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Editor's Note

Hello everyone, well here we are again in our bubbles but we've still managed to get a jam packed Blueskin News out. Luckily Level 3 came just in time to allow us to print. There is no wheel of what's on this month as many of the group activities cannot take place under lockdown levels 3 and 4. Hopefully we will be out of lockdown for the Spring Flower Show which had to be cancelled last year. Keep an eye on local facebook pages for news of what's on and what has been postponed or cancelled.

On the home front, my office at work looks out on the library plaza so it has been a real pleasure working from home during the good weather we have had lately. In the past two weeks I have moved my office space three times, my first view was of the nectar feeder with its crowd of waxeyes and more occasional bellbirds and tuis. There is a definite hierarchy here with the waxeyes flitting away when the bellbird appears and then the bellbird retreating when the tuis arrive. The second office space I occupied looks over the garden at a small cherry tree which has blossomed amazingly over the last week and also attracts its share of birds. From this space I could also see the daffodils and hellebores coming into flower. The final resting place for my computer looks over the back garden and larger trees and although I can't see so many birds I can hear more varieties from here. How lucky we are to have this constant accompaniment.

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



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

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

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

Blueskin Bay Community Spaces

Warrington Hall

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

Contact Lyn 482 2896 or Rowena 482 2667

Waitati Hall

CLOSED UNTIL RTHER NOTICE Suitable for large meetings concerts, dances etc. toilets, stage, so screen.

ngs, small gatherings, to 20 people) features kitchen ct Blueskin Nurseries on 482 2828 Bay Library Meeting Room

cable for committee meetings, presentations, training, interviews etc. (up to 12 people) features modular tables, large projection screen, kitchenette and toilets. Contact Blueskin Bay Library 482 2444 blucirc1@dcc.govt.nz

Waiputai Hub

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

Booking enquiries to waiputai@amail.com or Nancy

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









Keep Dunedin Beautiful Awards

The 2021 Keep Dunedin Beautiful awards were held at the Public art gallery on Tuesday 3 August. Our local award recepients are listed below

Sally Beckett

For amazing mahi as Waitati School Gardener for the last 5 years. She has been very dedicated to working with children around their Garden to the Table Project, growing and preparing food.

Hilary Rowley

For the establishment of the Waitati food pantry and seed bank exchange. Also, her ongoing column in the local papers both educating and advocating food resilience.

Angelina Young

For her work with school groups, planting Pikao grass seedlings at Karitane and Warrington beach, Okahau Dune project. This project has been her vision and passion activating the community in the hope that this project engenders a sense of kaitiakitanga among local people.

Fiona Clements and Res. Awesome

Nominated for their work in the waste minimization space. For providing wide-ranging support for businesses, events, and communities to become more Zero Waste.

Warrington School

Warrington Earthling environmentalists have been working hard on the local sand dune restoration project, planting seeds and next they will out to the nursery to repot their seedlings and out on the waka to Karitane spit

Pūrākaunui School

Wrote a play to share their learning from the Kei Hea Ngā Kākā? project working with Taylor from the ecosanctuary.

They travelled to Karitane and worked to repot pikao grasses in the plant nursery, then rowed waka out to the sand spit to plant the grasses, working closely with the Kati Hurirapa Runaka Ki Puketeraki

Waitati School

Eco warriors at Waitati Kura have been committed to the environment by cleaning up litter, working with the Orokonui ecosanctuary on the Kei Hea Ngā Kākā? project, they also rowed waka out to the sand spit at Karitane to plant the pikao grasses working with the Kati Hurirapa Runaka Ki Puketeraki, and again with Angelina at Okahau planting more pikao

Jan Tucker Special Award - Okahau Dune Project

The Okahau Dune Project is local restoration project begun this year in Warrington/Okahau by a group of locals, lead by Angelina Young

Pikao grass has endangered status even though it the dominant dune building species for all mobile dune systems it has to fight introduced species marram grass

It has been used by Māori weavers for many generations, notably on tukutuku panels in wharenui throughout the country. Over 2500 plants have now been planted at the beach site

A huge number of people are involved in this - many locals, Unicrew university students were a vital part of planting day operations, generous help and guidance of Greg Kerr and Brendan Flack of Kati Huirapa ki Puketeraki, and Karitane Māori Tours, His and Hers catering, Paul Pope, the Otago corrections facility, and with the help of parks and reserves and the DCC (establishing the rabbit proof fence)

Most importantly from the beginning the local tamariki from Waitati, Pūrākaunui, and Warrington Schools have been involved.

In Angelinas words-

'The project is a portal for children to place themselves in the stories of this place

The benefits of biodiversity are probably known to all of you (increased resilience to catastrophic change, carbon sequestration, habitat building and so on), but these projects are also about bringing people together to form and strengthen communities – and children are at the root of every community.'

Her hope is that these sorts of projects become a "new normal" for every community and help forge a more respectful feeling towards the earth, and a deeper appreciation of our place in it.

Mandy Mayhem Bullock



Blueskin Playcentre

Tēnā koutou katoa! How wonderful to experience some sunshine and hints of spring! Doesn't stop the centre's coffee machine from running hot if the warmer weather isn't putting a bounce in your step, then Playcentre's hot drinks might help.

After a wet winter, I'm sure we are all looking forward to getting into some outdoor play and showing the sandpit, climbing frames, cubby house, and bikes and ride-ons some love. And for those infamous wet spring days, we have a great selection of indoor activities to keep everyone happily busy!

We had a really cool outing to Waste Free Wanda recently - the tamariki were very engaged with her music and message and we all learnt about looking after our planet. We also have an upcoming outing to The Glow Show on Wednesday 15 September at 10am. It looks like it will be quite a spectacular experience! The Glow Show is a magical glow-in-the-dark giant scale puppet show - this year's theme is Wonderland. Those who are keen to come along who have not yet purchased tickets are encouraged to get in quick at www.qlowshow.co.nz.

Lastly, it's been lovely to welcome some new and returning families to Playcentre and we very much look forward to getting to know you better! Welcome!

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), at 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!

Aroha nui, Blueskin Playcentre



One of the top 100 invasive species in the world is invading our coast right now. Undaria pinnatifida, originally native to Japanese waters was introduced to NZ by fouling on container ships in the 1980's. Once here it spreads by spores and is very, very successful at out competing everything in its wake, including our amazing and unique giant kelp forests.

There is good news though. Unlike gorse and many other invasive weeds, this weed is edible, but not just edible - it is delicious, and has loads of health giving qualities.

The Japanese name for this sea weed is wakame. You have probably seen it for sale at harbour fish, as a finely shredded, bright green salad flecked with sesame seeds. Or dried and toasted into delicious chips in Asian food

Luckily for us this weed contains abundant calcium, magnesium, manganese, bio available iodine, omega 3, vitamins A. C. E. K. B2 and B12 (folate). It is low calorie. low fat, low cholesterol and contains the key minerals to balance hormones naturally. Wakame also plays a role in fighting some cancers, obesity, diabetes and it can lower blood pressure and cholesterol levels.

So let's get eating this stuff.

There is plenty around the rocks along doctors point beach at low tide. The photo is from Mapoutahi, I don't care if everyone goes and forages it, and pulls it out by its holdfast, it needs to be gone. The most recognisable feature is at the base of the stalk near the hold fast it has a sort of frill, like the ruff on an Elizabethan collar. The long strands are not tough, and quite tender to eat, even raw. It tastes and looks amazing after being blanched in boiling water, as it goes a really bright green. I just chop it into fine strips with a knife, blanch, refresh in cold water then splash a little vinegar and sesame oil on top, and eat as a salad.

Today I grabbed some more, and chopped it into a soup. I used Tom yum paste, ginger, fresh turmeric, and leeks today, but it would be amazing in a miso soup.

The fronds can be dried and stored for later, roasted in the oven as chips, and if you have had enough of eating the stuff, put it in your compost heap.

I love win/ win situations, eat your enemy, don't hold back, and get rid of it.

WAIKOUAITI COAST COMMUNITY BOARD COVID19 COMMUNITY INFORMATION

POWA

Please contact POWA if you:

*Need assistance

*Need further information

*Can help in any way as a volunteer

Contact Details:

Sonya Billyard 027 253 9205 or Judy Martin 021 130 7765 Email - powa.ed@gmail.com

POWA is also collating information regarding vulnerable community members in the Waikouaiti and Karitane area. A 'phone tree' is set up between volunteers and community members who choose to be on the list. We have volunteers available for grocery/medication pick-ups or just for a chat.

It's reassuring for our elderly residents to know people are only a phone call away. Facebook - Waikouaiti Covid Care, Karitane Community and P.O.W.A.

WAITATI/BLUESKIN BAY

As part of our local Emergency Response Network we have established local 'phone trees' and a system of people who will check on their neighbours.

As the weeks become months we will need stronger networking and more volunteers to support people to stay in their homes. Many people are using local Facebook pages to keep in touch these are; Warrington Community Board, Blueskin Community and Blueskin Bay Fan Club

Do not be afraid to reach out help is only a phone call away.

Your local Emergency Response Volunteers: Seacliff Alex McAlpine (027) 705 2115, Andrew Duckworth (021) 175 4276

Waitati Mandy Mayhem-Bullock (03) 425 044, (021) 919

Warrington Nathan & Katie Parker (03) 482 21456, (027) 214 8294, Tim Locker (03) 482 2022 (021) 161 2299,

Elspeth Moody (021) 156 0691

TOP WAYS TO

LOOK AFTER YOURSELF

STAY CONNECTED

We can support each other to get through this. While we are limiting physical contact, it's still important we stay connected. Make a phone call, video call or send a text.

ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR FEELINGS

It's completely normal to feel worried, stressed, anxious, scared or overwhelmed in the current situation. Talk with people you trust about your concerns and how you're feeling.

STICK TO ROUTINES WHERE POSSIBLE

It helps to go to sleep and wake up at the same time, eat regularly and keep doing your chores. Try to have a regular time where you talk or have a virtual catch-up with friends, colleagues and whānau.

SEEK ACCURATE INFORMATION FROM LEGITIMATE SOURCES

You may find it useful to limit your media intake. Seek information updates at specific times once or twice a day. Get the facts from covid19.govt.nz.

TOP WAYS TO

LOOK AFTER OTHERS

KEEP GIVING

Give compliments, think about a skill you could share with your whanau, flatmates, friends, share a favourite recipe. Let people know you're there to help and tell them what help you can

CHECK-IN ON OTHER PEOPLE

Reaching out to others will help them and you

BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER

Showing you care with a simple text or call can make a big difference.

WORK TOGETHER

Tough times affect each of us differently and we all work through them in our own way and at our own pace. Think about where you are at and remember that others may be at different stages. When we work together we can help everyone to get through.

COVID-19 we are united

Derek the Dunnock

Look it ain't easy bein' a Dunnock at this time of year. One day you's freezin' yer cloaca off tryin' to pile on the fat to make it through the night and the next the Piper at the Gate's of Dawn 'as you fired up for the Rites of Spring. I has to admit on a Brass Monkey mornin' I's hopped up on to me Ornithologist's deck an' falled back on the "the poor little chappie looks a bit fluffed up and miserable, let's give 'im some breadcrumbs look". Hint: helps if you adopts the Homo so called sapiens, subservient, deserving poor approach. Would be out there makin' me own way, job and all like but, well, you knows how it is guv. Them well heeled Upper Waitatians luv it. Anyway 'avin made it through the night on a the crumbs of cheapo Pam's Multigrain Crackers, (where's the 180 degrees Hazelnut Oat Crackers may I ask?) next day before I knows it, I finds meself, crop full by Second Brekkie, atop me Eyetie alder proclaimin' 'tis time to go forth and multiply. Who says us blokes can't multi task? Davinia Dunnock who ekes out a livin' on the Colonial

Lawns and Limes of the Uni by the Anthro Dept, tweets that Hscss only hear the Piper when they's mere fledglings. None of this Circannual Rhythm stuff. For us Dunnocks, every bloody Spring's like bein' what you's Hscss call Teenagers. Hormones runnin' riot. Not that I's complainin' like. 'Specially when I nips down to the Pines an' serenades Dolores.

An' as our old mate Bob Lloyd ex Uni Physics Dept tweets courtesy of Dortmund Dunnock, it's only gonna get worse. If yer reckons 25 degrees one day, 5 the next is hard to deal wiv' you just wait. Code Red for Humanity says U.N. on August 9. Global warming is dangerously close to spiralling out of control. 1.5C by 2030. Bob's been sayin' it fer years.

August 9 sneers Morris Magpie, he who flew in formation over The Howl of Protest, Wotcha on about mate, Coldest bloody night since the beer froze in the Gallery. In my opinion, an' I's entitled to me opinion I has yous know, weather's always changin'

Trouble is talkin' to Morris, he's likely to grab yer by yer neck, beat yous to a pulp then swallow yous in one gulp. So I says from the middle of the thickest gorse I knows, look mate. I wish yous were right and it were all a con but I wants me chickies to 'ave a life like. So hows about yous go back to hasslin' the Hscss like yous did in Footrot Flats. Tell 'em it's Code Red for us Avians.

Yeah I knows yous poor Hscss is bein' done over by Corvid again 'cus Bernie begs me to come up wiv something to liven up yer Blueskin News rag so's you can be entertained. But by wot I's been tweeted, yous showin' yous NZers can get yer act togevver. IF somefink has a go at knockin' YOU off. Not so good when us Dunnocks is gonna suffer. Look yous is clever bastards, so how's about yous multi tasks like us Dunnocks. One day Winter. Next Spring. One day Corvid, next Climate Change. CCC.



At Waitati school we celebrated Puaka Matariki on Friday 30 July. Each ākonga had prepared their own lantern. This year we went from Waitati school to Bland Park. We had a fabulous turnout from our community.

Our Tuakana lit a few sky lanterns in the middle of the park and the rest of us paraded around. Then we went to the Waitati Hall where the school performed Kapa Haka. Katrin McMullan shared the Matariki story. We shared a lovely supper which. The hall was beautifully decorated, with art on the wall. We had such a fabulous time.

Congratulations to our Eco-Warriors for a Keep NZ Beautiful Highly Commended. Your work with the Kaka project, the Piko planting at Warrington, your care of our school has been noticed and valued. Thank you to Vita for accepting the award for us.

Finally, we competed in the Three Peaks Cluster Cross Country at Waikouaiti Reserve on the 10th August. It was a beautiful day. We had fun racing against the other schools. Everyone ran their hearts out.







Now we are in lockdown, we really appreciate all the events we get to go to. We are missing our friends but making the most of it. A big shout out to all whanau who become co-teachers and to our kaiako who do such an amazing job teaching skillfully online.

Nga Mihi Tara O'Neill, Principal

BLUESKIN arden clib

Blueskin Garden Club members have been out and about recently. In July we met in the Blueskin Library Meeting Room where Glenys Clements gave an informative talk on the reasons for setting up Enduring Power of Attorney. Thanks Glenys, and if anyone wants to know more about this there's plenty of information online.

On 1 August a small group of members met at the Northern Cemetery to help out the volunteers who look after this beautiful, restful, historic place. Members helped with trimming and pruning some of the old roses. The group is always on the lookout for more helpers and if you wish to join in there are notices regularly in the ODT on Friday's gardening page. You don't need to be a member of a garden club to help out.

You will see our Flower Show schedule in this edition. We hope lots of you will come along and enter (yes there's a section for weeds) and another new section is an indoor plant. After an absence of a year we are back with a bigger and brighter show. The local children will, as always, be taking part and we look forward to seeing the efforts from the children at Blueskin Playcentre, Waitati and Warrington Schools. Please make sure you come along with cash to purchase raffles, plants, books etc.

Today a large number of us met at the home of Nicki and Shane where we had an all things French day. Nicki and Shane spent a year in Bretagne (France) and gave us an informative talk on how their year went in a small village where they had to get to know the locals and their customs. We saw some great photos of their year and then partook of Nicki's lovely french themed morning tea.



We then ventured to the Warrington Hall where we were in groups of 4 to learn how to bake some of Nicki's treats. She was well prepared with crepe cooker and all. Sweet and savoury crepes were made and shared amongst us all. But more was to come. We had all been given lists of what to take and the fun was about to begin. Eggs were separated and beaten, lots of butter added, and we followed the instructions to the letter Far Breton was like a baked custard with a lining of prunes at the bottom of the dish. We then made Gateau Breton which is a very rich cake with egg white and then egg yolk spread thinly on the top then swirled with coffee essence. This we all took home ready to bake in our own ovens. Many thanks Nicki and Shane for all the had work to make such a great day of baking and getting together for us all.

So you will see that garden club members are always busy and if you would like to meet some of the locals then feel free to catch up with us at at the Flower Show. Our next meeting will be held in the Warrington Hall on Thursday, 9 September at 7.30pm. We will be finalising our show plans and having a floral art demonstration to get us all inspired for this section at the show.

Lyn Hastie

Editor, see page 6 for recipes.





Blueskin Bay Garden Club 2021 Spring Flower Show Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 September | Waitati Hall

Trophies for:

Flowering Shrub Section

Blueskin Garden Club trophy for Champion Bloom

Agnes Beatty Trophy – most Points in Floral Design Phil Crossan Trophy – most Points in Junior Section

Blueskin Women's Guild Trophy - Family with Most Points in the Show

Ruth Spears Memorial Trophy for most points in Cut Flower Section Blueskin Garden Club Trophy – most Individual Points in Show

Blueskin Nurseries & Women's Guild Trophy - most Points in

Blueskin Garden Club Trophy - Champion Exhibit - Children

David Sumpter Memorial Trophy for Champion Rhododendron

Blueskin Garden Club Trophy - Champion Exhibit - Adult

Entries to be accepted at the Hall – Saturday 10am to 1pm

No Charge

Own containers accepted. Some small bottles available.

Entrant will be responsible for reclaiming their
own containers.

No arranging of exhibits in the Hall
Open to the public Sunday from 10am, entry free
Prize Giving at 3pm Sunday
Entries not to be removed until after the prize giving

PRESCHOOL, JUNIOR &

INTERMEDIATE SECTION Entries

in the Children's section MUST be

the work of the child named. While

Children may enter Adult Sections,

points gained there will not be included for the Junior Trophy.

The trophy is for points gained in the

Preschool - under 5 years of age

Children aged 5 and 6 years

Children aged 7 and 8 years

Children aged 9 and 10 years

Children aged 11 to 14 years

3. Pop up card with a Garden theme

1. One stem - petals white - trumpet any

2. One stem - petals white - trumpet white

4. One stem - petals yellow - trumpet any

Daffodil - Large Cup (cup more than one

5. One stem - petals & cup yellow

7. One stem - petals and cup white

6. One stem - petals yellow -

8. One stem - petals white -

9. One stem - petals vellow -

10. One stem – petals white – cup any colour

3. One stem - petals yellow - trumpet

1. Harakeke Puti Puti

4. Vegetable Creation

ADULTS SECTION

CLASS A - Daffodils

third length of petals)

cup any colour

cup any colour

Daffodil - Small Cup

cup any colour

Daffodil - Trumpet

colour

vellow

2 Sand Saucer

Children's Section ONLY.

Daffodil - Other Varieties

- 11. One double daffodil one colour
- 12. One double daffodil bicolour
- 13. One multi headed daffodil
- 14. One double headed daffodil
- 15. Miniature any colour-one bloom
- 16. Miniature, multihead
- 17. One any other variety
- 18. One split corona
- 19. 3 stems of different daffodils

CLASS B - Bulbs

- 1. Hyacinth 1
- 2. Muscari (match heads) 6
- 3. Tulip any variety 1
- 4. Freesias any colour 1
- 5. Iris Dutch any colour 1
- Iris Miniature Dwarf Bearded any colour - 1
- 7. Iris Tall Bearded any colour 1
- 8. Fritillaria small variety 1
- 9. Trillium 10. Any other Bulb/Corm flower 1

CLASS C - Cut Flowers

- 1. Polyanthus any colour 1 truss
- 2. Polyanthus 3 colours 1 truss of each
- 3. Primroses single one colour 6 stems
- 4. Primroses single mixed 6 stems
- 5. Primroses double one colour 6 stems
- 6. Primroses double mixed 6 stems
- 7. Primula denticulata 1 stem
- 7. Fillilaia deliticulata I stelli
- Pansies/violas 3 on a saucer any colour
- 9. Violets not more than 6 stems
- 10. Lavender any variety 3 heads
- 11. Hellebore any colour one stem
- 12 Hellehore Feotidus one stem
- 13. Mixed varieties of any 6 flowers in one vase
- 14. Any cut flower not mentioned 1

CLASS D - Flowering Shrubs & Tree

- Rhododendron one head large flower
- 2. Rhododendron one head small flower
- Rhododendron one head miniature flower
- 4. Camellia Single 1 flower
- 5. Camellia Double 1 flower
- 6. Camellia Miniature 1 sprig
- 7. One Branch of any Shrub small flower
- 8. One Branch of any Shrub large flower
- 9. One Branch of any Proteacea e.g. Banksia
- 10. Any Flowering Climber
- 11. One branch of any flowering tree

CLASS E - Floral Design

- Collection of weeds in a 440g tin can i.e Baked bean can
- 2. Adult Sand Saucer
- An arrangement of Foliage the option of blooms of one colour
- 4. Freedom
- Miniature Arrangement no larger than 10 cms
- 6. Indoor Pot plant

CLASS F - For Mainly Men

1. Spanner in the Works

CLASS G: Handcraft Section

- 1. Knitted hat
- 2. Knitted toy
- 3. Crocheted toy
- 4. Cushion Cover

Garden Club contacts:

Carol Fletcher: Ph 482 1443 Nicki: Ph 027 485 1656

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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

Global warming deniers, anti vaxxers, and all those other foolish folk peddling harmful false information, narrow minded intolerance... etc etc

What Makes Me Sad

The issues going on with the West Coast Conservation Board at the moment. Those following vested interests working from their own agendas, at odds with conservation values, the values they are supposed to uphold on all our behalves, sacrificed for purely commercial interests; putting at risk support and goodwill for all the good work being done to try and establish joint partnership governance in Aotearoa.

What Makes Me Glad

Good people doing good stuff, eg Louise and all the work and love she put in at the gallery over the years, establishing an important community hub, with little reward or profit. Big hugs to you Louise from all of us, and wishing you well on your path forward. Steve, Sue and whanau, for being brave enough to pick up that baton and carry it onward with new enthusiasm, energy, and fresh ideas, keeping alive that established tradition of upholding a genuine community spirit and values! I think we are all look forward to watching that unfold.



Business Directory developed to support local businesses across Blueskin Bay.

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

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

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

It's as simple as that

Let's keep supporting our local businesses

Gâteau Breton

5 egg yolks plus 1 egg

200g sugar

225g butter

capful rum

270g flour - high grade

2 teaspoons baking powder

Preheat oven to 175°C.

Line bottom of 25cm diameter x 5cm deep cake pan (not springform as butter leaks when baking), grease well then put in the fridge.

Put egg yolks in a bowl. Add sugar and mix well. Soften butter and beat well into yolk/sugar mix. Add a capful of rum and blend. Slowly add sifted dry ingredients and beat.

Spoon mixture evenly into pan and pat down. Separate remaining egg and flatten dough mixture evenly by dipping hand into egg white and smooth over top of dough. Blend a small amount of coffee essence into egg yolk. Smear on top of gâteau. Use a fork to make a wiggly pattern on cake surface.

Bake for 15 mins at 175°C then reduce to 150°C and continue baking for 30 mins. Allow to cool in the tin.

Far Breton

250g prunes

2 tablespoons rum

250 ml water

Heat in a pot and allow to simmer until prunes are plump. Let cool.

Preheat oven to 180°C

In a bowl blend together:

250g sifted flour

200g sugar

6 eggs

Vanilla

Capful rum

Heat 1 litre milk until warm and add slowly to batter, beating well. Add 65g melted butter and beat again. Drain the prunes and arrange over the bottom of a small roasting dish. Pour over batter and sprinkle with cinnamon.

Bake for 45 mins.



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- BorrowBox: eBooks, audiobooks
- Romance Bookcloud: eBooks
- PressReader: newspapers and magazines
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Digital Hotline 03 474 3690

If you need help with our Digital Library or Digital Membership, give us a call. The Library operates a Digital Hotline for customers experiencing difficulties of any sort related to our Digital Library and Digital Membership.

Our staff are available: Monday to Friday -8:30am to 5pm, Saturday and Sunday -9am to 5pm

Beamafilm

FREE with your library membership:
Beamafilm is an Australasian video streaming service showcasing hundreds of high-definition documentaries, independent features, educational and foreign films. New films are added regularly.

DCC Service Centre

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

75+ Parking Permit

Available to residents within Dunedin City boundaries.

1 FRFF

- 2. MUST be 75 years or older
- 3. MUST hold a current driver's licence
- 4. If not a property owner MUST provide proof of residency (utility bill etc.)
- 5. In person at any DCC Service Centre OR in person at Age Concern or Grey Power

Parking Concessions

- Valid only if a current permit is displayed
- FREE parking in all Pay and Display areas
- Maximum time stay applies (does not give extra time on a park)
- FREE parking in off street Pay & Display car parks:
 - · Filleul Street (opposite the Town Hall)
 - · Frederick Street (near Dunedin Hospital)
 - · Dunedin City Public Library car park
 - · Dowling Street car park
 - · Thomas Burns
 - · Station North
 - · Station South
 - · St Andrew Street

Pop in to the library for an application form.

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

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

dunedin public libraries

Ka Kate Wanaka o Čteodi

Public invited to have say on DCC representation

The public are being invited to have their say on a proposal to maintain the Dunedin City Council's existing representation arrangements.

An independent panel recently concluded a representation review by recommending the DCC maintain its existing structure across the Council and Community Boards.

That means the number of Councillors would remain unchanged, as would the number of Community Boards and their boundaries, among other issues considered.

Members of the public now have their chance to comment on that proposal. Consultation is now open and continues until 18 September 2021. Visit www.dunedin.govt.nz/council/electoral-information/ representation-review for more information and how you can comment.

Mayor of Dunedin Aaron Hawkins says the Council plays a vital role in the wellbeing of Dunedin, and the consultation it is important chance for people to have their say.

"We want to know whether people are happy with our current representation arrangements, or whether the city would be better served if they were structured differently.

"This isn't a chance that comes around very often, so I'd encourage people to engage with it now that they have the chance."

DCC Manager Governance Clare Sullivan says a public hearing will follow, if submitters wish to be heard, after which the Council is expected to vote for a final proposal on 27 October.

If the outcome is appealed, a final decision will then be made by the Local Government Commission.

Aaron Hawkins, Mayor of Dunedin



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Estuarine exploration

An estuary is a place where the river meets the sea. Blueskin Bay is an estuary. Here tons and tons of animals and plants live out their daily lives beneath the water and beneath the sand. The health of an estuary mirrors the health of the marine environment. An estuary is a nursery area for multiple marine species and provides huge food sources for the bottom of the marine food chain. Migratory birds flock to the estuary to feed in the warm summer months when nutrient rich warm shallow waters harbour tons of fresh algae and plankton.

Warrington residents care for the estuary by avoiding driving on it and crushing the myriad of animals below the surface, dogs are on leads to protect the migratory birds and of course we are monitoring the seep of nitrogen from the wastewater plant and any septic tanks around the margin.

A wonderful place to take the family to swim in warm shallow water, sheltered from the onshore beach winds. the estuary is also an excellent venue for a nature study outing. You can print out Derrith Bartley's Mudflat Mysteries Activity guide found here www.otago.ac.nz/ marine-studies/otago111197.pdf on the Marine Meter Squared website. Use the surface features of the estuary to tell the story of what lies beneath. You will be amazed just how many animals you can identify in just one metre squared. Why not complete a survey and enter it onto the MM2 website www.mm2.net.nz/, complete a family entry as Citizen Scientists and compare your find to others - or explore the wonderful short videos and activities on this site after coming back from the estuary or beach with vour bucket full of treasures!

Dream Time

By Larry Matthews

Forever Dreams may never come / yet Dream Time never ends / Beginnings / seem hard, arrive / at ends quickly; endings/ Where do these sleep visions form? / Is it the shape you seek?/or the end beneath, beyond / it's conceiving, beginning? / Dream Time is a circle /Completion is perfection./ perfection at the end,/ the whole of all things / from the beginning / When circle appears as spiral/ it will be Time/ The beginning of Time, / the end of all things, / the middle of a piece of string

Farmergeddon - a response

A response to Doug Nuttall's article 'Farmergeddon' in the August **Blueskin News**

I have no doubt that some will read Doug Nuttalls letter and say yeah go for it Doug. However, others with more open minds might pause and reconsider. As John Maynard Keynes once said, ...if the information changes, I change my mind, What do you do Sir?

On water quality, the MofE stated last year that 94% of urban waterways were unswimmable due to high bacterial counts and house/industrial pollution. Rural Otago rivers, with the exception of Thomsons Creek (after it passes Omakau) are all swimmable.

Fertilisers are very expensive, they are put on to provide the minerals needed for optimum growth, (and therefore optimum uptake of CO2) soil tests are normally carried out to determine the correct amount and type of fertiliser required, excess fertiliser is a waste of money.

All water, whether on farmland or not enters the soil and rock it lands on and dissolves whatever is able to be dissolved, that is why the sea is more salty now than 400 million years ago when the chemical composition of our cells

A river in the Catlins that did not have any farmland in its catchment was tested and found to be way above the new levels set by the government for nitrates, this is actually the expected result due to decomposition of natural annual leaf fall and other accumulated detritus. On the other side of the ledger, our water is deficient in minerals such as iodide, selenium and fluoride, all needed to some extent for health but absent in N7 rocks and therefore absent in our water.

As for big tractors/utes etc. Big tractors are far more efficient than small ones, tow bigger equipment and cultivate with significantly less fuel use. The farm environment is very hard on vehicles so they tend to be replaced more frequently than their city counterparts for whom an SUV is quite excessive for the tasks required.

On the FART tax, if Doug had done his research instead of listening to TVone he would know that water is the main greenhouse gas, responsible for over 85 - 90 % of the greenhouse effect. With a little more research he would find that methane absorbs infrared radiation coming from the Earth in the same wavelengths as water (and nitrous oxide). As there are some 8000 water molecules for each methane then it is physically impossible for methane to have any effect in the presence of water (the IPCC ignores the presence of water). So any tax on methane is ridiculous. One might also mention that as stock numbers in NZ have declined since the 1990s then there has been no increase in methane from stock and therefore no justification for a tax .

He also mentions droughts, floods etc, again too much time spent watching TVone. The actual data, compiled by institutions mainly funded by NASA or NOAA show no increase in any form of extreme weather in the last 30 years (google Goklany empirical trends)

The IPCC in its 5th assessment report also states that for each and every form of extreme weather that there has been no increase and none is expected.

Take off the green tinted spectacles Doug and take another look at the world.

Peter Foster, Merton



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Daphne and daffodils



Daphne Henderson is my spring flower show nemesis. I mean that in the nicest way. Daphne is the flower show Queen. (I am very competitive and always trying to at least win the the cup for cut flowers.) She turned 77 the other day and I called round for a catch up. Daphne was busy making coconut ice for daffodil day fundraising.

Born during the war years Daphne's siblings were 10 and 12 years older than her. She lived on Coast Road in Warrington just 100m along the road from Gary, who would later be her husband and soulmate. Her dad was the head painter at Seacliff Hospital but died when she was only 3 years old. They moved to live in the city.

Daphne realises now her widowed mum was depressed. She was sent every holidays to stay with her cousin Murray, and his parents the Johnstons. They had moved to Seacliff as the hospital was a big part of everyone's lives. She became friends with Fave. Garv's sister as the Hendersons had also moved to Seacliff. As children they played in the huge gardens (now a forest), where the annual sports day was held. The hospital had a library and a tuck shop and the community made use of both.

Daphne wanted a career in fashion. Twiggy was in and in 1963 Daphne placed 5th in the Model of the Year Competition in Wellington.

She was an apprentice hairdresser and then travelled NZ selling encyclopedias! While in Auckland she saw an advert for work at Carrington and Oakley hospitals. She rang her mother and told her she wanted to be a Psychiatric nurse (her mum had forbidden her from ever working in Seacliff). She asked if she should stay in Auckland or return home to train, her mum conceded and Daphne came back to work there as a student nurse.

After getting registered she took leave for a year and travelled to London to stay with cousins. Daphne worked at Greys hospital, thanks to contacts of Dr Charles Moore. Eventually she worked as a private nurse to the Earl of Glamis at Glamis Castle in Scotland just outside Dundee. Princess Alexandra was a frequent and much admired

Extending her leave for another year Daphne travelled to Turkey, Syria, Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan. She spent 3 months in Nepal and climbed to 1400ft into the mountain pass. Travelling into Northern India she went from Calcutta to Delhi, then Thailand and Singapore, and she loved every minute.

When she got back to NZ in 1973 she lived and worked at Cherry Farm, becoming Assistant Matron and Acting Head Nurse. This is where she reconnected with Gary.

They were married at the Cherry Farm chapel on their day off, a Thursday in June 1976. Their daughter Jane was born 2 years later, Daphne went back to work when she was 8 weeks old and Gary stayed home with the baby for the first year, because Daphne earned a much higher salary.

They bought their Doctors Point home in 1976 from Dr John Jayne, it was a small cottage that had been moved from Omimi in 1931. Gary had an immediate vision for the garden and 35 years on it is definitely worth visiting.

I did manage to glean one handy tip for the flower show - pick your bloom at peak perfection and pop it in the

Thank you Daphne x

Mandy Mayhem Bullock





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Pūrākaunui School

Kia ora koutou

We have had a great start to Term 3. We have welcomed some new students to our school recently which is a nice way to start the second half of the year. We have been thoroughly enjoying looking at electricity and electrical circuits as part of our Energy topic. The kids made circuits and experimented with an assortment of classroom objects to see if they were conductors or insulators. We certainly ended up with some curious looking circuits!

Our 4 Year Six students went on a special tour of Port Otago recently, as part of a West Harbour Enviroschools initiative. They learned all about waste minimisation efforts at the Port and they were also able to contribute to the conversation about waste minimisation using examples of our efforts at school. They also brought back some interesting learning and information to share with their peers back at school.

We were thrilled to receive a Keep Dunedin Beautiful award for our involvement with the Okahau Dune Restoration project which was a great initiative to be part of.

We are also seeing exciting property work get underway at school which is a new junior themed play area and an outdoor theatre/performance space.

Thanks to John Fisher for his efforts and energy running Pūrākaunui School so well during my sabbatical break in Term 2.

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

Dunedin Memorial to Conscientious Objectors

by Mark Walton

Preparations are underway for a Dunedin memorial to conscientious objectors (COs) of World Wars I and II. It will not be unique in the world, but very unusual as it takes a long time for a nation to come to terms with, then celebrate, that some of its citizens refused to take up arms in defence of their country, changing their reputation from being cowards and shirkers to being people of admirable moral strength. Most were Quakers.

During WWII my Dad was a CO in England, being adamantly against war as a way of resolving international conflicts. Personally he was devoid of any form of aggression and he wouldn't have known one end of a rifle from another. He would have been a liability, not an asset, to any fighting unit. Over the 1920's he was exposed to a flood of books and films describing to those who hadn't been there, the realities of mud, exploding mortars, agonising death and strewn body parts that were the everyday experience in the trenches of WWI. Extensive pacifist movements formed throughout the UK. Like tens of thousands of others, my Dad signed the Peace Pledge.

He faced a Tribunal. They accepted his ethical reasons for refusing to fight, but rejected registering him due to his refusal to take up employment that would free someone else to fight. A lengthy appeal was resolved when the Tribunal accepted his job entertaining troops as a mobile cinema operator.

The statue at the Albany Steps will depict the fate of some NZ WWI COs who were shipped to France, forced to wear a uniform then tied to a post in No-Mans-Land. Attitudes were more tolerant during WWII, even so it took huge personal courage to oppose the almost universal support for the War.

22 September 5.30pm - Baxter Memorial Peace Lecture (Hon. Helen Clark), University Auditorium, Union Street East

24 September 7.30pm - Peace Concert, Knox Church

25 September 3.30pm - Memorial unveiling, Albany Steps, George Street



Archibald Baxter, father of poet James K Baxter, was physically and mentally abused because of his stance against fighting in WWI.

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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

Have fun!

WAIKOUAITI COAST COMMUNITY BOARD UPDATE

And there we were - on Tuesday 17, making final preparations for the busiest Community Board meeting for quite some time to be held the following day, Wednesday 18. Then up pops Jacinda on the telly and tells us it will be Level 4 Lockdown from midnight. So that put the kybosh on our meeting.

One of our visitors was going to be the Otago Regional Council Transport Manager to discuss the upcoming improved bus service for the north coast area. It seems that, before they can confirm the new service, they must wait until the end of August to learn how much of a subsidy will be available from NZTA/Waka Kotahi. By the time you read this they will know, and we'll let you know once we have the details.

We were also going to have visitors from NZTA/Waka Kotahi. One topic was speed control on the state highway through our region. It seems that approval has been given to place 'Driver Feedback Signs' at the northern and southern ends of Waikouaiti in an effort to slow traffic through the town's main road. We will have details of exactly what and when after they receive confirmation of the funding - also expected at the end of August.

Another traffic safety issue we have been growling about for a long time is the speed of vehicles around the curve on the highway at the entrance to Waitati. We understand that this issue has been given favourable consideration by those on high, but it is competing with other issues between Oamaru and Dunedin. We are pushing to have the mandatory speed limit reduced, and for this to happen soon. More information will be available after the funding advice at the end of August.

We were expecting a visit from NZTA/Waka Kotahi and Downers, their highway maintenance contractors. They were going to give details of upcoming road surface improvements between Waikouaiti and Dunedin. You will no doubt have noticed the poor condition of the tar seal on various sections of the highway. It seems that the repair work will start around the beginning of December when the weather should be warmer and hopefully we can give you details of this in the next issue of Blueskin News. No doubt we will be in for a summer of orange cones and 'lollipop people' with their Stop/ Go signs.

At the time of writing, we are not sure when our next board meeting will be, due to the current Covid 19 situation. We should have that information in time for the next edition of Blueskin News.

Alasdair Morrison, Chairman Waikouaiti Coast Community Board info@calmarine.co.nz 0274 354 384

Blueskin Youth & Community Amenities Association



dents who would like to contribute вYCAA in developing amenities for our

A snapshot of some recent community projects:

Orokonui Lagoon Walk/Estuary Track: In association with DOC, BYCAA has built the boardwalk, developed the track, and organised interpretation panels for this very popular walk that we all use. Ongoing work involves track maintenance, seating provision and plant care.

Mopanui Ridgeline Walk: BYCAA has opened this track linking the top of White Road to the ecosanctuary fenceline. Interpretation panels give an insight into local history.

Waitati Beach Reserve Society panel: BYCAA worked with the Society to produce and install this panel at Doctors Point beach.

Come along to our AGM and get involved. All welcome.

John Kaiser, Secretary



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Source to Sea planting trees

Our Source to Sea rangers are stoked to have started planting trees, as the season got underway during the July school holidays.

Planting began around the edge of Merton Tidal Arm Tau Taku a Pōti, and Okanukanu Stream near Waitati, In August, with thanks to a team of volunteers, including surfers, 3000 native trees and shrubs were planted around Whareakeake wetland, including tī kōuka cabbage tree, mānatu ribbonwood, kāpuka broadleaf, lacebark and lancewoods. More species will be planted to create a full canopy once the seedlings are big enough.

Volunteer planting days are advertised on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/halobeyondorokonui/

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

Need help trapping?

Our team and volunteers are kept busy with checking and rebaiting possum, stoat and rat traps, from West Harbour to Waitati. In one month, trappers caught 82 possums on one large property on the Halo Project border!

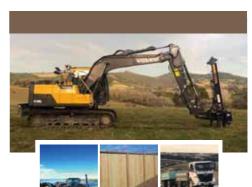
We're currently installing possum and rat traps in Ravensbourne and need a network of traps across the area to keep these predators under control. Recently, ten possums were caught in Ravensbourne Gully, showing there are a fair few possums about!

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.



Photos: Source to Sea ranger planting margin of Merton Tidal Arm Tau Taku a Pōti, Karitane.





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WAITATI BOOK CLUB by Ian Melvin

After collecting a ute load of eager participants on the way, wending our way over 3 Mile Hill through the wet and cold, we arrived to a warm welcome at Martin and Robyn's. Where along with grazing the goodies on offer, and imbibing alcoholic beverages, a varied discussion unfolded covering many topics, some of which were even book related...

THE BOOK

The Year Of The Hare by Arto Paasilinna - a long celebrated book in its native Finland and in France. I could say a lot about this book - the short version - read it! Quirky, dark, verging on the ridiculous, offbeat humour, and in my view totally worthwhile, making interesting points in a very different way.

OTHER BOOKS

Ian – found in the lilliput library, The Resilient Farmer by Doug Avery. In my opinion every farmer, every man, probably every New Zealander should read this book, especially post groundswell! Doug Avery tells his story about battling drought, depression, change, life... He is talking for farmers, about farmers, to farmers and to all the rest of us, about stuff that matters, right now. If you feel the ground is shifting away under your feet, you are not alone!

TV/MOVIE

Scott - Milk And Honey, this is a bingeworthy series on TV One On Demand. Brilliant interviews, great simple animations, clear precise narrative on one of the trickiest questions we need to address. Journalist Baz Macdonald travels the country asking the question, what does sustainable dairy farming look like?

BEER

Me - Cassels Triple Cream Milk Stout. Probably should have stopped at the double version, stronger, sweeter, but not necessarily better. In fact not as good. Paul and I shared this opinion, but try it for yourself.

Scott - Paul's shared rigger of **Emersons Choco Chilli Porter** was the perfect match of velvety chocolate and heat - delightful! Thanks Paul.

Ian: Marc and I despite our serious reservations about putting chilli in beer, had to admit it was pretty good. I still think it might have been better without the chilli.

MUSIC / WINE

Martin - Tom E Lewis, never heard of him. Beneath The Sun came to me from Ian, and his selections do not disappoint. A well known Aussi troubadour from the country. Seemed right to twist open an Aussi Shiraz The Shy Pig, turn the volume UP and the country rock ballads flowed. Just like the deep red with a hint of tannin, so Lewis poured his heart out, at once Dylanesque then very much a la Springsteen. Lewis's gravelly tones warmed the evening winter air with rocking good feeling. An aboriginal musician, actor, activist. For a taste, try the video Tom E Lewis - Can't Change Your Name on YouTube)

WORD OF THE MONTH

Change, as in "If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you-ve always had." or "The process of change is so bloody hard because it's usually not initiated until too late!" or "when you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change."

MEANING OF LIFE

"My whole life has been like this, amazing things happen when we act with courage, generosity, and gratitude. Out of those qualities we form connections and pride, and our lives are altered and the world changes just a bit."

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Einstein's Riddle

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The question is, who owns the fish?

Here are the clues:

- · The Brit lives in the red house
- · The Swede keeps dogs as pets
- · The Dane drinks tea
- · The green house is on the left of the white house
- · The green house's owner drinks coffee
- · The person who eats Cornflakes rears birds
- · The owner of the yellow house eats porridge
- · The man living in the center house drinks milk
- · The Norwegian lives in the first house
- The man who eats Rice Krispies lives next to the one who keeps cats
- The man who keeps horses lives next to the man who eats porridge
- · The owner who eats Weetbix drinks beer
- The German eats Coco Pops
- · The Norwegian lives next to the blue house
- · The man who eats Rice Krispies has a neighbor who drinks water

Take some time and think it over. Draw out each house. Make a chart for each category, if you want to get really detailed. (Trust me, you do.) Not all of us can be Einstein.

Do you know who owns the fish?

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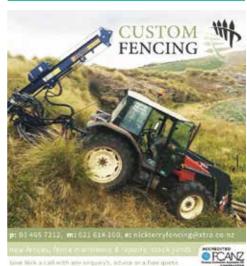
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