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WAITATI'S QUIRKY LETTERBOXES



Steady as You Go: 20 Nov 2023

WEDDING — WARRINGTON SCHOOL

Editor's Note

Hi everyone, well we're nearly at the end of another year with Christmas and all that entails firmly above the horizon.

This is our last Blueskin News for 2023 and it's a bumper one! Thank you to everyone who sent in photos to grace our colour pages, especially our local schools who look like they have been really busy in the last month or so.

Our especial thanks go to all our advertisers without whom we would not exist, we sincerely hope the BSN does as much for your businesses as you do for us. Thanks also to our regular contributors who entertain and inform us every month – we rely on you to keep us up-to-date without what is going on in our community.

We will be having our AGM on the Thursday 25 January 2024 in the Waitati Hall Complex, we'd love to see you there. If you would like to be part of our small team we are always ready to welcome new faces and ideas. It's not onerous, one evening a month is all it takes, and we always have spirited and enjoyable meetings.

I hope that you all have a lovely Christmas and New Year and that the weather cooperates with lots of sunshine.

Please remember people who are on their own, this time of year can be lonely for those whose families are far away.

Keep safe, Meri Kirihimete – Bernie

**He rangi tā Matawhāiti,
he rangi tā Matawhānui**

The person with narrow vision sees a narrow horizon, the person with wide vision sees a wide horizon.



BLUESKIN

Agricultural & Pastoral Society



(Incorporated pursuant to the Agricultural & Pastoral Societies Act 1908)

NOTICE of AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Blueskin A & P Society will be held on Tuesday 12 December 2023 at 7:30pm in the Waitati Fire Station.

Agenda:

- Roll call of Duly appointed delegates / Apologies
- President's Annual Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Election of Officers
- General Business and matters arising.

New Members Welcome:

- Membership: \$10 individual, \$20 family.
- Subs to be paid via internet banking before the AGM.
- Bank Account: Westpac 03 1726 0033738 00
- Please include your name as the reference

Blueskin Bay Community Spaces

Warrington Hall

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

Contact Lyn 482 2896 or Rowena 482 2667

Waitati Hall

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

Blueskin Nurseries on 482 2828

Waitati Hall Meeting Room

Suitable for committee meetings, small gatherings, demonstrations etc. (up to 20 people) features kitchen and toilets. **Contact Blueskin Nurseries on 482 2828**

Blueskin Bay Library Meeting Room

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

Waiputai Hub – Stephenson St, Warrington

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@gmail.com or Nancy 482 1198 or text 021 171 0226.

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



**BLUESKIN
BAY ONLINE**

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

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

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

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

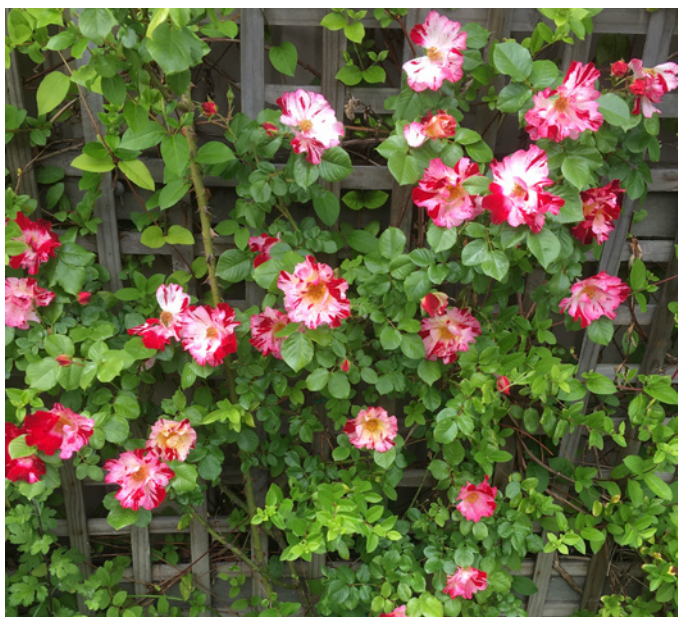
It's as simple as that

Let's keep supporting our local businesses

BLUESKIN GARDEN CLUB

What a busy time in the garden we are all having. Whether in the flower garden, or in the veggie garden there is heaps to do!

To stop the Pūkekos, blackbirds and white butterflies destroying my garden's produce again this year, dear hubby has finished our vegetable garden enclosure, a regular 'Fort Knox'! The garden is warmer within the enclosure and the brassicas are growing rapidly.



Rose: Fourth of July

Now to Garden Club. Several of us attended "Kindred Day" hosted by the Alexandra Garden Club. Representatives of the Otago garden clubs assembled and enjoyed a great day. In the morning, Kate Coughlan publisher and editor of 'NZ Life and Leisure' magazine gave us a very interesting talk and slide show of her life and gardening interests. She developed a beautiful garden in St Bathans at one time, and now has developed a productive veggie based courtyard garden in her townhouse in Auckland, supplying several families. After lunch we visited five beautiful gardens in Alexandra and Clyde.

On Thursday 9 November we held an interesting quiz night with Bernie as questioner. She was tough, and tested us with some tricky questions, and we all had a lot of fun.

Our final night for the year will be our Christmas dinner, and this year we are also celebrating Blueskin Garden Club's 30th anniversary. This will be held in the Warrington hall and will be catered by our Warrington members.

Best of wishes for a great holiday season to you all.

Bev Lyon (publicity)

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Don't Make Me Laugh

Far be it for me to opine the benefits or no of illicit substances, but I did giggle (pardon the pun), when reading of Britain's' recent criminalising of recreational nitrous oxide, the aptly named laughing-gas.



Their government-commissioned report linking it's use to brain damage and paralysis recommends a 14 year gaol sentence if selling it for anything other than whipping cream.

The report pointed out that nitrous oxide elicited in the user a sense of euphoria, relaxation, and escape from reality, which begs the question: why would people seek those three things? I suggest the evening news and a scan of human history for that answer. And also, surely there are proponents more deserving of 14 years gaol than those selling NOS. Again, watch a news channel, especially CNN, Al Jazeera, or our own Newshub on 3. Avoid (at all costs) Fox and TV1.

Not long ago NZ's rulers allowed unfettered access to nitrous oxide, alongside herbal-highs and synthetic cannabis. Misnomers personified those last two. Nothing herbal or cannabis about them. I remember being taken to a NOS-bar in Christchurch where instead of buying a drink, you paid \$5 for a balloon pumped with laughing gas. It was a surreal experience and reminded me of the milk bar scenes in A Clockwork Orange. Needless to say, there were a lot of euphorias, relaxations, and escapes from reality going on.

Later rulers recognized the mistake and legislated all three: herbals, synthetics and noss, out of legal reach. But they haven't eliminated their existence or use. And while I'm no advocate for their return, I have to laugh at the profound absurdity of law-makers continuance of the "war-on-drugs" when there are so many other wars they could sink their teeth into.

Doug Nuttall



WAIKOUAITI COAST COMMUNITY BOARD UPDATE

This month I'm giving up our usual space to the NZMCA article. So I'll just use this space to wish you all a Safe and Happy Christmas and New Year.

**Alasdair Morrison, Chairman
Waikouaiti Coast Community Board
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Rabbit Island Fire

On Sunday 12 November a small fire started in the grass and sedge on the seaward side of Rabbit Island in Blueskin Bay. The fire grew quickly in the dry conditions and had the potential to envelope all of the island.

On arrival, the Waitaiti Fire Brigade decided to put fire-fighting helicopters on stand-by. The difficult access for firefighters and equipment to the island meant we would probably need air attack by helicopter to get the fire under control.

Eventually, the growing fire required the turnout of approximately 12 fire appliances, 49 firefighters, two helicopters, and boats from the surf life-saving club.

After several hours of aerial attack, the fire was reduced enough that rural firefighters could make a beachhead and begin transporting people and equipment for a direct fire attack.

The light winds were in our favour, keeping the fire out of the island's stand of pines. Nonetheless, the area that did burn was a vital nesting habitat for several species of seabird. So the fire brought an ecological cost even if it was not as bad as it could have been.

In a worst-case scenario, with the island's pines on fire, the likelihood of ember transfer to the pines on Warrington Spit or above the Doctors Point neighbourhood was reasonably high. Fires in either place

would be a significant danger, and above Doctors Point would be quite catastrophic.

We have been warned by the FENZ planners of a summer that is warm and windy – perfect conditions for wildfires. With the Silverpeak forests on one side of Blueskin Bay and extensive forest and bush on the southern side of the bay, any kind of scrub fire in our area could easily grow out of control and run to Dunedin, Purakaunui, Outram or as far north as Oamaru.

The fuel load is already very high, the likelihood of conditions to encourage an event will be high this summer, and the consequences will be very bad when this happens. When? It's the one thing we fire-fighters are sure of. That fire will come!

As always we're asking that you all be thoughtful and cautious with burning and other activities that could start a fire. Use **Check its Alright** to be sure it's safe and if in doubt just ask us.

Craig Meade, Senior Firefighter
Waitaiti Volunteer Fire Brigade
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Outdoor Yoga for the Summer

Due to the Waitaiti Hall renovations, our regular Monday & Wednesday yoga classes will not be held there from Monday 11 December through the end of January.

With the very kind support from the Blueskin Gallery, I will be offering outdoor yoga sessions at the back lawn space of the gallery (weather permitting).

Outdoor Yoga Sessions – Blueskin Gallery
Mondays 6pm – 7pm | 11 December – 29 January
(No class on Christmas Day and New Years Day)
Please bring your own mat | Cost \$10 per person.

Many people who joined the outdoor sessions last summer really enjoyed it! I think it is a great way to move our body while feeling the wind and listening to the birds.



If you are interested, email me at hagino.yoga@gmail.com and I will email you ahead of time to confirm if the class is on.

Hagino Baker

Coastal Communities Cycle Connection

This project to connect our north coast communities with shared pathways has made progress.

The DCC has included the 'Northern Cycleway' (that's us) in their Transport Plan submitted to the 2024 Regional Land Transport Plan in September - \$31,530,000 for Future National Land Transport Plan Budget (post 2027): "Connect northern coastal communities to each other and to Dunedin with a walking and cycling trail." This is big news because it means we can be eligible for government funding down the track. More details are on the Facebook group page.

Otago Regional Council has granted us fees-free resource consent processing for the Waikouaiti river rail bridge clip-on. Thank you ORC! We have a fee proposal for \$25,875 for the preliminary design of the clip-on and the focus for that section (Waikouaiti to Karitāne) is securing funds for this.



A new website has been launched by the Dunedin Tracks Network Trust, with the aim of providing regular insights into developments of key trails for Ōtepoti.

What's really exciting is that the website accepts donations, so whether people are interested in supporting the total vision, a specific project (such as our 'Coastal Connection'), or even a specific section (eg Waitati to Orokonui Ecosanctuary), they can contribute. The website is: www.dunedintracksandtrails.nz

A big thank you to West Harbour Community Board for awarding us \$1800 towards the cost of an application to KiwiRail for 'approval in principle' to use part of the railway corridor above Port Chalmers for the shared pathway. Hoping donations can make up the rest (need around \$3000 total). Thank you to all in the community for your support so far.

**Kā mihi nui
Emily Cooper**



Response: Parihaka Day

I was interested to read your article, issue Nov 2023: *Parihaka Day*.

However, in my opinion a postscript is needed: the name of the colonial perpetrator is John BRYCE not BRUCE (*Ed - this was a typo*), however there does need some acknowledgement of this point, obviously being the anniversary week of the Parihaka pa sacking, 5 November 1881. I agree, it is important for Dunedin to revisit this history, especially with the connection to the unconvicted Parihaka prisoners and the 'building' of the city infrastructure within context of the pacifist protest movement.

Bryce's legacy is literally written all over the motu via street names. Bryce St was the name of the street near where I lived in Gisborne as a child. In this region, as well as John Bryce, all the self-important white men of colonial politics live on via the road map: Fox, Stafford, Whitaker, Fitzherbert, Sheehan, Clifford, Russell, Gisborne, Domett, etc, all cronies to varying degrees of Governor Grey, another ubiquitous street name. All of these people maintained a political agenda, blatant or otherwise, of the elimination of the indigenous people. Needless to say, there is an invisibility of maori history that has largely been written out of the landscape in spite of the huge wealth of history available. Neither version of

local history, pakeha or maori, was taught at school; most of us educate ourselves at a later date.

Bryce streets and roads exist in Whitianga, Hamilton, Cambridge, Kapenga, Kihikihi, Horohoro, Rotorua, Manawatu, Whanganui, Gisborne, Dipton(?) and probably more. There is currently post-colonial discourse in some of these places, especially Waikato, as a slow groundswell exists to recognize and revise the names of these streets. The state school curriculum also aims to rectify the imbalance of systemic historical bias. Dunedin most definitely needs to acknowledge its colonial inheritance. Lest we forget. Bryce Kōhuru.

Post Script: Resistance is not futile, but it did have a very high price to pay. To enable a revisionist imagination of this time, instead of focusing solely on the notorious act of a rabid racist persecutor, we could be celebrating the successfulness of resistance. Parihaka village lives on. *Ake ake ake.*

**Worth reading: Taking murderers and mercenaries off the map; opinion piece by Atakohu Middleton from Waateanews.com. 1 June 2022.*

J. Davidson, 5 Nov 2023

WAITATI BOOK CLUB by Ian Melvin

Scott is back in Waitati as 'Parliament waits for the three headed monster to give birth to a government' as one of our members put it, so we head off to Peter's abode with a full complement in Ross's EV (a less talkative model). On arrival we are soon all settled in to the comfy seats and catching up with each other's lives, sharing observations and opinions on the morass of issues currently surrounding us, oh and eventually discussing books and club affairs.

THE BOOK

Ian – *The Man Who Saw Everything* by Deborah Levy. The author is widely acclaimed with a long list of recommendations and achievements, does she live up to it? Weeeeell... yes frankly, well written and keeps you guessing. Wouldn't be something I would normally choose to read but even against my own innate misgivings I found I enjoyed it. "Traverses the vast reaches of the human imagination while artfully blurring sexual and political binaries", what does that mean? Read it and you tell me. General opinion mixed, approval but not convincing or overwhelming

OTHER BOOKS

Marc – *The Discomfort Of Evening* by Mareike Lucas Rejnvald. It portrays a girl's attempt to come to terms with the death of a brother in a rural Dutch family constrained by fundamental Christian beliefs. A Booker Prize winner, commended for its lyricism and extraordinary first person narration. However, it is frequently brutal and becomes repetitive in its depiction of pain, both physical and psychological. I found it a discomfiting and claustrophobic book, which is without a doubt its intent but did not find enough positive aspects to counter this.



BEER

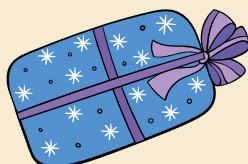
Marc – *Tap 9 Aventinus Eisbock* by Schneider Weisse. A potent beer 12% ABV not something you would conventionally drink in the middle of a hot summer, as I did. Its strength and complexity are impressive, but best suited to a role as a Digestive, to be consumed in a measured and contentplative manner.



MUSIC

Chicago Rythm & Blues Kings, a relentless hybrid of modern big band blues and horn-leavened soul on Blind Pig Records. Originally known as Big Twist and the Mellow Fellows, after Big Twist's passing reinvented themselves as the above. It would be interesting to hear what Martin thinks of these guys?

Sample Chicago Rythm & Blues Kings/Love is a five letter word or Big Twist and the Mellow Fellows/ Too much BBQ on YOUTUBE



OTHER STUFF –TV

After The Party on TV ONE+ compelling viewing Robyn Malcolm giving a brilliant performance. A woman accuses her husband of a sex crime against her teenage daughter's friend, and nobody believes her. Several notches above most Kiwi made TV dramas

WORD OF THE MONTH

Terrorism – “does not apply to the systemic violence of people in positions of power against the powerless”, “a bomb detonated by a guerilla killing dozens of civilians is an act of terrorism a bomb dropped by a military airplane, killing tens of thousands is foreign policy”.

THE MEANING OF LIFE

As Jeff Luers wrote from prison “it has become part of who we are. I can watch a man get stabbed in the neck and keep eating. I can pretend to not see a man lying helpless in his own blood (like everyone else in the yard) and I can watch a man die and be completely unmoved. Would someone please tell me how this is supposed to make me a better person?”

Quotes from *Green Is The New Red* by Will Potter

NZMCA Park at 20A Bay Road, Warrington

The New Zealand Motor Caravan Association plans on opening its new motor caravan park before Christmas 2023.

The NZMCA purchased the property two years ago and applied for a Resource Consent and archaeological authority to operate a members-only park for Certified Self-Contained Vehicles. Consent was approved in October 2021 and archaeological authority in August 2022. During the past 12 months a 6-metre-wide driveway has been constructed and sealed, several hundred native shrubs and trees have been planted on site, and minor levelling work has been done to protect the land and facilitate ease of parking. A registration kiosk has been constructed and installed and recycling and rubbish bins provided for members use. A 10,000-litre wastewater holding tank has been installed. It will be emptied on demand by a Dunedin contractor with a vacuum tank truck and the waste taken to the Green Island waste treatment plant.

The NZMCA are very aware of the public access to this site over many years, generously provided by the previous owner. Local people enjoy using this property to access the bay and the sand spit. Dogs have been exercised by many and horses and motor bikes have also used the site. A change in ownership and subsequent change of land use means that some of these previous activities will no longer be possible. A gate with a coded lock has been

installed 15 metres inside the Bay Road entrance. Kings High School will also have a series lock on the gate to provide them with access as required.

However, the NZMCA has installed a personnel access gate in the railing fence adjacent to the locked gates for pedestrian access. The NZMCA are happy to provide walking access to local residents for access to the bay. Some conditions are attached to the local resident access.

- If dogs are brought onto the site they must be on a short leash and under control at all times. This also applies to NZMCA members using the site who have dogs with them.
- Local residents may only access the site after 8am and before 8pm as members are also discouraged from arriving/departing the site outside of those hours
- Horses, motorbikes and mountain bikes are strictly prohibited.

NZMCA members are looking forward to enjoying the beauty and peace of the Warrington site. Many of our club members will also enjoy interacting with local residents to learn about the history and features of this part of Otago.

NZMCA



What a wonderful month we have had at Blueskin Playcentre! Not only have we enjoyed lots of play with paints, indoor toys, the sand pit, bikes, shared kai for morning tea, and gigantic bubble making, we have also had a marvellous expedition to Warrington Beach as well as a Fancy Nancy Blueskin Playcentre Potluck Dinner!

At the beach, the Tamariki most enjoyed looking in the rock pools followed by playing at Warrington playground. Whānau enjoyed watching the tamariki play together as well as enjoying a moment to have conversations with other grown-ups!

The potluck was a huge success and was well-attended by many families from Seacliff to Pūrākaunui and



everywhere inbetween, as well as by Bea, our playcentre education facilitator, who is very loved by all the children. The food was amazing, the company was fantastic, and the Fancy Nancy inspired outfits truly divine. I am sure many of you reading this would love to have the opportunity to bring your tamariki down and pick-up the good Blueskin Playcentre vibes, and the good news is, that you can!

We are there and ready to welcome you from 8.45am – 12.15pm on

Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays during term time. Our last play for 2023 will be Wednesday 13 December so come on down!

If you'd like to arrange a visit, then 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.

Aroha nui, Blueskin Playcentre

Waikouaiti Coast Heritage Centre

Nearly at the end of another year, it has been a busy and productive year at the Waikouaiti Coast Heritage Centre.

We have gratefully welcomed a few new volunteers to our ranks (but can always do with more). Our financial situation is gradually improving helped once again by our very successful plant fair at Labour Weekend where we raised over \$4,000. Most of this success is due to Gwen, her work and the high standard she sets for plant quality. It is a year long mission for Gwen and her helpers to achieve such success. We sold nearly one thousand plants on the day with people coming from as far afield as Oamaru and Dunedin. The money raised will be used for the restoration of the old bank building.



The gift shop has a range of gifts and items suitable for all ages, for passing travellers and for those looking for christmas gifts.

Our artist of the month from 11 December will be Lorna Watkins-Dooley, another talented local artist. In addition, we have items made by a number of local artisans.

Beautiful cards, honey related products, soaps, hard shampoo and conditioner (great when travelling),

wooden platters, clocks and xmas decorations, unique fragrances, quilted bookmarks, tote bags, table runners and much much more.

We are planning to be open each day for the two weeks prior to Christmas. So Monday to Thursday we will be open 1pm til 4pm and the usual hours of 10am til 4pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

We look forward to seeing you.

Shirley McKewen, Treasurer

Warrington Surf Lifesaving Club

The Warrington Surf Lifesaving Club members have started the season with BURNING enthusiasm. Since patrols started in November, we have welcomed sealions onto the beach, had a Wahine on Water IRB development day for women, and we hosted a junior development day for clubs across Otago.

Recently some of our lifeguards supported the Fire Brigade to extinguish the Rabbit Island fire. This was a three day operation because stumps underground continued to burn. Mark Hastie, Isabella Aldrich, Oscar Lobb, Phoebe Ozanne, Madelene Ozanne, and Connor Aldrich helped ferry firefighters and equipment to and from the island and provided back up.

Eve Fraser, Johnny Hogben, Emily Sterk, and Mitchell Lobb have recently become lifeguards and we have it on good authority Alice McHoull is expected to join them soon. This is a significant achievement and they now hold a responsible position in our community. Connor Aldrich recently passed his IRB drivers' examination, and Paul Gager became an IRB instructor. At the White Island competition at Labour weekend, Warrington Open Men won their canoe race and Jake Owen won the board category. Congratulations to all of them on their success. ***In it for life!***



Reminders: It is not too late to join the club

- Email warringtonslscnz@gmail.com
- Nippers are on during our Club Day on Sundays at 10.15 (ready to go) – 12pm
- There are some wetsuits available if needed



- Regional guard starts on 18 December. This means the beach will be patrolled for 7 days per week.
- Follow us on facebook [Warrington Surf Life Saving Club]

Naomi Ingram



Open to performers of all levels, open mic nights are a fun way to test yourself and hone your craft in front of fellow performers and a supportive audience. We're staging some events in Waitati, at The Gallery, with the first session likely to be in February 2024. We're looking for interest from anyone who is keen to perform AND we're giving you advance notice so that you can practice over the next few months.

What are we looking for? Any, and we mean ANY, musical style is fine, from classical to modern. You can either play an instrument solo or with one or a few other people. OR you can sing - whether you accompany yourself with an instrument, have a small duo/trio or acoustic style music group or band, all is good. If you're a singer without a band, but have your own backing track, then that would also be awesome! We might even consider poetry/standup comedy and dance, if anyone is really keen. Also it's for performers of a certain age, likely the youngest you should be is mid-late teens, so while it's not a performance venue for kids, of course kids and families are, as always, warmly welcome in the audience at The Gallery.

The Gallery is a great, intimate place for Open Mic, which means that performing groups will need to be small, no larger than four people (be prepared to squish up). It's a family venue with an acoustic vibe,

so we can't have profanity, bigotry, nudity or other offensive behaviour, large drum kits won't fit and people will be able to perform three pieces unless by prior arrangement you are a feature artist. It's a supportive space for people of any performance experience level - don't be shy, we will love you and be there to encourage you. Amps, a mixer, mics and music stands will be on site, you just need to bring your instrument or backing track, and it's totally fine to have your music/lyric sheets in front of you.

Performers wanting further information should contact Jenny on: nouveauretro100@gmail.com.

Anyone who's been to an Open Mic knows how much fun it can be to watch, so if performing is not your thing, but having a fun time out listening to music at a local venue is, then do plan to be part of the audience. We look forward to hearing from you, and watch this space.

Jenny Gleeson.



Waitati Warblers

Once upon a time in 2012, three Waitatians went to one of Tony Backhouse's weekend a cappella singing workshops in Dunedin. Tony's singing workshops are legendary for good reasons. They have introduced many people to the joys of singing.

The three enjoyed the weekend very much. Talking after the Workshop, they agreed that it would be nice to sing together more often. One knew an experienced choir director, Nancy Miller, who happened to be at the workshop. The three approached Nancy and asked if she would like to direct a singing group at Waitati. Nancy said "let's give it a go."

On Saturday 19 May 2012, the embryonic singing group met in Waitati. Nancy didn't waste any time. She had us singing four-part harmony in less than ten minutes.

The group next met the following weekend, on Sunday 27 May. By then the group had adopted the title "Waitati Warblers." Eleven years later, still guided by Nancy, the Warblers still meet to sing on Sunday afternoons.

Some Warblers have been a-warbling since 2012. From the start, the Warblers weren't all from Waitati. We had and have people driving from Dunedin and from points north to sing. Singers come and go. New singers are always welcome.



The Warblers make good music and have fun doing it. Everyone is welcome to come and give it a go. There are no auditions. You don't have to be able to read music.

Singing is good for you. It will make you feel good, yet it's completely legal. If you don't think you can sing, you may surprise yourself.

The Warblers have sung in homes, halls, libraries, museums, churches, at community celebrations and commemorations, even in the sea caves at Doctors Point. We sing at the Warrington Hall on Sundays from 5 until 6.30 pm. Come and join us.

And yes, we have really good parties. There are no awkward silences.

In Remembrance

Patsy Lorraine Fraser

19 July 1944 - 30
October 2023

Patsy was born in 1944 near the end of the war, to Mary and James Alexander Fraser



She was the second born of three daughters and had eight siblings. They lived just over Black Bridge up the driveway on the corner past Chelivode Street in Waitati, all of her siblings attended Waitati Primary School but for a time the family also lived into Dunedin. She attended the Catholic school St Philomena's through to high school

She worked at the Cadburys factory until Simon was born in 1968 and at one point she even found herself on one of the elaborate floats during an annual street parade,.

They lived in many houses in Waitati: the wee house on Brown Street that would later house the Hall family, a place on Thornicroft Road and one off Barton Street, also on Doctors Point Road just before Short Street in the dip and the old bottle store by the Fire Station on the Main Street. They lived in the house on Foyle street on two occasions, renting from the Clulees at one point, before Patsy actually brought it. Their house was the place that all the neighbourhood kids could gravitate to, she was such an easy-going parent.

Toni came along in 1970 and that completed their happy little family.

Patsy got a job working as a cleaner at Mahoe and Totara at Orokonui Hospital. She also worked part time at the Dirk's General Store on the Main Street when the children were little.

When they went to church they were picked up by the priest from Port Chalmers in his Holden Kingswood to go over to Seacliff, sometimes the Fraser cousins would come or their friend Coral.

Patsy didn't drive for a lot of years, she had everything she needed in Waitati, and a worker's bus to take her to Cherry Farm. It wasn't until its closure in 1992, she had to drive into town. She got a job at Hillhead in Corstophine, run by Hawkesbury Trust and later moved to Dalziel Road in Brockville.

Patsy had an orange Mitsubishi Mirage then a Toyota Corona, it got so rusty the foot well would flood every time it rained. After that a Toyota Corsa, it only had 30kms on the clock and she rocked up 300k back and forth to town over the years. She would often manage to get into town and up 3 Mile Hill in snowy weather when others couldn't. She mainly worked night shift and didn't start til 11pm and was brave and determined when it came to driving and being independent.

Patsy loved her garden especially the peonies and took a keen interest in plants. As a cat person she had up to 9 cats at one point. She also loved country music, a fan of Loretta Lynne and Kenny Rogers, she also liked Charley Pride and of course Elvis. 'I never promised you a rose garden' was her very favourite tune'.

She was responsible and reliable and could be counted on to run the Steady as You Go classes on Mondays when it was her turn, and take the class at Long Beach every Wednesday.

She was a dear friend and family member, and her presence in our community has been invaluable. Her kindness, loyalty and willingness to always be there for others have been a true inspiration. We will all miss our conversations, her friendship and the good times we shared together.



Betty

Elizabeth Rubena Richardson 10/08/1941 - 4/11/2023

East Otago Embroiders Guild is sad to lose one of our foundation members.

Betty was a stalwart of the group. Friendly and welcoming to everybody. Betty was always willing to try new things and to assist others in their endeavours.

Betty will be sorely missed by all members of the East Otago Guild.



SCHOOL UPDATE

Tena Koutou Whānau, three Kura join together to show Whakawhanaungatanga. The highlight of the week was hosting two local schools. Waitati School, Pūrākaunui School and North East Valley Normal School Bilingual Unit met at Waitati School. I was so proud of all ākonga. They showed each of the schools they represented values.

The mihi whakatau was wonderful, everyone sang beautifully and were amazing hosts to the manuhiri. What a rich experience. It is the difference between practicing Tikanga and using it for real. We used it for real on Monday.

The day was fast moving. Each rōpū, had three stations they rotated around – Mahi-a-ringā – creating birds from clay. The Pou installation at the Estuary, a 20 min walk each way and our senior students reading out the Kai Tahu Creation Purakau. Followed by Te Reo o Te Repo – The voice of the swamp, where students went on a quiet walk listening to the sounds of the swamp. This followed by cooking a marshmallow over a fire and climbing trees and building huts. At lunchtime we shared BBQ sausages, Tara’s amazing chocolate cake and fruit. At the end of the day, Pūrākaunui and NEV sung a waiata and we finished with a Karakia.

We all learnt some new kupu and enjoyed the amazed faces of students as they explored our school. They were all amazed and surprised at the space we have and the beautiful facilities. In 2024, we will have the opportunity to visit the other schools and learn from them.

We also ran the Great Waitati Garage Sale. What a success.

Thank you for getting behind us and pulling those treasures out of the shed. We sold just over 70 maps and each person who bought one were so excited. There is a lot of love for Waitati. It reinforces what a wonderful community we are.

Thanks to Blueskin Nurseries for providing us with school lunches once a week this year. Thanks to The Merchant, we love your ice creams and to The Gallery – we love your hospitality. To you all thank you for your ongoing generosity.

Please remember to slow down on the roads with our little people cycling and walking around during the holidays. Finally, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I love this time of the year as we reflect on the year been, we can find much to be thankful for amongst the times of challenge. Thank you for your support as a community. We are the community and the community is us. We love Waitati.

Tara O’Neill, Principal

The Halo Project Community Newsletter



Kororā/little blue penguin monitoring results from Ōtama Kaipapa/Doctors Point and Warauwerawera (Wharewerawera)/Long Beach are in!

Ōtama Kaipapa/Doctors Point

Live penguins = 4 Burrows = 60

In Feb ‘23, during moulting season 28 live birds were counted.

Most of the burrows we found this October were active (presence of poo, feathers, smell). This means there are likely many more birds present than the four sighted by the team.

Warauwerawera (Wharewerawera)/Long Beach

Live penguins = 11 Burrows = 31

The cave is a beloved home to kororā. Typically, many reside in the front parts of the cave but this year all kororā found in the cave were at the very back. We expect they may have retreated because of the fires, noise and disturbance that sometimes happens in the front part of the cave. Most of the penguins here were found at a nearby cove, which may be due to less disturbance. The number of birds surveyed this year (11) is slightly lower than last year (15).

Kororā Facts:

Kororā are on land between June and March raising young in nests made in burrows, under tree roots, in caves, rocky crevices, and in nest boxes up to 200 metres from the coast.

They may wander up to 1.5km and climb 300m before choosing a nesting site. They often mate for life and typically return to the same nest sites.

They lay eggs between July and October. These are incubated for around 40 days. Both parents then stay with the newly hatched chick for about 3 weeks, making the entire whānau vulnerable to predation.

They are vulnerable again during their moult, between December and March, where they shed their feathers and are unable to swim for 2-3 weeks.

We can support these awesome creatures by volunteering to check traps, encouraging one another to keep dogs on a lead and away from penguin habitat, and to keeping cats indoors at night!

Please spread the word!

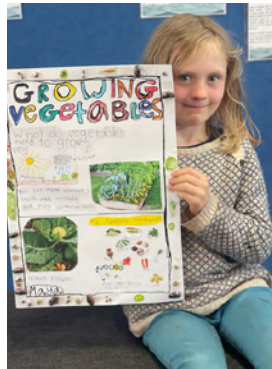
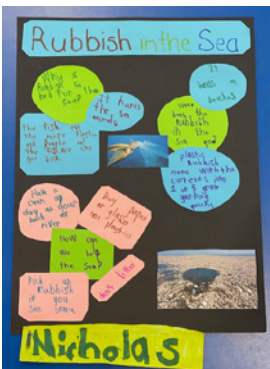
Waitati School



Kororā/little blue penguin in a rocky hideout – Abby Hodgkinson

Prints by fire pit at Long Beach – Giverny Forbes

Warrington School



Purakaunui School



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... Thanks for All the Fish

I'm an accidental fisher person. A couple of years ago a Jack Mackerel threw itself on the beach at my feet as I was walking the dogs at Doctor's Point, "well thank you very much" I said and took it home to turn into a delicious green curry.

I assumed this was a once in a lifetime event, but a few weeks ago it happened again, but this time it was a gorgeous huge kahawai. I had never got close to a kahawai before and found they are a beautiful, powerfully built scaled, silver fish with a forked tail. I was picturing us having battered fish fillets for tea with chips, but after asking around I found out that an oily fish like this has a very 'fishy' taste which can be a bit much, so instead I decided to bleed, fillet and skin it, then marinate it for the rest of the day in a marinade which included brown sugar and soy sauce. I then hot smoked it using some kanuka bark to create the tasty smoke flavour.

The smoked fillets were delicious served with a salad but were way more than the 2 of us could eat in one meal so the next day I turned the leftovers into fish cakes with mashed potato and herbs, and again it was really delicious.

I am tempted to take up fishing instead of waiting for fish to throw themselves at me.

Kahawai come into the bay at Doctor's Point entering on the rising tide. They are more abundant from spring to autumn and can be caught using shellfish bait but fresh-caught bait fish like yellow-eyed mullet are better. (Yellow-eyed mullet also come into the estuary on the rising tide), Kahawai will readily take a metal lure, jig or saltwater fly, but in spring and early summer they are after whitebait so use light tackle and a small lure at this time.

To avoid waste I boil up the head to make a tasty fish stock. I freeze the stock for later use in soup making; the rest of the left over bits can be buried in the garden for a super fertilizer hit for some lucky plant.

I'm hoping to have some more fish throw themselves at my feet so if you see some idiot woman just standing there "fishing" without any equipment, it is me trying my luck again.

Hilary Rowley



Finding Me

May 10th 2021 was a game changer for me, the day my life changed forever. I would never be the same person again, when someone else's mental health took them to dark place and the decision to do bad things to good people was made.

That moment when your life flashes in front of you as you skate on the floor on your hands and knees in a pool of your own blood, it all puts life into perspective. Just take that next breath, get up and take that next step is all you can do. From that point on I viewed my life very differently, like appreciating the little things in life as simple as a beautiful view, the smell of the rain and the sounds of the birds and my granddaughter's laughter. Simple things like a friendly wave from the postie, a friendly greeting from the neighbours or a compliment from a stranger.

I once wrote an article titled *The kindness of others*, my way of acknowledging and thanking all the kind people who helped me, but I still feel there is more I would like to do So I have decided my New Year's resolution will be random acts of kindness, just one action can make all the difference for someone in need.

So as the silly season begins to gear up and everyone starts to prepare for Christmas, stress levels rise and the financial strain for many begin, hug your family and tell them you love them because you just don't know when your times up, its not all about the materialistic things,

Remember everyone is going through something you know nothing about, so be kind to one another, a few kind words to a stranger cost you nothing but can change someone's day and actions forever.

Three simple words is all it would take... R U OK.

Anonymous



Pūrākaunui School

Pūrākaunui School recently embarked on a Noho Marae at Puketeraki, a gathering filled with aroha (compassion/care/love), ako (learning), and whakawhanaungatanga (relationship building). The event showcased a warm welcome from Mauraka Edwards and Aroha Ellison, complemented by Skip King’s powerful whaikōrero.

The day included an tour of the Huriawa Pā site and a waka taurua journey to Ohinepouwera Spit, guided by Chris Wilson and Te Awa of Karitāne Māori tours. Back at the marae, students engaged in flax weaving and sketching the intricate whakairo (carvings).

Along with other West Harbour schools, our tamariki recently co-created a stunning mural on the theme of creation with local artists Kate Stevens West and Manu Berry as part of the Artist in Residence Project funded by the West Harbour Arts Charitable Trust. This artistic endeavor has added another layer of creativity to our vibrant school community, and we look forward to displaying it outside our whare pukapuka (library).

In November the whole school went on a thrilling urban camp to Ōtautahi/Christchurch, staying at Lindisfarne Camp and Omaka Scout Camp. The students explored the International Antarctic Centre, the state-of-the-art library Tūranga, and the Air Force Museum. Outdoors they orienteered at The Groynes and enjoyed the Margaret Mahy playground.

At the end of this year, the school will bid a fond farewell to Rache Duval-Smith, a dedicated teacher of 11 years, as she embarks on new adventures, including the role of being a wonderful grandmother and honing her house-building skills with her whānau.

Our Little Papis playgroup is on every Monday during term time at 10:45 am. Please join us with your preschoolers for a play, a catch up and a cup of tea.

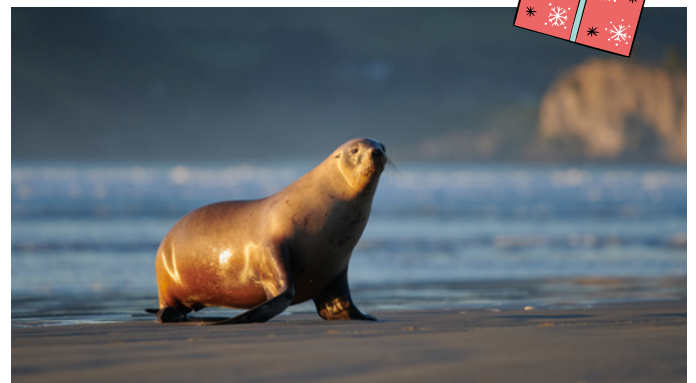
Our Warrington Sealions

As local residents will know, each summer our local mum Joy gives birth to a pup on the Warrington Spit, her daughter Hope has also chosen Warrington to pup and now Janet has joined in on the action with a pup here last season.

Residents will be aware of the notices erected to remind about their presence for the 4 – 5 weeks of the Christmas holidays. Department of Conservation summer rangers (there are three) coordinate local volunteers to monitor their position and keep signage current.

We can all help these special creatures to have peace while they pup by reminding visitors to stay 50m away from marine mammals and have dogs on leads as signage advises.

Pinch points are the carparks – which unfortunately is where the sea lions often choose to be! Visitors may allow their dogs to bounce out of the car and immediately approach the resting animals. While they are extremely unlikely to hurt people, a barking dog is easy game for sealions and the bacteria in sea lion saliva would be



lethal to animals such as dogs, who have no resistance to the marine bacteria. Please leash your dog, before opening the door.

Sea lions are sand animals and walk on four “leg-like-flippers”. Females are sandy, males are dark and huge. They will naturally interact with humans who shout, wave arms or towels, or shoo them – but otherwise they are disinterested and happy to rest on the sand. Fur seals wriggle along the ground, live on rocks and are more likely to scarp, heading at pace towards the sea, when disturbed. You can find out more about these differences on the DoC website – www.doc.govt.nz.



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What's On

Holiday Opening Hours

Friday 22 December - the Library will close at 5pm
Saturday 23 December - normal hours, 10am - 1pm
Monday 25 December - the Library will be closed
Tuesday 26 December - the Library will be closed
Wednesday 27 December - the Library will close at 5pm
Thursday 28 December - the Library will close at 5pm
Friday 29 December - the Library will close at 5pm
Saturday 30 December - normal hours, 10am - 1pm
Monday 1 January - the Library will be closed
Tuesday 2 January - the Library will be closed

Storytime with Stephaney

The last Storytime for the year will be Friday 22 December, 11am, Stephaney will be back in the New Year on Friday 2 February

Introduce your child to the wonderful world of books and language. Visit the Library for half an hour of stories, rhymes and songs, both old and new. Suitable for pre-school children and their caregivers.

Children's Summer Reading Programme

Early December

If you haven't already registered for the 2023-24 Children's Summer Reading Programme, come in, sign up and pick up your booklet in time for the summer holidays. Set your own reading goals and fill the booklet with the details of what you've read and go in the grand draw for some cool prizes. Head to www.dunedinlibraries.govt.nz for more details.



Holiday Activities

Week 1, 2-5pm

Pop in and make a Christmas tree decoration.

Week 2-6, 2-5pm

Summer Reading Programme activities to fill your booklet.

Board games, Lego and jigsaws are available all day everyday.

Bookshare

Thursday 14 December 2023,
Thursday 25 January 2024,
3.30-4.30pm

Join us for tea and a chat about what you're currently reading and get ideas for what to read next. All welcome.

Blueskin Bay Knitwits

Mondays, 6.30 - 8.30pm

(contact Christine 021 133 9340)

Tuesdays, 2.30 - 4.30pm

All ages and experience levels are welcome. Check with the Library for dates during the summer holidays.



Games Galore & Lego*

Every weekday, 2 - 5pm & Saturdays 10am - 1pm

Come along and join in the fun of board games for all ages. From chess to checkers, Monopoly to Twister we've got the lot. Or, drop-in and build something awesome with our great new Lego pieces. *Suitable for ages 5+.

Crafty Christmas Workshops

Create something crafty to decorate your home for the festive season, places are limited so **phone 482 2444** to book your place.

Christmas Tree Decorations

Sunday 3 December, 10am - 1pm

Join members of the East Otago Embroidery Guild to make a festive decoration. (\$5)



Knitted Santa Ornament

Sunday 10 December, 2.30 - 4.30pm

A festive workshop with the Blueskin Knitwits, create a Santa Gnome to decorate your home or tree.



Explore the Digital Library

Here's a sample from the host of digital options – free with your library membership:

■ **Booklist Reader** showcases top-10 lists, must reads, interviews with (and articles by) top authors and illustrators, and adult, youth, and audio recommendations.

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- and**
-  **every household** gets a 140L red bin for rubbish, replacing the DCC black bags.

COSTS

The DCC rates cost for the full four-bin service will be confirmed by February 2024, but we expect it to be around \$320 to \$340 per year.



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KEEPING YOU INFORMED

For more information and updates:
www.dunedin.govt.nz/kerbside-changes

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Around the Bay – December & January Events

ST BARNABAS CHURCH	
CHRISTMAS	Christmas Eve: 9pm carols., 9.45pm service. Christmas Day: 10am service.
SUNDAYS	Service: 10.00am Contact Jeremy 027 436 1481

BLUESKIN LIBRARY	
Thurs 14 Dec Thurs 25 Jan	Bookshare: 3.30 – 4.30pm
EVERY DAY	Games Galore & Lego: Every weekday, 2 – 5pm & Saturdays 10am – 1pm
MONDAYS	Blueskin Bay Knitwits: 6.30 – 8.30pm Contact Christine 021 133 9340
TUESDAYS	Blueskin Bay Knitwits: 2.30 – 4.30pm Contact Christine 021 133 9340
FRIDAYS	Story Time with Stephaney: 11am (Last Storytime 22 December, starts again 2 February 2024)

WAIPUTAI HUB	
Contact waiputai@gmail.com or text 021 171 0226 for more information and for all bookings	
Sunday 10	Waiputai Festive Fete: 11am – 3pm Artisans, Food, BBQ, and Blueskin Bay Orchestra
MONDAYS	Intro to Te Reo: 6:30 – 8:30p.m Tutor: Mathew Kiore
TUESDAYS	Ping Pong: 7 – 8.30pm. All ages, levels and drop ins welcome. Contact: Helena 022 6474 738
WEDNESDAYS	Internet Cuppa & Printing: 2 – 5pm Access to community internet computer (no gaming), and printer (A4 black/white (20c/page) & A4 colour (\$1/page). Book a space by texting 021 171 0226 or emailing waiputai@gmail.com
THURSDAYS	Homeschool Group: 12 – 3pm Contact: Amy Pilates: Casual session 6.30pm \$18 Contact: Sylvia 021 109 9302
SUNDAYS	Blueskin Bay Orchestra rehearsal 5pm – 7pm. Contact: Emily

WARRINGTON HALL	
Sunday 10	Blueskin Bay Orchestra: 1pm Carolling Along – Come and join in with Christmas Carols
TUESDAYS	Indoor Bowls: 7.30pm
THURSDAYS	Seasonal Hatha Yoga: 6.30 – 7.30pm Bring your own mat \$10pp Contact: hagino.yoga@gmail.com
SUNDAYS	Waitati Warblers: Singing for joy 5 – 6.30pm (summertime) Contact: nancymiller140@gmail.com

WAITATI VILLAGE	
Sunday 3 Dec	Village Market: 11.00am Contact: Mandy

ARC BREWERY	
SUNDAYS	Live Music: 2 – 5pm Contact 021 4108 1141

WAITATI HALL	
Tuesday 5	Annual General Meeting: 7.30pm Please note the Hall will be closed from 11 December 2023 til 29 January 2024. This is for the kitchen refurbishment.

GALLERY ON BLUESKIN	
Sunday 3	Live Music: Superglue
Wednesday 6	Quiz: 7pm
Sunday 10	Live Music: Paul Allen
Sunday 17	Live Music: Paper Moon
Wednesday 20	All that jazz: 7pm
Sunday 24	Gallery open until 2pm on Christmas Eve and closed until New Year
Sunday 31	New Years Eve Party: 7 pm – 1am Funky disco – 60s & 70s DJs. Prize for best costume. Free entry

JANUARY 2024	
Wednesday 3	Quiz: 7pm
Sunday 14	Live Music: Paper Moon
Sunday 21	Live Music: Dee Street Band
Wednesday 31	All that jazz: 7pm

WASTE RECYCLING – WEEK TWO	
Monday 4	Bottle Recycling Blue Bin at your gate early
Monday 11	Paper and Plastic Recycling Yellow Bin at your gate early
Monday 18	Bottle Recycling Blue Bin at your gate early
Saturday 30	Paper and Plastic Recycling Yellow Bin at your gate early

JANUARY 2024	
Saturday 6	Bottle Recycling Blue Bin at your gate early
Monday 8	Paper and Plastic Recycling Yellow Bin at your gate early
Monday 15	Bottle Recycling Blue Bin at your gate early
Monday 22	Paper and Plastic Recycling Yellow Bin at your gate early
Monday 29	Bottle Recycling Blue Bin at your gate early

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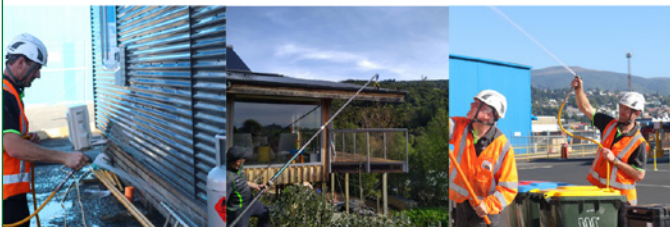
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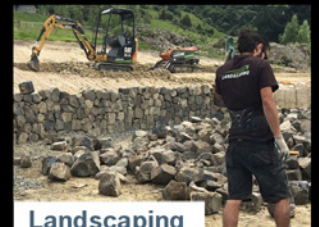
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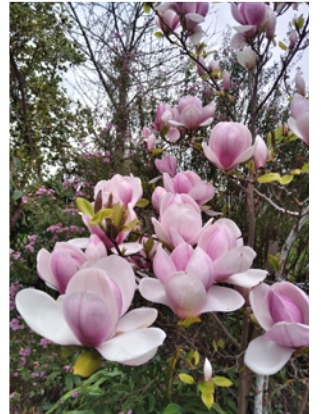
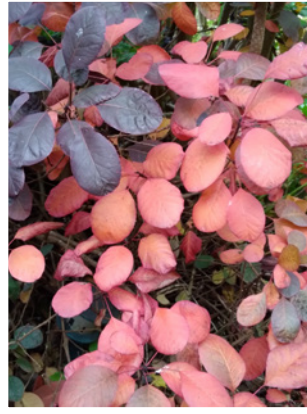
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CHRISTMAS	BARBECUE	CAMPING	HOLIDAY	BEACH
ICE CREAM	DECEMBER	SANTA CLAUS	DECORATIONS	KIWI CHRISTMAS
SURFING	GIFTS	SUMMER	CRICKET	CHRISTMAS TREE

CHRISTMAS JOKES

- What did the Christmas tree say to the ornament? – “Aren’t you tired of just hanging around?”
- What do you call a cat sitting on the beach on Christmas Eve? – Sandy Claws.
- Why is a foot a good Christmas present? – Because it makes a good stocking filler.
- How do sheep wish each other happy holidays? – Merry Christmas to ewe.
- Why don’t aliens celebrate Christmas? – Because they don’t want to give away their presence.
- What happens if you eat Christmas decorations? – You get tinselitus.
- In what year does New Year’s Day come before Christmas? – EVERY year!
- Why do mummies like Christmas so much? – Because of all the wrapping!
- What did the judge say to the angry advent calendar? – Your days are numbered!
- What is every parent’s favorite Christmas carol? – Silent Night.
- What goes “oh, oh, oh”? — Santa walking backwards.
- What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck? – Christmas quackers!

CHRISTMAS Anagrams

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MONANTER

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