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Editor's Note

Matariki, Aotearoa's first indigenous public holiday, has been makariri, cold – but what a fitting opportunity to pause, reflect and connect. It is a time to ponder the intensity and beauty of the coldest months. It is a chance to contemplate the year that has gone and consider how and why the next one will be different. It is an occasion to revitalise or begin new and meaningful traditions with family and friends; to cherish those around us, who we support and who support us.

Pōhutukawa, one of the stars of Matariki is said to be connected to those departed. She helps people to retain memories of their loved ones and encourages remembrance. Therefore, Matariki is also an important moment to hold in our hearts those who cannot physically follow us into the future, but who have helped shape who we are. Kia kaha. Mānawatia a Matariki.

Meg Brasell-Jones



PHOTO: Lantern Walk, Karitane School



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Pūrākaunui School

Obituary for Leslie Grant Williams of Thornicroft Road

Leslie lived his whole life in Waitati. He passed away suddenly at home this Winter solstice. Born in October 1969 he would have turned 53 this year. His Dad, Les or Tex, as he was known, purchased Thornicroft Road with the vision of creating his own piece of paradise, and that is exactly what he did.

Waitati in the 1970's was the perfect childhood, Solo dad Les let him roam free, hanging out in the bush and at the beach. As a teen Leslie rode his motorbike with sister N'ia and the Clark boys, Barry and Graeme. He attended Waitati primary and Logan Park High School. Leslie worked hard on their family farmlet at Evansdale and was employed to drive the tractor on many neighbouring properties.

Les and Leslie would frequently attend the Oamaru Heritage celebrations, where they entered the moustache growing competition. One of Leslie's special skills was his bird calls and he would win the whistling competition with his multiple bird impersonations, the Tui and Bellbird being both humorous and impressive performances.

Incredibly close to his father, who was literally his best friend, they were fondly known as 'Dad and Dave' or 'Truck and Trailer'. They were inseparable, Leslie never left his side, living at home with Les until his passing four years ago. Leslie had everything he needed in Waitati to occupy his days, but without his Dad life was not the same.

He will be missed by our Waitati community and his whanau. RIP Leslie.

Mandy Mayhem Bullock



We have had an action packed term 2 so far, with plenty happening in and out of the classroom. For our school Matariki celebration we all made lanterns and Jay Fowlds designed and helped us to make some awesome Matariki T-shirts. We have been planning our new bike track, funded by the DCC, with Scarlett Hagan from Bike School and our tamariki have been busy coming up with design ideas including jumps, bumps, bridges, and road signs! We have also planted 200 plants at Long Beach with Jeanne Hutchinson from the Halo Project.

We are planning an Art, Wine & Cheese fundraiser night in Term 3 (date TBC) with an exhibition and auction of work by students and other artists. We are seeking donations of art: inspiring, quirky, unique or local pieces including those created by members of our community would be most appreciated. Please email Rache Duval-Smith: ms.d-s@purakaunui.school.nz.

The Board of Trustees is seeking a minute taker. Meetings are held twice per term, on a weekday evening, and typically run for 2 hours. The role will be paid at \$50 per meeting. If you are interested please contact our chairperson, Jo Monks: jo.m.monks@gmail.com.

We are sorry to farewell Katherine Dixon from the Board, as she has resigned to prioritise a new leadership role spearheading the Friends of the School group for fundraising. A massive thank you to Katherine for her many years of service and her continued mahi for the school.

Now that we are down a member and with triennial elections approaching in September, we urge anyone who is interested in becoming a trustee to get in touch with Jo Monks (jo.m.monks@gmail.com) or sit in on a Board meeting (dates are advertised in our school newsletters or contact office@purakaunui.school.nz for upcoming meeting dates).

Sarah Williamson



Hut Making at Waitati School

Peter Gray, one of my Education Heros, has dedicated his life to advocating for children to play freely. There has never been a time in NZ history where play is so important for our children. Play is self-chosen and self-directed. Play is intrinsically motivated—means are more valued than ends. Play is guided by mental rules, but the rules leave room for creativity. Play is imaginative. Play is one way children can work at making sense of life. It is helpful for their self-esteem and it is critical to their mental health. Waitati School has a long history of free play. The grounds provide a beautiful space for play to occur. At the moment, huts are in big time.

Peter Gray says, 'In free play, children learn to make their own decisions, solve their own problems, create and abide by rules, and get along with others as equals rather than as obedient or rebellious subordinates.'

While the children create rules, it provides an opportunity to see how groups make and play by those rules. Children are very serious about their play and fair minded. Below is a hut which is the market place, where items of value can be traded. Each hut has a sign and a purpose. During breaks children love working on their huts. Being outside in dappled light restores and relaxes. You might come across these huts when you visit Waitati School in the weekends. If you do, by all means have a play, but could you please be respectful of them and leave them as they are.

Ka kite ki Matariki, Tara O'Neill - Principal



Blueskin Playcentre News

Tēnā koutou katoa! At Playcentre we are all about play (the clue is in the name!) and when kids are playing they are learning! Playcentre's philosophy is to embrace child-led free play and to offer a rich array of resources and experiences. Our sessions align with the New Zealand Early Childhood Education Curriculum, Te Whāriki, which expresses our vision that all children grow up in New Zealand as competent and confident learners, strong in their identity, language and culture. Te Whāriki emphasises our bicultural foundation, our multicultural present and the shared future we are creating. Both Playcentre and Te Whāriki put children's play at the heart of their learning — they encourage all children to learn in their own ways, supported by adults who know them well and have their best interests at heart.

Did you know that Playcentre also offers parents a free, accredited NZQA education programme exploring children's play? Many parents say this has given them a deeper understanding and appreciation of their child's play; things like why their child is enjoying particular types of play, what kind of learning is happening, as well as new ideas for activities their kids will enjoy (always handy!) Many have also said this course has been very helpful for understanding Te Whāriki and that this knowledge has continued to serve them well as their child progresses into primary education. So it's not just our kids who are learning at Playcentre!

We have sessions Mon, Tue and Wed, 9am – 12pm. If you'd like to arrange a visit, then please find us on Facebook (Blueskin Playcentre), at <https://www.playcentre.org.nz/centre/blueskin/>, or at blueskinplaycentre88@gmail.com. Just a reminder that our Facebook page is the easiest way to get the latest updates on what we are up to. We hope to see you soon!

Aroha nui, Blueskin Playcentre





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I don't suppose I'll need paroxetine,
or painkillers, or photo ID?
I'm sure my old Toyota will last the distance
as long as I top up the oil.

Will I fit into the universal consciousness?
Or will I still be a
slightly awkward
piece of dust
in the wind?

Octavia Palmer

Orokonui Hospital Buildings

I am looking for any information on the old buildings at Orokonui Hospital. This is for research reasons only. Maybe a book in the future. Preferably pre-1945 when the old Inebriates Home building was still there. My main request is for the exact positioning of this building in relation to today's maps.

Any information most gratefully received. Contact Bryce Gray 021 115 7187, oldnrusty@gmail.com

Bryce Gray



VIEW OF THE MAIN BUILDING OF THE INEBRIATE HOME.



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A Century & a Half at St Barnabas

At this time 150 years ago two men were labouring in a field on the slope above the Warrington township. They didn't have any consents; they didn't have any plans, they hadn't read any building code; they didn't have an existing use right under the Resource Management Act, and I'm pretty sure they weren't interested in any generation of the district plan.

They were building a church. St Barnabas church, in fact. Benjamin Smith from Waitati was a professional carpenter employed for the job, but his 'boy' was the local landowner Capt. William Pitt, whose labour was entirely voluntary. Of course, he had an incentive as the congregation were holding services in his kitchen and he probably looked forward to having his Sunday lunch in peace again. The two men, different in social status and background (tradesman and landowner; Ben born locally, William an English immigrant) seem to have got on well and their work together was described as 'harmonious.' The building material had to be hauled by horse and cart over the hill from Dunedin, so we

can be sure "Measure twice, cut once." was the order of the day and any mistakes must have been vexing, to use a good Victorian word.

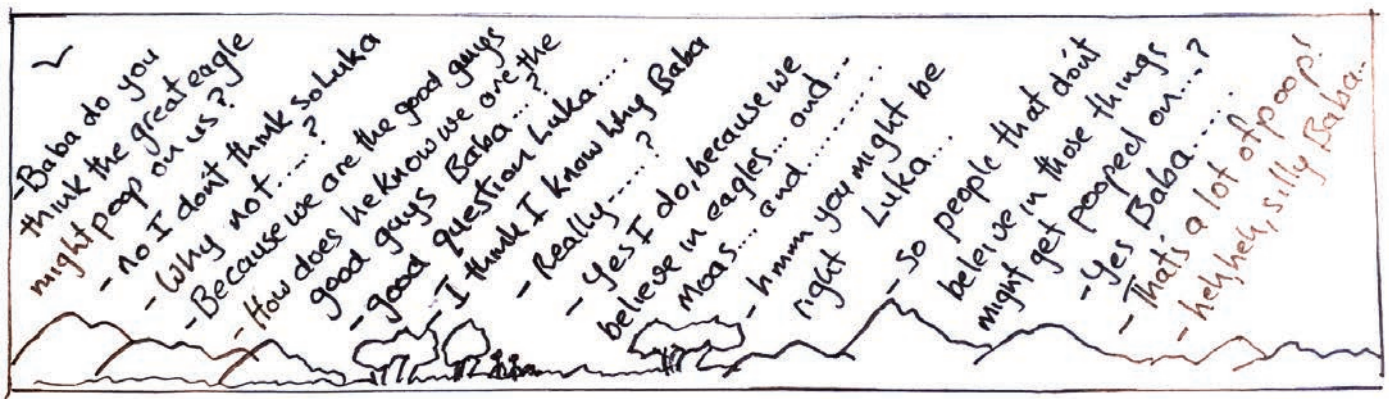
Although the building is wood the two men created a beautifully proportioned church very much in an English style, with Gothic doors and windows, a shingle roof, a spire and, as a little icing on the cake, a shingled lych gate where, to this day, we greet the departed as they arrive at their final resting place in the graveyard. The beautiful stained glass behind the altar and the bell came from England, but everything else they found locally.

I can feel the harmony of these two men in the work they have done and appreciate the blessings they have left us in this place. St Barnabas is a place of spiritual peace with a ministry of its own, quite separate from the congregation.

We have a service every Sunday at 9.30am. Sadly, the church is locked now because of some issues, but we are happy to open on request. Contact Rowena Park 03 482 2667 if you would like a tour of the church.

To celebrate 150 years since the first service, the Bishop is coming on 20th November and we'll have a celebratory lunch. If you have a connection here, keep the date free. More details to follow in future issues of the Blueskin news.

Jeremy Nicoll - St Barnabas Church, Warrington, NZ.



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Aliens 2

Famous writers like Charlie Dickens, Jane Austen, Terry Pratchett, Edith what's her name and me Dad, Derek the Dunnock all left unfinished scribbles, songs and tweets and there's been a bit of aggro 'bout what to do with them. Relis intent on cashing in have either tried to finish them off; oh god the Silmarillion; or got a mate to polish them off and halve the proceeds, published them incomplete even if the author, like Kafka wanted them destroyed; or destroy them, cash be damned; common in the case of letters that reveal the author's relationships were more like those of us Dunnocks than those of fine, upstanding, literary figures.

So it's with some nervous flicking of our alulas that we launch into editing, well, making any sense whatsoever of me Dad's inebriated Poroporo induced tweets and chirps that's Aliens 2*: The Avian Denizens of Stoathaven Estate. Here goes. Silmarillion be damned.

Redpoll: Scruffy little stubby beaked sparrowy thing that flies around in circles buzzing away like some frantic bee, flashin' his gaudy red breast and reckons he's singing. Infest the place in summer then piss off no doubt to some Ibiza paddock for winter where they get pissed on fermented grain.

Yellowhammer: Anuver gaudy sparrowy thing that sits on top of a gorse bush, no doubt thinkin' his yellow head blends in with the gorse

flowers and he's no sittin' duck to a Karearea. All summer long he "sings" his tedious little ditty that yous tone deaf Homo so called sapiens say sounds like a little bit of bread and no cheese. Meanwhile his dowdy wee mate is sittin' it out low down in a tussock wondering if she's gonna get off their eggs before the neighbour's cat gets her. Typical male. No wonder there's only a couple of them.

Starling: Used to be useful in pub or green party quizzes 'til murmuration became common parlance and the regulars returned to cursing them for roosting in their millions and killing off their carbon offsets and the green party reclassified them as colonists. Like cats they nest in the neighbours' ill kempt, holey buildings and bring their screeching chicks over here to hoe in to the plums and apples.

Blackbird: Have to say I don't mind Bertie Blackbird's rambling, fluty songs at dawn and dusk of a warm summer's evening but he and his partner freak out at the merest hint of danger. They career off, screaming their heads' off in a raucous, heart stopping chatter like a Karearea were on their tail. Talk about crying wolf. Need to toughen the f up. Litigious with it. Been hassling the Parlement of Foules for years to declare it wasn't a Nightingale singing in Berkeley Square but a Blackbird, not to mention suing Sir Paul claiming his Blackbird ditty demeans the natural, elegiac, romantic, British essence of their song.

Oops. Eurocentric bias showing. Trouble is there ain't that many Denizens of the Forests of Aotearoa left around here. The Orokonui Sanctuary thingy does it's best and a Kaka, replete with bling poor thing that made her look like a US tank invading Iraq, turned up on me Ornithologist's deck last week and proceeded to rip off the silver insulation on his hot water thingy. I feel sorry for the poor things. Forest guys they is. Towering Rimu and Kahikatea replete with Rata and Kareao vines and perching Astelias there ain't. Relocate me to Dubai and I'd be hanging around the well watered ex pat golf course 19th tee pining for the hedgerows of Sussex. Me Ornithologist chased her away. Then, over coffee on the deck he remembered the homeless Hscs with their supermarket trolleys who emerged from the beach in San Francisco and begged at the tables of those like him who were scoffing breakfast at the cafe cross the road. The cops moved them on.

See July 2021 BSN for Aliens 1

Dasa Dunnock






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Source to Sea Planting Days – Long Beach - 2022

When: Saturday 2 July 10am - 3pm

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What to bring: Spade, gloves and gumboots, warm clothes, lunch and a drink. Low fitness is required.

Cost: No cost we appreciate you volunteering your time.

Register: Please contact Jeanne@haloproject.org.nz

Postponements: Registered volunteers will be notified via email. Or you can check our Facebook page www.facebook.com/halobeyondorokonui/

Are you a business or community group?

We have over 30,000 plants to be planted here over the next year and we would love all the help we can get! If you have a community or business group that is keen to come along for a day of volunteering, please reach out. We are looking forward to hosting Audiology South, Stantec and Cumberland College in the coming weeks!

Feel free to get in touch with the team at: <https://www.haloproject.org.nz/news>

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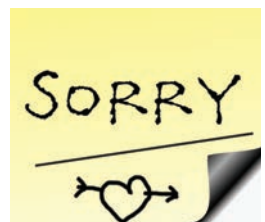
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Okāhau Dune Project Apology

The June update on the Okāhau Dune Project was published in error by the Blueskin News without the Okāhau Dune Project's consent (due to a misunderstanding) and was originally only meant for members of the mailing list.

Mandy Mayhem Bullock



Editor's Reminder

Election material for the August edition of Blueskin News needs to be submitted by the 15th July.

Email blueskin.input@gmail.com

Meg Brasell-Jones



Park Your Vote

Some years ago, I implored my young friends to vote in the local election. But why, they asked. Because you can, I said. Who should we vote for? I don't care, just vote. Well, that was a lie. I cared a lot but wanted them to work it out for themselves. Anyway, it's easier to decide who not to vote for. In the upcoming DCC election, I'd implore them not to vote for any misogynists, racists, anti-vaxxers, climate change deniers, or whoever's unresolved anger management over \$12 parking fines has cost the city \$100k's.

Mind you, if you follow the local political landscape, Mr Angry should be happy he got a park, because despite a global pandemic, burgeoning climate change effects, expanding financial inequalities, and vast infrastructural needs throughout our region, the ability to park one's car directly outside retail stores seems to be voter priority. Now, I'm no Marxist but I

understand comrade Karl's theory pertaining to real needs verses false needs, and if being able to park outside Weatherall jewellers while you buy a diamond necklace is going to decide our council, we're in deep doodoo.

I feel that what voters should care about is building a hospital, having it staffed, creating a sustainable transport system, and protecting the environment for future generations.

What I also notice while gauging voter sentiment is the continual desire to wipe the slate clean. Vote them all out and elect people who will listen to the people. Well, voters may think that will secure them a highly desired car park, but in effect, it weakens democracy.

So, get out and vote this election. In fact, there's no need to get out, it's postal. Just fill in the form using our provenly reliable STV system and post it. The counters do the rest. As British playwright Tom Stoppard wrote in 1972, "It's not the voting that's democracy, it's the counting." So let's make our vote counters work for their money.

Doug Nuttall

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Okāhau Dune Project Update - Planting Day

Come one, come all! Our second Public Planting Day of pikao/pingao will be held at Warrington Beach (Okāhau) on Saturday 16 July, details are:

- ✿ Meet outside Warrington surf club for welcome and briefing at 10am.
- ✿ Bring sturdy shoes and weather-appropriate clothes.
- ✿ Bring a spade (even a trowel will do) and gloves if you have them. Pikao can be tough and spiky and we will be putting fertiliser tabs in the holes, so gloves will be useful.
- ✿ A planting co-ordinator will be

assigned to each smaller group so everyone knows what they are doing.

- ✿ Hot food (vegan surprise) and drinks provided by Local Legends: His and Hers Catering!! Please bring extra food if you think you're going to need it - there is no shop at Warrington village.
- ✿ Drinking water available upstairs at the Surf Club rooms (where we'll have lunch), and at the tap behind the kiosk
- ✿ Toilets available behind the kiosk also.

We're hoping to be done by early afternoon.

Rain date is Sunday 17 July.

Joining us on the day for the second year in a row - UniCrew!! Please give these guys a big welcome, their

contribution last year warmed the cockles of our hearts, and meant we got all the work done in good time - you guys made our day!

All are welcome, for as much or as little time as you are able.

Join our mailing list if you want to know about cancellations or postponements - email your name to: okahaudunerestoration@gmail.com.

See you there! Big thanks again to Aurora of Pūrākāunui School for the beautiful crab drawing - Ehara! Great!

Crab by Ehara



Housing Needs Analysis and Community Survey Report May 2022

Blueskin Resilient Communities Trust - Funded by Dunedin City Council Place-based Community Grants

We have completed our survey report on housing and community issues in Blueskin Bay. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the survey. Between October 2021-February 2022, 237 people responded which is about a 9% response rate with a margin of error of ±6%. The survey was predominantly focused on housing, and asked questions about social and environmental issues. You can find our report at the Blueskin Library and on our Facebook page. We want to thank the DCC for the grant that enabled this research and a special thanks to Sarah Williamson who conducted the research and survey.

Our primary recommendation to the Dunedin City Council from the report is that the Council should find a clearer means of identifying the Blueskin Bay communities as a collective of communities with common concerns. That would enable:

- Clearer identification of the issues that affect all these communities and the community's views of those issues.
- Better quality policy development for the Blueskin environment and Blueskin people and whānau, in particular:

- Provision of social housing to meet real but currently unrecognised need for improved housing affordability and quality;
- Better coastline policy protections both for wildlife protection and enhancement and for climate change impacts; and
- Area-wide improvements in water and sewerage infrastructure.

This report is a snapshot of the housing and community needs in 2021. In 2021 New Zealand was in the second year of its pandemic response, house purchase and retail prices were still rising, and families were beginning to feel a rise in living costs. Our snapshot of the priority concerns of the Blueskin community gave rise to a number of insights:

1. Better identification of Blueskin Bay as a community is needed.

There is very little available data by which changes in demographics and housing can be assessed in Blueskin Bay. The lack of identification of Blueskin as a collective of communities makes it very difficult to understand such collective needs as water services, transport, housing and climate change impacts of these communities on the east coast of Dunedin. More can be done to better identify how these communities understand themselves to be connected so that more effective policy decisions about resources and services can be made.

2. Rental costs have almost doubled since 2010.

While rental housing cost increases have risen steadily in the last 20 years, the average cost of a rental property has risen by nearly \$200 per week since 2010. That is a steep rise for individuals and families and prices many families out of the area. Our finding that 84% of respondents owned their own home, well above the national average in a community, demonstrates a limited rental market in the Blueskin area.

3. House purchase prices have more than doubled in seven years.

Purchase prices of Blueskin homes has also risen significantly. There has been an increase in median sale price from approximately \$200,000

to \$500,000 (a 150% increase) since 2015. In less than seven years, the purchase price of housing in the Blueskin Bay area has more than doubled.

4. There is no DCC or Kāinga Ora social housing in Blueskin Bay.

However, population density and demographic information suggests that Blueskin Bay should have proportionally approximately 20 units, particularly for housing older residents who have community and familial connections in Blueskin.

5. AirBNB type housing does not appear to be a major contributing factor to any housing shortages.

There is no evidence from our survey to suggest that a disproportionate number of houses are being rented out as holiday homes, or that landlords are choosing to offer their homes on AirBNB rather than rent them out long-term. This does not include private holiday homes that may be sitting vacant for most of the year but are not rented out to the public.

6. Respondents identified the top five most important social and environmental issues.

In priority order those issues are housing costs, housing quality, climate change, wildlife protection and sewerage infrastructure

7. Natural environment and affordability were the two things people most liked about living in Blueskin bay.

The natural environment was markedly both the biggest draw to the area (76% of respondents) and the most common thing that people like about living in the area (88% of respondents). Affordability was the next most common factor that attracted people to living in the area (34% of respondents). The overriding theme of the "other" responses on this question was the peace and quiet and the low population.

8. Housing costs, housing quality and poverty were very important.

Housing costs are considered to be the most important of these social issues, followed closely by housing quality. Poverty is considered the next most important, followed by libraries and other council services

9. Climate change was the most important environmental issue, very closely followed by wildlife protection, sewerage infrastructure and water quality.

Climate change was markedly selected as the most important issue, but the scored and summed data shows that in the bigger picture, wildlife protection and sewerage infrastructure were seen as equally as important. Water quality and flooding were also seen as important.

Metiria Turei

Otago Conservation Board

Kia ora, Ko Jen tōku ingoa. I sit on the Otago Conservation Board and I'm keen to hear from you if you have local conservation concerns. Members are appointed to be the public voice for Conservation, give advice through channels to the Minister of Conservation and sign off on any statutory land use change for Conservation land.

You can find information about Conservation boards, current members, upcoming meetings and previous meeting minutes at www.doc.govt.nz/aboutus/statutory-and-advisory-bodies/conservation-boards/otago/

Otago Conservation Board: By region (doc.govt.nz).

I encourage you to get in touch with me, or attend a meeting if you'd like to be heard on a particular conservation issue.

We also have powers to appoint Honorary Rangers - so, if this sounds like you ... a Ranger to look after coastal wildlife perhaps, get in touch.

Ngā mihi, Jen Rodgers

rodgersjenni@gmail.com or contact our Board support officer on otagoconservation@doc.govt.nz.

Healthy Homes, Healthy Whānau

In 2009 it was the Waitati Retrofit Programme. In 2022 it is the Otago Home Upgrade programme. Healthy homes, healthy whānau is our goal in this pilot funded by the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority through to December 2023. Our Aukaha team are delivering this pilot programme and we have a passion to improve outcomes for all homeowners in need.

The programme criteria is simple. To be eligible you need:

1. To be an Otago resident;
2. To own your own home;
3. To possess a Community Services Card or have another way to verify low income.

What we do:

First, we receive your referral and then we conduct a Home Performance Assessment to find out the condition of your home and what needs doing. We then prepare a scope of works, which we can then undertake at no cost to you if you agree to improve your home. The type of work we can do is:

- A. Warmer Kiwi Homes (ceiling and underfloor insulation and clean heat);
- B. Critical repairs, i.e. fix a window, leaky roof, plumbing or drainage problem;
- C. Additional features like curtains, LED light bulbs, cylinder wrap, mechanical extraction fans. Homes that have already received the Warmer Kiwi Homes interventions are still eligible for this programme as we go above and beyond Warmer Kiwi Homes.

How can you get involved?

To find out more or to self-refer email Keita, our Project Coordinator (keita@aukaha.co.nz) or call directly on 03 474 2771. The timeframe is short – this pilot must be complete by December 2023, so the sooner you get in touch, the easier it is for us to get the work done and

you won't miss out. We want this programme not only to benefit those who receive upgrades but also to help shape the replacement national Warmer Kiwi Homes programme and ensure energy wellbeing throughout the motu. Our mission to help everyone into healthy homes, reduce emissions and to be socially and environmentally responsible in all we do as we adapt to our changing climate. We want to hear from you!

About Us

We are a kaupapa Māori organization owned by five rūnaka, offering health services, trade training, resource management and planning, business development and cultural services to the wider community. We are also the new representative member organisation of the Community Energy Network in Otago. The Otago Home Upgrade programme is part of the Health and Social Services / Mana Takata team at Aukaha.

**Scott Willis, Project Manager
Otago Home Upgrade Programme**



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THE RANT

From Rose Stringer-Wright.



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

WHAT MAKES ME MAD

Intolerance of people not like yourself. Why would you not embrace others? Have we the right to judge how others live their lives?

Dairy farming on land not suitable for it. Farmers/ developers change the land with heavy irrigation. It now takes over 1,000 litres to make 1 litre of milk. So, maybe we should stop drinking milk, and go back to water ... no, that won't work ... water is now undrinkable.

WHAT MAKES ME SAD

That humans keep killing each other, under the guise of "war", like what is transpiring in the Ukraine. All those lives lost and destruction brings tears to my eyes, and to think that most Russians don't really know what is going on. The mass shootings in the USA. I have never been able to understand these. Do you pick on a school because it is easy to kill a lot of people? And why take so long to change the laws? We are meant to protect our young. Closer to home, the gang shootings. How long before an innocent life is lost?

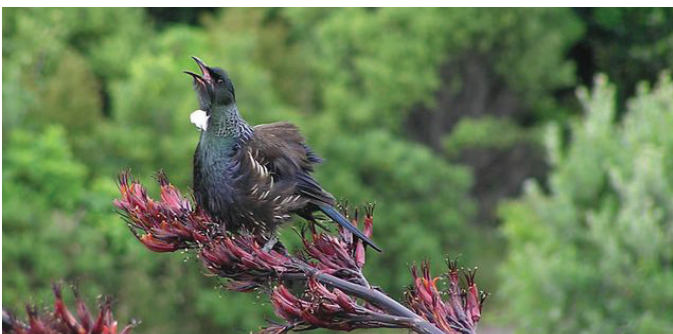
WHAT MAKES ME GLAD

That we live in a place which experiences all four seasons. Winter, frosty mornings, crisp days, snow-capped mountains and hearty soups. Spring, flowering bulbs, and blossom trees, soil awakening ready for sowing. Summer, warm weather, long evenings for socialising. Autumn, my favourite, the light in the late afternoon sky, and the colours.

Living in a community that cares for each other, knowing our neighbours. Giving and accepting help when it is needed. Our community is what makes each little township on the East Otago Coast a very special place to be a part of.

WHAT MAKES ME REALLY GLAD

The Tui outside my window who serenaded me as I wrote this.



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What's On

Please be aware visitors are required to wear a mask or show an exemption card.

Waiputai Hub Outreach

10 Stephenson Street, Warrington

Wednesday 6 July

2.15 - 3.15pm – Warrington School

3.15 - 4.30pm – Public

Blueskin Bay Library will be onsite for the afternoon, renew your existing loans or take out new ones from the choice selection we will have with us.

Holiday Programme

Free, no booking required

Week 1, 11-15 July

Stained Glass Windows

Monday-Friday, 3 - 4.30pm

Catch the low winter sun with a colourful craft to hang in your window.



Week 2, 18-22 July

Egg Carton Herb Garden

Monday-Friday, 3 - 4.30pm

Start a herb garden using an egg box carton.

Bookshare

Thursday 28 July, 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.

Games Galore & Lego*

Every weekday, 2 - 5pm

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

*Suitable for ages 5+.



Seed Share

Tuesday 26 July, 7pm

Bring your surplus seeds to share, this year we'd especially love to see your tomato seeds, they come in so many vibrant colours and flavours but who needs a whole packet? Join Hilary Rowley for this swapping and sharing of seeds session and your tales of hits and misses from last years growing season. The iD quiz will be back with prizes. All welcome.

A Stitch in Time...

Saturday 30 July, 10am - 1pm

World Embroidery Day was set up in 2011 in Sweden by a passionate group of stitchers who felt that the craft should be acknowledged and celebrated. Local stitcher, Pearl Stenhouse (President of the East Otago Embroiderers Guild) along with members of the Guild, is using the craft to acknowledge and celebrate Truby King and would love local stitchers to join her in a tapestry tribute to the founder of the Plunket Society.



Meg Memorial Day

Friday 5 August, 3.30pm

This will be a fun memorial celebration for Meg, the dog whose dramatic disappearance was captured in the book, *Remarkable Meg*. All welcome.

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Wednesday, Thursday & Friday:
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Saturday: 10am-1pm


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Waikouaiti Coast Heritage Centre

It is almost exactly one year since the Waikouaiti Coast Heritage Centre opened its new building.

It has been quite a journey and of course we couldn't have timed it any worse, with a second lockdown happening 7 weeks after opening. But regardless of any ongoing difficulties we are battling on. Our visitor numbers for this year alone are nearly double the number of visitors in 2020 before we moved into the new building (I know we were shut for 2 months) but we are still, to this day, noticing the lingering effects of Covid in our communities. We are seeing a small increase in our volunteer numbers for which we are very appreciative as we would like to be open more often to visitors. Our gift shop has lots of unique items, not seen elsewhere and the beautiful art and crafts are a delight, illustrating the work of talented people in our district. The heritage display highlights some aspects of the early days in our local history.

We are also about to begin on the restoration project of the heritage 1 listed bank building, (the previous museum) which is still open to visitors. This week I was notified that a major application for funding to the DCC Heritage Fund had been successful, for which we are very appreciative, however there is a lot of time and money needed before we complete the task. It will be worth waiting for. Do come and look us over you will be very welcome. We are open Wednesday & Thursday 1pm – 4pm, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 1pm – 4pm.

Shirley McKewen - Chair



Waikouaiti Coast Heritage Centre Winter Workshops 2022

Improving your oil painting skills | Monday 4 July | 1 – 4pm | Waikouaiti Coast Heritage Centre 200 Main Road Waikouaiti

Facilitator: Terry Low

Objectives of the workshop:

- ▶ Learn about enjoying the versatility of layering and colour depth
- ▶ Learn about using canvas or board, palettes or easels
- ▶ Learn more about composition, line and atmospheric perspectives
- ▶ And much more

Cost: \$85

Note: A maximum of 10 people will be accepted for each workshop.

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Andy Mackenzie Everitt
Emergency Management Advisor-Dunedin City

Flotsam at Warrington

Warrington is a dynamic and popular beach. It is sheltered compared to some Otago beaches, but storms from the Northeast can cast up all sorts of flotsam. After storms there may be many large clumps clumps of seaweed, i.e. macroalgae, on the beach, including bull kelp, *Durvillaea antarctica* and bladder kelp, *Macrocystis pyrifera*. Hords of invertebrates such as sand hoppers graze on the bonanza of beached seaweed.

Warrington Beach is popular with *Homo sapiens*. Back in February it became very popular with Tarapuka, black-billed gulls, which carry the distinguished binomial *Chroicocephalus bulleri*.

During the first week of February, experts estimated there were something like 7000 Tarapuka on Warrington Beach, in dense crowds from the north to the south ends of the beach, all conversing as loudly as possible. There were more feeding offshore, probably in the Blueskin Gyre. Their menu included invertebrates, "krill" such as Euphausiid shrimps.

After a week the black-bill crowds started leaving the beach. It became much quieter. The beach smelt as might have been expected of a place where thousands of well-fed birds had been fertilising the sand.

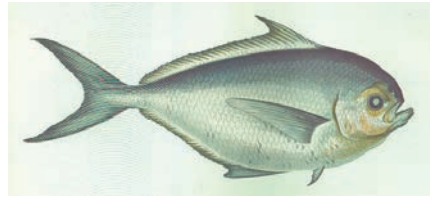
After the gulls left, sections of the beach turned green, sometimes as green as a billiard table. That intense green was due to millions of tiny marine plants, or phytoplankton. The individuals were single-celled plants, propelled by flagella, probably a species of *Euglena*.

This sort of phytoplankton population explosion is known as a bloom. The Warrington Beach blooms persisted through to May. Sections of beach would turn green, usually close to the highwater level, then the green would fade.

Blooms are influenced by settled weather and by nutrient enrichment or eutrophication. The flocks of gulls certainly did their bit to enrich the beach. Beach cast seaweeds and their invertebrate loads may have contributed. There are other potential sources of plant nutrients on Warrington Spit.

There have been other visitors to our local beaches, including assorted dead fish. We have seen mackerel and kahawai on Warrington Beach. These are pelagic fish or mid-water fish. They live at varying depths in the water column, sometimes feeding at or near the surface. They are not uncommon off the coast, but it is unusual to see a number of mature fish, apparently in good condition, cast ashore.

Another recent posthumous visitor is Ray's Bream, *Brama brama*, which has been found on Peninsula and east coast beaches. Ray's Breams are also known as Atlantic Pomfret, or colloquially as Jim Beams. They are a distinctive fish, mirror silver and look a bit like a large piranha, with jaw to match. Ray's Bream is also



a pelagic fish. There is a small commercial catch, mostly caught by midwater trawl. Some are caught

as bycatch in tuna trolling fisheries. When the tuna stop biting at sunset, the trolling lines will sometimes fill up with Jim Beams. They taste pretty good fried fresh, although some swear the meat has mild neurotoxic effects.

Ray's Bream is more likely to be found in water rather warmer than at Otago beaches, where Sub-Antarctic water dominates. It's appearance on local beaches hasn't really been explained.

The Blueskin Gyre may have been a factor in some of these events. Gyres are rather like slow whirlpools in the ocean. They can be very large. The Blueskin Gyre is of modest size, formed by tidal and other currents interacting with the local topography. Southwesterly conditions may break it down. During long periods of light northeasterly weather the gyre's slow anticlockwise circulation can become well established. Gyres can concentrate materials in the water column such as phytoplankton or krill, hence the intense feeding activity birds sometimes exhibit in gyres. The north edge of the Blueskin Gyre is close to Warrington Beach.

Of these recent events along the Blueskin coast, locals have commented "I've never seen anything like that before." That's a comment that may become more common.

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The Club had a great catch up in June with 21 members attending a shared Lunch. A lot of local and gardening knowledge was gained from the Quiz. Many plants were shared and swapped also.

Our next meeting will be the AGM on 16 July at Warrington Hall, members will receive an email with information. Any enquiries to Nicki Ph 027 485 1656 Planning is underway to hold a Spring Flower Show on 24-25 September, more about this next month.

It is mid-winter, time to plant garlic and shallots. Plant into well composted soil, keep weed free and water with liquid fertiliser regularly.

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Allotments

I want more - much more space to grow edible plants.

I'd like an allotment with lovely soil, flat ground, other people nearby also making beautiful gardens with food and flowers. I want more space to grow beans, corn, pumpkins, potatoes, maybe some grains like oats and millet. We use so many onions and can never grow enough on our steeply sloping garden, so room for plenty of those too.

In the UK there are currently 300 000 allotment plots leased to people and massive 10 year waiting lists. I can see why they would be popular there when people live in highly urbanised area with no gardens of their own.

Here in Blueskin bay, we all have plenty of land around our homes, but many people (I am in this group), don't have enough flat land. On our very steeply sloping site we grow all the vegetables we eat, but it is hard work, I can't even use a wheelbarrow in the garden because it either tips over or takes off down the hill on its own. I'd also like to be able to grow enough extra vegetables to sell at the local markets.

PHOTO: Harbourne Road Allotments, Birmingham



I'm not very keen on community gardens, they always rely on the energy of a few people, and I am too selfish I think, to be motivated to work really hard for other people. Human nature seems to have led us in the direction of separate farms, gardens and allotments.

Now that the reality of food insecurity is starting to bite, I bet there are more people in the area like me- who want to provide their household with most of the food they eat, and have some extra to sell.

I just watched a you tube film promoting the WW2 British "dig for victory" campaign. Their claim was that a family of 5 could grow all the vegetables they needed on 10 rods of land which is around 250m2.

The Birmingham City Council uses the following plot sizes:

MINI	84m2	£51 per annum
SMALL	up to 167m ²	£63 per annum
STANDARD	up to 334 m ²	£93 per annum
LARGE	up to 502m ²	£113 per annum

This seems cheap for a lot of land to me.

I want to put out feelers and see who is interested. If you are let me know, just to gauge interest at this point, and most importantly is there anyone out there with some land, preferably flat of gently sloping toward the north, which they would be interested in leasing for the long term? I'm thinking if we worked out a rental based on the income produced off the land in its current use, so you can get an income off your land without actually having to work on it.

Send me an e mail to: houseonhill@ymail.com and we will see if we can create a thriving food community.

Hilary Rowley

WAITATI BOOK CLUB by Scott Willis

Bookclub in June was a visit to Mos-vegas, and the very welcoming abode of Martin and Robyn. The journey there though was an exciting trip through a robust weather system, taking a toll on the Leaf's battery. There was something particularly comforting about a well-insulated, cosy home while the wild weather battered outside, and the beer and plentiful snacks along with great company helped make it cosier still.



THE BOOK

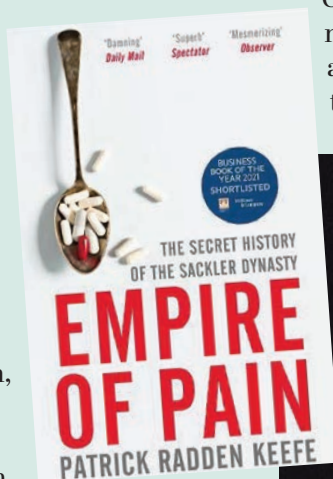
Assembly by Natasha Brown

A short, terse read this one, but by coincidence this too was a good pairing with earlier books, dealing with alienation and more tightly controlled trauma, but in the modern era and largely the City of London. Roundly enjoyed, though I did feel that it stopped short, before the end, frustratingly. We didn't spend long discussing this book.

OTHER BOOKS

Empire of Pain by Patrick Radden Keefe

From Ross: "This book feels like fiction given the greed, corruption and legal shenanigans involved. It's the scathing story of the Sackler family and their addictive painkiller OxyContin, a drug that wrought havoc in the lives of everyday people. It's a page turning thriller."



SCREEN

Borgen: The Power and the Glory – Netflix

This is thrilling political intrigue. I remember the 2017 NZ General Election and being hardly able to discern between the speeches of the then aspiring Labour leader and the heroine of Borgen. From Ross "If you are into political intrigue (and are happy with subtitles) then this is for you. The new series of Borgen is out and it's just as riveting and prescient as the earlier series with most of the original cast picking up on their previous roles. They're all a bit older – but not necessarily wiser."

MUSIC

Mikangelo / The City of Dreams

Ian's recommendation, which he describes as "Moody Blues, meet Nick Cave, meets Leonard Cohen" is from Australian musician Michael Simic, and I agree, worth more than one listening.



BEER

Brasserie du Mont Blanc 'La Rousse'
6.5% alc/vol.

"This strong French beer is an interesting comparison to its Belgium counter parts. It falls almost between a blond and a dubbel - more malt than the former but not as full as the latter. It is nicely balanced and becomes more appealing as your glass empties - that might have something to do with the 6.5% alcohol content" says Marc.

Marc has also been enjoying beer from the *Otago Brew School*.

"Straight A's is a Scotch Ale: smokey and nutty, and one to be served at garage temperature. Czech Me out is a Czech dark lager: a brew by one of the students, it is related to doppelbock. Being a lager, it is not so bitter as an ale of the hue."



I've been drinking my own *Bavarian Wheat Beer*, enhanced with extra malt and am very happy with how its turned out.



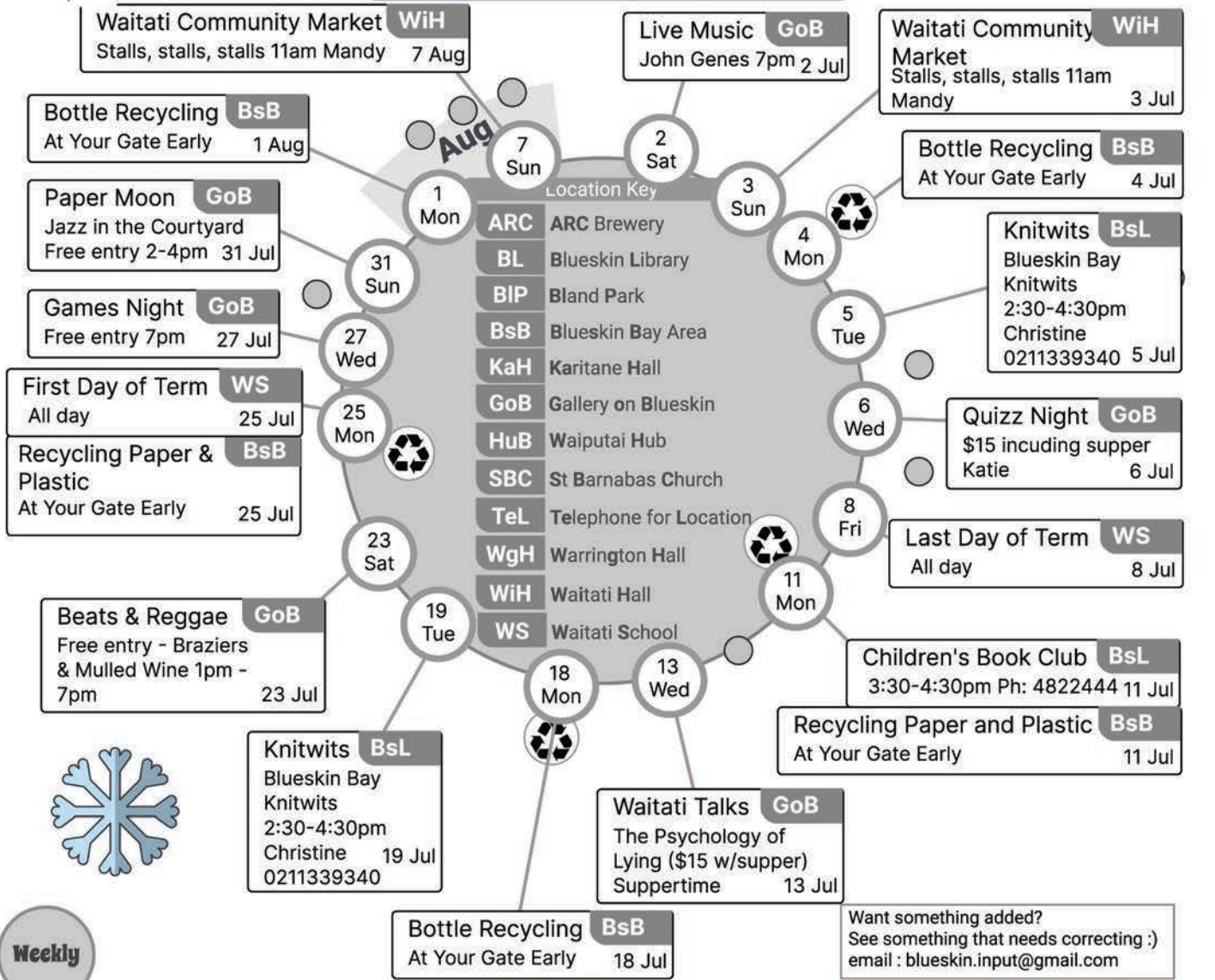
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Wheel of What's - Monthly and Special Events

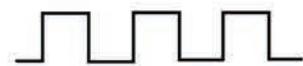


Monday at

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



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SATURDAY



- **Live Music** (GoB) 7-9pm Katie 0211485535



- **Ping Pong** (HuB) 7-8 pm All Welcome from 12 yrs Helena 0226474738
- **Indoor Bowls** (WgH) 7.30pm
- **NIA - Dance Class** (WiH) 11:30-12:30 \$10 Claire Reilly 0211775350



- **Pilates** (HuB) \$18 Casual session, \$150 for 11, 6pm
- **Pilates** (WgH) Pilates for your back and posture Sahine 0212070664
- **Yoga** (WgH) Bring you own mat \$10pp, 6.30-730pm Hagino hagino.yoga@gmail.com

SUNDAY

- **Live Music** (ARC) at the brewery 2-5pm 021 41081141
- **Service** (SBC) 9.30 am Jeremy 0274361481
- **Waitati Warblers** (WgH) Sing! Joy! 5pm-6:30pm Nancy nancymiller140@gmail.com

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ONE OFF EVENTS

Age Concern Workshop: July [day to be confirmed] – Staying Safe Driving. Come and improve your decision making skills and road rule knowledge. [Note: this is indoors].

Guke Jam for all: Friday 29 July – Bring your guitar, ukulele, and/or voice to Sing and Play together in our open Guke Group with Jenny Gleeson and Peter Gillan. All welcome. Free. 7pm- 8:30pm.

Waitati Library comes to Warrington. Wednesday 6 July, 2-430pm – Save petrol and time. Easy return and takeout of books at the Hub. 2-3pm for Warrington School. 3-430pm for the general public. All Welcome.

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I am aware of a rumour doing the rounds that the Karitane Wharf is going to be demolished. This is Not Correct. The facts are that the wharf, which is owned by Dunedin City Council, is in poor condition in places and a recent independent Engineer's Report provided details of this. The DCC has funding allocated to carry out preliminary repair work on the wharf, and discussions are ongoing regarding the privately-owned building on the wharf and the long-term status of the wharf.

We are often contacted by residents in various areas about the speed of vehicles travelling through our communities. We are advised that central government is working on a New Zealand wide plan that will standardise how speed limits are set in rural and semi-rural areas. Don't get too excited yet – it will be a year or two before such things come to fruition.

It is great to see that remediation work has started around the Enchanted Forest in Truby King Recreation Reserve. Fellow board members Andy Barratt and Mark Brown are co-ordinating groups of volunteers who are carrying out some of this work. If you have never visited this amazing place, why not take a few hours to have a look. Access is from Russell Road, just north of Seacliff.

Alasdair Morrison, Chairman Waikouaiti Coast Community Board

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