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Editor's Note – Sundays

When I was a child Sunday breakfast was always special. Weekday mornings were always frenetic and breakfast (usually bacon and tinned tomatoes) was eaten in a hurry so we could get a lift to the station with Pa who caught the 7.30am train into Waterloo. Saturday's breakfast was make it yourself toast and marmalade!

But Sundays were different, Ma took us kids to 8am Mass at Frimley Church and Pa made breakfast – the only time he ever cooked anything. Baked eggs and boiled eggs, warm rolls both soft and french crispy types, salted butter for us kids and unsalted for the grownups and the two tall mustard coloured coffee pots one filled with steaming coffee and other with hot milk. It was a leisurely affair filled with conversation, plans for the next week, items in the news, whether homework had been done, general family talk – and the usual small differences of opinion. For all of us remaining it is an abiding good memory.

Now after 60-odd years we have reinstated it here in Warrington. It's 10.30am, cups are warming, there are croissants or french toast or pikelets, homemade jam and plenty of good coffee. People arrive, usually 7 or 8 of us but sometimes more. We sit outside if the weather permits and then a far-ranging conversation begins. This Sunday we discussed preserving, barking dogs, the best way to catch a rabbit in the garden and whether it could then be eaten, how a lack of knowledge of computers could interrupt marital bliss, old cars and motorbikes and much more. No phones just good company, try it!

I love Sundays – Bernie

Opera House Trust Fence Post Fundraiser

Please help us make the roadway & community garden safe for kids, dogs & cyclists by sponsoring a fencepost or making a small donation.

We have at least 50m of fencing to buy and install so that we can tidy up the road edge. Any help is hugely appreciated!



52 Doctors Pt Rd

For more information:

- go to pledgame.co.nz and search Opera House
- scan the QR code below with your phone
- email us at operahousetrust@gmail.com



Before

After!

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.



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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

Opera House Update

Thank you to everyone who came to our Christmas picnic and consultation day on Saturday 10 December. Thank you to everyone who helped and especially Dougy and the Moonrocks. Over 30 people came to see us and talk about our plans for the Opera House land, buildings and garden. We asked about fundraising ideas and future plans for the next 5-10 years. We also asked about selling the white house section as well as what to do about the Opera House itself.

There was a lot of support for keeping the Opera House and using it for community purposes *"turn it into a hall, retaining history in multi-purpose flexible alternate community use – Woo Hoo!, accommodation for host artists, community groups, workshops, a good community resource if it was safe"*. This makes lots of sense to the trustees because it is the most beloved, iconic building and it would also mean the Opera House could continue to support the Garden.

There was a lot of love for the Garden and we were stoked to hear people talk about how good it is looking. Suggestions included *"enhancing what's already there with seating/picnic tables in the different garden nooks, plant a nut forest, hazel and walnuts and some fruit trees"*. But there was also a desire to make it safer *"Fix the road edge, make it safer and inviting for the public."*

So we have launched our Fence Fundraiser on Pledgeme www.pledgeme.co.nz/projects/7409-sponsor-a-safety-fence-waitati-community-garden where you can sponsor a fencepost with a steel cut-out designed by Anita Desoto (see examples below) and have a plaque with your choice of words on it. You can even buy two, one for us and one for you. If we can build this fence this year, the Garden will be much safer for kids, dogs and their walkers to enjoy the apple, pear and plum trees, the picnic spaces and events. This is our big Garden project for 2023, the Fence and the Fruit trees.

We asked about the possibility of selling the white house section to raise money to help with development of the Garden, Opera House and social housing. Those who came were saddened by the prospect but mostly said it was a wise decision *"sad as it is I think selling this land to provide capital for the rest, i.e. community space and garden, sell the White House, sad to see it go but potential revenue to develop small holdings for small transportable dwellings and a cost effective mutual space, use money to fix rest of the property"*. Some also suggested using the section for housing *"build more tiny houses or have sections people can*

rent for tiny houses, space for tiny house, caravan or house bus, living off the grid". We are looking at what selling it might entail, and we will let you know what we decide.

And then we had some really encouraging feedback about the Trust and the project as a whole *"do a fundraiser to create a community space honouring the past and planning for future generations, keep it sustainable for the Trust, i.e. manageable, small focused projects that will add to whole vision, as an advocate of tiny home living, I love the idea of a tiny home village, creating a beautiful, place for folk to live in their own moveable homes, keep doing what you are doing – bringing the community with you, slow planning and redevelopment"*.

So now the trustees are working on keeping the Garden looking good, the Pledgeme Fence fundraiser, grant applications to restore the fruit trees in the Garden and preparing for events like the return of the Barden Party Shakespeare. We will also work on options for selling the white house section and seeking help to demolish the remaining shacks. We are also excited by the idea of building a natural wild children's playground on the land reclaimed over Lake Beatrice. There is lots to do in 2023.

Metiria Turei, Tania Turei, Anita Desoto, Tric Robertson, Sue Stephenson, Stephen Belsten



Zucchini's by Hilary Rowley

Don't get your zucchinis in a tangle. They grow like a mess in a teenager's bedroom – a sprawl at ground level, with hidden things growing ominously underneath.

Zucchini's have a talent for hiding themselves under the leaves until they are monster marrows, and the plants take up a lot of space. Karen Jacquard (a former Blueskin bayite) showed me her very impressive, small, town garden and one thing which really impressed me was her vertical zucchini.

Put a warratah or sturdy stake in the ground right next to your zucchini plant, and as it grows tie a piece of stretch fabric, like a slice of old t-shirt, around the plant and the stake, so the plant grows up the stake instead of sprawling. Each new growth will need another tie. You end up being able to see what is going on under those big leaves and can pick the fruits before they get too big. You can even remove the older, lower leaves as you go. An added bonus is more air circulation, therefore less fungal problems.

If only it was as easy to sort out the teenage bedroom mess problem. (Tying to the stake has long ago gone out of favour).

While on the subject of zucchini, we came back from holiday to find a bit of a zucchini overgrowth problem, so I have been trying to find ways to deal with them.

I use them to make cooked dog food to supplement their raw meat diet. It uses up loads, as they are mostly water and cook down to less volume, with some tasty herbs and meaty bones for flavour.

Another is zucchini pasta. I found an electric spiralizer in an op shop for \$5 (I know right, good score!), but you can make it using one of those potato peelers with a julienne cutting blade. Cut your zucchini into pasta strips, submerge briefly in boiling water, until it comes back to the boil, strain and mix with a fresh basil pesto sauce, or a classic tomato pasta sauce. It is delicious, low carb and uses quite a lot of zucchini.

You can also slice the zucchini into long strips with a regular potato peeler and use the strips to assemble a lasagne, minus the pasta but with your usual lasagne ingredients.

Luckily the season doesn't last all year or we would be sick to death of them.

My next experiment is going to be zucchini flour. Watch this space.



Bob Marley's Birthday

Robert Nesta Marley (6 February 1945 – 11 May 1981, baptised in 1980 as Berhane Selassie) was a Jamaican singer, musician, and songwriter. Considered one of the pioneers of reggae his musical career was marked by fusing elements of reggae, ska and rocksteady as well as his distinctive vocal and songwriting style. Marley's contributions to music increased the visibility of Jamaican music worldwide, and made him a global figure in popular culture to this day. Over the course of his career, Marley became known as a Rastafari icon, and he infused his music with a sense of spirituality. He is also considered a global symbol of Jamaican music and culture and identity, and was controversial in his outspoken support for democratic social reforms.

WCHC

Here at the Waikouaiti Coast Heritage Centre we have survived our first full year in the new building. It would be true to say that it has been a huge learning curve for many of us, with all volunteers having to learn new skills, particularly those needed for a retail environment.

The week leading up to Christmas was a very busy one with the Heritage Centre remaining open all week to meet increased customer demand. We would like to continue being open seven days a week throughout the year, but don't yet have enough volunteers to achieve this.

We continue to include new stock to our range each month. We have just added some beautiful handmade wooden platters to our artisan range with Blue Earth toiletries, NZ based children's games/jigsaws and mobiles to our retail stock.

There seem to be more visitors about at present, which is great to see and our curator is busy dealing with the many heritage queries which are either in person or from online requests. People are often interested to also have a tour through the old bank building as well.

So if you have some spare time, do come and visit us. Don't forget our upcoming Market Day during Waitangi weekend you can either take the opportunity to sell your items or alternatively purchase goods at bargain prices.

Shirley McKewen, Treasurer

WAITANGI WEEKEND MARKET

SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY

10am – 2pm.

**Waikouaiti Coast Heritage Centre
Courtyard, Main Road Waikouaiti**

**Do you have household items,
craft/art work, plants, books,
crochery or anything else you'd like
the opportunity to sell.**

**Just purchase a space for \$25
by emailing admin@wchc.org.nz**

**Looking for some great bargains then make
sure you come to our market on the day
and see what is available.**

The Treaty of Waitangi

New Zealand's founding document was also signed here in Dunedin harbour near Taiaaroa heads, not in February but months later on 13 June 1840. It was signed by two local chiefs, Karetai and Korako.

Karetai (1805-1860) was born and raised on the peninsula at Otakou, he wore a dark heavy facial moko, had a proven war record and his leadership helped to prepare his people for a rapidly changing world. He was a respected leader of the early bicultural community.

Karetai signed the treaty, on behalf of his people, on board HMS Herald in the Harbour on the morning of June 13 1840. He also signed South Island land deeds including the 1844 Otago purchase which preceded the New Edinburgh settlement.

Otakou marae will be hosting a festival day welcoming all. See below for details.



NGĀI TAHU TREATY FESTIVAL 2023

Monday, 6 February 2023 | 10am – 3.30pm

Ōtākou Marae, Tamatea Rd, Otakou

Join Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou in a full day of festivities at Ōtākou Marae, starting with pōwhiri at 10am.

Entertainment from 11am until whakakapika at 3pm.

Bring picnic blankets and a picnic or cash for food and for craft stalls (some eftpos available).

We encourage using public transport – free buses are being provided by ORC (www.orc.govt.nz) to and from the Marae. Please allow for peak traffic on this day.

Expect some walking from additional carparks to festival.

No parking on Tamatea Road or at the Marae.

Easy access for you to drop off and pick up Kaumātua to the marae and festival.

Open to the public, all welcome!

NGĀI TAHU TREATY FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

10am Pōwhiri

11.30am Opening of Festival

**12.30pm Panel Discussion: He Waka Unua, aukahatia,
whakamātua**

3.30pm Festival Closes



Community Fruit Harvesting is a nationwide, volunteer-based effort to pick unwanted fruit from private properties and distribute it to our communities. We live in a time of systemic inequality – some have little access to fresh food while others have more than they can handle.

Here in Ōtepoti Dunedin, the group 'Our Food Network' has built up a large database of backyard fruit trees belonging to folks who are unable to pick or use the fruit, but who are happy to share. OFN takes responsibility for organising volunteers to go and pick that fruit and deliver it to Food Banks, to community pantries, or to individuals or community groups who take the time to process that fruit into jams, jellies, crumbles, pickles and preserves which can then be given out freely.

This is a massive job. We need lots of helping hands to make it work! If you'd like to help pick, process, or redistribute fruit around Dunedin, contact our coordinator on 021 0273 1251 or email communityfruitotepoti@gmail.com. If you have, or know of, trees with unwanted fruit, please get in touch and we'll try to organise some help to get it picked. Please note that we cannot take damaged or rotting fruit, or fruit that is of a very low quantity or quality for eating or processing. We also cannot pick fruit that is not reasonably safe to reach.

We have a facebook group you can join – **Community Fruit Ōtepoti** which is a great place to keep an eye on upcoming events.

Until then, may we be blessed with bountiful crops to share, e ai ki te whakatauki: "Nā tō rourou, nā tāku rourou, ka ora ai te iwi." (With your food basket and my food basket, the people will thrive).

Tamsin Leigh

Open Dialogue

- 1 hard times, and the locals rally round:
homemade preserves, plus
anything you need

a neighbour hikes the gorse track
to fix the pump
keeping our drought at bay
- 2 map key:
red = dairy farm
— valley red and redder

green = market garden
— green going dim

black = new development zone
— black and blacker picture
- 3 a local green meet
a bevy of climate activists
a lot of talk: how we treat soil like dirt

we commit to veganism
while

up the back
a silent farmer
ponders his own version
of practical change

Sophia Wilson



Janet and her pup on Warrington Beach

Photo Geraldine Tait

Halo Project Update



Need help improving habitat on your property?

The Halo Project – Source to Sea has funding and resources available to help landowners plant, fence and restore waterways, wetlands and forest habitat in Coastal Otago.

So far, we've helped 25 landowners achieve their restoration goals. Together we've fenced 11km of forest, riparian and wetland habitat. In 2022 we planted 134,088 native seedlings with the help of landowners and volunteers!

The Halo Project is a not-for-profit organisation. We seek funding from community and corporate grant schemes, and landowners contribute up to 50% of project costs through cash and in-kind contributions. Every agreement is adapted to best suit the landowner's capabilities. Examples of landowner contributions have included planting, fencing, committing to plant maintenance, and cash contributions towards plant costs. Together we have created future forests!

Decisions on the 2023 habitat restoration will be informed by our Guiding Principles.

These are:

- When habitats are connected, biodiversity benefits greatly
- Education and advocacy are enhanced by restoring sites that the community can see, hear about, or be directly involved with

- Restoring sites of importance to Māori aligns with the kaupapa of the Halo Project
- Landowners who have made previous restoration efforts should be acknowledged and rewarded. A landowner's motivation and willingness to contribute factor into our decision making
- Formal protection (covenants) of sites should be promoted, and will be supported
- Biodiversity should be promoted at all stages
- Wetlands are threatened and highly valuable habitats, and should be promoted at all stages
- We can achieve greater outcomes by selecting sites that are easily accessible

Applications will be accepted until 14 February 2023 but get in quick! All applications will be assessed as they are received because we are eager to make the most of fine weather for fencing.

For more information or to apply please visit www.haloproject.org.nz/source-to-sea

HEADER IMAGE: A future forest is formed at Potato Point – Photo Joel Tebb



GREEN FINGERED!

The Halo Project need your help in their nursery!

The Halo Project Source to Sea team is keen to hear from anyone who would like to assist with repotting 20,000 seedlings at their nursery in Pūrākaunui! Work will begin on the 10th of January and continue until the task is complete. You can initially volunteer on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays between 8.30 am – 4.00 pm, though once you are inducted you can drop in whenever suits you.

This is a great, achievable task that will set us up well for our autumn and winter planting season. Our goal for 2023 is to plant almost 100,000 plants around the North Dunedin area so your help in preparing these seedlings would be valuable! Everything you need will be supplied, please note this work is done standing.

Please reach out to Jeanne Hutchison by texting 022 095 0772.

BLUESKIN BAY LIBRARY

28 Harvey Street, Waitati, 9085
Ph 03 482-2444
www.dunedinlibraries.govt.nz

BLUESKIN BAY KNITWITS

Mondays, 6.30 – 8.30pm
(contact Christine 021 133 9340)

Tuesdays, 2.30 – 4.30pm

Need help with a pattern, want to learn or want to connect with other knitters, come and join us, all ages and experience levels are welcome.



BLUESKIN BOOKSHARE

Thursday 23 February, 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. Or come along and pick up the latest issue of Good Reading. All welcome.

Tetra Packs Blueskin Bay Library is now a collection point for Tetra Packs.

Remember to wash, open and flatten your packs, the bin is in the Library garden near the pantry. The cartons are sent to a Hamilton business turn the boxes into sustainable building products.



The All-Saints Fruit & Veg restarts on Thursday 9 February. Please remember to place your orders in by Friday 3 February.

DCC Service Centre

@ Blueskin Bay Library

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

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



THE RANT

by Ian Melvin



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

Keeping with my new years resolution to stay positive, and to slow the ongoing process of slowly turning into a miserable grumpy old sod I will endeavour to take a cheerful outlook here!

What Makes me Glad

...well, hmmmmm living in the Blueskin Bay area, enjoying summer, canoeing, swimming most days, Janet's wonderful facebook posts, working alongside the BSNews team, friends, neighbours, music and the abundance of wildlife around us. My other half who not only puts up with me, and does her best to keep me in check, but also encourages me to walk the right paths, 'no easy task'. At this point I would like to say a big thank you to Meg, who filled the breach last year as our editor, not only keeping us afloat but adding her own distinctive creative touches and welcome back Bernie, who never really went away but now takes back the wheel that steers our little ship and keeps us on course...

What Makes Me Sad

When someone who cares passionately about the things that matter... who does her best to make a difference... who sets a very positive example of how we all should conduct ourselves... steps aside because of organised collective bullying... and ongoing undermining by our media... and will now no longer lead us forward... means we all lose... and makes me very sad indeed.

'hari tau hou' to all...

DIY Chocolate + Cacao wa

Feb 19th, 10am – 2pm
Waiputai Hub, Warrington

www.senoritaawesumo.com/shop



Ronald Herbert Wing

4 April 1928 – 30 December 2022

A memorial service for long time resident of Blueskin Bay, Ron was held at Hope and Sons chapel on 16 January.

Ron was born in Dunedin and grew up during the depression. He was together and resourceful from an early age and very much into tinkering. A jack-of-all trades and a master of most, he was a joiner and carpenter, and wharfie at the Port.



In his younger years he played cornet in a band. He had sound equipment and hired out Wings audio systems to the Stock car races, complete with commentators tower. This sound gear is now used by the Blueskin A and P Society, a lasting legacy of Ron. His last job was to service picture theatre equipment around the region.

When Ron married Marg he moved to Ravensbourne and built a house in Manuka Street. Initially 2 bedrooms, it soon needed to house 8 children, they extended several times, the 5 boys had the big room that spanned the length of the house.

He enjoyed taking the family away on holidays, including the family milking goat all the way to Nelson, or frequently camping at Bucklands Crossing. He was known to cook up roadkill rabbits. And to brew incredible cider and very potent wine.

The bach at Doctors Point was a favourite spot and they moved there permanently when he retired. North-facing and elevated he grew veges, berries and flowers. Huge dahlias, gladioli, roses, hydrangeas and tulips, something for very season.

He was a provider, a problem solver and a progressive person. As a 50 year member of the Lions Club in Port, he played a big part of setting up Housie and other fundraising events over the years and organising and attending many conventions over the years

Ron had been everywhere and loved to explore places on the doorstep like Tuapeka Mouth, or under the bridge at Thornbury, Aparima. He was one of the earliest members of the Motorhome Association, member 598. He owned many buses during his life including a 1948 Bedford, and later a Leyland Tiger. The Motorhome Association was a big part of his life especially during retirement and he was always heavily involved in admin and organisation. At get-togethers, he made a point of welcoming solo folk with a shared meal.

In the last 15 years without Marg he set up a group called the Freewheelers, planning regular adventures and get-togethers for his companions.

You may be travelling solo but you need never be alone.

RIP RON

SAVE THE DATE

Waitati Hall Saturday 4 March 8pm



Nelson band 'Genre Fluid' are touring Aotearoa for the release of their debut album, Bonafide Lover.

Music looping duo known for unique and dynamic live loops and theatrical stage presence. Their music influences include Led Zeppelin, Talking Heads and Fat Freddy's Drop.

Weaving improvised acts with high energy anthems.

Do not miss this unique performance.

To hear some of their groovy stuff, give this a listen

www.linktr.ee/genrefluid

SAVE THE DATE

Blueskin On Show – Sunday 2 April



Organising the Blueskin On Show day is well under way. The registrations for display sites are progressing well but there is still plenty of space for more so if you want to display your wares please let us know.

Car boot site \$10 includes gate entry for 1 person (pay cash on arrival), extra persons \$3 gate charge.

Commercial area – businesses/companies on show \$25 includes 2 gate entries

Commercial area selling product eg food vendors \$45 includes 2 gate entries

The Warrington and Waitati Schools will once again be catering for the starving hordes. This is a great fundraiser for them so please put your hands up to help out where required.

The Blueskin Garden Club is organising the very popular Fruit & Vegetable Competitions along with a fancy hat-making on the day.

The Waitati Fire Brigade will be putting on displays along with the original Waitati Ford fire engine restoration project.

For more information:

Alasdair Morrison 027 435 4384 info@calmarine.co.nz
Phil Kelly 021 279 7737 kelph29p@registry.otago.ac.nz

WAITATI BOOK CLUB by Ian Melvin

Pubnite – as per usual we adjourned to a pub for our December get together, Zanzibar on George Street was Marc's suggestion. As it turned out a positive choice, with Covid once more prevalent in the community, we had our own private room out the back with great service and a good platter of bar nibbles, a wide selection of gins (not really my tippie) and a good selection of beer, with good company what more could you wish for really?

THE BOOK

Peter's choice – *Eileen* by **Otessa Moshfegh**, shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize 2016.

'A taut psychological thriller, rippled with comedy as black as a ravens wing' – The Times, me, not a

light read! not sure if

enjoyed is the right word here, but certainly a worthy read. Once again a mixed revue from our members.

Other books

Me – a loan from my friend Cam, *Island of the Lost* by **Joan Druett**, based on a true story of two shipwrecks in 1864 on the Auckland Islands.

Using survivor's journals the author recreates the times, the culture and the language of the era as these hardy souls battle to survive in arduous conditions against the odds. A well-written and compelling read.

Marc – I have been reading *Close Range, Wyoming Stories* by **Annie Proulx**, vivid, intense stories set in a hostile environment in which perseverance and a resolution to make something meaningful of life is not always successful.

Uncompromising and for the most part grim, they evoke a strong empathy with the protagonists.

BEER

Me – not usually a big fan of **Richard Emerson's** beer, but they outdid themselves this time, so credit where its due. My favourite German beer when in Germany is a dunkel hefeweizen beer, here they have provided a perfect example of this beer style in the **Heritage Series Dunkelweiss German Style Dark Ale**, a cloudy wheatbeer. This is cloudy because the yeast is left in and the dark malt is a great counter to the usual sweetness of a wheat beer.

Marc – giving my liver a rest after xmas excesses, I am enjoying **Garage Project's** non-alcoholic **Tiny**, a hazy pale ale.

Enough character to convince you drinking the real thing.

MUSIC

Me – with the recent loss of another master guitar player, **Jeff Beck**, CDs off my recent playlist, **The Yardbirds/Smokestack Lightning** and **Jeff Beck/There & Back**, You can listen on YouTube: **Yardbirds/For your love** and **Jan Hammer/Too Much to Lose** with Ringo Starr, Jeff Beck and David Gilmour, a reminder of the man's talent

Marc – **Gunter Herberg** is a German guitarist living in NZ who has transcribed works by **Arvo Part** for a solo electric guitar. It works – he has captured nuances very well and it is very pleasant listening.

TV/FILM

Song for Marion with **Terence Stamp**, **Vanessa Redgrave**, **Gemma Arterton**, and a wider assortment of British acting talent. I have to own up here to being an old fashioned romantic at heart, when you have a smile on your face and a tear in your eye you know they have done their work well. Recorded this on the television, but sure to be found on the usual sources.

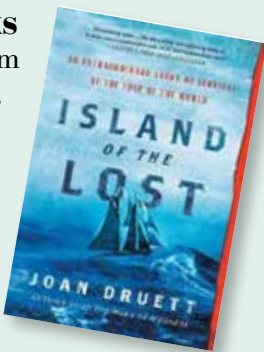
WORD OF THE MONTH

Community – '... is not an end in itself, but a frame for higher qualities – the qualities of the mind and the heart', '...whether of one family or several, is the infinitely variable expression of the excellence of human beings, and not their cause', '...with the assistance that was always willingly and cheerfully extended, I received instruction in how to help myself, the most valuable gift that can be offered'.

MEANING OF LIFE

'whatever the nature of the problem, it can only be tackled creatively', 'to make a breach in the wall – and the wall is almost always in one's own mind', 'Perhaps only when you have come to the end of your resources will the light dawn. It is only when we admit our limitations that we find that there are no limitations.'

All quotes from **Big Sur and the Oranges of Hieronymus Bosch** by **Henry Miller**.



Calling all singing lovers and wannabes!

It has been an absolute delight reforming The Mix Tape Choir recently and singing with the Blueskin community at the Gallery on Blueskin (shout out to Sue and Vicky!) I established The Mix Tape Choir in Waitati and Koputai Port Chalmers in 2016 and they proved themselves to be popular and spirited. A highlight was a memorable performance combining both choirs in the Poet Pallet shed at the 2017 Waitati Music Festival before I ventured overseas and Wellington for a number of years.



The choir project continues to give me pleasure and I am privileged to see people brave their self-doubt and fear and take the plunge to eventually feel empowered, uplifted and gain confidence through singing. I endeavour to have an inclusive and informal kaupapa – hence, no audition is required.

Waitangi Weekend Singing Workshop

With my recent return to Dunedin, an enthusiastic response to start the choir up again in Waitati has been humbling. I have had such fun singing with new and former members and it is because of this response that I am delighted to offer a Singing Workshop which will take place over Waitangi weekend on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th February, 1pm – 4pm at the Waitati Hall, contingent on interest.

In the spirit of the 8-week block of sessions, this workshop will give us a dedicated chunk of time over two afternoons with which to build an entirely new repertoire of contemporary songs and sing our hearts out with each other. Not only will we create a beautiful sound and have some fun, the stress-busting benefits of singing means you will leave feeling energised and joyful with a deeper sense of connection, community and achievement.

To add to the experience we have musical accompaniment on guitar by the super-talented Alex Wolken on some of the songs, and the workshop is lead by myself, Karin Reid – a jazz vocalist of many years.

Fundraising Performance

In addition to the workshop (and entirely optional) there will be the opportunity to participate in an informal choir performance on Sunday 5th February (early evening) for friends, whānau and other members of the public. All KOHA donations to the performance will go to the Gumboot Friday charity. The evening will also include a wee performance by Alex Wolken and me along with other guest performances (tbc); a very relaxed affair!

Summer Sing Into Autumn

This is an 8-week block of choir sessions held at the Gallery on Blueskin on Mondays, 6pm – 7pm. This will run from 13 February until 3 April. New members are most welcome.

For all of the above to go ahead, I need a minimum of 10 participants.

The workshop investment is \$60. The Summer Sing Into Autumn block is \$80 or \$15 casual.

Please register your interest via karin_in_port@yahoo.com or text 0204 179 3783

I hope you can join me in these musical Summer offerings.

Schedule:

Singing Workshop 4 & 5 February, 1pm – 4pm Waitati Hall (\$60)

Fundraising Performance 5 February, from 6.30pm Waitati Hall (koha entry)

Summer Sing Into Autumn block, Mondays 13 February – 3 April (8 weeks), 6pm – 7pm Blueskin Gallery (\$80 or \$15 casual)

Workshop/performance over Easter weekend tbc

Karin Reid



"The carpets are cleaned, the lawns mowed, the furniture ready to be set up for another awesome year of learning at Waitati School. The teachers are so excited to see the lovely faces of our tamariki. The trees have missed your gentle hugs and wee feet climbing on their branches. The loose parts wait in the old shed ready for your hut building and the sandpit has missed the many holes and sandcastles.

In the first few weeks of school we are hoping to install our Creatives in School Project from 2022. The Creatives in schools programme is a wellbeing programme delivered by the Ministry of Education in partnership with the Ministry of Culture and Heritage Te Manatū Taonga and Creative New Zealand.

Our project which we were lucky to have been selected for, is made up of three huge wooden pou (logs) with ceramic tiles spaced over them that tell pictorially the Kai Tahu Creation Story. Over the first six months of 2022, the students and teachers worked with David Milne, local ceramic artist to learn the art of working with clay while at the same time, learning about our local Kai Tahu Creation story. The creativity of working with clay, helped everyone to grow in their understanding of this foundational story, treasured in our region. We are so grateful to Rua McCullum, Kaitoko at Puketeraki, for patiently working with us. Thanks to Chris Slabbert for his lead in this project. It has been a collaborative project including all the ākonga at Waitati School, teachers plus some of our community who had designed special tops for the Pou.

The installation is being placed in the Orokonui entrance pathway of the estuary. This completion of this project is a wonderful way to begin the year. I hope many of you enjoy the sculpture on your daily walks.

For 2023, we embark on another Creatives in school project, where we will be developing our wetland to include an outdoor classroom, fire pit and place for free play. This space is where we recently planted 400 native trees (thanks Halo Project) in an attempt to try and encourage the wetland back. How wonderful to have a place for native birds and insects on our school doorstep.

You might have seen on Facebook, but we had our first ever landing of kaka at Waitati School last term. We were so excited, we nearly scared them away. Just after Christmas, a kaka came to visit me at the school house. So lucky."

Tara O'Neill, Principal



BLUESKIN Playcentre

"Whānau tupu ngātahi – families growing together"

Happy New Year! We hope that 2023 has some really lovely things in store for you and your loved ones! We are pretty excited about what this year holds for our Playcentre whanau! We are absolutely stoked to have the fantastic Beatrice Lee back as our educator this year. Bea has a wonderful way of building on our children's interests and turning these into fun and educational play. Her gentle presence and wise words always brighten up our sessions. We are delighted to have her join us again this year!



This year the kids won't be the only ones learning – we also have a number of educational opportunities for our Playcentre parents too, so if learning something new was one of your new year's resolutions then we have lots to offer! We will be offering first aid training, as well as education sessions on children's learning, play and ways of supporting healthy brain development. We are also looking at options for our tamariki to experience a marae visit. A really special opportunity for our wee ones! There may also be the possibility of learning some kapa haka and taking part in Polyfest! Lots of exciting opportunities in the pipeline!

If this sounds like something you'd be interested in, or if you'd just like to meet some lovely local families and have a nice play with your kids, then we would love to see you! We have sessions on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 8:45am – 12:15pm. Please find us on Facebook (Blueskin Playcentre), at www.playcentre.org.nz/centre/blueskin/, or at blueskinplaycentre88@gmail.com. We will be back in the sandpit on Tuesday 31 January 2023 – come join us for a play!

Aroha nui, Blueskin Playcentre



BLUESKIN GARDEN CLUB

Another year has flown by and to celebrate the end of 2022 saw a large number of members and their partners meet up at the home of Fiona and Dave in Waitati. Here we walked around the large, colourful garden and then enjoyed a delicious shared meal.

We take a break over the holidays but will be back together again on the 9 February. We will take a trip to the Totara Estate where we will have a tour followed by a "posh" afternoon tea.

March will see us visiting local gardens and then in April we will be in our usual spot at Blueskin On Show Day. Look out for our tents where we will have competitions for home grown fruit and vegetables as well as flowers and a plant stall. Lots of preserves, pickles and jams will also be there to be tasted and judged. More information on this in next month's BSN.

Hard to believe but we will be celebrating our 30th Anniversary later this year. Some of us have been there since the start and we have been many places, and hosted a huge number of flower shows, Blueskin On Show Days, Daffodil Day stalls, Kitchen duty on Anzac Day – we are always busy and enjoying one another's company. We hope to have a big celebration for present and past members in late 2023. Look out for more information as the year goes on.

Happy gardening everyone and all the best for 2023.

Lyn Hastie, Publicity.



Sea Skins, the latest collection of work from Dunedin poet **Sophia Wilson**, was released this month by Flying Islands/ Cerberus Press, as part of The Flying Islands Pocket Poets series.

Auckland poet and academic Siobhan Harvey says that *"...Wilson charges her work with an electric wordsmithing which makes each poem thrum."*

You can read more of Sophia's poems at her blog: sophiakwilson.wordpress.com

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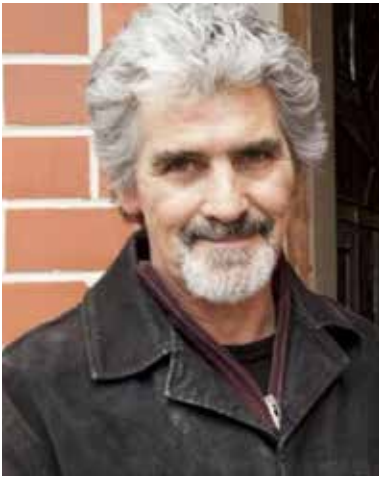
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Robert Sinclair Doull 20/06/1957 – 3/01/2023



Born in Dunedin while living in Central, Robbie was one of 3 boys and 2 girls. Growing up they lived in Benmore and Roxburgh before moving to Māori hill. Robbie's dad worked at the Manapouri dam and they moved around going where the work was, they eventually settled in Tauranga once he left.

Fun and bright and kind to his siblings, Robbie never stayed still growing up. He was good at sport – diving, swimming and especially rugby – and was an Otago under 15 rep and later played for Bay of Plenty.



Always handsome, his hair was a work of art, he pushed boundaries at high school, not allowed hair below his collar he grew it above the collar, up and out, big, big hair!

Tragically, both mum and dad were diagnosed with cancer when he was a teen, the family lost the house and savings to a bad investment, a year later mum passed away. The family was separated Robbie going to live with his grandma, which was not a good time, he didn't finish school, but went flatting. This is when he meet his first wife, Anya.

His older sister convinced him to go back to school and do bursary and eventually University Entrance exams. He moved back to Dunedin to attend Art School, and though he did not finish his degree, this was the start of a lifelong love of art. Robbie was an artist. His work was always evolving and he challenged himself with different projects, animal series and the human form.

He was very private about his work, but open to let anyone know that his proudest achievements were his children, Casey, Jesse, and Kohl.

He lived in Waitati nearly 40 years, keeping to himself, gardening, painting and doing the things he loved. A regular attendee of Artsenta in town he made many friendships there and showed his work as part of their annual shows, but never a solo show. The family hope to exhibit some of his work locally later in the year.

I dream of painting then I paint my dream – Vincent Van Gogh



BLUESKIN NEWS AGM THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY | 7.30PM GALLERY ON BLUESKIN

Well we're not exactly looking for would be space explorers – that was just to get your attention, but now we've got it – read on!

Have you got 15 hours a year to spare? Do you have a keen interest in our local community, its history and people? Do you like to keep up-to-date with what's going on around your area?

If you've answered yes to any of the above, we would love to enlist your aid. Come along to our AGM on 23 February and meet the BSN Committee, we are looking for new members to have a voice in the BSN.

We're a great group and there's no space travel involved! See you there...

WAIKOUAITI COAST COMMUNITY BOARD UPDATE

The very recent severe rainfall event in the Auckland area serves as a timely reminder that freak events of nature can happen anywhere, any time, and often with little warning. Here in our north coast area we have had our share of flooding, snow events and fires but, so far, no earthquakes. Over the past few years a number of new houses have been built and so we have welcomed a good number of new residents to the area. A question we should be asking ourselves is "Do we know our neighbours?". In the event of a natural emergency it is important to be aware of any folk in our close neighbourhood who might be in need of assistance.

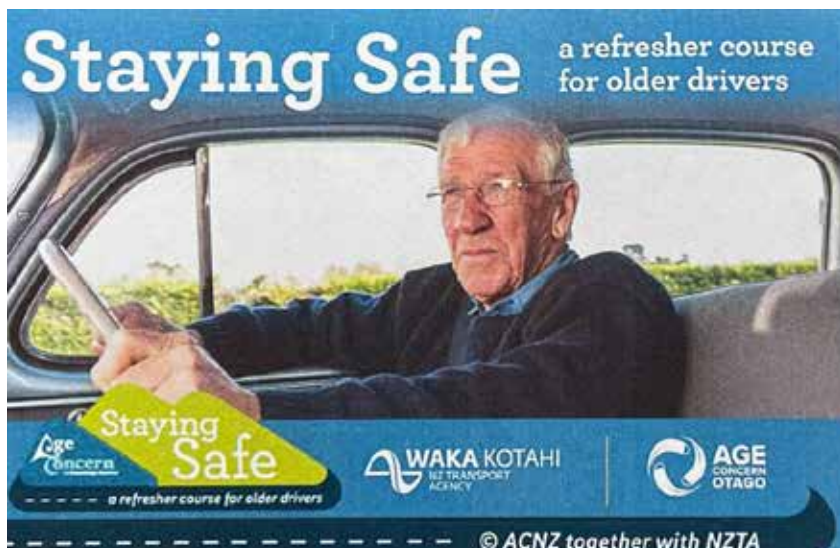
At 'Blueskin on Show' at Bland Park on Sunday 2 April, representatives from Civil Defence & Emergency Management (CDEM) will have a display with lots of useful information. We will also be at our usual Community Board display, together with representatives from Dunedin City Council – all of whom will be

available to address any queries you might have.

Our next formal meeting will be held on Wednesday 22 February, starting at 5.30pm in the Blueskin Bay Library meeting room. If you would like to speak at the Public Forum at the start of the meeting, please contact Rebecca Murray at DCC on 477 4000, or give me a call.

Our discretionary fund is still healthy and we look forward to receiving grant applications from any community groups who are in need of a bit of financial assistance. Details on how to apply for a grant can be found on the Dunedin City Council website. If you would like more information about applying for a grant, feel free to contact any board member.

**Alasdair Morrison, Chairman,
Waikouaiti Coast Community Board**
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Thursday 9	The All-Saints Fruit & Veg restarts Please remember to place your orders in by Friday 3 February.
Thursday 23	Blueskin Bookshare: 3.30 – 4.30pm
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

GALLERY ON BLUESKIN	
Wednesday 1	Quiz: 6.30pm \$15 including supper
Saturday 4	Live music: 7 – 9pm James Digan
Saturday 18	Jazz: Paper Moon
Sunday 26	Live music in the courtyard: 2 – 4pm Maple Wood Band
MONDAYS	Mix Tape Choir: Summer Sing Into Autumn block, 13 February – 3 April (8 weeks), 6pm – 7pm (\$80 or \$15 casual)

WAIPUTAI HUB	
Sunday 19	DIY Chocolate workshop + Cacao Activation: 10am – 2pm Cost \$66 Senorita Awesome: 022 027 3223
Friday 24	Staying Safe – A refresher course for older drivers: 10am – 1pm FREE Age Concern Kristen: 03 479 3054
MONDAYS	Music lessons (during school term weeks only). String instruments 4pm onwards. Contact: Nancy
TUESDAYS	Homeschool Group: 10am-1pm Contact: Debbie Ping Pong: 7 – 8.30pm. All ages, levels and drop ins welcome. Contact: Helena 022 6474 738
WEDNESDAYS	Pilates: Intermediate 9.30 – 10.30am Beginners 10.45 – 11.45am Open Class 5.30 – 6.30pm Contact: Dell 020 433 3355
THURSDAYS	Homeschool Group: 12 – 3pm Contact: Amy Pilates: Casual session 6.30pm \$18 Contact: Sylvia 021 109 9302
SUNDAYS	Blueskin Bay Orchestra rehearsal 4pm – 6pm. Contact Emily

WAITATI VILLAGE	
Sunday 5	Village Market: 11am Contact: Mandy

WAITATI HALL	
Saturday 4 & Sunday 5	Waitati Weekend Singing Workshop: The Mix Tape Choir 1 – 4pm each day \$60pp register by 1 February Text 0204 179 3783 Fundraising Performance: Sunday 5, 6.30pm Koha entry
MONDAYS	Steady As You Go: 1.30pm Age Concern Gentle Yoga: 6 – 7pm Bring your own mat \$10pp Contact: hagino.yoga@gmail.com Table Tennis: 7.30pm til late Contact Nigel 021 236 2818
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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 6 – 6.30pm Nancy Contact nancymiller140@gmail.com

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