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## The Queen - 70 Glorious Years



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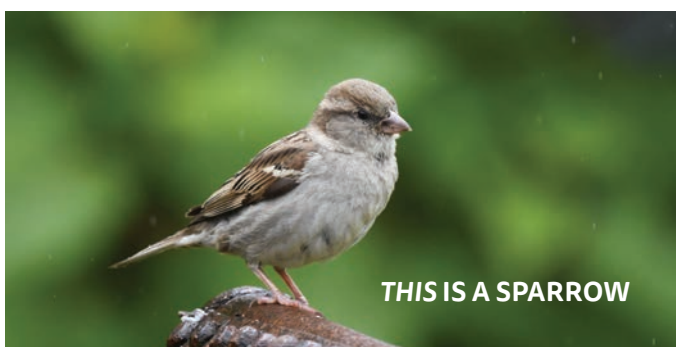
**My thoughts are with birds today! I'm sure you all join with me on congratulating the 'old bird' on the cover on her Platinum Jubilee (meaning no disrespect to Her Majesty). Seventy years on the throne makes her both the oldest reigning queen and the oldest British monarch ever. The previous record holder was Queen Victoria, her great great grandmother. We wish Her Majesty a very happy year.**

And now to other birds, it was pointed out to me that we committed a mortal insult to Derek the Dunnock and all his relatives in last month's BSN by printing a picture of some very common house sparrows above his column. Our apologies to all the Dunnocks out there. We have attempted to rectify this mistake by printing picture of both a Dunnock and a Sparrow in this issue so there can be no confusion between the two.

Also on bird related matters we had our first real frost this week and I was reminded to start filling my nectar feeder for the Tuis, Bellbirds and Silvereyes. Sugar water is a vital source of nourishment during winter, but you should put out just enough food to last a day and then when finished wash and sterilise the container. To make the nectar just add cup of sugar to 2 litres of water, put in a clean, sterilised container and wait for the birds to arrive.

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

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# Winter at Waitati School

Kia ora koutou. Winter is fast approaching. We have had so many lovely days outside in the sun. My name is Tara O'Neill, Principal of Waitati School. I have been at Waitati for two years in July, and they have been extraordinary years. Covid yes, but also the resilience of our whānau, the beautiful environment and the stunning learning journeys we have undertaken. I feel privileged to be here.



This term some children have started music lessons. Brenda takes piano lessons and Che ukulele and guitar lessons. The children have been so excited. I want to say a big thank you to Blueskin Playcentre for wisely having a piano in their space. Thanks to Brenda and Che for joining us on a Friday. Vita, Molly, Io, Lucy and BB had a fun lesson with Che.

We held an Ignite trip into the Dunedin Art Gallery to look and interact with Xoë Hall's mural, *Bloodline*. We are enjoying exploring our local Kāi Tahu creation story as we investigate ideas on how the world was made and our place in this environment. Ko au te whenua, te whenua ko au. I am the land and the land is me. Our Tūrangawaewae, our place to stand, our responsibility to sustain. We went to the Otago museum and to Orokonui to visit a wetland.

Waitati School and community celebrate Puaka Matariki in June and this year; it is extra special because of the first public holiday on Friday 24 June. We are holding our annual Puaka Matariki Lantern Parade on Wednesday 22 June. The children will be busy making lanterns soon. This tradition came from our German whānau. You are all welcome to join us. We will leave from Waitati school on Wednesday at 6pm and walk to Bland Park then to the school for a hāngī and korero. The event is sponsored by Dunedin City Council and is part of the Puaka Matariki.

Oh and if you are a new whanau to Waitati, we do have spaces at our school available now.

Stay warm and dry.

**Ka kite ki Matariki, Tara O'Neill - Principal**



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# Blueskin Playcentre News – May 2022

Tēnā koutou katoa! We are so enjoying settling back into another term of Playcentre fun! To the new families who have joined us, a very warm welcome! We look forward to getting to know you and your whānau better and to sharing some special times together!

These late autumn days have allowed us to have some lovely outside sessions. We have been enjoying getting to grips with our new sandpit toys; the timo and toki are traditional Maori digging tools and our tamariki have been finding they work a treat for making all sorts of channels, roads, and moats! At Playcentre we are so lucky to have such a wide range of toys available. Each school holidays we have a "reset" where toys are rotated to make sure we keep things fresh. While we always make sure the old favourites are there (we're looking at you sensory swing, face-paints, and playdough!) we also like to present the children with new and engaging "invitations to play". Play is the core of what we do at Playcentre; we know it is how our children best learn, connect with their whanau and friends, explore the world, and build their confidence and capabilities. Our parents and Playcentre educator think carefully about what kids of play each child is currently enjoying and look for ways to build on this – extending the knowledge, the skills, and, of course, the fun!

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](mailto: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**



## The Seaside

**We are super excited the Seaside Train is returning for a couple of winter Sundays to coincide with the market**

The Seaside train is back on the rails and Blueskin Bay bound. SUNDAY 26th June and Sunday 31st of July 2.45 to 4.45pm Get a ticket for an amazing journey around the cliffs to Waitati. The train stops in Waitati 2 hours so you can explore our wonderful local businesses walks and even the @waitatimarket2021 is in the last Sunday of the month. Tickets on sale now <https://www.dunedinrailways.co.nz/journeys/the-seaside-journey>

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# The Enchanted Forest

Some days the local beaches are just heaving with small children, delicate old people, people picnicking, small neurotic dogs, really big aggressive dogs, people who are terrified of dogs... so it is easier just to take our dogs for a walk somewhere else. One of those places is Seacliff reserve or the Enchanted Forest as I prefer it to be named.

I misspent a big chunk of my youth living in Seacliff, wild times were had, and some wonderful times were had in the Enchanted Forest; playing tennis, gathering walnuts, a very memorable community picnic on the now totally overgrown lawn tennis court, a community fete, parties at Clifton house, winter solstice events, playing cricket, a brutal town versus country punks softball match, planting trees, building fences, community fire wood days... good fun in lovely surroundings.

It is great to see that the Forest is now being cared for so well, and is now regularly mowed by the DCC, with many tracks being mowed and cared for. The orchard in the corner paddock is beautiful. Apples, chestnuts, acorns, pine nuts have all been planted there, and it is a pleasure to wander around and sample the different apple varieties. We picked up some windfalls to add to our cider, but the walnuts seemed like they were being eaten by rats the moment they hit the ground.

I helped plant four stone pines back in the day and was sad to see that only one had survived. There was no sign of any pine nut bearing cones, but it is early days yet.

We always make a pilgrimage up to the corner where there is a plaque in memory of the 37 women who died in the terrible 1942, Ward 5 fire, one of whom was Alex's Grandmother who was suffering from post-natal depression after giving birth to her 11th baby. I am so glad that care of those with brain illness has come such a long way since then. I am still impressed though, at how some of the care received by patients at Seacliff was exactly on the button with modern knowledge of brain health. Plenty of outdoors recreation, good fresh food all grown on site by the patients themselves, plenty of fish caught by the hospital's own fishing boat. There were some brutal practices too, but I think if Dunedin's hospitals still had the model of good, fresh, local food, instead of the awful precooked in Auckland muck, there would be much faster recoveries, especially in those who must stay in hospital for a long time.

If you have not been to Seacliff for a while, I recommend going for a stroll on a sunny afternoon or packing a picnic and some sports equipment. It really is a credit to the community.

**Hilary Rowley**



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

## WHAT MAKES ME MAD

Acrylic sheets, eggplant, religious bigots, greed, bullies and insular opinions.

## WHAT MAKES ME SAD

Global warming, Christopher Hitchens dying too young, the war in Ukraine, the ubiquity of personal devices, young children dying of cancer, the scandalously-handled behaviour of the Catholic Church and the lack of thought and consideration afforded to public amenities concerning appropriate access for disabled/elderly citizens.

## WHAT MAKES ME GLAD

Being a "boomer" in the, more or less, most settled time in human history, having a loving family and good friends, reading that N.Z. train travel is "coming back", being a good friend of the late R. Bruce Sheppard, Richard Emerson started brewing beer, tamarillos are back on the market, to have the use of a beautiful upright piano and managing to work from 1968 (starting as a trainee podiatrist) until 2018 (finishing as an occupational therapist).

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# Okāhau Dune Project Update



**Kia ora koutou, good morning to all you glorious Okāhau Dune Project friends and volunteers! Your question may well be: what the hey happened to the ODP? To which the answer, broadly speaking is: Covid happened!**

But we are gearing up for planting a second site this July, much as we did last year, and will reconnect with kura from our area - Pūrākaunui, Waitati, Warrington - when the stars are aligned and we can do some mahi together freely with the beautiful pikao plants.

Speaking of which, some beauties were potted on by a small group of vollies earlier this year (January), a day we ran with the idea that we would extend it to the whole group (which was sadly not to be). These were plants that akonga from Pūrākaunui and Waitati Schools had earlier potted up from seedling trays into small "tubes" and they are really gorgeous specimens now - ka pai! Warrington, Waitati, and Pūrākaunui Kura in action with ODP:

Last year's site is flourishing - we can feel very thankful for all that Spring/Summer rain even if it wasn't great beach weather

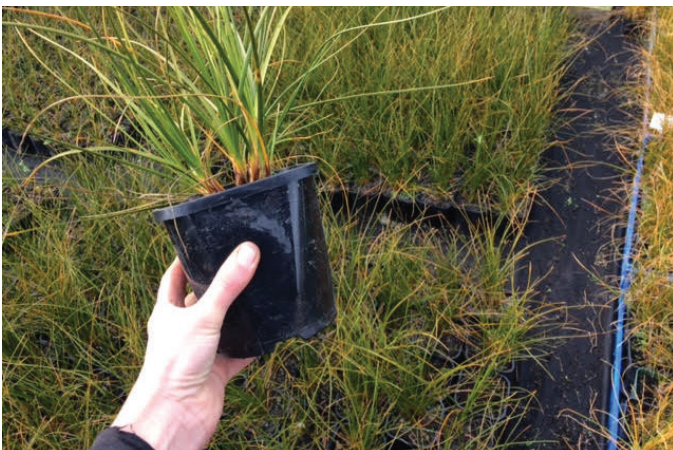


*Those pikao plants now.*

If anyone is interested in being a planting leader this year for our public planting day please get in touch. It is an easy task and requires no special skill other than that you are comfortable guiding others (ie: teaching people how to plant pikao). All training will be provided either on the day, or at a time convenient to you. Tamariki are welcome to fill this role - step up! step up! wear a high-vis vest for a day and boss some adults around the place!

We also need some local volunteers to help the day before planting, to move plants from the Warrington Domain carpark to the planting site. We hope to get some help from Warrington Surf Life Savers Club, using their vehicles to ferry.

*Thank you to Ute, Arie, Gabby, Nic, Jeanne and Julz for their expert handling.*





# BLUESKIN GARDEN CLUB

**Blueskin Garden Club. A big welcome back to all our members after a long absence. You are invited to the Warrington Hall on Saturday, 11 June at 10.30am.**

We will start with morning tea and a good old catch up. Followed by a quiz to get us all thinking about gardening related matters. A bring and share lunch later on and more time to sit and chat. There will be the usual bring/ share/swap table. Please bring any excess plants, bulbs, preserves, magazines – anything really which others can make use of. Looking forward to seeing lots of our members back again.

## Lyn Hastie, Publicity

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## Dead Rockers Ball 2022



*Dusty and Bowie, the 2 Lemmys*



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# Derek the Dunnock

Me Ornithologist has had trouble with publishers. In his last Fieldguide to us Avians, his gulls' beaks were cut off 'cus they weren't quick enough to get them all on the page before they flew away. Penguin. Respectable company it was, said me Dad. 'Til they were done over by US Random House and German Bertelsmann. And there I was last month writing me first BSN column, newly bereaved, me Dad Derek's body barely broken down enough to contribute to the ecosystem and the BSN editors take it upon themselves, no consultation, to head the column with a miserable little picture of HOUSE SPARROWS. Talk about Homocentric. OK, I get the barbed wire.

Yous Homo so called sapiens reckon us Dunnocks have little, if any brains. Bird brains. Wouldn't be, just maybe, because we are content to potter around in our local patch, territory, lifestyle block if you must, glean what we need from the good earth? We have but one nest, built with our own beaks in which to bring up our darling nestlings... Sorry, yes, over the top Derek me old man. Far too idyllic. Yes, yes, smacking of Beatrice Potter and Helen Allingham. Better you look for the rural "idyll" in Sally Coulthard's The Barn.

But Dad the point I's tryin' to make is that a local life is good for the Planet. Yep true we have our territorial disputes but we also have our neighbourhood friends and um liaisons and yes times is hard but we only have one nest and we don't go gallivanting around the

place ... apart that is for Dortmund with his Germanic migratory genes who made the intrepid crossing of Otago Harbour and, after lunch on Kamau Taurua, made it to Taiaroa only to make the mistake of boasting of his exploits to Queen Alexandra Albatross. To say she looked down her culminicorn is an understatement. Los Corrientes Oceánicas de Chile, Especialmente La Niña she said, are something I doubt you will ever Experience.

But, but I mean you Hscs's wiv yer BIG brains are bugging up the place for us Bears etc of very little brain. Yep I knows there's a lot of yous like us. No, no I mean with very little means not brains. One nest and a patch. Renters. And them with something called a mortgage which according to me "friend" who did Econ by listenin' in outside Concrete Commerce while incubating, means one can still buy something without having the where with all. But then there's the other lot. The rich buggers, yer landlords, the so called middle classes and those you big brained idiots elect to govern yous.

So here's delectable Dorian from Uni's Pols with the um... stats on the number of nests and extra territory interests/other business yous MP Hscs who's governin' you lot has got. I's a Dunnock of Little Brain and Long Words Bother Me so don't bloody ask me what Party and MPs means. Though I reckon Other Business means Dave down by the Dogwood. Seems a bit over the f\*\*ing top to me.

Reckon that lot's gonna look after us ordinary one nesters? Flick yer Alulas

**Dasa Dunnock**



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## JUNE DATES

**Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month**

**Friday 4 June**  
**Pat Your Cat Day**



**Saturday 5 June**  
**World Environment Day**

**Tuesday 8 June**  
**World Oceans Day**

**Thursday 17 June**  
**Eat Your Vegetables Day**

**Sunday 20 June**  
**World Refugee Day**

**Monday 21 June**  
**Solstice**

**Friday 25 June**  
**Day of the Seafarer**



# ANZAC Day

Did you know that the Commonwealth War Graves Commission based in the UK, looks after war graves of those killed on Service for Commonwealth countries.



At the Waitati cemetery, there is one grave the CWGC maintains. This work in New Zealand is under the auspices of the Ministry for Culture & Heritage.

This is the Ferguson family plot - William Murray Ferguson, 40920. He was a Private in the Otago Regiment who died at Waitati on 15th December 1918 from injuries received in France. Also remembered on the Headstone is his brother John Ferguson 24/138, Sergeant, NZ Rifle Brigade, killed at Passchendaele on 12 October 1917. (recorded on Tyne Cot Memorial). Their parents Kennedy Brown Ferguson and Emma. The Ferguson brothers are also on the Waitati Cenotaph.

The website for the Commission is: [www.cwgc.org](http://www.cwgc.org) The men recorded on the Waitati cenotaph are all on this website with personal details & photographs of the cemeteries.

**Glenys Clements**



## Abandoned.

Finally  
I dreamt about you  
But it was after the last ship had sailed  
And so I stand on the dock  
In your breeze  
In the turbulent wake of passage  
I see storms  
Some are past, yet some at sea  
To calm waters ahead  
I imagine  
A shoreline, a distant horizon.

Finally  
I dreamt about you  
But it was after the last trumpet played  
And in the orchestra pit  
Abandoned  
Instruments lie  
The tune in my ears is instilled, I hear  
The song ringing passion embraced with fear  
The sound of future singing  
I imagine  
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# Do you want to save the Waitati Toy Library?

**Toy Library was closed at the start of the Covid 19 Lockdown in March 2020 and has not reopened.**

A meeting was held on the 30 November 2021 to discuss the future of the Toy Library. After much discussion it was decided that unless any member of the community wishes to call a meeting, elect office bearers and form a committee, that Toy Library will formally close, assets will then be distributed as per the rules set out in the Constitution.

In November an interim committee was formed to complete all outstanding paperwork and reporting associated with Toy Library. This is now complete. The hard work is already done. If anyone would like to step in and restart Toy Library now is the time. Our next steps is to begin to dispose of Toy Library "assets". Toys, storage containers, computer, printer and remaining cash reserves. Once this occurs the organisation will be formally windup.

To be run, Toy Library requires a volunteer committee made up of 4-6 people including a President, Secretary and Treasurer. According to the current Constitution this committee needs to meet six times a year. In the past, toy hire sessions have been run by member volunteers, but some toy libraries employ people in this role. There are enough funds in reserve for the Toy Library to operate for a year without fundraising.

If you would like more information or are interested please join us at our next meeting visit the Waitati Toy Library Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/WaitatiToyLibrary> or get in touch: [abiandpaddy@gmail.com](mailto:abiandpaddy@gmail.com).

**Abi Liddy**



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## Waikouaiti Coast Heritage Centre Winter Workshops 2022

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Facilitator: Russell Jenkinson

Objectives of the workshop:

1. Learn how to maintain your lawnmower, weedeater, chainsaw etc.
2. Learn about the inner workings of your power tools.
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## Mānawatia a Matariki - Celebrating Matariki

A traditional Māori Matariki story told by Dr Rangi Matamua - "Not all the children of Ranginui (Sky) and Papatūānuku (Earth) supported their parents being separated. Tawhirimātea, the God of Wind had strongly opposed the separation but had been overruled by his siblings. In return Tāwhirimātea waged war against his siblings defeating them all except Tūmātauenga, the God of War. Tū was angry with Tāwhiri for what he had done, so to punish him he tore his eyes out, smashed them and threw them into the sky. They remain there to this day as the star cluster Matariki. Thus, this is why the wind is so changeable as he is stumbling around blind."

Matariki is about reflecting on the past, celebrating the present and planning for the future. When Matariki rises this year between June 21st and June 24th, it will signal the beginning of the Māori New Year. A time to spend with whānau and friends to enjoy kai (food), waiata (song), tākaro (games) and haka. This year on Friday the 24th of June it's the first public holiday in Aotearoa to celebrate Matariki.

You can celebrate Matariki by getting up early in the morning, just before dawn to watch it rise. Burn a small fire (smoke) and a small pot of kai cooking (steam). Gather around the fire to talk about the stars and what stars you can identify. Our ancestors would read the signs of the year in Matariki which would determine what lay ahead for us and you should take a moment to appreciate Te Kāhui Matariki (the Matariki Star Cluster). We then say our final farewells to our whānau and friends departed since the last rising of Matariki by saying their names. Once you have acknowledged the dearly departed, lift the lid of your kai pot letting the steam and smoke from your fire rise together into a dawning sky - feeding Matariki and the Gods. A karakia or waiata is shared followed with a kai and kōrero to be enjoyed together.

Julia Rata-Te Raki





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## What's On

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### Waiputai Hub Outreach

10 Stephenson Street, Warrington

Wednesday 8 June

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.

### Children's Book Club

Tuesday 14 June, 3.30 - 4.30pm

Discover new books and enjoy a linked activity.

New members always welcome.

Please note this Club is for Year 3 and up.



### Blueskin Bay Knitwits

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Tuesdays, 2.30 - 4.30pm

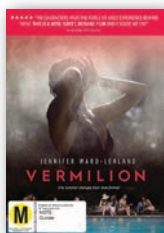
All ages and experience levels are welcome.

### Book(&DVD)share

Thursday 23 June, 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.



## Games Galore & Lego\*

Every Friday, 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+.

## Matariki Public Holiday

Friday 24 June

All DCC Libraries will be closed for this first public holiday to celebrate Matariki. This is a time for:

- Remembrance – Honouring those we have lost since the last rising of Matariki.
- Celebrating the present – Gathering together to give thanks for what we have.
- Looking to the future – Looking forward to the promise of a new year.

## Matariki Storytime

Wednesday 29 June, 10.30am

Nau mai, haere mai e te whānau! Join us for a special Puaka Matariki Storytime with waiata and bilingual stories to celebrate Te Tau Hou Māori – the Māori New Year.

## Seed Share

Mark your calendar, our next Seed Share event is coming up – 7pm, Tuesday 26 July. More details next month.

## 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.

## Dog Registration

Dunedin City Council sends out Dog

Registration accounts in mid June each year. All dogs must be registered by 31 July or when it reaches three months of age. Registration renewals can now be paid via our pay online service. Please call us on 03 477 4000 if you need help.



Monday & Tuesday: 2-6pm  
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Kā Kete Wānaka o Ōtepoti



# Teachers Wowed by the Wonders of Waitati

On 12th May teachers came together at Waitati hall for a hui focused on Oranga ao, oranga tangata, oranga wairua (Healthy world, Healthy people, Healthy spirit).

The hui was Hosted by EnviroSchools Dunedin in collaboration with Garden to Table, Public Health South and Sport Otago (with support from Sport Waitaki and Sport Clutha).

We visited Waitati kura and heard from both students and teachers/principal about the exciting passion projects and future enquiry topics. Cooked some delicious kai with the help of Garden to Table and had a discussion about healthy active lifestyles and how teachers and community could influence a healthy food policy in their respective schools.

The day was finished off with teachers taking home a upcycled cup/saucer/bowl of microgreens and some tips on how to grow these again in the school or home environment.

About half of the group stayed for a really inspiring trip to Jason Ross' home garden. Lots of notes were scribbled and questions answered and people inspired to use some of the gardening techniques shared.



Teachers shared the following:

*"Awesome ideas! Great to network and see/hear what other schools are doing. Waitati kura visit was amazing!"*

*"Very well organised, great mixture of approaches, activities and presenters"*

**Jen Rodgers**

**DCC EnviroSchools Facilitator**

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## New Network Ready for Possum Breeding Season

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The new network covers rural land, so it's still as important as ever for residential backyard trappers to check your traps. It's breeding time now, so possums are out and about, and vocal!

Find more info about possums and the traps we use, and why, at [www.haloproject.org.nz/predator-free](http://www.haloproject.org.nz/predator-free).



**PHOTO:** Jonah Kitto-Verhoef, Predator Free Project Manager, holds one of the last traps to complete the possum control network. Thanks to everyone involved.



**PHOTO:** The new Source to Sea Field Team at Mopanui: (L-R) Tom Powell, Hugh Lindsay, Maui Nixon, Mike Neill, Jennifer Lawn (Project Manager), Andrew Vikhert, Rosa Pettinger and Damian Mallinson (Field Team Leader).

## Long Beach focus for Source to Sea volunteers

**We've had lots of help from residents and community groups at Long Beach already, but we sure need it! Our next public planting day is Sunday 12 June, 10am-3pm. Our Facebook page is the best place to check for updates or postponements. We welcome individuals and groups to visit, explore and help us. We're holding regular weekday working bees as well as weekend planting days.**

Volunteering is a great way to gain skills, experience and make connections. Two of our new team members had been volunteering with us for several months before landing fulltime work! Please contact Jeanne if you or your work group or club would like to join us ([jeanne@haloproject.org.nz](mailto:jeanne@haloproject.org.nz) or ph 022 095 0772).

We've made it easy to donate to our two main projects, using Givealittle. See the links on our 'contact' and 'FAQ' webpages or find us on Givealittle.

Got any questions? Our new FAQs page is full of info about how we work, where, and why we do what we do. Get in touch if your questions are still unanswered ([info@haloproject.org.nz](mailto:info@haloproject.org.nz)).





## BLUESKIN BAY RECLAMATION MINISTER IMPRESSED WITH SCHEME

Evening Star 1931

## Bay Reclamation

In the early 1930's during the height of the depression, the idea was mooted to drain Blueskin Bay, and use unemployed labour to turn it into prime dairy farming ground. According to the 'Star', the Bay consisted of 1600 acres, of which an estimated 1000 acres could be reclaimed. The Public Works Engineers had assessed the site and foresaw no engineering difficulties in the operation. In addition, they thought Hoopers, and Papanui Inlets could be reclaimed as well. Thankfully none of the above went ahead, just imagine the Blueskin covered in black and white dairy cows.

John Scott



## Waitati Talks

### A journey into neurodiversity

Have you ever wondered what neurodiversity is or even if you are neurodiverse? Perhaps you recognise the terms autism spectrum disorder, ADHD, dyslexia, and dyspraxia. Yet, these are only a few of the labels given to those who think in a way that is not considered typical. Join us this month at Blueskin Gallery for a voyage into neurodiversity. Your guide, Amber Fraser-Smith will take you on a whirlwind journey through the brain to explain what happens when development doesn't go quite as planned. You'll go on a side trip into the minds of neurodiverse thinkers and learn about the incredible ways they experience the world around them. By the end of this journey, you'll see the world in an entirely different way.

7.30pm - 8 June - Blueskin Gallery - \$15 includes supper - text 021 148 5535 to book a spot.

Katie Peppercorn

## To Lagoon Track

by Duncan Eddy

The sign promised more,

but all there is  
is a stubbly yard  
with a witches chimney,  
2 orange cones,  
a faggot of sticks,

and some piles of tin,  
there on the main street of  
Waitati.

There is also

a weird toilet,

and some fruit trees,  
and the lingering fear  
that if i get too close  
to any of them,  
a crumpled looking  
red breasted  
pith helmeted  
nineteenth century  
colonial soldier  
will crash down,  
from the branches,  
to persuade me,  
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of a cardboard sword,  
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# Pūrākaunui School



Our new staff members, Nicky Bell (Tumuaki/ principal) and Rachel Brown (kaiako/teacher) have been settling in well and have done an outstanding job having been truly thrown into the deep end with COVID reaching our community. We had an action packed Term 1 including two big school trips: to Kamau Taurua/ Quarantine Island for a rogaine organised by Rachel, and to the Portobello Marine Centre. A massive thank you to Rachel McGregor from Port to Port Cruises for going above and beyond to make these outings possible!

Term 1 has also seen us open our new "Forest Pod" playground consisting of bespoke treehouses connected by bridges, climbing nets, a big slide, a fireman's pole, and a stunning new outdoor stage - thanks to the brilliant mind and incredible mahi of Don Wyatt. The kids have been loving the new playground, which is truly something to behold. Come check it out - we welcome the wider community to make use of this space after school hours.

We have already got lots of fun activities planned for Term 2 and look forward to being able to invite more of the community into our waka as restrictions lessen - we are hoping to hold a community working bee to install seating around the new stage and also a community Matariki celebration. Watch this space or if you'd like to be added to our newsletter mailing list to receive regular updates, contact Sarah at [office@purakaunui.school.nz](mailto:office@purakaunui.school.nz).

Sarah Williamson, Office Admin

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## Blueskin Gallery - Waitati

### New event - Games at the Gallery

Join us by the fire during the 4th Wednesday of the month during the colder months and play games like cribbage, bridge, scrabble, chess, back gammon, poker and Yahtzee. A chance to meet and maybe defeat your neighbours! No cover charge. Food and fully licensed bar including soft drinks, tea and coffee is available. 6pm - 9 pm Blueskin Gallery, 1 Harvey Street. The first evening will be 22 June.

Katie Peppercorn



# WAITATI BOOK CLUB by Scott Willis

Bookclub last month was at Paul and Ruth's warm and welcoming home. There's something very cosy about a fire and stout. Everyone is enjoying meeting in person (well, almost everyone) but we're all taking care as well in these Covid times. Those of us who remain Covid-free still want to avoid it and we hear that whisky does provide a comforting layer of protection, which is great news!

## THE BOOK

*Small Island* by Andrea Levy

This month's book was a big read, and while not all completed the mission, it was clearly enjoyed. Members thought it tied in well with our previous book "Cousins" with the themes of colonial trauma in and around WW2, but also while similarly about lives outside of our collective experience like the book "Zeina" we read several months ago, this was an easy, engaging story and entertaining story. Recommended!

## OTHER BOOKS

*Hollywood Crows* by Joseph Wambaugh

This one seems in direct contrast to *Small Island* and is what Ian's been reading and he says "Last read something by this guy many years ago.. a former LAPD Detective Sergeant turned author...a gritty, unsubtle, non-PC, journey into the crude reality of LA culture".

## SCREEN

*The Gentlemen* – Netflix

Here's one to please everyone. A bit of mindlessness, style and lady Mary from *Downton Abbey*. Hugh Grant leaning into his sleaziest, most ingratiating side in a perfect role. For my

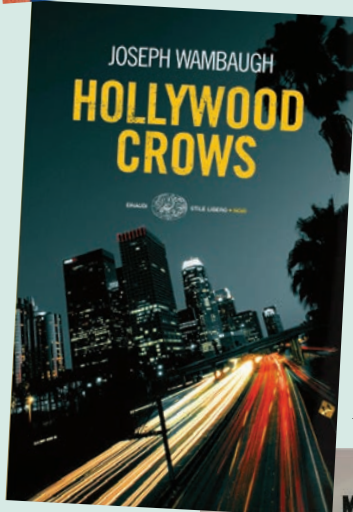


part, the martial artists in Lonsdale plaid track-suits and pork pies are something that really, Blueskin Taekwondo should adopt! British Gangsta at its most entertaining!

## MUSIC

Monty Bevans / *The Traveller*

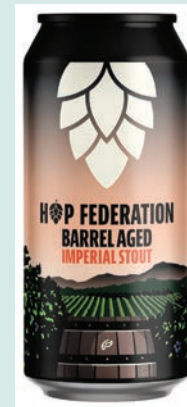
Ian has been enjoying a CD lent to him by chef Jean and apparently Monty Bevans played at the Gallery on Blueskin recently (which I missed). Ian says "great songs, great voice, accompanied by excellent guitar playing" and there's a nice YouTube clip – very mellow.



## BEER

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*Mcleods Billycan Milk Stout*

5.2% alc/vol – easy and smooth. Ian says "have to say a very good stout... rich, malty, dark, warm, mellow as a good stout should be" and I can only agree.

## MEANING OF LIFE

"It is more fun to talk with someone who doesn't use long, difficult words but rather short, easy words, like 'What about lunch?'"

*Winnie the Pooh.*

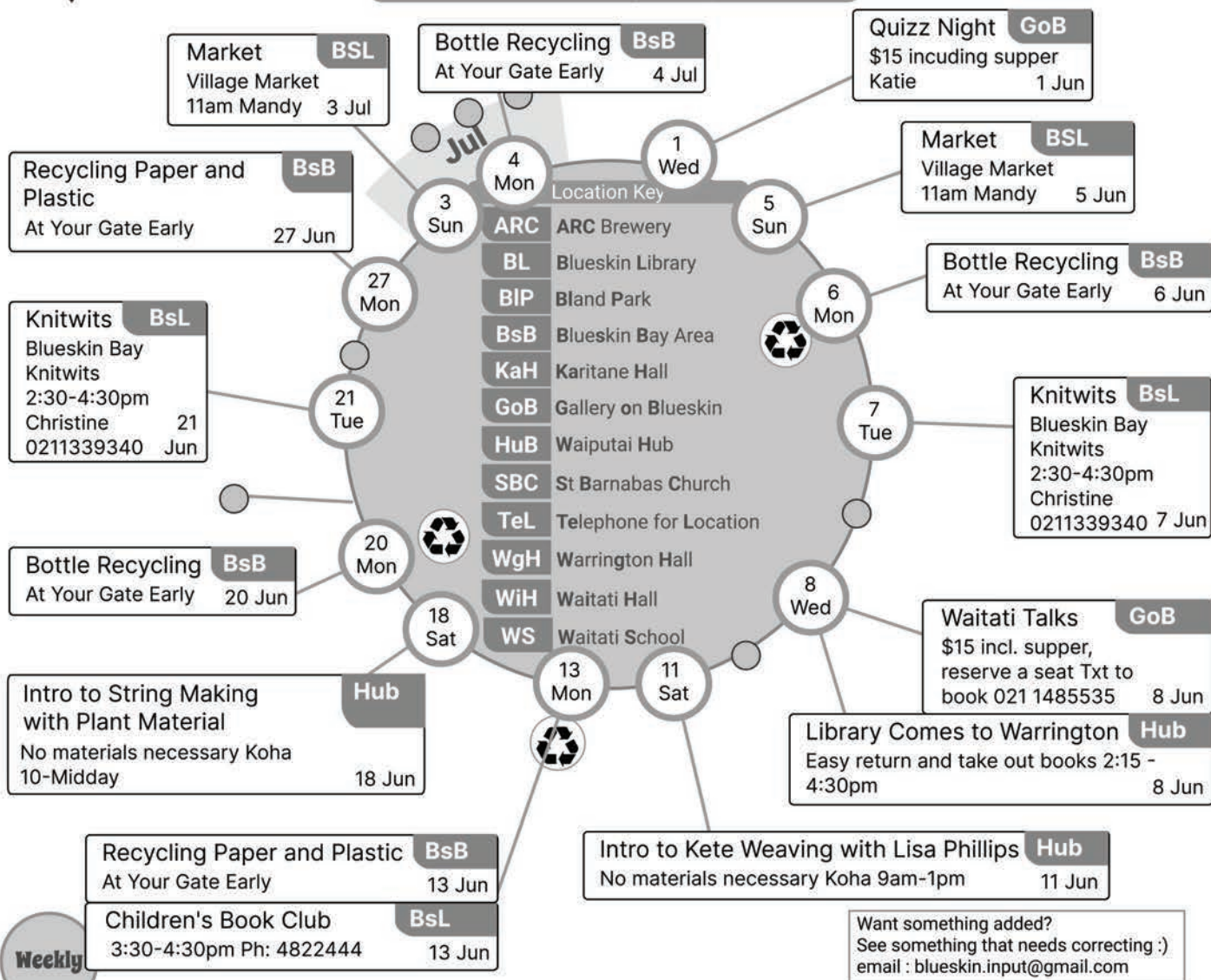






# Welcome to the Wonderful Wheel of What's on - May

Wheel of What's - Monthly and Special Events



Weekly

## Monday at

WiH

- 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

**Darts Club 7 pm** For beginners and others, all welcome Gold Coin, Sam 021 023 91946

HuB

- Knitwits** 6.30-8.30pm Christine 0211339340

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## TUESDAY

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

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## WEDNESDAY

- Yoga** 6-7pm and 7.15- 8.15 WiH Hagino hagino.yoga@gmail.com

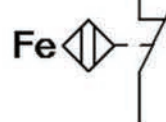
## THURSDAY

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

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## SATURDAY



- Live Music** 7-9pm Katie 0211485535

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## SUNDAY

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

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## WAIPUTAI HUB [waiputai@gmail.com](mailto:waiputai@gmail.com)

### ONE OFF EVENTS

**Intro to Kete Weaving** – with Lisa Phillips. Saturday, June 11, 9am- 1pm Limited numbers. No materials necessary. Koha. Email: [Waiputai@gmail.com](mailto:Waiputai@gmail.com); text: 021-171-0226

**Intro to String making** – with plant material with Julie and Barbara, Saturday, June 18th, 10am -12pm Limited numbers. No materials necessary; Koha. Email to book! [Waiputai@gmail.com](mailto:Waiputai@gmail.com); text: 021-171-0226

### Waitati Library comes to Warrington

Wednesday 8 June. Easy return & take out books.  
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### EVERY WEEK

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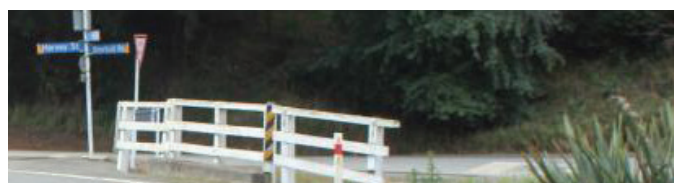
**It is pleasing that we have some 'pleasings' this month. It is pleasing that the long-awaited weekend bus service has finally started. It has been a long road getting this established. The first runs were on Saturday 28th May and it was also pleasing to see that there were passengers on the buses, despite the brief notice that the timetables had gone 'live' on the Otago Regional Council website. There had been a delay in getting the service started due to illness among the ORC bus drivers.**

It was very pleasing to see that the silly out-of-the-limit signs on Shortcut Road have finally been removed and replaced with much more sensible 60 km/hour signs. We have been chasing this for years but getting DCC to change speed limits on roads is a long and tortuous process. Shortcut Road is one of the most expensive unsealed roads to maintain in the whole region, but I understand that the road will receive some treatment after the spring and, hopefully, driving on the corrugated 'washboard' of a road will become a thing of the past.

It is pleasing that the DCC vegetation and footpath contractors have been catching up on overdue maintenance. It was nice to see the footpath on Orokonui Road reinstated and giving the school children somewhere safe on their walk to school. The footpath at the lower end of Doctors Point Road has also received a much-needed upgrade. Their challenge will now be to keep up the maintenance and we will be keeping a close eye on this as the months go by.

July 1st marks the start of the new DCC financial year, and our Discretionary Fund gets topped up to \$10,000. If you, or someone you know, would like some financial assistance with a community project then please contact Rebecca Murray at the Dunedin City Council (477 4000) or speak to a Board Member.

**Alasdair Morrison, Chairman Waikouaiti Coast Community Board** – [info@calmarine.co.nz](mailto:info@calmarine.co.nz) 0274 354 384







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