest the fault is not farmers individually, but the economic framework they're forced to operate under. Neo-liberal capitalism has so over-leveraged our primary production sector, it's economically fraught. Intensive farming practices, especially fertilisation and irrigation, are the evils necessary to appease the money lenders. Add to that, stock numbers, food miles, and animal husbandry, it's obvious neo-liberalism is no friend of farmers.

With that in mind, I was amused John quoted John Maynard Keynes, a 1930's economist, in his critique. Worth repeating, Keynes said, "If the information changes, I change my mind. What do you do sir?" Well, as regards the effects of primary industry on climate change and environmental degradation, the information is changing rapidly and farming practices need to accommodate these changes.

Furthermore, Keynesianism recommended government intervention and budget deficits to create demand, and thereby employment. It seems the demand on our farmers is to feed 50 million people globally. Perhaps they should concentrate on our 5 million. How many dairy cows would that require?

As for John's quoted statistics:- only one rural Otago river unswimmable? Laughable! 94% of urban waterways unswimmable? Probably, but two wrongs don't make a right. Declining stock numbers since 1990? Only because sheep have been replaced by dairy cows. No increase in extreme weather in last 30 years say institutions funded by NASA and NOAA? Where do you get this stuff John. Here's a quote for you, from Benjamin Disraeli, the 19th century writer and aristocrat. "There are three kinds of lies. Lies, damned lies, and statistics." As for stating that methane has no environmental effect if water is present? OMG! Tell that to the scientists monitoring methane seeping from the permafrost as it thaws in the arctic circle. They obviously haven't heard.

But I do agree with John on one thing. He states that nothing he says will have an affect on my position. You're right there John.

**Doug Nuttall**

# Art Auction



**When artist Jack Monaghan moved up to the North Island he left behind several pieces of his distinctive artwork.**

Jack has now kindly offered these works to our community and agreed for them to be auctioned, with all proceeds given to our local Playcentre in Waitati.

Blueskin Gallery will host the event with the Auction being held at 2.30pm on 10 October 2021.

Viewing will be from 12 noon on that day.

Intended purchasers will be able to register on the day and be given a Buyer's Number. There will not be a printed catalogue but the Gallery intends to provide an on-line viewing of the pieces available.

**Steve Bourne, Blueskin Gallery**

# Warrington Indoor Bowling Club

**Our bowls came to an abrupt end due to Covid and not being able to use the hall. However we have had a good season with some new people joining us and friendships being formed.**

We hope to be back for a roll up on the mats again in late March or early April 2022. Special thanks to Ruth and Cliff Porteous who give their time so willingly to see to all things relating to club activities and for keeping things ticking along.

**Lyn Hastie, Secretary.**



# Derek the Dunnock



I's been told me tipuna loved the smell 'o' coal fires on a frosty, winter's ev'nin down by the gasworks in the Old Country. Meant theys could cuddle up to a nice warm brick wall of a night. True, it didn't do theys' lungs much good. There was pea-soupers in London and notices in the busses and trains sayin' no spitting. Expectorating in them upper class carriages.

But times is changed. So says Dortmund Dunnock, our academical tweeter from the Centre for Sustainability. A mere whiff of coal smoke sends them Homo so called Sapiens (Hscss) academicals into paroxysms of disgust. Despite the fact that the Uni's heated by the stuff. But up in they's ivory towers, them academicals don't get a whiff of it, comin' as it does indirect like from "The Heat is On" down by where Damian Dunnock's doin' his urban "thing" in the rhodos in Cumberland Street. Not like them poor Hscs's nestlings whose schools burn the stuff to keep the little brats from gettin' frostbite in the classroom. Half's runnin' round wiv inhalers so's to get enough oxygen while they's out playin'.

It's cheap cheeps Ms Dee Dunnock from the Business School. Factored in the inhalers etc, etc ,etc?, retorts Dort.

Who's logging off the stuff? That's what I wanna know Which Hscs is makin' a mint out of poisoning theys own poor little Hscs nestlings? Us Dunnocks don't go feedin' our chicks hairy yellow and black caterpillars 'cus we knows they'd poison the poor wee things. So whys yous poisonin' yours? Us Dunnocks copes wiv yer sheep paddocks, yer pine plantations, yer urban sprawl and even yer supermarket carparks, but coal mines ain't exactly our prime real estate habitat. No cuddlies tweetin' from there. The only avians I knows who's stupid enuff to hang out in coal mines is the odd endemical Pipit and native Black-backed Gull. Scabs all. Turns out it ain't proper coal like me ancestors loved but lignite, close to peat as yous can get 'cording to me Irish relis, and turns out it's from New Vale near Gore. Company's got the bloody cheek to call itself Greenbriar. PR on steroids tweets Dort. Director's a clutch of Dunedin business um personages: Mr M C Horne who appears to live in the ruins of Cargill's Castle, prime Dunnock real estate, Mr C S Hunter, Mr T J Hunter, Ms J A McMahon & Mr S M McMahon. Ah but tis a murky world them companies adds Dort, full of dodgy holding companies like the classical Orion T A Ltd and the Dylanish Wagonwheel Ltd., legal entities like GCA legal Trustee 2012 Ltd. (Bridget Irving, remember her?) and the accountants? Deloitte's.

If any of you Hscss wants to write them a letter, go out and hassle them, far be it for me to suggest wot one might do, yous can find their addresses on the NZ companies register\*. A couple of million dollar plus properties there. Prime Dunnock real estate I 'as to admit. Us dunnocks ain't up to much writin' and aggro but we's right behind ya. Cough, cough.

Coal = Climate Change. I reckon I's said a bit about that before. Yous Hscs who's got an attention span of more than a week might even remember.

\*<https://app.companiesoffice.govt.nz/companies/app/ui/pages/companies/6091108/directors>.

Try also <https://opencorporates.com/companies/nz>. They're a mine of information.

## Not the Weekend I Expected

Why did I say I'd go, I thought.  
I hardly knew the girl.  
The house loomed large against the sky.  
My mind was in a whirl!  
I found a bell on the huge iron gate,  
I rang it once, then saw  
A bent old man appear,  
with a steel bar through his jaw!  
"Come in!" he said. "You are the last!"  
As he padlocked the gate,  
A ghost walked past!  
I'd walked into a Coven,  
With witches sitting round.  
A black, giant cauldron,  
Had been placed upon the ground.  
A tall and skinny witch looked up,  
With a leering ugly grin.  
Stirring up the cauldron,  
She croaked, "where have you bin?"  
My knees just turned to jelly,  
As I noticed hanging bats,  
And lots of horrid people  
Who were wearing pointed hats.  
All the nooks and crannies,  
Where adorned with spiders' webs.  
And in the flickering candlelight,  
I saw disembodied heads.  
"Have you had your dinner?"  
Screeched a wart-encrusted hag.  
And she put things in the cauldron.  
From a crumpled paper bag.  
"Eye of toad and leg of newt."  
She cackled as she stirred.  
"She'd be very tasty!"  
I was sure I overheard.  
Shocked at what I'd come to,  
I took in all the scene.  
"Don't worry", someone friendly said,  
"It's only Halloween!"

by Lynda Bassett

# Warrington Hall update

Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions the hall remains unavailable to our regular users. We are sorry that folk aren't able to exercise, sing and generally get together at the moment. Hopefully we will all be back together again doing what we enjoy.

Our Hall Annual General Meeting is still on hold - also because of restrictions. However, we hope to have a date for the next edition of BSN to let the community know when our meeting is. We would love to have some new folk come along and help with the running of the hall. Not too much work for anyone but the jobs need to be shared. Maybe you have retired and have a bit of spare time or perhaps you are new to the area and want to help out and meet some new folk. We look forward to seeing some new folk at our meeting and to replace those who are definitely taking a break after many years of contributing. If you would like to know more about what's involved please phone our Chairperson Ruth Porteous 482 2849 or myself Lyn 482 2896.

Lyn Hastie, Secretary.

## Pūrākaunui School



**Kia ora koutou. It is nice to have Term 3 back up and running after a mid-term Covid hiatus. Spring warmth and growth has coincided with our return and is a welcome energy boost. It is great to see our garlic sprouting and it is time to prepare the ground for other crops.**

Our energy topic has been interesting and we have investigated potential and kinetic energy by combining the making of paper darts and then launching them with a rubber band slings which was heaps of fun. We have also continued to look into electricity as part of this topic work and the kids were able to do an inventory of electrical appliances in the home during lockdown which was curious. We all had far more than we predicted!

We coped well with distance learning for the most part and a fun highlight for me was seeing everyone's pets regularly via our video links or via images posted on our Google Classroom site.

We have also been enjoying making kites since coming back to school. The dyed colours on our tissue paper look fantastic. We have also been experimenting with making some very small kites and variations on the traditional kite shape. We haven't had a chance to fly these delicate creations yet as the spring winds have been a bit powerful lately.

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



## Wellness retreat for wahine Waiputai

**Making connections and building resilience is the aim of a retreat for women to be held in Blueskin Bay next month. Waiputai Retreat will focus on connecting like-minded wahine locally while establishing practices that build resilience through balancing mind, body and spirit.**

Co-organiser Amber Fraser-Smith said the retreat was designed as a way for women to support one another and maintain their own wellness during a challenging time. "It's really important that we can still connect and be there for one another despite everything going on around the world," she said. "We wanted to establish a way we could focus on communal wellness in a relaxing and enjoyable, yet affordable, way."

A variety of classes and workshops will be held throughout the day, including yoga (with embodied soul facilitator Marissa George), a workshop on building connections (with counsellor Sandra Cardona Alvarez-Hopkins), and sessions on mindfulness, living in balance, art journaling and mandala rock painting.

The retreat will be held at Waiputai Hub in Warrington from 9am – 4.30pm on Saturday, 6 November and will cost \$75 which will include all classes and workshops, materials, a healthy vegetarian lunch, and other treats throughout the day. A discounted rate is available for those on community services cards. Places are limited.

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Well here we are again, another month, another time of uncertainty. We were really disappointed to have to cancel our Spring Flower Show as I know you all would have been too. The logistics of running the show safely and within the required restrictions meant it was in the too hard basket.

However, we had a great drop of weather during the lockdown when many of you including myself were able to get ahead in the garden and do many of the jobs around the house and yard. Getting 9 trees felled the day before lockdown day meant I got my exercise pushing wheelbarrows of mulch around the section.



Yesterday 12 of us met at the Botanic Gardens to ramble and admire the beauty of the incredible Spring growth. We are indeed privileged to have such an asset in our city. It was lovely to be together and have a good old natter. Daylight saving kicks in again and chores in the garden become more urgent as the growing season confronts us. Enjoy

*When you arise in the morning think of what a precious privilege it is to be alive, to breathe, to think, to enjoy, to love.*  
Anon

**Lynne Carlyle**



## BRCT Annual General Meeting

The Blueskin Resilient Community Trust held our AGM in the lockdown with our voting members. We reported on the financial year 2020-2021 and considered our activities for the coming 12 months. The last year was difficult in many ways as the community will know. We no longer have staff and most of our work was completed or prematurely ended. The Climate Safe House remains a problematic asset and we are on the way to ensuring this meets the expectations of those that funded it.

The only bright moment was receiving a DCC place-based community grant in March 2021. Otherwise we had very little income in the financial year.

The DCC grant has allowed us to contract Sarah Williamson to undertake a housing and community issues online survey of the wider Blueskin area. We know housing supply and affordability is a major issue alongside critical concerns about climate change, water, development, transport and environmental issues. The survey is designed to canvas a wide set of concerns, and when complete will be available for everyone in the Blueskin area to read and use. We hope that this community engagement project will encourage organisations and communities to respond with solutions to the specific issues that Blueskin people believe are the most important.

Finally we want to thank everyone who has been involved with us over the last year. In particular, we thank Jacinta Ruru, Dell McLeod and Toby White for their services as Trustees.

**Craig Marshall, Worik Stanton, Metiria Turei – Trustees**

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## For the love of a husky

**Ernest Hemingway writes in *A Moveable Feast* when struggling to put words on the page, “[a]ll you have to do is write one true sentence. Write the truest sentence that you know.” Here is mine. I miss my husky. I miss the freckles on his nose and those blue eyes that could turn my steely resolve to puddles. I miss him curled under my desk and his seemingly magical ability to escape from any crate or kennel, only to happily curl back up inside once the mission was complete. I miss the husky talks and howls. Now as I find myself in this too quiet house, I summon my inner Hemingway and write.**

The first few years of Shadow's life will forever remain a mystery. About 9 years ago he came bounding down the hallway of the animal shelter and straight into my life. He loved the wilds of Wyoming, running amongst the sagebrush hills, and romping through fresh powder. It was pure husky heaven. More than once, he woke up in the wee hours before dawn when we were expecting snow. I swear he could smell snow in the air. And he could be found come springtime curled up on the last patch of melting snow in an otherwise brown and muddy yard.

Shadow was an excellent traveling companion, whether the car was taking to us work, or an adventure further afield. When the opportunity arose for me to move to New Zealand, there was never a doubt that he was coming too. I can still feel the palatable sigh of relief when the quarantine facility called to say my “very handsome boy” had arrived safe and sound from the US. Thus began our New Zealand adventure. We settled here in Waitati where he quickly adapted his love of running through sagebrush hills to running on the beach. Huskies are very much pack animals, and he welcomed humans, dogs, and even some cats into his pack. He loved walking the beach and greeting every single person he saw. He tried to charm even the most dog-reluctant amongst us.

Most of all he loved walking with his best friends, Mia, Georgia, Gus and Clementine. The sight of the giant fluffy husky with the little Bichon/Maltese/Shih Tzu, as his shadow, makes me smile still. He loved greeting Ella, Poppy, Mai, Ebony, Ned and London, Zeus, Ziggy, Lily, Oscar, Red, the other Gus, Benny, Tilly, Tiki, Zoe, Bo and Tink. We are very fortunate here in Waitati to have a mostly welcoming and friendly community of dogs and their people.

On August 9, with snow on the hills and wishes for snow to sea level, we bounded out of bed and to the beach as usual. As I left my house that morning with his lead in my hand and him on my heels, I never imagined that he would not be coming home. That morning he had other plans. He summoned his pack of human and canine best friends and then the snow gods called him home. He was not alone, and I was not alone, for that I will always be grateful.

I am thankful for the neighbours-turned-friends that got me through that morning and the weeks that followed. Your gifts of food sustained me physically and your flowers, plants and cards sustained my spirit. I am grateful for those who understand the compulsion to walk the beach still and the crushing emptiness that comes with doing so without a lead in hand. So, I am thankful you let me borrow your dogs and graciously hand me their leads. For those few moments a sense of normalcy returns. Shadow was not my first dog, and he will not be my last. There are others out there in need of a home, but their time is not yet. For now, my truth remains, I miss my husky.

**Alison Floyd**





## THE RANT

from Oliver



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

### What Makes You Glad (happy)

Getting presents. Because you open the box, there is something there, and you get happy.

### What Makes You Sad

No presents, makes me sad.

### What Makes You Sad (angry)

When I break something like a glass or toys.

from Oliver aged 4, mostly: with help from dad, Jean.

Note: big brother Max was busy, writing down the provinces of China...



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## WAIKOUAITI COAST COMMUNITY BOARD UPDATE

**Things certainly move slowly under Covid restrictions. In the last issue I mentioned that our August Community Board meeting did not happen since Level 4 arrived the day before our scheduled meeting date. That meeting was then cancelled.**

Our next meeting is due to be held on Wednesday 13 October at 5.30pm. The scheduled location is at Warrington Surf Club, but that may be in doubt depending on what Dunedin City Council social distancing protocols apply at the time. Keep an eye out for any changes in the DCC Noticeboard in the Otago Daily Times.

Regarding improvements to our north coast bus service, we have learned that NZTA/Waka Kotahi have not provided the requested 50% subsidy to the Otago Regional Council, so we now have to wait to find out if ORC will fully fund the improved service. We will be contacting all ORC councillors regarding this.

We have still not received any clarity regarding NZTA/Waka Kotahi funding for our two state highway safety projects, namely the driver feedback signs for Waikouaiti and speed reduction at the Waitati Curve. We hope to have that information by the time of our October meeting.

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.

I hope that I can have something factual to report by the time of the next issue of this really worthwhile publication.

**Alasdair Morrison,**  
**Chairman Waikouaiti Coast Community Board**  
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Week 2, Egg Carton Herb Garden

Monday-Friday, 3 - 4pm

Start a herb garden using an egg box carton.

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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 28 October, 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.

### Seed Share Quiz

Thanks to everyone (especially Hilary) for your contributions to the seed share and swap event. The winners of the iD Quiz have been drawn and prizes await Sue Hensley and Flint.

The seed cabinet is now a permanent fixture in the Library – get your veggie patch underway and grab some seeds today.



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**What a blast Ski Camp was this year. How lucky were our Year 7 and 8's to go! We just made it into level 2 in time. Waitati School Year 7 and 8's have a special leadership programme that they get to participate in throughout the year. Ski camp makes up one part of it. They do two activity days per term that support them to learn leadership skills.**

This year, they have been on a tramp and learnt about River Crossings, they have been sailing, and down hill mountain biking. One of our four school values is Rangatiratanga, leadership and we take developing leadership seriously. Each of these days, supports our learners to experience another aspect of developing leadership.

Project Based Learning is also an educational method we use to support learning. Projects are based around anything that a child is interested in learning about. Sometimes the topics are set by a teacher because they have noticed interests that spark learning and help to carry that on. Sometimes, it is what ākonga are interested in. Try holding them back when they know they have true agency.

Projects is a word used for exploring a concept beyond what you know about it. Exploring into your unknown. You might do this using play initially to experiment, searching for a question worthy of finding an answer for. Going deeper. On the way, you learn new vocabulary, new methods, new knowledge, new skills and sometimes, you might even invent something the world has never seen before. Those initial skills developed during play and through projects, come in handy throughout our whole lifetime.



To be honest, I think if more adults were to play and develop projects while mucking around with new ideas, to write a new song, draw a new art piece, make a new car, write a new story, act in a new drama, we would all be better off. Projects develop ideas explored in play. Our learners at Waitati School flourish when they lead their own learning, and guided by teachers get to go on their own learning adventures.

How exciting is school these days!

**Ngā Mihi, Tara O'Neill, Principal**

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# Banking on seed saving

by Hilary Rowley

**There is a beautiful oak card file at the library which contains, literally, the seeds of the future. It is our community seed bank, and unlike a money bank, it costs nothing to use, and the potential gains can be measured by the wheel barrow load of fresh fruit, flowers and vegetables.**



I am from a family of gardeners, and one of our very special treasures is a type of shallot which has been kept going from season to season for over 60 years as far as I know, and probably a lot longer than that. Because shallots only keep for a season, they must be planted again each year.

I spent three years in absolute agony waiting for a hip replacement, but I still managed to crawl around in the mud in July weeding a patch to keep my precious family heirloom shallots growing. Mad, I know, but to me it is very important.

This year we joined the Koanga institute. They are a group dedicated to saving heritage fruit and vegetable varieties from extinction. You can buy their seeds and trees online, all of which are special varieties which have been passed down through New Zealand families in the same way as our shallots. Some varieties are so rare they only allow members to buy them.

We joined so we could access some particular vegetable seeds. A trailing marrow, which will grow much more rampantly than a zucchini but still taste like zucchini when young and have mature fruit which can be stored for longer so I can use them for making dog food when there is not much else around. I also hankered after various types of shelling bean, the sort which grow up bean poles, and have gorgeously coloured beans, to dry, shell and store for winter protein. Lastly there was some special white corn, grown by the Māori in the Hokianga area for a few hundred years. This corn is the sort that can be dried and used for making massa flour for tortillas and polenta. DNA tests were done on the Hokianga corn and it was found to be one of the purest South American corn varieties in the world and has not been contaminated by genetically engineered varieties.

Because these seeds are all open pollinated, they will set seed which is true to type each year, and we can continue to save the seeds and share them with other gardeners, thus keeping these varieties from extinction.

If we only had a few types of vegetables, and for some reason, like a new disease or climate change making the environment unsuitable and one of them died out, we would no longer have that kind of vegetable. Imagine if there were no more peas, ever. The more varieties we have the more likely we are to have a variety which can resist future storms and pestilence. The Noah's Ark parable was a good one when you think about it.

So think of that little wooden file cabinet at the library as an ark. Save seeds each season, and put a few of your excess in packets, labelled with the name of the variety, the season of harvest, and any other relevant information. If you buy a packet of seeds, and there is no way you can plant them all before their expiry date, package some up to give away.

Help yourself to other interesting seeds varieties to try, after all it costs you nothing, and you will be helping keep these varieties alive for the future. Oh and don't forget, seeds become delicious fresh healthy food, it is a strong motivating factor if it all seems like too much trouble sometimes.



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## Savoury apple, sage and cheddar tart

By Alison Lambert

*Editor – I went for drinks with some friends the other night and Anne having seen this recipe in the ODT had made this wonderful tart - it's definitely worth printing here. I hope the ODT people will not mind, but something this good should really be shared.*

Apples can be used in so many ways but often we forget that they work beautifully as a savoury option. Their tangy notes go well with cheese, meats and in this case buttery puff pastry.

Adding sweet leeks or onions, fragrant herbs and strong cheese just seems to work miracles with the apples.

Serves 8

250g butter puff pastry  
3 apples (300g), cored  
100g leek, washed and cut into ½ cm rounds  
10 sage leaves  
2 Tbsp olive oil  
100g vintage cheddar, blue cheese or feta, crumbled  
Sea salt flakes  
Cracked black pepper

### Method

Roll the pastry to 25cm long x 10cm wide (approx).

Place on to a baking paper-lined tray. Using a knife lightly score a rim of about 2cm deep from the outside of the pastry. Refrigerate until required.

Preheat the oven to 190°C.

Slice the apples into ½cm wedges, add them to a medium mixing bowl.

Add the sliced leeks, sage leaves and oil. Season lightly with salt and pepper. Toss gently to combine.

Place the apple and leek mixture on to a baking paper-lined oven tray and bake for 10 minutes.

Remove from the oven and turn up the heat to 220°C. Pile the apple and leek mixture inside the rim of scored pastry.

Crumble over the cheese, crack over plenty of black pepper and a sprinkle of salt.

Bake in a hot oven for 15-18 minutes or until the pastry has risen and turned a deep golden brown.

Remove and cool slightly before eating.



## Calling all Artists, Crafters and Producers of Blueskin Bay and beyond.

**We are very excited that the Sunday Trains are returning to Waitati this Summer from the beginning of December until the end of March 2022.**

The train will be in Waitati from 3.15pm to 5.15pm every Sunday afternoon.

We live in a creative community with an abundance of talented artists, crafters and producers of vegetables and artisan foods. We are hoping to get some local artists, creators and producers to create a market-like atmosphere on the property next to the railway line and adjacent to The Blueskin Gallery & Kitchen on Harvey Street. There are works being undertaken on this property to clear unwanted weeds, improve access and drainage make the property more usable for activities within the community.

Thank you for support and interest. We are excited about summer ahead and the potential to show off the talent of our local area.

If you are interested in being part of these train events please email us.

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# WAITATI BOOK CLUB by Ian Melvin

Off we go, piloted through the night by Ross to the depths of Dunedins hill suburbs, where we are greeted enthusiastically by Marc and Lili (Lady Lili: Lilio) the greyhound. Doffing hats, coats, gloves etc. we settle down to the serious business of quaffing ale, sampling the tasty morsels on offer, and indulging ourselves in mostly meaningful opinionated discussion.

## THE BOOK

**Things Fall Apart** by *Chinua Achebe* – a novel that depicts pre colonial life on southeastern Nigeria, and the arrival of Europeans during the late 19th century. Peter's choice, a small book with a large message, generally enjoyed by most. Particularly relevant to our time as we wrestle with the on going consequences of colonisation in Aotearoa. Recommended.

## OTHER BOOKS

Scott: *Life After Capitalism* by *Tim Jackson* – makes a serious topic relevant and fascinating. Who knew Robert F. Kennedy was a proponent of well-being economics, or that he said "Too much and for too long, we seem to have surrendered personal excellence and community values in the accumulation of material things".

Marc: *The Lost Schindler Cafe* by *Marie Schindler* – an account of a Jewish family in the 20th century in Innsbruck. Intriguing to see how meaningful historical events such as the first world war impacted on family. The depiction of anti-semitism expressed in Austria leading up to the war and intensifying dramatically after is wrenching.

## TV

*The Repair Shop* on TV ONE on Fridays, or on demand. A Brit. reality gem. The people, the wonderful stories, the lovely interactions, the extraordinary skills. Haven't found anyone who wasn't charmed by this show. Do yourself a favour, uplift your spirits, and see how we can engage with others with care and respect when we choose.

## BEER

Marc: La Trappe, Trappist beers, the Tripple and the Dubbel. I was familiar with the the former and have been pleasantly surprised by the latter – a dark beer with caramel sweetness, a very full palate, and nice malty undertones. The Tripple tastes anaemic in comparison.

Scott: *Double Imperial Stout* by *8 Wired*. My God it was good, but at 15% one is more than enough!

## MUSIC

To mark the passing of Lee 'Scratch' Perry, a huge contributor to bringing Reggae from Jamaica to the world. Try Lee 'Scratch' Perry and the Dub Syndicate

Jungle <https://youtu.be/iDeu9-6nQ>

The Conga's 'Don't blame it on the I' <https://youtu.be/2RV9jJBtA>

or our own Katchafire 'Roots Music' <https://youtu.be/r2o8c5XnKAU>

the lyrics from the last track say it all really.

## WORD OF THE MONTH-

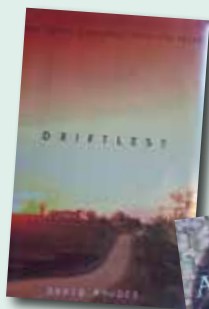
**Doubt:** "... it could mean that some unknowable spirit ruled the world and directed his actions, or he had been simply lucky."

"The room of Vital Wisdom maybe empty, he thought, but that should not prevent us from going inside."

## MEANING OF LIFE

"There are some things he later reflected that change everything else. Their breaking makes no sound, yet fractures the world. Afterwards nothing can be restored to its original order. It's gone. But at the time the moment of domestic impression. Big events don't appear to have any power at all, a single leaf falling. They don't seem as if they will be important. Their terrible reckoning is hidden from view."

All quotes from *Driftless* by *David Rhodes*.





### Source to Sea Saturdays – public planting days

Many hands make light work and the Halo Project's volunteer planting days are testament to that. We've had great support at our Saturday planting days at Waitete Bush and Potato Point. Waitete Bush is just south of Waititi and can be seen alongside State Highway 1. The farmer, Frank O'Neill, had previously planted in rings around remnant matai trees. Our goal is to restore the entire forest at this site with the help of the local community. Over 1200 native plants are now in the ground, complete with coconut fibre mats and cardboard guards. We look forward to watching this forest grow!

Would you like to join our team one day a week? Please get in touch if you're interested in regular weekday volunteering.

Saturday planting days are advertised on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/halobeyondcrokonui/](http://www.facebook.com/halobeyondcrokonui/)

For more information about Source to Sea, visit [www.haloproject.org.nz/](http://www.haloproject.org.nz/) source-to-sea or email [info@haloproject.org.nz](mailto:info@haloproject.org.nz)

### Backyard Trappers

Thanks to all our backyard trappers who kept trapping possums and rats through lockdown. We hope you took the opportunity to listen to the wonderful birdlife around Otepoti during that quiet time.

If you already host a possum trap but need a hand with checking or entering data on TrapNZ – we are happy to help. 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](mailto:info@haloproject.org.nz).



*Top right: Volunteers planting natives at Waitete Bush, near Waititi.*

*Left: Winning photo from Halo's nature photography competition: Tauhou in magnolia by Dave Dickson.*

## Nightswimmer

by Duncan Eddy



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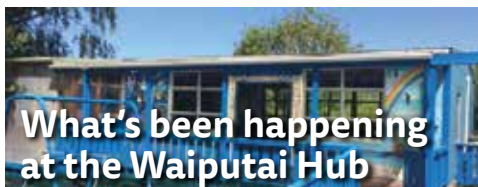
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## What's been happening at the Waiputai Hub

**With the help of Level 2, and a Community Arts Grant for some heating and piano tuning, you should now be hearing some beautiful tunes coming from our local piano students at the Hub.**

They are all taking lessons with, either Yana on Wednesday, or on Saturday with Sylvia. Yana and Sylvia both graciously answered our call for piano teachers to come to Warrington. Much to our surprise, Sylvia is also an overseas trained physiotherapist and Pilates teacher, and offered to hold beginner Pilates classes in the evening on Wednesdays. This offer has been gratefully accepted and the reviews of her classes have been great.

On Tuesdays, the Ping Pong Group is becoming increasingly popular and they welcome anyone who wants a game. Helena is a friendly hostess, and doesn't even mind if you only want to watch and drink coffee. In addition, we are in the process of organising a Darts Group for anyone over the age of 12 on Saturday afternoons. If all goes well, the group should be up and running in Level 1. Similarly, a Singalong for Fun group is starting on Thursday evenings in Level 1. Peter Gillan and Jenny Gleason, both reknown Dunedin musicians in their own right, will be leading the group, and are keen also for those who know how to play a bit on the ukelele or guitar to come along, as well.

So keep an ear out for even more tunes coming from the Hub. Also, please keep an eye out and complete our survey, which should be in your letterbox soon. If you are keen to get involved or start something new, you are welcome to attend our our AGM on Tuesday 25 October at 7pm. Stay safe.

**Nancy Higgins and Sam Ashdown, Trustees**

## WARRINGTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

**Things are starting to ramp up at the club as we prepare for another season.**

You may have seen our members delivering firewood around the Blueskin Bay area, this fundraiser is to pay for our two new surf canoes which are arriving on the 10 October. The off-season has been spent maintaining and upgrading our gear and facilities, the clubhouse is currently being painted by RB Painting and Decorating. Anyone interested in joining the club or looking for information on the coming season, check out our website at [www.warringtonslsc.org](http://www.warringtonslsc.org).

## An unusual find at Doctors Point

A friend told us her dog was eating mumutawa on the beach and we thought there can't be ladybugs living on the beach? But to our surprise there were hundreds of them all over the place. Much to the amusement of my three year old.

**photos by Dean Griffiths**



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# Illegal footpath parking

## Did you know that it's illegal to park on a footpath?

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However, for children, people pushing prams, anyone with a vision or hearing impairment or with compromised mental processing, it can create a much bigger danger.

"Parking on footpaths seems to be getting more common; we are running the risk of it becoming normalised," says Chris Teo-Sherrell of pedestrian advocacy group, Living Streets Aotearoa.

"Many people seem to have forgotten the law or don't think about how their parking affects pedestrians.

"If you find your way blocked or partially blocked by a vehicle parked across a footpath, take a photo, including the registration plate if possible, and send it to [parking@livingstreets.org.nz](mailto:parking@livingstreets.org.nz) stating the location, time and date.

"In addition, let your council know about the problem. Many councils only patrol the inner-city area, but vehicles are often parked across footpaths in other places, too. Most councils will enforce the law, but only in response to complaints." Living Streets also suggests people use the free Snap, Send, Solve app – [snapsendsolve.com](https://snapsendsolve.com)

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## Sudoku

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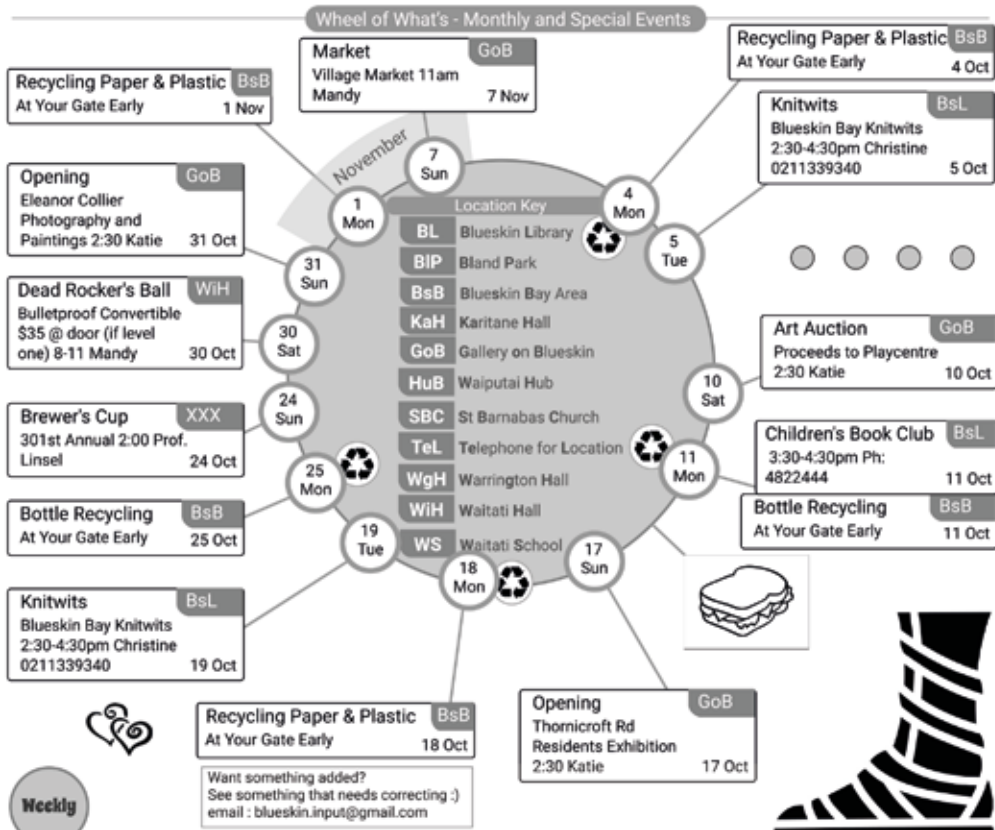
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# Welcome to the Wonderful Wheel of What's on - October

## Wheel of What's - Monthly and Special Events



### Monday at

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

### Monday

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

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

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

### Thursday

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

### Thursday - continues

- Singalong for Fun** HuB All ages welcome, bring an instrument, gold coin. 7pm-8:30pm, Jenny Gleeson 021-171-0226
- Live Music** 7pm start, various performers, Louise
- Darts Club** 4-5:30 pm For beginners and others, all welcome Gold Coin, Sam 021 023 91946

### Saturday

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

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

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

## Singalong for Fun: Anyone and everyone welcome.


Come and sing along with Peter Gillon and Jenny Gleason in Level 1, guitars and ukles 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

# Waiputai Trust Annual General Meeting

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