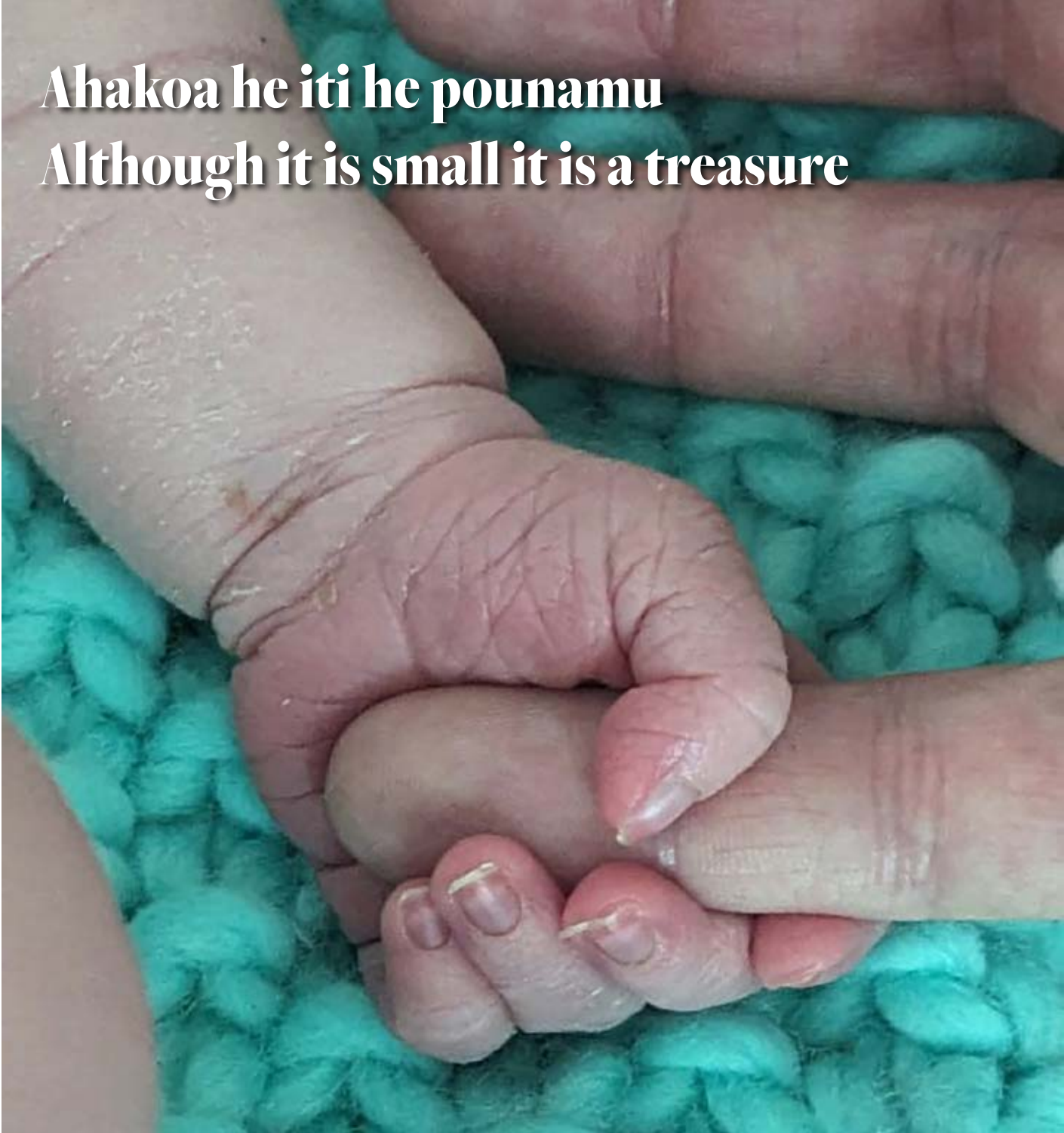


# BLUESKIN NEWS

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Ahakoā he iti he pounamu  
Although it is small it is a treasure

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# Pūrākaunui School

One Waka. One Crew. Many Journeys.

May was a busy month at Pūrākaunui School! In the classroom, a highlight for everyone was having the privilege of hosting Bob Bickerton and his remarkable programme, Te Ao o Taonga Pūoro (The World of Singing Treasures). This educational experience, designed for schools across Te Wai Pounamu, showcased 20 traditional Māori instruments. Some of our top favourites were the porotiti (spinning disc), the pūtātara (conch shell trumpet), and the karanga ruru (a round woodwind instrument that sounds like a ruru).

Outside of the classroom, we all enjoyed our annual school fair! It was a great showcase of our school, highlighting our special EnviroSchool and Garden to Table philosophy with lots of home-made produce and products on offer. We were blessed with a beautiful sunny day and had a good turn out – it was lovely to see so many people buzzing around our little kura. A huge thank you to all of our school whānau and alumni for making this event happen, and to everyone who supported us with your attendance!

Looking ahead this month, we warmly invite all members of our wider community to join us for our upcoming Matariki celebration on Thursday 27 June at 5:30 pm. Our tamariki will perform a play and waiata, followed by a lantern parade around our school grounds and a pot luck dinner. We would love to have some new friends join us to see in the Māori New Year!



**PUAKA MATARIKI**  
COMMUNITY CELEBRATION  
**THURSDAY JUNE 27 @ 5:30 PM**

- ★ Hot Chocolate
- ★ Waiata
- ★ Pūrākau (stories)
- ★ Lantern Parade
- ★ Pot luck dinner

ALL WELCOME

**Pūrākaunui School**  
8 Mhiwaka Station Rd

## Editor's Note

**May has been the most amazing month for me. The hands on the front cover belong to my son Max who grew up in Warrington and my first grandchild Ruben Dennis Alfred Yeo.**

I have watched my three brother's children all provide them with grandchildren and in my eldest brother's case even great grandchildren. I have met almost all of them, held them, watched Peppa Pig with some of them, taken them swimming and to playgrounds. I have had long involved conversations about dinosaurs with at least one of them and have generally enjoyed their company and being a great aunt without feeling particularly emotionally involved. I never really noticed the strong ties my brothers had with them.

When my son and his wife Katy became pregnant I was very happy for them. I was with them in London when they announced the fact. Then I came back to New Zealand. My son and I speak several times a week and I was kept informed of how things were going. I was excited when they sent the scan pictures but did not really have an emotional engagement, this was their child!

That has all changed, I received the first pictures of Ruben when he was just eight minutes old and I was instantly taken back to the moment when I saw his father for the first time. It's difficult to understand how in a second you can be taken from an interested onlooker to a totally involved and jubilant insider looking at a miracle whose life you will be an integral part of. I won't be able to hold him until July when I go back to the UK but until then I get to talk to him almost every day on Whats App. I am so proud of Max and Katy and so grateful to them. There is an immeasurable difference between being a great aunt and a granny.

Now I just have to wait for my daughter Phyllie and her husband Bryn to keep up with the pack. I won't annoy them but I hope they get on with it soon! Grandchildren are small indeed but definitely to be infinitely treasured.

**Keep warm and safe Bernie**

## BLUESKIN COMMUNITY MARKET Sunday, 2 June



## 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 021 171 0226.**

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

## RURAL SKIP DAYS Pop up Transfer Station

**Warrington Beach Carpark | 8 & 9 June | 10am - 4pm**

*(Waste must not be left at the site outside these times)*

**Payment can be made by EFTPOS or cash. Please have the correct change.**

**NO LARGE ITEMS:** i.e. engines, metals, tanks, metal drums, whiteware, demolition materials\*, or large items of vegetation\*\*

**NO UNACCEPTABLE WASTE:** i.e. hazardous waste, animal remedies, herbicides, medicines, medical waste, gas bottles, wire, asbestos or petrol tanks

**NO LIQUIDS:** i.e. liquids including oil

*\* demolition materials - the maximum size of demolition material is 1m in any direction. Material is to be clean and contain no asbestos.*

*\*\* vegetation - no complete hedgerows or similar.*

Fees apply. See website for details.



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# Unity for the Future

**Kia Ora. In Aotearoa, the political climate is and has always been intertwined with the complexities of Tangāta whenua, Tangāta Tiriti, and the enduring struggle to uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi.**

Recent years have seen a resurgence of Māori unity, fuelled by the determination to confront ongoing marginalisation and oppression by the Government. This resurgence underscores the importance of recognising and honouring the rights of both Tangāta Whenua (Māori) and Tangāta Tiriti (those who have entered into a treaty relationship) in shaping the future of this land.

Navigating the political landscape of Aotearoa requires a steadfast commitment to upholding Te Tiriti o Waitangi and honouring the rights of both Tangāta Whenua and Tangāta Tiriti. The recent resurgence of Maori unity underscores the urgency of reclaiming Maori sovereignty and confronting ongoing marginalization and oppression. By standing in solidarity with one another and with indigenous peoples around the world, we can forge a future grounded in justice, equity, and respect for all.

Mauri ora

**Camellia**

## THE RANT by Dean Griffiths



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:

The closure of local, ethical, fair trade stores like Trade Aid, who make real change for the people they trade with, keep handcrafting skills alive and provide a people and planet first shopping option, while giant box superstores like K mart and Temu open and make millions for their share holders, using cheap labour, mass factory production, driven by the profit before people business model.

### What makes me glad:

People who care. As I end my 28 years with Trade Aid, I have been truly humbled by the outpouring of love, shared sadness, hugs, and stories about what our little store has meant for so many people over 30 plus years in Ōtepoti.

People who volunteer their time to do good. I have had the privilege to have worked with several hundred volunteers over many years. People from every corner of society, every walk of life, different ethnicities, religions and beliefs, but all driven by a desire to give their free time to something that does some good in the world. I take my hat off to each and every person who has ever given their time to volunteer.

### What makes me sad:

The National, Act, and NZ First parties unrelenting and unsettling attack on all the good things in our Aotearoa, and the disturbing egos that seem to pervade all three parties.

## BLUESKIN GARDEN CLUB

**Autumn in our gardens is a time of harvesting. Whether it is from your fruit trees, or from the vegetable garden, there is plenty of work to do. I have been busy preserving beetroot, apples and pears, making pickle and relish, and apple jelly. It's so good to see the reward of all the work in the garden in the pantry!**

With all the fallen leaves and the autumn cleanup, it's a great time to add to our compost heaps, ready for spring. Nichols garden centre has a very good pamphlet on Compost making.

Our garden club event for this month was held at 'The Gallery'. It was our AGM, and over 20 members enjoyed a delicious meal and chatter, as well as attending to garden club business.

With winter coming, perhaps you may have spare time to do a little craft work with the spring flower show in mind.

The classes this year are:

1. A dressed doll in any medium.
2. 3 dish clothes each one different – can be knitted, crochet or sewn.
3. A child's jumper for 0-5 years.
4. A pair of socks.

So time to get busy everyone!

**Bev Lyon** publicity





## Tēnā koutou Blueskin Bay!

**A huge and heartfelt thank you to all of you that came along to our Open Day and Rummage Sale! It was such a pleasure to meet some new families in our beautiful part of the world, as well as the chance to catch up with some old Playcentre friends too!**

Thanks to your generosity we raised just over \$230!!! That money will go towards the cost of another Playcentre parent getting their workplace first aid ticket - that's another parent making not just our wee centre safer, but your community safer too! Plus the kids all had a ball gobbling up baking, adorning themselves (and some brave parents) with faceprint, and the sandpit dig kept them busy for ages! It was a lovely day so again a huge thank you to everyone who came and supported, donated deliciousness and pre-loved goods, and helped things run smoothly.

We've been mixing up cosy play sessions at centre with some outings. This term the lovely Louise has been hosting us at Blueskin Library, and we have also been venturing further afield to Tūhura (Otago Museum). I think we all enjoyed leaving a cold drizzly morning behind and spending some time with the butterflies (and their tropical warmth!) If the tropical temps weren't enough, the grins on the kids wee faces were sure to fill anyone with warm fuzzies!



We are open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays during term time from 8:45am until 12:15pm. If you'd like to arrange a visit, then please find us on Facebook (Blueskin Playcentre), at [www.playcentre.org.nz/centre/blueskin/](http://www.playcentre.org.nz/centre/blueskin/), or at [blueskin@playcentre.org.nz](mailto:blueskin@playcentre.org.nz). We hope to see you soon!

**Cara**

## ANZAC Tragic

**I'm a born-again ANZAC Day tragic. It was a slow burn. While attending primary school in 1968, trauma had hobbled my enthusiasm. Casa Nova Primary's tradition was spelling out a large 'ANZAC' in saw-dust letters, into which we pupils would insert flowers brought from home, creating a colourful tribute to the fallen.**

But, if you didn't bring any flowers, you didn't get to place any. Being raised in a flowerless family meant that FOMO kicked in. So, on my way to school that day, I hopped someone's fence and stole a fistful of flowers. Problem solved. Participation guaranteed. Not! Castigation, embarrassment, and a "jolly good hiding" (the norm for 'thieving little b.....ds' in 1960's Oamaru), followed. Traumatized, ANZAC Day lost its lustre for me.

27 years later I was warehouse-living in Vogel St, Queen's Garden end. April 25th rolled around, and I was (un)ceremoniously jolted awake at 6am by the firing-off of a 25mm canon. WTF? It quickly became apparent. Dunedin's Dawn Service was happening 100m from my bed. No fighting it. I went to see what the fuss was all about.

Since that day, I've attended about 20 ANZAC Day commemorations. And while some people claim it's a glorification of war, I believe it de-glorifies and interpolates, which means it adds another story to the one we already know. ANZAC Day is about young men's stories. It reduces war to horror, death, and waste at a personal level. At the Waitati service, the reading out of the names and ages of young men from Waikouaiti, Karitane, Seacliff, Warrington, Waitati, and Upper Junction, who couldn't return to Blueskin Bay, never fails to move me. Lest we forget.

**Doug Nuttall**



**Holly Hamilton at the Waitati market**





**This month Predator Free Dunedin are putting a 'Spotlight on Possums'. From the Otago Peninsula to Waikouaiti, they want to know if you see a possum! All possum sightings can be reported via [www.reportapossum.nz](http://www.reportapossum.nz).**

The Halo project is particularly interested in detecting possums in the 2024 'Zero-Density' focus area (east of Blueskin Road). They are hosting two events to look for possums in these areas:

**Tuesday 18 June 7pm - 8pm at Lady Thorn Rhododendron Dell**

**Thursday 20 June 7pm - 8pm at Aramoana Domain**

During a short walk the Halo team will use thermal scopes and spotlights to locate possums in the area. They will teach residents how possum surveys are completed and the various methods for possum detection.

If you would like to participate, please email [info@haloproject.org.nz](mailto:info@haloproject.org.nz) before Friday 14 June. Those who RSVP will be advised of wet weather postponements.

#### POSSUM BEHAVIOUR:

- They are nocturnal and feed at night.
- Often follow the same track, forming flattened paths about 20cm wide.
- Have an average home range of 200m in forest and multiple den sites.
- Have favourite trees that are visited regularly, leaving extensive scratch marks in their bark and heavy browsing of leaves and fruit.
- Possums eat the leaves, flowers and fruit of native plants. Two of their preferred trees are fuchsia, māhoe.
- Their dislike of wet weather makes control much more successful during fine weather.



## AUNTY BLUEBALLS

Aunty Blueballs is your recently divorced Aunty at family Christmas after she has had three wines but before she has started dancing to Bon Jovi on the coffee table. She approves of none of your life choices but loves you anyway and is in no position to judge. Write to her at [auntyblueballs@gmail.com](mailto:auntyblueballs@gmail.com).

Dear Aunty Blueballs,  
Would it be appropriate to date someone who is 15 years younger than me?

Thanks, Q. Garr

Dear Q,

According to the age-old old-age rule of "half your age plus seven," this depends entirely on just how old-aged you are. Say, if you are 20 and the object of your affection is 5, please seek help immediately and burn all of your "Twilight" books. If you are 30 and they are 15, I'm still going to have to say no. 40 and 25... well, maybe by this age it's okay to start waiting a few years until the numbers add up. Unless you've known them since you were 20 and they were 5, in which case it will never ever be acceptable. Confusing? Yes.

If you are more like 50 with an amour of 35, with whom you have recently become acquainted, this should be perfectly acceptable according to the formula. I'm sure one of your friendly neighbours in this community will be able to supply you with some uppers to help you keep up with them. Not sure I would give you the same advice if the ages were reversed, but look - you're not the one who's going to be wiping their bottom in 30 years. Go for it!

If you're any older than this - what are you waiting for? Your life is disappearing before your eyes and you're lucky if you can score anyone at all let alone someone younger. Stop writing to me and get on with it!

## Madness vs Sanity



## REMINDER

**This is a community newsletter and we would love to hear from YOU.**

**Photos, articles, history, opinions, paintings, poems, cartoons, recipes...**

**Cut off date  
15th of month prior  
Send to**

**[blueskin.input@gmail.com](mailto:blueskin.input@gmail.com)**

# WAITATI BOOK CLUB by Ian Melvin

Scott is still in Wellington, it's just Ross and I winding our way out to Company Bay to visit Ruth and Paul's new abode for the first time After a false start we eventually find the right house and a warm welcome and get to enjoy the stunning night view of the Harbour. We are soon settling in to business and making a toast to get the ball rolling so to speak, and getting to hear about some of Martin's adventures in the USA.

## THE BOOK

**The Bell Jar** by **Sylvia Plath**. This book seemed to meet with fairly general approval. Although nobody would really describe it as an enjoyable read. The book and Sylvia Plath's life and poetry and place in the literary world generally, gave us plenty of ground for discussion. Several parallels were drawn between this book and 'Breakfast At Tiffany's' our last book.

*"a girl lives in an out-of-the-way town for nineteen years, so poor she can't afford to buy a magazine, and then she wins a scholarship to college and wins a prize here and there , and ends up driving New York like a car. Only I wasn't driving anything, not even myself".*

Quote from the book

## OTHER BOOKS

**Ngā Pepa a Ranginui The Walker Papers** by **Ranginui Walker**. Thought provoking views on the issues affecting Māori and Pākehā. From one of the most respected and prolific writers addressing these issues.

*"Doug Graham went one step further by saying that the governments sovereignty was based on successful British colonisation rather than arguments over what was legal , or even moral or just. That is an even graver admission, because a society that is not founded on justice and high moral principal will not endure".* Quote from the book.

## BEER

**Pursuit Of Hoppiness**, a free Take Me Home Magazine from liquor outlets. This magazine has some interesting articles and beer recommendations for those who enjoy craft beers. For example pieces covering the loss of Zeelandt Brewery in Hawkes Bay destroyed by cyclone Gabrielle, a small craft brewery focused on perfecting traditional German beer styles. ie classic beer made well; Craft vs Corporate – is craft beer losing some of its appeal? And Beer Prices – is craft beer becoming too elitist and expensive for everyday kiwi beer drinkers? Lots of other great articles!



**Sprig and Fern Brewery's Norty Porter** a limited release chocolate porter. Quaffable with not too much of the chocolate flavour to dominate and pours a good head. 8 out of 10.

## MUSIC

**Love and Happiness** by **Al Green** is the very best of a 2 CD album with **Lorde's** recent pretty impressive cover of **Take Me To The River** as part of a tribute album from various artists to **David Byrne** and **Talking Heads** Album **Stop Making Sense**. Interesting to go back to the original and realise what a brilliant songwriter and artist he was, oh that voice, that vocal range. Many of the covers are great but nobody does it like the master. Well **Aaron Neville** might come close?

Try **Al Green A Change is Gonna Come** live or **A Perfect Day** on youtube to see what I mean.

## WORD OF THE MONTH

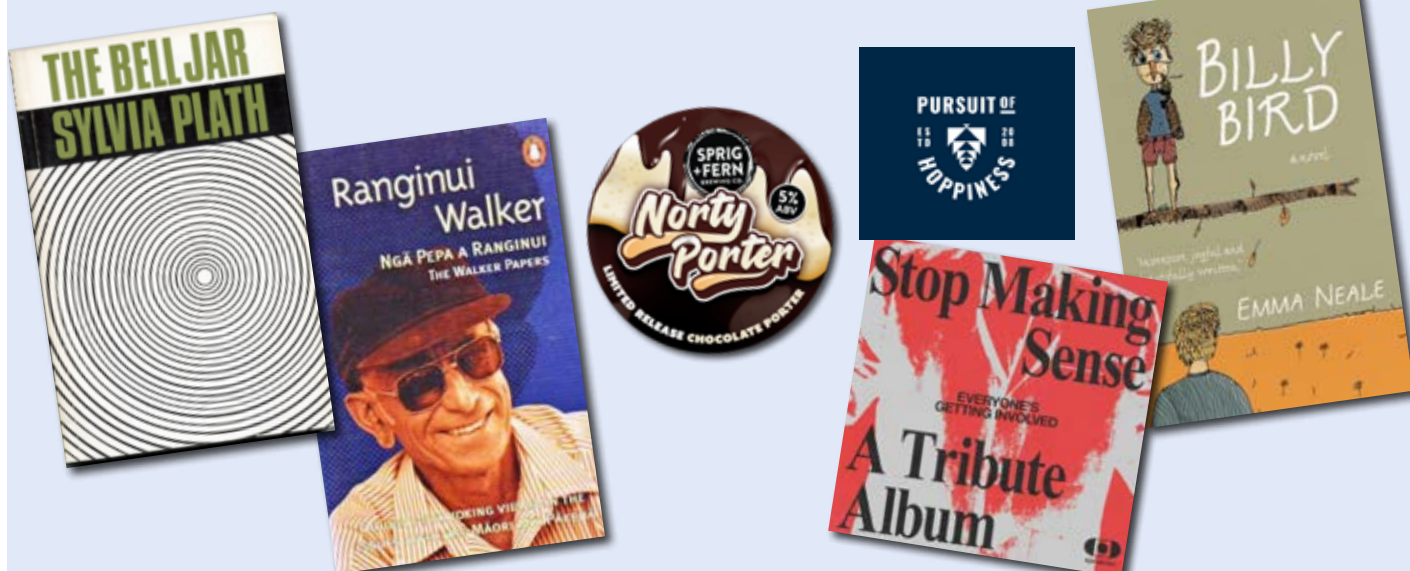
**Children:** "... they are mercurial, changeable, beautifully mysterious, perpetually unusual creatures. They're 'Forces of nature.' Trisha said. 'It's like putting a magnifying glass over a snowflake, sometimes the very act of examining it can melt its shape.' She often closed her eyes as she talked it if her own words sent out intense brightness".

## MEANING OF LIFE

### Translation II

The sun signs in heat on the stones;  
the stones print their signs against the grass shadows.  
The grass whispers within the birds ken;  
the birds sing by ear the clear green syllables -  
so on the bright lawn, beside the shadow-hedge,  
beneath his sleepy skin  
the child murmurs an idioglossia;  
dreams himself native  
to the first universal language.

Quote and poem from a wonderful book **Billy Bird** by our own **Emma Neale**





# Makomako/wineberry

This year the makomako tree growing next to the bridge on Harvey Street, Waitati was dripping with huge black berries, looking for all the world like little bunches of grapes. I have never seen decent sized berries on one of these trees before, and I have always wondered how they got their English name of 'wine berry'. I had always thought "how would you ever get enough berries to make wine? You would have to be pretty desperate for wine and have loads of spare time to make that worthwhile"

Well, now I know. Sometimes they do have plenty of fruit. So I picked a few bunches and made jelly from them to see how it tasted- the result was deep purple and very tasty. It didn't set particularly well, so must be very low in pectin, but with added jam setting mix it turned out good enough.

So my next step was to go and pick about 1/3 of a bucket full to try making some wine. I picked the berries of the stalks, which in most cases improves the flavour, and covered them with boiling water, and left covered over night. Next day I strained them through a jelly bag. I tested the resultant juice with hydrometer and it came in at 1.030 SG which is a pretty high for a wild berry, meaning they are reasonably sweet naturally. I only had to add 1 kg of sugar dissolved in a litre of water to make up 5 litres of wine. I added a packet of fruit wine yeast. My wine is now bubbling away in the hot water cupboard.

I expect it will take years of maturing in the bottle before it tastes any good, but hey, I have loads of slowly maturing bottles of weird varieties of wine coming along already.

This batch will make around 6 bottles. I have been keeping an eye out for more makomako trees with fruit, and found zero. If anyone else finds one, give it a try.

Note: my mnemonic for remembering its name is that as it has sharply toothed leaves, like a mako shark, it must be a shark shark-makomako...weird, I know but it works for me.

Hilary Rowley



WARRINGTON  
SCHOOL

**Warrington School had an amazing end to term 1 with a combined win in the Year 5 and 6 EPRO 8 competition. The students came 2nd in the heats section of the competition, and returned to DNI a few days later to compete in the finals. The students worked well as a team, and came out with a combined win with Grants Braes school. The tamariki had an amazing experience participating in this competition, and we are so proud of their determination and ability to problem solve. Kei te pai Tamariki!!**

As the seasons have been changing, so have the gardens here at Warrington. We are very lucky to continue to have the expertise of Lyn Hastie and Lyne Carlisle to lead our tamariki in the garden to table project. This year we have once again won the Dunedin Horticultural Society School vegetable selection trophy. The akonga always love cooking and being able to pick and eat the vegetables from the gardens at school.

Here at Warrington we hold explorers club fortnightly for 4 year olds. We would like to invite families to come along and see all the exciting learning happening in our junior classroom. Please get in touch with Sam in the office for information.

We have had a fantastic uptake for Hockey this year! We have registered 4 teams this year for the season!





# BLUESKIN BAY LIBRARY

28 Harvey Street, Waitati, 9085 • Ph 03 482-2444 • [www.dunedinlibraries.govt.nz](http://www.dunedinlibraries.govt.nz)

**Open: Monday - Friday: 11am-1pm; 2-5.30pm, Saturday: 10am-1pm**

## What's On

### Storytime with Stephaney

**Fridays, 11am** (except school holidays)

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



### Bookshare

**Thursday 27 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.

### Blueskin Bay Knitwits

**Mondays, 6.30 - 8.30pm**

(contact Christine 021 133 9340)

**Tuesdays, 2.30 - 4.30pm**

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

### Games Galore & Lego\*

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

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

### Book a Librarian

We can show you how to use our computers, search our catalogue, set up an email account and download e-books or e-audio. Simply fill out the online form ([www.dunedinlibraries.govt.nz/services/book-a-librarian](http://www.dunedinlibraries.govt.nz/services/book-a-librarian)) for a FREE 30 minute session, one on one assistance with a librarian or call in to the library.

### Dyslexia friendly resources

An estimated one in ten New Zealanders have dyslexia. Dunedin Public Libraries have a range of books in various formats which are more accessible for readers of all ages with dyslexia.



**Print Books** – you can search our catalogue for 'dyslexia friendly books' to see all the relevant books and look out for the symbol (pictured above) for books on the shelf.

**eBooks** – the beauty of Borrowbox eBooks is that any eBook can easily be converted into a more dyslexia friendly format.

**Books about dyslexia** – we also have books about dyslexia.

If you need any help ask any of our staff.

### Beamafilm



Film titles are now searchable on the library catalogue. This month's staff pick is *Bill Cunningham New York*, "a joyous documentary that explores the life of the late chronicler of clothes, who shot fashion's biggest names and well-dressed nobodies". We also have his book of photographs, *On the Street* and his biography, *Fashion Climbing*, "written with his infectious joy and one-of-a-kind voice, this memoir was polished, neatly typewritten, and safely stored away in his lifetime. He held off on sharing it – and himself – until his passing."

### DCC Service Centre @ Blueskin Bay Library

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

# Warrington Hall Committee

**On behalf of the Warrington Hall Committee we wish to thank each and every one of you for supporting our fundraising quiz night. We raised \$2,000 to enable Warrington School to purchase outdoor tables for the children to eat their lunch at and for other activities.**

Our small committee of six planned this evening not just to raise funds but to bring our community together and to showcase our hall which doesn't get used as often as we would like. Warrington School are the recipients of the monies raised and the pupils will get a new picnic table or two to sit at during break times. We sent emails, door knocked, and made phone calls to obtain items for the raffle table. We organised food and set up the hall. Advertising was done by way of social media, Blueskin News, local notice boards and lamp posts. 15 teams quickly registered and there were approximately 92 folk at the tables as well as the workers. Bernie, our quiz master spent many hours making up the questions and we can't thank her enough for a wonderful, thought provoking evening. She was assisted by Nick and Athol. A huge thank you to Georgina (George) for taking on the role of scorer. Melissa, our Treasurer accomplished wonders sourcing prizes and she was assisted on the night by Helen with the EFTPOS machine. Pete, our Chairperson was on his toes and the microphone all night sorting out raffle sales and was ably assisted by Lyne who sold many hundred of tickets, I (Lyn) was on the whiteboard and raffle table. Thank you to the school parents and pupils who attended, helped out as needed, and also donated raffle prizes. If you would like to use the hall for a fundraiser we can help you with the list of "to dos". The firewood raffle was very popular and the winners were Catherine Sheehan and Lois Taylor.

A big thank you to all the business folk and locals who gave donations of raffle prizes. East Otago, Blueskin Bay, and Dunedin shops etc were very generous. Here is the list of all the folk we would like to thank for being so generous and helping to make the night such a great one.

**Spotlight, Waitati On the Spot, Blueskin Nursery and Cafe, Gilmour Motors, Zeagold (Mainland Poultry), Gardens New World, Bay Road Peanut Butter, Otago Daily Times, Fernbrae Surgery • Harvey St Merchant, Tasse Cafe, Blooms Florist, Pardal Hair, Mamma Mia Pizzas, Arc Brewery, Monarch Wildlife Cruises & Tours, Orokonui Ecosanctuary, Placemakers, East Otago Contracting Ltd, Clive Contracting (Clive Wilson), Hammer Hardware – Waikouaiti Beano's Bakery, Waikouaiti Fish & Chips, Arnie Tiddy – Waikouaiti, Vet Life - Waikouaiti, Evansdale Cheese, Matanaka Meats, Otago Transport, Hewvan Timber, Z Garage Palmerston, Off the Rails Honey Co. – Hyde, Mitre 10 Mega, Mornington Dentist, Animates – Dunedin, Bunnings, Subway Anderson Bay, Eftpos Specialists Otago, Farmlands Taieri – Mosgiel, RD Petroleum, Petal Studio, East Otago Transport, East Otago Auto Electrical & Mechanical, PGG Wrightson – Palmerston, No 12 The Shed – Daryl & Carol Watson – Goodwood, Anthony and Dawn Hope**  
**Lyn Hastie**



**Presentation of the cheque for \$2,000 to Warrington School board of trustees Katie Wenbourne by Pete Smith.**





**As winter approaches, layers of clothes are added and children are very keen to be outside especially on frosty mornings. They love the magic of the frozen ice. Some love the challenge of bare feet and gloveless hands. Kids will always be kids.**

We welcomed Makikihi School from just outside of Timaru for a visit this week. From the land of fires to the land of bubbling brooks. We began with a Mihi Whakatau, such a wonderful experience for all. Antony from Puketeraki Marae is so generous with his time as he leads this. After a cuppa and a bikki, we head down to the Te Timataka Pous, in the Estuary. Students recount the Kai Tahu Creation Story to new friends, and then they touch close up clay representations of the story.

Back at school, in Mahi-a-Ringa, the learners gain the opportunity to respond to the Purakau with clay. We finish with a karakia and an invite to visit their school.

At Waitati school we continue to weave deep learning around the concept of Turangawaiwai, we are learning about identity. Tuakiri, who we are, where we are, in relation to others.

I am proud of who I am, where I belong, and how I can use my strength to learn.

The goal is to plan, produce, and present a story about children's whānau, heritage and ancestry. We can't wait to hear the unique and special stories each child uncovers.

Our physical identity, where we live, our cultural identity, who we live alongside, and our individual identity, our unique ancestry. Together we form Waitati School. Knowing who we are and where we come from is integral to developing strong roots which help keep children grounded into the future.

Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua: 'I walk backwards into the future with my eyes fixed on my past'

I received a 90th Anniversary Celebration souvenir History from a kind daughter of an ex Waitati School student in the post. Seventy years later as I read this book, I am once again at awe of a community who values education. Our history informs our future.



### Quiz Night

Coming up is our annual Quiz night. Please come along. We are raising money for our Year 6-8 Ski Camp.

Book a team now [quiznight@waitati.school.nz](mailto:quiznight@waitati.school.nz).

**Tara O'Neill**  
Principal

## Waikouaiti Coast Heritage Centre

**Days are definitely getting colder, we are so lucky to have underfloor heating, to keep our heritage centre (visitors and volunteers) warm all year round. Such a difference from the old bank when volunteers sat over our one heater in the winter.**

For the next month or so we will feature items that will provide some indoor activities to keep the family occupied on cold days. This includes story books, jigsaws, memory games, board games and marbles etc.

We will also have prints by Mia Gorman as our featured artist along with many other unique items made by local artisans.

The project to restore the old bank building has reached an impasse in our discussions with DCC Heritage and HeritageNZ and we intend to ask the local community to assist us in making a decision. By next month a Survey Form will be available online and in a hard copy format and we hope as many people as possible will take the opportunity to complete it. We particularly want to hear from the younger generation in the area.

I also want to give advance notice to everyone of our AGM at the end of August at which we will have a well-known local identity speaking on a topic of significant local interest. More on this in the next couple of months.

Finally, I would love to hear from someone with skills in videoing/filming as we would like to keep a digital record of the restoration project. It would require being available at irregular intervals over the next few years. For further details please contact me.

**Shirley McKewen**, Treasurer WCHC





# Waikouaiti Coast Community Board Update

June already – where has the year gone? We have been ‘submitted out’ this past month, dealing with the DCC Annual Plan, the ORC Long Term Plan and the Regional Land Transport Plan Mid-term review. Topics we highlighted included vehicle speeds around Waitati Curve on the highway; lack of safe access for cyclists and pedestrians between Evansdale and Waitati along SH1, and between Waikouaiti and Karitane; the bus service; coastal erosion; and road & vegetation maintenance to name but a few.

We are just a few weeks away from the implementation of the new Kerbside Recycling System and the appearance of the new green & red wheelie bins on our streets. While much of the new system seems to have merit, there are some anomalies which we are discussing with DCC staff. The main issue relates to folk

on some of our long rural roads who have been using the DCC black rubbish bags, and taking them in the car to a collection point on the highway. From 1 July the rubbish bags will be gone, replaced by the red wheelie bins – and there may not be room in your car to get them to the highway. It seems that this issue has ‘fallen through the cracks’ while the new system was being developed. If you have a concern about this please let me know.

The end of June marks the end of the DCC financial year, and our Discretionary Fund gets topped up by \$10,000 from 1 July. If you, or someone you know, has a community project that could do with some funding assistance then you can complete a funding application form which can be found on the DCC website, or give any board member a call if you need some clarity.

**Alasdair Morrison**, Chairman, Waikouaiti Coast Community Board. 0274 354 384.

## Name the stars

Each of these nine stars is placed in the same position as a star in the Matariki cluster. Do you know which one is which?

Write their names in the boxes next to their images. Use the word bank to help you.

If you need more help go to [www.matariki.twoa.ac.nz/the-stars-of-matariki/](http://www.matariki.twoa.ac.nz/the-stars-of-matariki/)

**Wordbank**

Matariki	Waitā	Hiwa-i-te-Rangi	Tupūānuku
Pōhutukawa	Tupūārangi	Waitī	Waipuna-ā-Rangi
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<b>FRIDAYS</b>	Line Dancing with Marie at the Warrington Hall: 7 – 8pm All Ages welcome beginning June 7 <i>Sponsored by the Waiputai Trust</i>
<b>SUNDAYS</b>	Waitati Warblers: Singing for joy 4 – 5.30pm (winter) Contact: nancymiller140@gmail.com

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<b>MONDAYS</b>	Steady As You Go: 1.30pm Age Concern  Gentle Yoga: 6pm 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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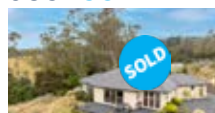
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As we reach the end of the 2023-2024 season, we can look back on the last few months with satisfaction. The beach has been kept safe with lifeguards, including several new ones, patrolling the beach for more than 1700 hours. We have enjoyed sunny days chatting to locals on the beach, as well as eating baking, playing cards, and doing rainy-day tasks in the A-frame on cold days. The nippers programme has once again been successful with Club Days on Sundays and more nippers making the transition to competing at the local, regional, and national competitions.

A new rookie programme for members nearing the age of 14 was launched. This was a successful and popular programme. The nippers, led by Madelene Ozanne and Isabella Aldrich, engaged in a range of activities, including first aid, patrol support, tube rescues, and canoeing, all while wearing their stunning new rookie uniforms.

It was a successful season for competition. There were 12 medals won at the national competitions held at Mount Maunganui and Waikouaiti, with three competitors competing at the junior level and more than 30 competing at the senior level. At the Otago/Southland Regional awards of excellence, we received numerous nominations and awards. Check out our Facebook for more details.

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# Mini-fest & Waitati Music Fest

Get your diaries out to pencil in some fun! The Waitati Music Festival crew are excited to invite you to two wicked events! This year join us at a 2nd iteration of the Waitati Mini-fest Fundraiser on **Saturday, November 23rd**, and then in 2025, come along for the main event—the 11th Waitati Music Festival at Bland Park—scheduled **Saturday, January 25th**.

We were unable to throw a festival this year because the 10th Waitati Music Festival was Covid-delayed back in 2022, which resulted in a disruption to our grant application cycle. With no money to subsidise the ticket prices, entry would have been around \$100 per guest! Instead, we chose to take a break. We have since been working hard writing grant applications, begging for money from the DCC, the Community Organisation Grant Scheme, Otago Community Trust, and Creative Communities NZ.

Unfortunately, when we began collecting quotes for the next big event, we realised that festivals are not immune from the 'cost of everything' crisis. To allow us more time to fundraise, we decided to make the festival biennial (every two years), and in alternate years we will host a one-stage fundraising event called a Mini-fest. We will also be looking for sponsorship (see below).

Another way our team saves on festival costs is by recruiting volunteers, exchanging a ticket for two hours of work on the gate, or for face painting, serving as a zero-waste warrior, or for working safety patrol. Of course, another option would be to reduce the scale of our festival, but that will be a last resort—we love the Waitati Music Festival!



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Waitati Music Festival has been well supported by Blueskin Bay and Dunedin's music-loving community for a decade. The festival features three stages showcasing predominantly Dunedin-based musicians, several art installations including our trademark live-spray art, giant community murals and paint-on-a-vehicle. Other features include a kidzone, food zone, and zero-waste stations. Our kaupapa is to offer an affordable, high-quality, alternative music and arts festival. Children under 15 are always free, but to keep the ticket price low for adults we must fundraise on top of our usual grant applications.

The 2025 festival has projected running costs of \$75k. We have applied for \$25k in grants, expect \$30k in ticket sales, and are seeking \$20k in sponsorship either in-kind or in-cash. Ideas for in-kind donations include lending/hiring a lorry (for a stage), a generator, marquee, toilets or fencing. The larger the donation, the larger your logo on all our marketing, plus you would be an on-site sponsor at one of our 'festival features' (minimum \$500 value). Any size donations are welcome of course!

If you're keen to help give your community a good time & boost your cool, please get in touch to discuss: [katie.peppercorn@otago.ac.nz](mailto:katie.peppercorn@otago.ac.nz) | 021 148 5535.

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