

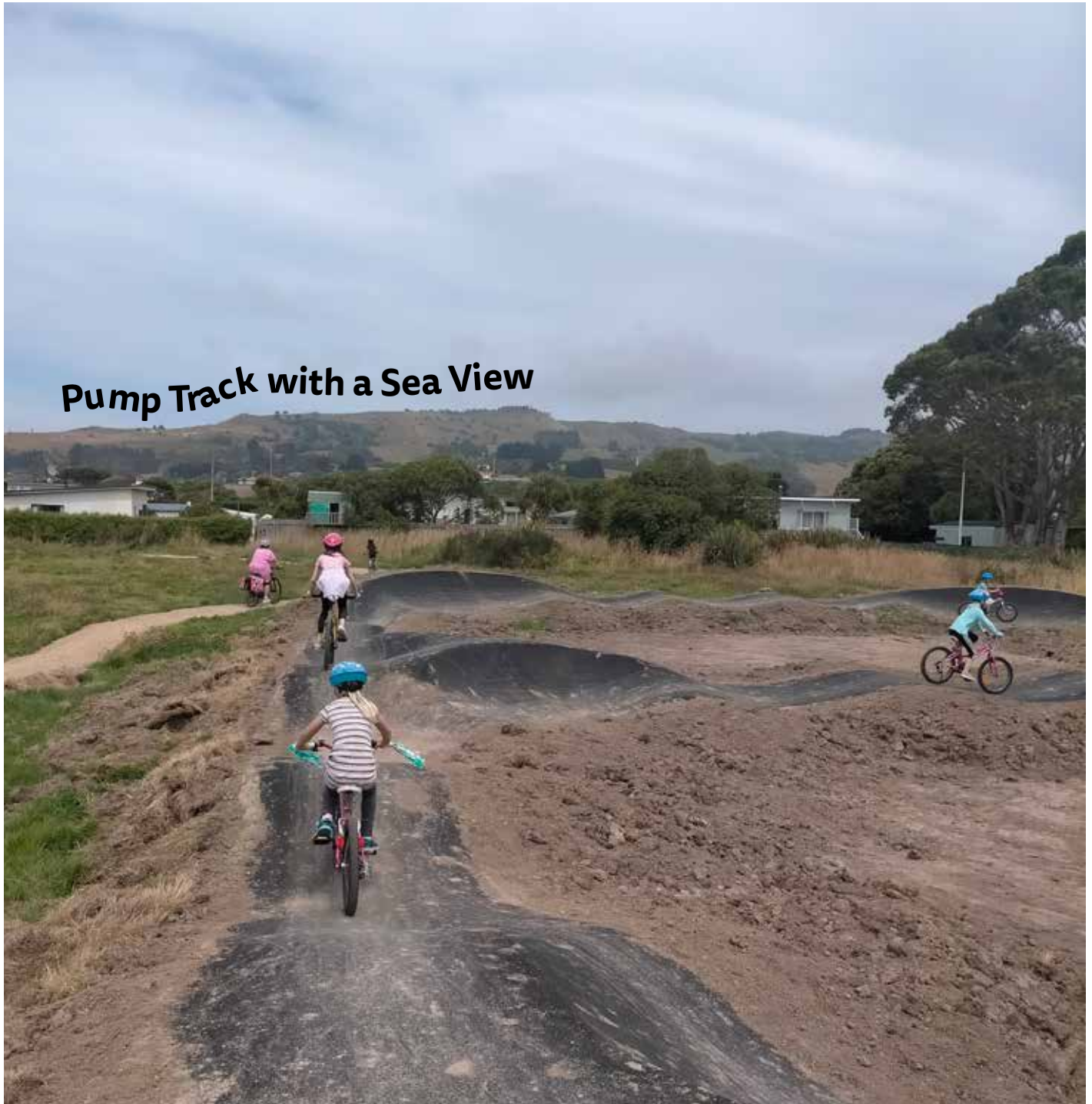
BLUESKIN NEWS

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Pump Track with a Sea View



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Newbie Note

Tēnā koutou katoa. Ko Meg tōku ingoa. Kei Koputai noho au kei kāinga. Tihei mauri ora!



Hello, my name is Meg and I have offered to lend my production and layout skills to the Blueskin News for 2022. Instead of my usual job of moulding tertiary students' minds, I am happily having a year off to spend more time with friends and whānau, engage in community and

creative projects and replenish my mental and physical wellbeing. I have many connections with people and places throughout the West Harbour and Blueskin Bay areas. I am a creative who works with various media, including graphic design, painting and stitching. I am also enamoured by the natural environment and all of its critters. I look after a few critters of my own, including two children. I'm looking forward to working with the spirited Blueskin News team and helping to bring you all the happenings of this diverse and vibrant community. A special thanks to Bernie for teaching me how to do it all! Ngā mihi nui.

Meg Brasell-Jones



We sell local, regional and NZ sourced produce from fresh organic veges, flowers, fruit, meats, cheese, along with other delicious treats and Pure NZ Artisan Ice Cream.

Our Opening Hours :
Thursday, Friday & Monday 10 – 5.30pm
Saturday & Sunday 10 – 5pm

Check out our website
Harvey-street-merchant.myshopify.com

Blueskin Bay Community Spaces

Warrington Hall

Available for birthdays, family gatherings, exercise classes, dances and do's 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

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

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



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

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

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

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

It's as simple as that

Let's keep supporting our local businesses



Photo: Karitāne School student Theo Pakinga (7)

Big Asset for Small School

Karitāne School students welcomed the start of the school year with the opening of the largest pump track in Dunedin.

"Our paddock was overgrown and not being used to its full potential" says school principal Nic Phillips. "The Board of Trustees decided a bike track around its perimeter and a pump track would be a much better use of the land and help develop students' bike skills. And despite being one of Dunedin's smallest schools, we decided to go big!"

The pump track has already been popular with students and the wider community, with cyclists coming as far from Dunedin. "We've had a few scrapes, but we are already seeing students gain confidence and skills from the bike track. More kids are riding to school with their parents just so they can ride the bike track during their breaks".

The Board of Trustees was grateful for funding from the Otago Community Trust, the Ministry of Education, the Waikouaiti Coast Community Board and the Otago Masonic Charitable Trust. Board Chair Caroline Ryder also wanted to thank Waitati local Richard Templeton for mowing the paddock during a particularly wet weekend before construction began.

"Our next project will be landscaping", Ms Ryder says. "Plants and picnic tables can be sponsored on our school page www.karitaneschool.co.nz/bike-park-project. Donations of plants would also be welcomed".

Busted!

There is a possibility that we are to get some sort of improvement to our paltry, local bus service. The community Board has been advocating for this to the ORC for some time. The board did an informal consultation. The majority of those who responded asked for some busses in the weekend along with a Friday night run. It would be truly amazing if this could be implemented in the near future.

In the meantime, residents of Warrington and Seacliff are still without a bus service on any day of the week. It does not seem fair that the Palmerston to Dunedin bus deviates off the main road to pick up people in Karitane but Warrington does not get the same concession. Warrington is probably a similar size to Karitane, it has a growing population and a lot of young families. Young people and the elderly are the most transport disadvantaged. Access to public transport is often a deciding factor for older people when they are considering long-term living arrangements. It would only take about seven minutes for the bus to turn in at Evansdale, pick up passengers at Warrington and get back out to the main road again. About the same amount of time would be added to the journey if the bus traveled the whole length of Coast Road allowing passengers to be picked up at Karitane, Seacliff and Warrington.

A few years ago, the school bus service reduced its coverage and cut the number of schools eligible for inclusion in the school run, so now families either have fewer high schools to choose from, need to drive children to and from town or some children have a long walk home. The foot path from Evansdale to Warrington has no street lighting so it is a long, dark, walk for people using the late bus, which is really not safe. It's time Warrington and Coast Road residents made it clear we are tired of being the poor relation and told the ORC we have the right to a bus service in our area.

Geraldine Tait





opening hours:
Fri 4 - late | Sat & Sun 12 - late

We are a small family brewery owned and operated by Jono and Emma, located in Evansdale on Blueskin Bay.

We are focused on brewing small batch crafted beers!
Live music, roaring fires, variety of foodtrucks
facebook.com/arcbrewingco | www.arcbrewingco.com

Opera House Summer

The Opera House Trust was extremely sad and also very privileged to have Bruce Sheppard with us one last time on the day of his funeral.

The gathering of some of his oldest friends at the Opera House for a last tour around the garden was absolutely lovely and we were really pleased to talk with many of you about the history of the land, the Opera House and of Bruce's eclectic and creative life. Bruce had come to the Opera House for the Waitati Orphans Christmas as well, and I talked to him about our plans for the Garden. He reminded me about the Sugar Bowl which accompanies the Teapot and Teacup concrete sculptures. Stephen Belsten is currently restoring the Teapot and we are very grateful to the DCC Arts fund for helping with that work. Anita also recently restored a very large Lady Head we found in the Garden. In February we hosted the Mullet Festival – its always funny – and many thanks to the organisers and performers. This month we are hosting a Fringe Festival performance of Midsummer Night's Dream by the Barden Party on 20 March, 6.30pm. You can get tickets from the Fringe website.

Metiria Turei

Photo: Lady Head.



Photo: Opera House, Fushcia.



Photo: Opera House, Bruce's Funeral Cannon.



Photo: Stephen in the Teapot.



International Women's Day

International Women's Day is a global celebration of the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The first New Zealand IWD in the early 1970's was organised by the National Organisation for Women, who were part of New Zealand's second feminist wave known as Womens Lib. However, several European countries including Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland have been celebrating International Women's Day on 8 March since 1911.

On IWD in 1975, the United Nations hosted a panel discussion on equality for a thousand women at their New York headquarters. Other topics discussed were inequality in the work place and sexual harassment.

On March 8 this year, Zonta and the UN Women of Aotearoa are presenting a free, livestream-only breakfast panel discussion entitled **Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow**. They have four speakers planned including the Rt Hon Dame Cindy Kiro, Governor General of NZ and Hon Jan Tinetti, Minister of Internal Affairs. This breakfast event is from 7.30 - 9am on March 8.

To register – visit eventspronto.co.nz/IWDbreakfast2022 or IWDbreakfast.wellington@gmail.com

Gisele Laven



TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Events near you:

- ♦ Barden Party: A Midsummer Night's Dream at The Opera House
- ♦ Depth Defying at PEA SEA ART
- ♦ Imagined Worlds Storytelling: Toby or Not To Be at Waitati Hall
- ♦ Sea Shanties and Salty Stories on the Port to Port Ferry

www.dunedinfringe.nz

FRINGE 17 - 27 MARCH 2022

Dunedin Fringe Festival 2022

An unmissable highlight in the festival calendar, the world's southernmost fringe is back 17-27 March in Ōtepoti/Dunedin. This year's programme is packed with premieres, offering audiences the chance to be the first to see innovative and experimental new work from established and emerging artists in all artforms.

Waitati and its surrounds lives up to its creative legacy with a feast of arts events taking place across the 10-day programme.

The Barden Party (Bard + Garden Party) will be causing musical mischief in the Waitati Opera House Gardens on Sunday 20 March with their performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream, with musical twists from the likes of Billie Eilish and Wham. They'll even perform for you in your garden! Contact hownow@thebardenparty.com to book.

Internationally renowned storyteller Tanya Batt will delight both at the Waitati Hall on Friday 18 March with Toby or not to be and outside at Orokonui Ecosanctuary as Aotearoa's honey bee pioneer in the sticky, sweet musical performance piece Mary Bumby's Hive of Story on Sunday 20 March.

Just down the road, Port Chalmers will host The Book Addict, an intimate, around-the-world journey, with Annie Ruth, Director of Toi Whakaari: NZ Drama School; exhibition Depth Defying explores some familiar settings through dioramas designed to delve deeper into imaginary wall spaces at PEA SEA ART and Cap'n Spoonbill and the Hoihos will be sharing the saltiest sea shanties and prettiest melodies from the high seas aboard the Port to Port Ferry.

Events will be taking place across the city and suburbs, and online, for a packed 10 days of creativity.

Full programme and tickets are available at www.dunedinfringe.nz

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FESTIVAL



Tanya Batt & Peter Forster

Toby or not to be
Stories of death and dying

Friday 18th March, 7pm

Waitati Hall
Harvey Street, Waitati

Tickets \$20 +bf
To book tickets please go to <https://www.dunedinfringe.nz>

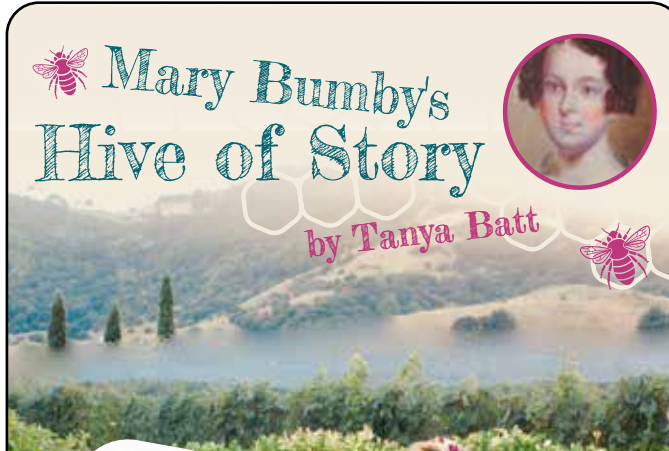
Toby or not to be - Stories of Death and Dying is a collaboration between storyteller Tanya Batt and musician Peter Forster. A weave of song, music, contemplation & conversation with traditional stories that considers our relationship with death and life.

Duration 1 hour 20 minutes
Suitable for an adult audience and children 10 years plus accompanied by family.
Vaccine passes and bookings are required for entry

www.imagined-worlds.net
<https://www.facebook.com/StoriesOfDeathandDying>



'Toby or Not to be - stories of death and dying' is a performance of traditional wisdom tales and music threaded through a series of conversations with a child about death and dying.



Mary Bumby's Hive of Story
by Tanya Batt

Orokonui Ecosanctuary
600 Blueskin Road, Waitati


A prophecy, a hive of story, music & song and plenty of cross pollination
Music by Peter Forster
Suitable for open minded people aged 7 - 99 years.

Meet Mary Bumby, Aotearoa's honey bee pioneer, returned to earth to re-awaken the bee-ting in humans. A highly interactive, insightful and humorous excursion into a world where Apis Mellifera and New Zealand's past & future meet to make something sweet and golden.

Vaccine passes and bookings are required for entry

Sun 20th March, 6pm
Tickets \$20+bf
To book please go to <http://www.dunedinfringe.nz>

www.imagined-worlds.net
<https://www.facebook.com/BumbyBatt>



Mary Bumby's Hive of Story is an interactive storytelling theatre piece, which explores not only Mary's life but the life of the honey bee and its long and fascinating history with humans. Storytelling for adults!



Omicron —Phase 3

We are in this phase

Getting tested for COVID-19

You should only get a COVID-19 test if:

- you have symptoms, or
- you are a Household Contact

At Phase 3, PCR tests will be used for people who need it most, and rapid antigen tests (RATs) will become more widely available. When you go for a test, the testing centre will let you know which test — RATs or PCR is best for you. Positive RAT results do not need to be confirmed with a PCR test unless advised.

Critical workers who are Household Contacts will still be able to use RATs tests to return to work, if they are fully vaccinated and do not have any COVID-19 symptoms. They will need to return a negative RAT before they go to work.

If you test positive for COVID-19

If you test positive for COVID-19, you will need to isolate for 10 days. You will be sent a link to complete an online form, which will help identify locations you have visited and people you have come into close contact with.

If you do not have access to a mobile, you will be contacted by a contact tracer, or a primary care, Māori, iwi or Pacific health provider.

You can leave isolation after 10 days — you do not need a negative test.

Close Contacts

At Phase 3, Close Contacts no longer need to isolate. If you get a notification from your workplace, school or through the NZ COVID Tracer app that you are a Close Contact, you should monitor your symptoms for 10 days. If you develop symptoms get a test, and you should isolate until you get your result.

If you live with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, you are considered a Household Contact and will need to isolate for 10 days. You must get a test on Day 3 and Day 10 of your isolation. If you develop symptoms you should get a test sooner. If you are a Household Contact and you test positive, you will need to isolate for 10 days.

Contact tracing and locations of interest

Locations of interest will not be published during Phase 3.

Contact tracing will focus on identifying high risk contacts of cases. If you test positive for COVID-19, you will be supported to notify people you may have spent time with while infectious that you have tested positive.

Contact tracers will focus on helping people who do not have access or are not confident using technology.

It is important to continue scanning in using the NZ COVID Tracer app. If you have scanned in, you can upload your digital diary to the online contact tracing form. This will make it easier for you to identify people you may have been in contact with.

Support for people in self-isolation

If you are self-isolating at home, you can access help if you need essential supplies like food or medicine. If your symptoms worsen, call your doctor or Healthline for advice. They will tell you what you need to do next.

Vulnerable people will have access to clinical care to help them self-isolate safely.

More information and helpful advice can be found at

covid19.govt.nz/prepare-and-stay-safe/about-covid-19/our-response-to-omicron/

covid19.govt.nz/prepare-and-stay-safe/be-prepared-for-covid-19/#what-you-need-to-plan-for

covid19.govt.nz/assets/resources/posters/COVID-19-Readiness-Checklist.pdf



The Protestants

The Protestants emerged as a separation from the Roman Catholic Church due to disagreement on the principles of the Reformation, a 16th century schism named to reflect reform of abuse within that church.

Courageous at a time when such actions were fraught with myriad cruel and painful consequences (Bloody Romans!), the Protestants were the protestants of their era. The protestants of our era are camped on Parliament's lawn, dancing to Barry Manilow and the Macarena, damp due to reticulation, their access to the seats of power denied them by a thin blue line. If things escalate, Trevor Mallard has threatened to bring out the big gun. Baby Shark is next on his play list.

This would all be funny except it's not. It's deadly serious. As I write, the global death toll from this pandemic is 5,783,776, from 404,910,528 confirmed cases! Vaccines administered is 10,095,615,243! That's big numbers. Here's some smaller ones. NZ's death toll, 53 from 19,777 cases. Vaccines administered 9,877,096. The global death rate is 1.4% of cases. In NZ it 0.26%. That's 5.39 times less lethal.

Why are our numbers better than the global ones? I'd hazard a guess it's because our government's response has worked. Border restrictions, lockdowns, and vaccine mandates may be hated, but figures rarely lie, and our figures are good. So why the protestants? I'll hazard another guess.

Sociologically, protest is a proven social construct, and relies on cultural interpretation. In other words, protest is driven by self-interest and moral visions. It's

ideological, and therefore an imaginary representation of what is going on. And our (and the rest of the worlds) protestants' imaginations are running wild. Let me list some of the diverse groups involved.

We have fundamentalist Christians who believe the virus is the work of God and the harbinger of the second coming of Jesus. Nothing is more imaginary than that.

We have the Qanon conspiracy theorists who believe Hillary Clinton is an alien who traffics children for sex, that the vaccine is a micro-chip created by drug companies and released by the CIA to make them rich and powerful, and that man never landed on the moon. They give the Christians a run for their imaginary money.

We have the anti-authoritarians who believe every bad occurrence in their life is the fault of anybody except themselves and could never imagine vaccines as anything other than a plot to destroy them.

Then we have the likes of Pete Verhoeven, quoted in The Star Times from parliament's lawn that he'd "hang her (Jacinda Ardern) off the balcony by her f.....feet." Reminiscent of the US capitol invaders preparing a noose for Nancy Pelosi.



Then we have another lawn protestant who claimed vaccination to be "jab-rape". A woman no less. She and her imagination need to do some community service at the Rape Crisis Centre.

And then Rodney Hide (the failed ACT leader) parrots Trump by encouraging the lawn protestants to 'fight' for their democratic rights. Is he imagining a political comeback?

All that said, I do have something in common with these protestants. They say they are protesting for all NZers and are pissed off and angry. Well, me too. Pissed off and angry that their delusional imagination says they represent me or any people I know. They most certainly don't.

Doug Nuttall

Blueskin Gallery Events

First Wed - 2 March - Quiz Night, \$15 incl. supper.

Sat 5 March - Waitati Mini fest, 2pm - 10pm, outside, limited tickets \$20.

Sun 6 March - Jazz in the courtyard with Paper Moon 2pm.

Second Wed - 9 March - 7.30 pm Waitati Talks with Chris Skellett, \$15 incl. supper (021 148 5535 to book).

Sunday .20 March - Dee Street Band in the courtyard.

Last Wed of the Month - 23 March - NEW EVENT - Games night (no cover charge).

Sunday 27 March - Jazz in the courtyard with Paper Moon 2pm.

Every Saturday 7 - 9 m - Live music.

Detour

Then, after work, the accident. Glaring brake lights in the distance, no one doing much, though it was clear something was happening

in the cloud and darkness ahead of us, someone writhing in the crimped egg of steel and plastic that had gone down a gulch.

Authorities arrived, our radios rambled on as police and firemen wandered up the lines of stand-still traffic, dogs, children

risking the highway, first with meek steps, then confidence something mighty must have happened to change the rules.

We did not read, later in the news, of the occupant's fate; turning round from the scene, drove back towards the ember

that grew into Dunedin, none the wiser for our attendance, an hour later into life that had travelled on ahead of us,

we could not catch up, saw ourselves speeding out of sight in cars we did not know, to speak incomprehensible words.

Richard Reeve

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David Clark MP for Dunedin

If you require advocacy, information or support please contact me

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Dunedin

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Labour



Authorised by David Clark MP,
Parliament Buildings, Wellington



on the spot

**Blueskin General Store
(Waitati On The Spot)**

Store Hours

Mon – Sat 7.30am – 6.30pm

Sunday 9am – 6.30pm

Ph 482 2741

Waitati Toy Library Closure

Waitati Toy Library was established in 2008, with the aim of providing quality toys for hire to local families for educational and play purposes. Games, puzzles, dress-ups, construction and building toys, trucks, train sets, marble tracks, musical instruments, dolls, prams, trolleys, slides and a rollercoaster.

Since that time dozens of Blueskin Bay parents have worked on a volunteer basis to run our local toy library.

Despite expressions of interest and high membership levels, the toy library struggled to find volunteers to undertake committee work and library operations during 2019. This situation was compounded by the Covid 19 pandemic in 2020. Key committee members have left the area or have had changes to work and family circumstances which has reduced their capacity to volunteer.

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, Toy Library will formally close, assets will then be distributed as per the rules set out in the Constitution.

My children loved the toy library, hire sessions were a chance to play. Selecting toys was like a shopping trip. They had favourite toys that we would hire again and again. I loved the fact that we were able to have new toys for a short time at a minimal cost. I loved the fact that they went back and therefore didn't add to the clutter in our small house and that it was all good for the environment and our community by reducing consumption and connecting families.

If you would like more information or are interested please join us at our next meeting on the 22 March, 28 Brown St, 7 pm or please contact us at abiandpaddy@gmail.com.

Abi Liddy

BLUESKIN GARDEN CLUB

Blueskin Garden Club members have been trying to keep together doing outdoor activities instead of gatherings in halls.

Recently 3 carloads of us spent a beautiful sunny day wandering around the Sinclair Wetlands, 50km south of Dunedin near the Berwick Forest. Situated on a portion of lakes Waiholo and Waipori is 315 hectares of land donated by the late Horace "Horrie" Sinclair in 1984. Here you will see native plantings which are a haven for scaup, swans, fernbird and the rare bittern. Also spoonbills and white herons amongst other more common birdlife. The workers out there are trying to eradicate (by trapping) pests such as possums, rats, mice, stoats etc. A wonderful place to visit and so close to home.

In early March we will be going to Lyne's for a garden ramble and to purchase perennials of which she has an excess. Monies raised from the stall will be donated to the Cancer Society to try and make up for their shortfall due to the Relay For Life being cancelled.

Garden hints/tips for March are: Tomatoes – cut off any yellowing or brown leaves and young shoots at leaf junctions, these take energy from the plant and also shade the ripening fruit. Ease back on the watering. Onion seeds can be sown now to be ready for next summer. Prepare the soil with lime and compost or just a general fertiliser. Cabbage, silverbeet and spinach seeds can also be sown now for use in early winter and spring. Strawberry runners can be planted as soon as they form roots, cut them off close to the new plant and water well. Manure the ground well beforehand. Roses, dahlias and sweet peas will flower longer if faded blooms are removed. If you have an excess of fruit or veges in your garden don't let it go to waste. Share with neighbours and friends or leave at the gate for others to enjoy.

For further info on joining us please phone Lyne 4822 822 or Lyn 482 2896 or 022 048 7696.

Lyn Hastie, Publicity

Warrington Hall

Warrington Hall Committee are pleased to welcome back their long term tenants, the local tae kwon do club. They have had a long break but are now back at the hall on Monday and Wednesday nights. The hall is available to use on Tuesday, Friday, Saturday and Sundays at the moment. See hall notice in this edition for further information. See the hall whiteboard for info regarding hall use/days/times.

Lyn Hastie, Secretary

Warrington Taekwondo is now Blueskin Taekwondo

Taekwondo is a form of martial art that originates in Korea. It was developed after 1945 from more traditional forms such as Taekkyon. An Olympic sport since 2000, Taekwondo has been taught at the Warrington Hall for the last 30 years.

The 5 tenets of Taekwondo are:

Courtesy
Integrity
Perseverance
Self-control
Indomitable spirit



Prior to this year, our club name has been 'Warrington Taekwondo'. After a brief hiatus over the past few months we are re-launching as 'Blueskin Taekwondo' and aim to provide a safe, active and inclusive sport opportunity for all in our community, particularly our youth.

Our training days are Monday and Wednesday at the Warrington Hall, 6pm-7.30pm. All ex-students and new students are welcome to come and train with us.

Contact: Wiremu Bretton, Wiremubretton@gmail.com

Waitati Hall Historic Display Update

- Donated township map from Stephanie Bungard.
- First World War memorial plaque from the Methodist Church (predates Centotaph).
- Images of the Methodist Church and Old Hall by Thelma Beer.

Mandy Mayhem



Blueskin Playcentre

Tēnā koutou katoa! We are very excited to share that we have the lovely Beatrice Lee joining us as our session facilitator this year!

A Blueskin Playcentre mum herself, Bea brings with her a wealth of experience. She is also a qualified session facilitator, earning her Education Certification through Playcentre Aotearoa. Playcentre is all about providing parents with the time, space, and resources to enjoy some quality play time with their children, and the session facilitator's role is to support parents in this. For many of our tamariki Bea is the first 'Teacher other than Mum and Dad' and this encourages kids to expand their circle of trust to other adults in their community. Having Bea on board also gives us continuity of learning themes through our sessions, and Bea's warmth and wisdom ensure that our centre is offering play opportunities that are stimulating, satisfying, and simply just heaps of fun! Playcentre's philosophy is that children choose their play, so Bea is all about providing ideas and options, as well as just enough of a challenge to keep the tamariki on their toes! Why not come for a visit and give it a go? We'd love to see you there!

Blueskin Playcentre would also like to offer a heartfelt thank you to those community members who generously enabled and supported our recent pinecone fundraiser. Your support of our wee centre is very much appreciated!

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 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



It's time to let Blueskin Bay know about the many exciting things that are finally happening with OneCoast. We are always looking for interested volunteers and quality donations. If you would like to help with either, email hello@onecoast.org or phone 0211307765

Container openings, Shop and Freecycle Shed at the Transfer Station

At last we have a certain time a week for our containers to be open. At the moment this is only a few hours on Sunday afternoons, roughly between 1.30pm and 4pm. Visitors are welcome then to come and browse or to bring goods for donation. With more volunteers to lend a hand we can open for longer hours so let us know if you are interested. Because the Rummage Shed remains closed for Covid, we have decided to make one of the containers completely free, while the other remains our shop. We hope this will keep goods moving and stop us getting too full, but we do reserve the right to turn down goods that are not suitable.

Facilitator and Office news

Leisa de Klerk our facilitator has been working for us for a month now, and has already achieved great things in the background to make our organisation stronger, including our very own webpage at onecoast.org. Wednesdays between 9am and 1pm Leisa is at our office under the clock tower in the Events Centre in Waikouaiti, and welcomes visitors. We are planning for the office to be open part of Thursday afternoons as well so please drop in.

Bring us your tetrapaks!

We have an agreement with Waihemo Wastebusters to collect tetrapaks for them which then go to www.saveboard.nz/ to be made into 100% recycled building products. This is the only firm in NZ which accepts tetrapaks for recycling and if you have hated putting your milk cartons in the rubbish you will welcome the chance to put them to good use. We will have containers for tetrapaks both at the Containers and at our Waikouaiti office during opening hours. It is very important that each pack is cut and flattened, washed thoroughly and dried. Containers can also be taken to WoW in Palmerston of course. If someone wants to set up a collection point in Blueskin Bay please email hello@onecoast.org.





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Funding boost to support Predator Free Dunedin expansion

Predator Free Dunedin (PFD) has secured an additional \$7 million for the expansion of predator control programmes over the next three years! For the Halo Project, this means that possum control will be expanded to include an additional 33,000 hectares mostly west of State Highway 1, protecting the Silverpeaks, Silver Stream and Mount Allan, and the north coast area, east of SH1 between Evansdale and the Karitāne turnoff.

PFD held a series of consultation meetings last year with its signatory partners (22 organisations from around Ōtepoti) gaining support for the proposed expansion programmes. Since then, Predator Free 2050 Ltd has committed \$4 million in funding as part of the government's Jobs for Nature Mahi mō te Taiao programme along with new support from Wenita Forest Products, New Forests, City Forests and AAW Jones Trust.

With this funding, the Halo Project aims to reduce possums to "zero density" (reducing numbers to such a low level they can't reproduce) across 10,000 hectares of the original Predator Free core area (from West Harbour to Heyward Point, north to Waitati). In partnership with OSPRI Ltd, DCC, ORC, Wenita and City Forests, we can potentially create a wide buffer against possum reinvasion of our Predator Free core area, centred on Orokonui and Mihiwaka.

Stoat control across 12,500 ha can continue for a further two years through 2025, to reduce stoats and keep numbers low. Plus, we'll be working in partnership with Wenita to control stoats across Mt Allan forest to protect precious birds, including falcon/kārearea, kākā, robin/kakaruwai and fernbird/mātātā.

By removing hundreds, if not thousands, of possums from our Predator Free core area, we



expect to see forest canopies renewed. With such a reduction in number we will see more trees flowering and fruiting, and lush canopy growth. A healthier canopy will support more birds and lizards which feed on foliage, nectar, fruit, seeds and insects.

Where volunteers are backyard trapping, there will be fewer possums hiding-out in, raiding and fouling gardens and reserves.

RESIDENTS SURVEY

We invite residents from Warrington and Kilmog to Karitāne, to complete a brief online survey to understand your opinions on biodiversity restoration and coordinated predator control.

Every person who responds in full by 7 April will go in the draw to win prizes. The survey is online at www.haloproject.org.nz/predatorfree, or you can pick it up from Blueskin Library or Karitāne General Store.

NEW RESOURCES ONLINE

Check out our new information sheets on our target species and the traps we use to control them along with new maps and information at www.haloproject.org.nz/predator-free.

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- Scheduling a meeting

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E-Books & Audio Books
Tuesday 29 March, 9.30 - 11.30am

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Children's Book Club

Tuesday 8 March, 3.30 - 4.30pm

This month we'll catch up on your summer reading and take a look at some newly released books.

Please note this Club is for Year 3 and up.

Bookshare

Thursday 24 March, 3.30pm

Join us for a chat over afternoon tea about you're recommended reading. All welcome.

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You can collect your items from the foyer of Blueskin Bay Library on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, between 9.30am and 10am. You still need to contact trace and wear a face covering.

You can return your items, and the accompanying bag, via the libraries' return chutes.

More details and the form can be found here:

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Kā Kete Wānaka o Ōtepoti

THE RANT

From Dean Griffiths



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:

Realising you have no clean underwear left. Stepping in doggy doo doo, but only realising when you put the blame on a certain 4-year-old and then discover you are the source of the smell. Peoples' total lack of appreciation the mullet comeback. Finding deceased bugs having an afterlife swim in your much deserved stout beer. John Key still being a dick, this time joining forces with ex-porn kings in real estate????? When you buy a chocolate treat,

but leave it in the car where the sun transforms it into an obscure work of abstract art. Finding hair in places it shouldn't be!

WHAT MAKES ME SAD:

The ongoing sad state of men's mental health in Aotearoa, particularly our young and often Māori men and boys. We should all be doing our bit to listen, to encourage whanau and friends to speak up, seek help and have brave conversation's. Its not unmanly to struggle.

WHAT MAKES ME GLAD:

Vegemite, cheese, dark ales, sunshine, ocean swims, morning coffee, random acts of kindness, my partner, whanau and friends, Monday night table tennis, food foraging, mushrooms and mushroom enthusiasts, star wars, the cure, my favorite pair of jeans, seeing a shooting star, fair trade, buying local, dinner with friends, the wonder and escape of film, going bush for a wee while, impromptu trips, and getting through another chronic pain filled day.



Renovations of three learning spaces.

We are excited to be in two of our spaces, and loving the new colours and larger spaces for learning. These spaces support our collaborative teaching.

Welcome to our new kaiako, Elizabeth Rudd teaching Year 3-5 with Mikaela Wilson, Haidee MacKenzie teaching Year 1-2 with Bex Williams. Kat Frankpitt and Jess Grubb teaching Year 6-8.

Waioara Camp

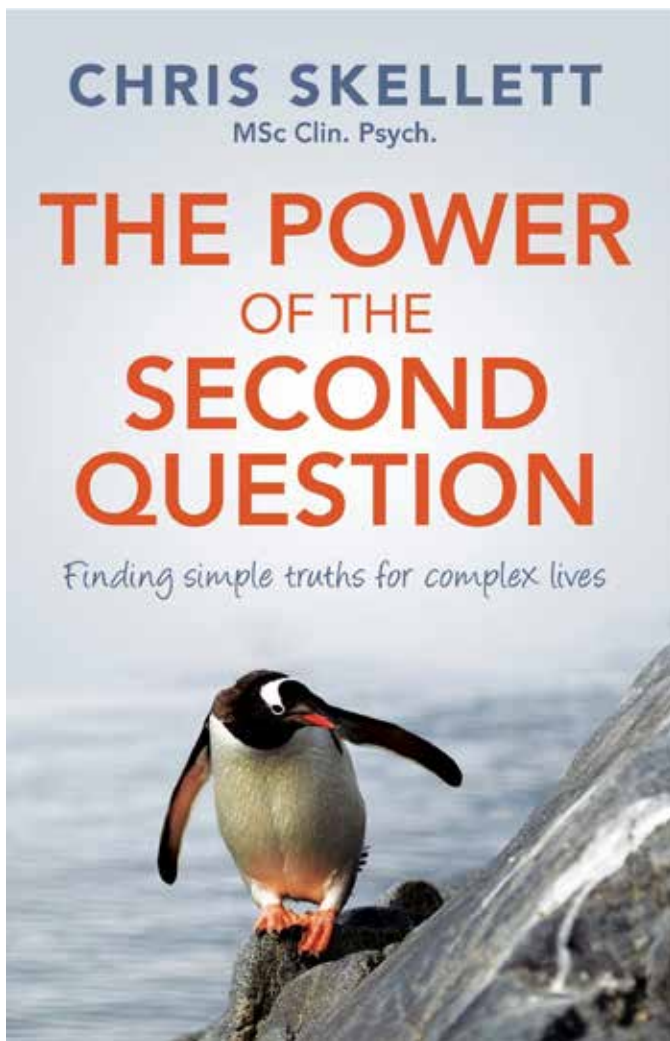
While we waited for our renovations we went to camp. We had fun doing so many cool activities like Archery, water slide, hut building, fire pit, singing outside, orienteering, games.

Creatives in Schools project

We start our creatives in schools project with David Milne a local ceramic artist. Our project Papanukunuku, moving earth, looks at our relationship with the earth and our environment. Influences include NZ histories curriculum with creation stories, our Wetland regeneration and learning how to create ceramics. We hope to produce an artifact to install somewhere in Waitati. We also have the opening of our ceramics studio, Mahi-a-ringā on Thursday 3 March. We are looking forward to using our new space.

Tara O'Neill, Principal





Waitati Talks

Guest speaker Chris Skellett

Title: 'The Power of Asking Good Questions'

In this presentation Chris will describe some simple questioning techniques that are designed to elicit personal insights, both in others and in ourselves. Based on his popular book 'The Power of the Second Question- Finding Simple Truths for Complex Lives' it offers great suggestions for lifting conversations from mundane factual exchanges to bigger picture thinking. By asking good questions, we invite the listener to 'dig deep' for personal insights, or to 'fly high' for personal inspiration.

Chris will present a range of ideas for holding more rewarding conversations with partners and kids, for interacting more meaningfully with neighbours and friends, and for generating greater self-awareness. It can be a delightfully thought-provoking topic, and is usually fun for all who attend!

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Katie Peppercorn

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Caigua, the Lazy Person's Cucumber

So you'd like to grow cucumbers and capsicums but don't have a green house? Here is the answer... sort of.

I was given some seeds at the Blueskin Library seed bank's seed swap for a plant called Caigua (pronounced kai- wah). They are a weird little Peruvian fruit, which will grow outside here in Blueskin Bay without any bother at all. In fact these plants grow rampantly, reaching their tendrils out to grab anything within reach and then scrambling up and over whatever is in its path.

I only have one plant, but it is huge, maybe 3 or 4 metres wide and it is pumping out cute little fruits which, when picked young taste like a crispy cucumber, and when a little older I have been using them chopped and sautéed as a capsicum replacement.

Caigua are a curcubit, but they look and grow a lot like a hop plant. It could grow up a veranda post or over a fence, my plant is growing over the low fence we have to keep the cursed rabbits out of our garden. The rabbits don't seem to be eating the Caigua, which is lucky.

In Peru, where Caigua comes from they remove the seeds from the more mature fruits and stuff them with chicken and rice, and they can be deep fried or baked. The plants like the same temperatures as tomatoes, so they can't be planted out until all danger of frost is past. I was really impressed with my tiny caigua plant growing into this big attractive looking and productive vine. They are a bit like broad beans in that they make you look like a more impressive gardener than you really are.

The fruit contain high levels of antioxidants and a high intake is correlated to a decrease in heart disease.

You can purchase seeds from Kings, but at the rate they are growing here I expect I will have some seed to save and distribute at the Blueskin Library seed bank by the end of the season. Luckily it is possible to save the seeds because they don't cross pollinate with anything else, unlike some other promiscuous cucurbits in our garden.

Hilary Rowley

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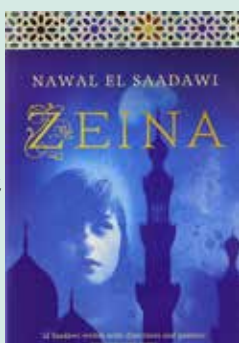
WAITATI BOOK CLUB by Scott Willis

Our first Waitati Bookclub meeting of 2022 was at Ross and Barbara's place in beautiful Purakanui this year with fantastic views out into Purakaunui inlet and fat rabbits calmly hopping around the lawn. Long-time member Ian is taking a break from bookclub for the first half of the year and we all felt his absence. I particularly missed our regular bookclub rideshare discussion.

THE BOOK

Zeina by *Nawal El Saadawi*

Nawal El Saadawi was one very determined author. Jailed for a time by President Sadat and forbidden paper and pencil she continued to write with an eyebrow pencil. Wikipedia describes her as 'Egypt's most radical woman'. A staunch feminist she worked and wrote tirelessly against female genital mutilation, religious fundamentalism, patriarchies and post-modern capitalism. So she has considerable cred. *Zeina*, however, is not an easy read. The story is told out of sequence and seems to be deliberately jumbled at times to reflect the state of mind of the protagonist Bodour. Some members didn't make it to the end and even the committed struggled. But as one member commented he didn't regret reading it as it was both disturbing and informative.



OTHER BOOKS

Europe in Autumn by *Dave Hutchinson*

For summer reading, I took a chance from the Blueskin Library on *Europe in Autumn* because who doesn't like a good story of conspiracies, pandemic and economic crises? Admittedly I could just have followed the global news, but this tale is fun, fast-paced and intriguing rather than simply depressing. Yet, despite the inspired setting – a Europe that has splintered into weird, wonderful and frequently very violent polities – there's a sci-fi twist that doesn't quite gel. I'm not sure yet if the sequel will be worth it, though I'm sure there'll be a Netflix offshoot.

SCREEN

Janet King – Aussie Legal Drama - on Netflix

On Ross's recommendation: "Well crafted, well written, well performed – you can't ask for much more than that. It's certainly complex and intense and touches on many of the problems and

complexities that haunt western communities today. Marta Dusseldorp as Janet King is superb."

BEER

Paulaner Weissbier – Munich Wheat Beer – since 1634. 5.5% alc/vol.

This refreshing beer is the perfect pick me up after a productive day of wood cutting. A perfect light summer drop, it has a lovely wheat colour and slightly creamy mouth feel and slips down so well you'll wish you had several.

Deadwood Lagoon Port Barrel Aged Imperial Stout – Ground Up Brewing. 10.2% alc/vol. Let's face it, this summer so far hasn't delivered many sizzling hot days. So a rich, complex stout doesn't seem so out of place. Some barrel aged stout can be sharp to the taste, but here the barrel aging has added depth and complexity with hints of dark slightly tannin cocoa.

MEANING OF LIFE

"Life is not about getting to a certain place. Life is a path."

Thich Nhat Hanh.





WAIKOUAITI COAST COMMUNITY BOARD UPDATE

Hot off the press!

I have just had a phone call from the 'bus services man' at the Otago Regional Council. It seems that the available funding will be sufficient to provide the weekend bus service we have requested. (The additional Friday evening service is still subject to confirmation). I understand that this will have to be confirmed at the ORC Council Meeting in early March. Assuming that it is OK, it is likely that the enlarged bus service can start during April.

We have been growling at DCC for some time about the poor state of vegetation maintenance beside the roads in our area. I have done a 'drive-around' twice with the appropriate people and I have an assurance that the problems with overgrowth vegetation will be attended to 'soon'. It is extremely frustrating that obvious problems are not being attended to in a timely manner. If you have concerns, please give me a call or lodge a complaint with the Customer Services Agency at DCC - Phone 477 4000.

The DCC commissioned an independent review into the Council actions and response during last year's lead-in-water issue for Waikouaiti, Karitane & Hawksbury. The report is available for viewing on the DCC website under 'Council Meeting 22nd February' pages 35 - 70.

Now that we are under the Red level of the Covid19 Protection Framework, Dunedin City Council have made the decision that all Council, Committee and Community Board meetings will be by audio-visual link. Our next meeting on 23rd March will likely be the same. All meetings are available for viewing on the DCC YouTube channel.

We still have some money available in our discretionary fund, so if you, or anyone you know, has a community project that could benefit from a grant 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

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Volco (Part 2)

Wind Eating and Meeting Venerable Trees

Volco, on the flanks of Mts. Cutten and Kettle, is clad in "cloud forest". The seemingly perpetual fog and gales are fine for the fireside musings of poets, but were frustrating for the idealists who tried to garden here, when living in caravans and huts hidden among the trees between 1995 and 2010.

When I asked Bill Dacker (author of "Te Mamae me te Aroha", a history of Kai Tahu) this mountain's original name, he had to ask around. Many weeks later he came back with Pukehaukai. We were both delighted. My first vegetables grown here were so slow and stunted that there was little to eat but the cold sou'west wind that had stunted them. Being literary types, we were reminded of the title of the late Keri Hulme's novella "Te Kaihau/The Windeater.

High on the slopes are conical mountain cedars, pahautea, presumably why Cedar Creek is so named. A short walk from Dorothy's Cottage, Nic Prosser has recently measured the girth and spread of an exceptionally large pokaka, which he has named Moa. He hopes she may prove to be the largest of her kind. Nearby is a rimu we call Kuini. Probably because she grew up twisted and therefore unsuitable for milling, Kuini escaped the Pakeha settlers' pit-saws. She is estimated at between 800 and 1200 years old. Her limbs have been broken by storms beyond memory and are festooned with epiphytes. I find that to stand in her presence is to stand as though in a temple. Although I am aware, that for some, she may be just a big, broken old tree.

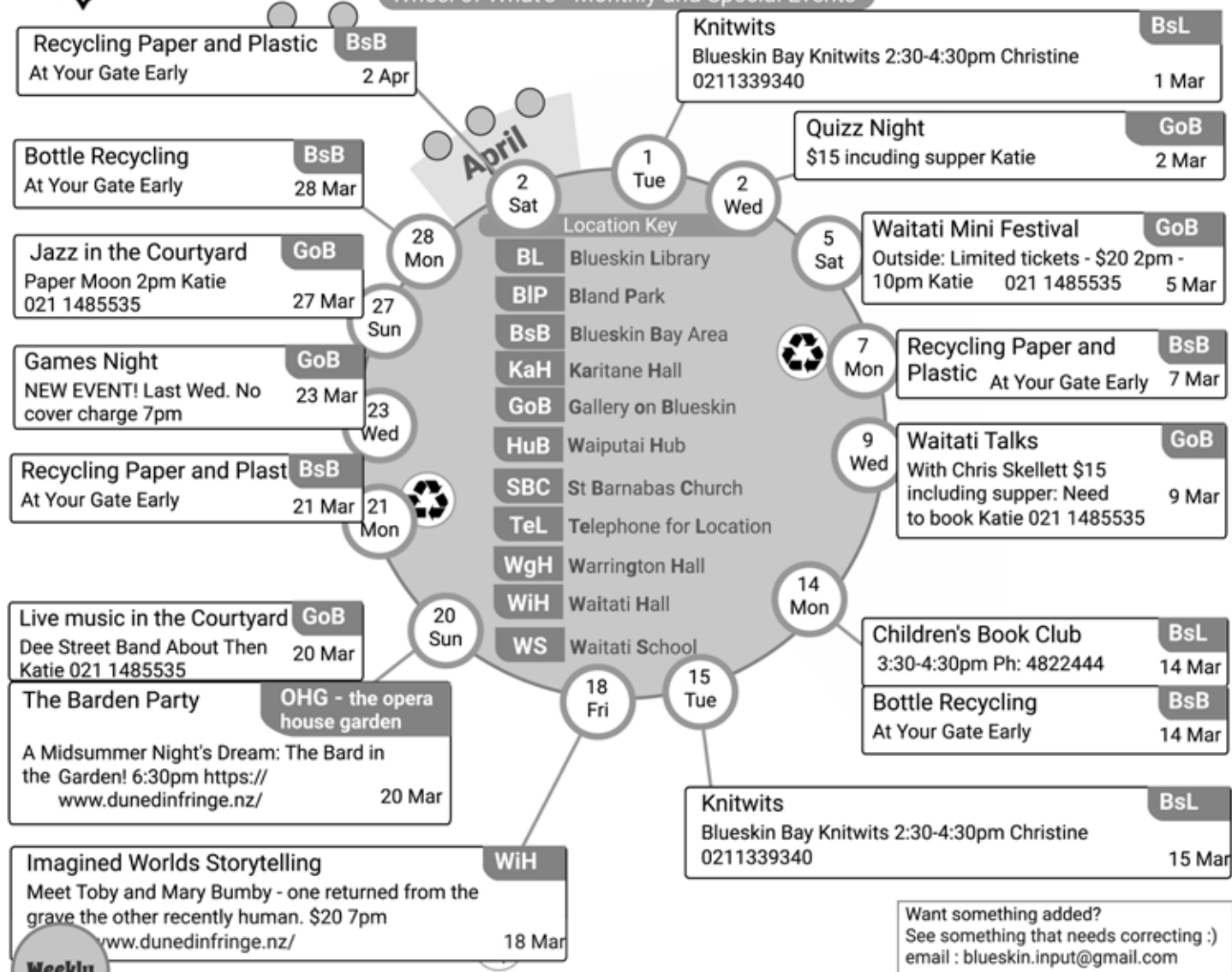
Beckford Ritchie

Photo: The ruin of a caravan hidden among the trees. The founders of Volco, Dorothy and Lloyd preferred to live in this, although there was a cottage nearby.



Welcome to the Wonderful Wheel of What's on - March

Wheel of What's - Monthly and Special Events



Monday at

WiH

- **Table Tennis** 7.30 pm til late Nigel 0212362818
- **Steady as You Go** Age Concern 1:30pm

Monday

HuB

- **Pilates - For Beginners** 7pm-8pm Sylvia 021 109 9303
- **Knitwits** 6.30-8.30pm Christine 0211339340

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Tuesday

HuB

- **Ping Pong** 7pm \$5 cash: All Welcome from 12 yrs Helena 0226474738

- **Indoor Bowls** 7.30pm

WgH

- **NIA - Dance Class** 11:30-12:30 \$10 Claire Reilly 0211775350

WiH

Wednesday

HuB

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

Thursday

WgH

- **Yoga** 6.30 to 7.30 pm, \$10 please bring your own matt, hokino.yoga@gmail.com

- **Sing along for fun** All ages welcome, bring instrument, gold coin. 7-8.30pm. Jenny Gleeson 021 171 0226

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- **Piano Lessons** Variable rates 1-4pm Sylvia 0212070664

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Piano Lessons – All ages with Sylvia on Saturday afternoons, vaccine pass required, \$23 children, \$28 per adult, \$33 advanced players, text or call Sylvia 021 109 9303.

Blueskin Bay Darts – Come and learn to play darts, vaccine pass required, age 12+, with Tim Ashdown. Beginners are more than welcome. Wednesdays at 7pm during school term, Gold coin koha, Sam, 021 0239 1946

Singalong for Fun – Anyone welcome, all ages, vaccine pass require., Come along and sing on Tuesdays for fun (no performances). Bring your favourite song, whether it be pop, country, jazz, old time favourites, children's songs, etc. We will give it a go. Bring an instrument and play along if you like as well. Jenny and Peter (on guitar). Gold coin koha. Nancy 021 171 0226

Pilates – Are you keen to get fit and strong this year? Come to the Pilates class, vaccine pass required, \$15 per session, Monday evenings. For info to book a space, Sylvia, 021 207 0664

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What is it?

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