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EDITORIAL

The Water of Life

Those who know me well will be aware that I have a fondness for whisky or Uisge Beatha (pronounced Ooshka Bah), the Water of Life.

But did you know that whisky can be helpful in keeping COVID at bay! I woke up with this revelation this morning thinking that of all the people I drink whisky with none of us have succumbed to the dreaded virus. Nor have any of the group who drink with us but don't imbibe the glorious golden liquid. Of course we are all vaccinated and boosted but that's beside the point!

It doesn't seem to matter where the whisky comes from, whether it's Highland Park from the Orkneys, Glenrothes from Speyside, Bruichladdich from Islay or Springbank from the Campbelltown area. Even Irish Whiskey (note the spelling) seems to have the same protective qualities.

Of course you need to drink responsibly, one or two evenings a week and make sure to add a drop of water to keep hydrated. And if it doesn't work, then with hot water and lemon it's very soothing for a sore throat.

Slainte, keep safe, warm and well. Bernie



Cover shot: Sandra Muller, picnic attire winner.

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Truby King Reserve Management Committee

At last, some news from the new management committee. It has taken a long time for us to get going properly for several reasons, not least the Covid-19 situation.

Despite all that, work has been going on behind the scenes.

1. Management Committee

We have full membership of our management committee now. Once the new members have been formally "sworn in" at our next committee meeting (which will be held this coming weekend), we will introduce them to you.

As a community-based group, we are keen to promote active participation by our supporters in all aspects of our work. Where we know of people keen to share their ideas and expertise with us, we will invite them to attend our committee meetings or provide input in other ways.

2. Working Bees

Having community members participate in the physical management of the Reserve is a major part of our thinking. It has taken some time and effort to do so, but we now have a Health & Safety Plan drawn up with the DCC. Once we have a work plan drawn up by Parks & Reserves staff, we will be able to organize regular working bees to provide support.

3. Tree Mapping Project

As regular visitors to the Reserve will know, one of its most memorable features is the Enchanted Forest, planted in Truby King's day and containing a large number of significant specimen trees. Although these trees have been identified and mapped in the past, the maps we have are far from perfect. Members of the Otago Botanical Society are undertaking a thorough review, which will mean that we will have a completely accurate and comprehensive resource to guide us as we work to bring the Enchanted Forest up to the standard of management it deserves.

Here is an account of work done to date, supplied by Botanical Society members. (Note that further work has been done since this report was received.)

Tree mapping project update

A mapping project was conceived in March, 2021, when the Botanical Society of Otago [BSO] made a written submission to the DCC on the first draft of the proposed management plan for the Truby King Reserve. Our submission commented on the lack of recent data on tree health and dimensions, which we saw as an essential aid for planning future maintenance of the stunning tree collection and suggested the BSO could

undertake data collection as a community based project.

Towards the end of 2021 we began digitizing a map and measurements for nearly 750 significant trees (i.e. greater than 50 cm diameter) made by Cadzow Tree Services for the DCC in 1990. We then digitized a hand-drawn map made by local retired geologist, the late Chuck Landis, in the early 2000s. This included many additional trees. These two maps have given us a platform to locate individual trees, add new information and produce updated maps.

On 21 November 2021, about 20 keen people from the BSO, Seacliff Truby King Reserve Committee, TBKR Management Committee and locals from the wider community took part in a trial field data collection exercise. Following a discussion and demonstration of equipment, we separated into 3 smaller groups, each armed with a GPS device, data sheets, measuring tapes and a set of maps to help us find the individual trees. We noted the presence (or absence) of trees, diameter at breast height (dbh), estimated height, and any damage, disease or weed species interference. By 2pm we had collected data for 86 trees! The trial was valuable for highlighting both enthusiasm for the project and how data collection could be improved in future.

Since then, we have worked on reconciling the tracks shown on the older maps with those shown on current aerial maps. In January, two days were spent in the Reserve recording GPS locations and height estimates for an additional 60 trees.

Smaller groups are more efficient for data collection. Three people – a recorder and two working on measurements (one trained in using the GPS device and another with good identification skills) – working to standardized protocols is an ideal arrangement. We are hoping to offer targeted training to volunteers over the coming months.

One limitation to progress has been our dependence on loaned GPS devices and diameter tapes which have to be returned for other work. We are currently applying for funds to purchase dedicated equipment to support this long-term project.

Maia Mistral-Armour, Belinda Smith-Lyttle, Gretchen Brownstein

February 2022

If you would like to take an active part in this project, please let me know (contact details below) and I will let the team at BSO know.

And on the equipment front, the Waikouaiti Coast Community Board is working on this right now.

4. We need your ideas!

The tree mapping project is only one part of the work that needs to be done at the Reserve.

The Management Committee will be meeting shortly

with DCC staff to share thoughts on a programme of work for the immediate future. This will include both maintenance and further development of the Reserve.

For those interested in the finer details, the operational version of the Reserve Management Plan (downloaded from the DCC website) is attached. If you have the time, give the proposals outlined there some thought and let us know what you consider to be top priorities.

More than that, we would very much like to know what you think might be good ways to develop the Reserve specifically as a recreational reserve. How do you use the Reserve at present? Are there other recreational purposes to which the Reserve could be put?

And, if your interest lies in particular with the Reserve's significance as a historic site, do feel free to share any observations you might have.

Finally, I trust that everyone is coping well during this difficult phase of the pandemic. We hope to see you at the Reserve before too long. And please pass on the word to any friends or acquaintances you think might be interested in helping us with our work or simply in keeping informed about what we are up to.

Andy Barratt - Chair

Truby King Reserve Management Committee

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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

Lack of consideration of folk, whether it be playing loud music outside, without considering how your neighbours might feel about it, driving too fast around our local streets and roads, using mowers, chainsaws on Sundays or in the evenings when others are sitting outside enjoying the peace and quiet. Think about what you are doing and how that affects others. If we all try this, life gets a bit easier for all of us.

WHAT MAKES ME SAD

Way too much lately.... wars, climate change, racism, narrow mindedness, angry trolls, poverty and hardship.

WHAT MAKES ME GLAD

Meeting good people, random acts of kindness, friends, the magical places right on our doorstep that we often take for granted. Isla's poems.



The club have not met as a group since our Christmas get together in December. We hope to get everyone back together at our AGM in May.

Date, venue and time to be advised via club email. Our club will be making Anzac wreaths and laying them on the 25th as always despite there not being a service at the hall this year. Cabbages and broad beans can now be sown. Lift carrots and beetroot and store for use during the winter. Sow sweet pea seeds ready to flower in late spring. Remove tuberous begonias from the garden and store so that they don't get frost damage. If you still have tomatoes in the glasshouse cut back the foliage to allow the fruit to ripen. Remove plants when finished fruiting and replace the soil in the ground or bags for next season. Happy gardening.

Lyn Hastie, Publicity

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



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School-Wide Assembly

To celebrate the end of term 1 and the relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions we held our first school wide assembly since Term 2 last year.



It was held in our new renovated learning spaces. It was so joyful to see parents back again. We ended the assembly with an afternoon tea outdoor picnic. Congratulations to Joy Wilson for winning the Principal award for outstanding leadership and Elmer Jenkins and Jeremy Dempster for winning the Golden Feather Award for outstanding dispositional learning and all the other amazing ākonga who were acknowledged with certificates.

The Tuakana (year 3-8) finished the term with a project about an interest they have. These projects were spectacular. They ranged from spiders, to favourite foods, to a challenge they set themselves, a hobby, to coding with micro-bits, rocks and gems, Empires and their leaders and motorbikes.

We had a fabulous turn out to Play with Clay. Lots of making and creating. I am looking forward to seeing the finished products. Keep an eye out for our next Play with Clay afternoon.

Next term we turn our attention to exploring further the following – Ko au te whenua, te whenua ko au, I am the land and the land is me. We continue to deepen our learning about the relationship between myself and the land. We celebrate Puaka Matariki with our traditional Lantern festival on Wednesday 22 June with a parade and kai and waitata. You are all invited to join us.

Ka kite ano, Tara O'Neill - Principal



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ANZAC Day 2022



It was indeed unfortunate that Covid19 issues prevented us from having our usual well-attended commemoration on the 25th April. Thank you to Paul & Glenys Clements for preparing the cenotaph as you can see below. We hope to see you all next year when things may have returned to some semblance of normality.





Thank you for your feedback!

In collaboration with Local Area Committee representative, Mandy Mayhem-Bullock, two very successful consultation evenings were held at the beginning of April. Email submissions have also been made to our team email account throughout the last few months. As a result of the volume of input we have received, we believe we have collected a good range of opinion. Some of the most common points raised during consultation (our response is in *italics* below) were:

- **More help is needed from Fire and Emergency to develop the community's understanding the differences between fire seasons.**

Targeted education on the differences between fire seasons during the consultation evenings as explained by National Wildfire Specialist and community member, Graeme Still.

- **There is some concern for community infrastructure and assets (i.e powerlines and rail corridor) as potential causes of fire.**

Team is happy to facilitate and influence in the community approaching appropriate stakeholders to address this issue but it is not within our risk reduction mandate to lead in this area.

- **Call for greater levels of appropriate fire education in the area.**

Work underway with LAC member to develop improved community evacuation plans and associated education.

- **Concern for Purakaunui Beach area with frequent parties and bonfires on the beach that, in the community's view, could quickly get out of control.**

Engagement with local Department of Conversation representatives to be organised to canvas for input and the possibility of changing signage at the beach.

- **Multiple calls for alterations to map of proposed area of significant value (Osborne residential and others)**

In-person assessment of the residential area in Osborne showed limited alternative water supply access, moderate coverage of highly flammable plant species and poor road access – all factors which suggest the area needs to be included in the protected zone. Targeted consultation for other boundary adjustments to be built into post-consultation plan

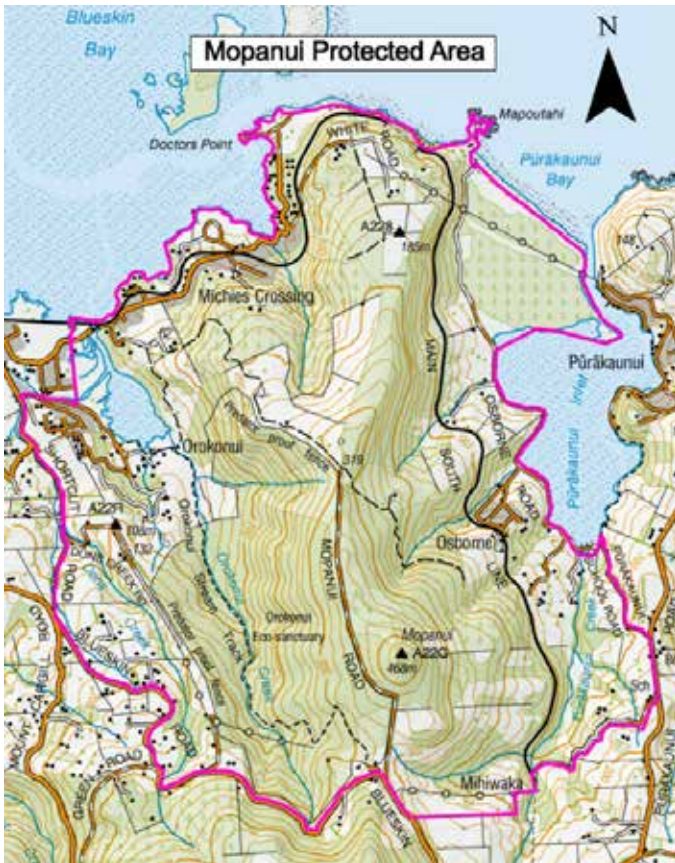
Most importantly, we found that there is broad community support for fire by permit only.

Next steps

Our team are now working on the documentation to progress this decision and are seeking targeted and very specific feedback on possible boundary adjustments from directly affected landowners and stakeholders (see map attached). We ask that this feedback please be submitted to OtagoDistrict-CRMTeam@fireandemergency.nz by **9am May 13th**.

Once this process has been completed, a submission will be made to have the Otago Fire Plan changed to reflect these changes for the area.

Our team are always contactable should you need any advice risk reduction or fire-safety related advice. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with our team on the email above.



Good Friday Picnic in the Park

Easter bonnet competition, best sportswear and picnic attire. Croquet, twister, tennis and skating enjoyed by attendees.

Mandy Mayhem-Bullock



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Derek the Dunnock

"It's all about Brand Recognition" says Darcia Dunnock from the hard, cold concrete Commerce Concourse.

But, but I say Dad's Dead and he ain't tweeting in from the other side like Homo so called sapiens like to think. It's Dasa, Derek's daughter here by the way for those of you who can't keep up.

"Think Cadbury's chocolate" says Darcia.

Kills dogs and ain't that good for us Dunnocks either I say. Rots yer beak.

"There you are" she says; "despite the fact it's now owned by US multinational Mondelez and tossed in with the likes of Toblerone, Fry's, Tang, Oreo, Peek Frean's, not to mention Dentyne and swathes of other healthy foods, all of course competing in a vigorous capitalist manner to bring the very best deal to the consumer, you still know Cadbury's = Chocolate. And the myriad of Derek the Dunnock fans still know the Tweet = umm.....? Well you know. But what would the poor consumers think of Dasa the Dunnock? A rip-off that's what and Daughter of Derek, Dasa Dunnock; A Daughter's Retrices? Low budget follow ups. Any idea what the follow up to The Trogg's smash hit Wild thing was?"

Sorry I say haven't a clue what you're talking about.

"And anyway BSN's not gonna change the title of its biggest selling Avian Tweet. If you wanna

get tweeted nowadays you have to compromise. BSN refused to publish one of your Dad's Tweets causing him to self censure and not even submit Derek Decides to Join Facebook. How to Rewrite History. So a word of advice: Tow the MML (Murdoch Mainstream Line). So don't mention that us Dunnocks dote on Caviar or that your rellies are just this month migrating down from Russia to Ukraine's relatively balmy Black Sea Coast. Nor that your distant cuz Andy the Alpinist, Prunella collaris (for you Homo so called sapiens twitcher nerds out there) lives in the mountains of Donbas. And for Hscs's God's Sake don't mention they've been tweeting you about The W.... no, no don't mention it. You'll be de-tweeted, de-Dunnocked as quick as it takes us Dunnocks to knock back a baby skink... we never, we never. And as for your distant cuz in Yemen, P. fagani, whose 3 chicks were blasted out of their nest by a missile sold to the Hscs's Saudi's by Hscss from US or maybe the UK, he didn't hang around to find out. Don't mention him. And for Dunnock's sake don't mention the Tweets from your Kurdish cuddie sis Aveen Accentor from Iraq".

Dylan Dunnock started singing Masters of War at this point.

Dasa Dunnock signing off in Despair.

Mike Fitzgerald 80th birthday

Greetings to all our lovely friends and a big thank you for making my 80th birthday such a memorable occasion.



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Dead Rockers Ball returns to Waitati

Bulletproof Convertible, a local original rock trio, will bring the Dead Rockers Ball back to Waitati Hall after a difficult two years of covid restrictions.

The Dead Rockers Ball is an event the band has toured throughout the lower South Island, attendees have embraced the concept coming dressed in 50's rockabilly outfits or even as dead rock stars. "It gets pretty exciting playing seeing everyone dressed up and dancing, just having a good time" says Silas Waring, song writer, guitarist and vocalist for the band. "We always bring 110% to the stage and try to get them dancing as soon as we can, playing Waitati is a favourite as the band has always gone well there and it feels like home ground" Bulletproof Convertible returns to the Waitati Hall with the 2nd annual Waitati Dead Rockers Ball on Saturday the 21 May. Doors open 7.30pm first band on at 8pm sharp, show finishes 11pm. Tickets available on Eventbrite.co.nz Early bird (before 1 May) \$25, General \$35, Door Sales \$40 cash only.



Two Eggs

Two eggs, a dash of milk (cow or plant based), salt and pepper, a hot, hot fry pan with a slick of oil and you have the makings of a meal. I used to think I could make a good omelette, until I bought a copy of Julia Child's cookbook and learned that my omelettes were pathetic compared to the real thing. My Dad used to insist when making an omelette "Don't boil them, you'll spoil them", but he was very wrong. The answer is a really hot pan, preferably cast iron, for even heat, and get those eggs in and out of the pan as quickly as possible.

On our wee farm in Chatto Creek we had so many chooks, all free ranging in the paddocks, and they ate a combination of grain and cooked food scraps (both vegetable and meat). Once a week Mum would take a huge basket of buffed clean eggs in to the 4 square shop in Alexandra, then after we'd done our other shopping we would come back to an empty basket which we filled with our week's shopping. It was a barter arrangement for us and probably made a huge difference to our family economy.

I no longer keep hens, there are plenty of other people doing it, and they make such a huge contribution to the food security in the bay. Even if all the roads were closed there would still be someone local selling eggs. The prices can vary from maybe \$5 to \$8 a dozen. Even at \$8 a dozen that is only 66c per egg, or \$ 1.32 per omelette, what a totally delicious bargain dinner.

There is no need to ever buy a cruel factory farmed



egg. On the road past Trotters gorge you can see an absolutely massive chook farm; I assume it is the mainland poultry "free range" factory. Yes, they can go outside into a bare paddock, but it is just not good enough to call it humane farming.

Our neighbours have chooks who come up for a cuddle, and let you pick them up and wander about stroking their feathers. Now that is a happy hen.

I also really like that keeping hens, and selling a few eggs is the scale of farming which most people can manage and is an underappreciated kind of farming. You keep hens? You are a farmer; don't let anyone with a big tractor tell you otherwise.

You're hungry and your bank account is nearly empty? Buy some eggs from a local farmer. If you don't know how to make a decent omelette get a copy of "Mastering the art of French cooking" from the library and let Julia Child show you how it is done. Bon appetit.

Hilary Rowley

Egg Hunt



Egg Hunt at Blueskin Gallery



All Aboard

During my daily read of the ODT, I came across an article by opinionist, poet, and past Blueskin News contributor Victor Billot as he campaigned to Save Our Trains. He determinably stressed the organisations' desire to reinstate nation wide intercity passenger train services, especially considering the myriad global transport problems affecting us all. I totally agree and would add a reliable goods service to the list.

Growing up in Oamaru, the family home backed onto the main trunk line and the constant rail activity was a visual and audible fascination to us kids. Bedtime was often signaled by the rattling sound of the brightly lite Rail Car tearing past as it carted overnight passengers towards the inter-island ferry service out of Lyttleton. Later, the rumbling drone of the Cabbage Train as it hauled the south's fresh produce (plenty of it grown by Waitati's market gardeners), all the way to Picton and the North Island markets, we learned to sleep through. The numerous daily passings were a danger we grew to respect, and later, the afternoon Southerner made us dream of escape as we trudged home from high school. I would love the option of boarding a similar modern, comfortable passenger train from Dunedin taking me up our splendid coastal lands to Christchurch and beyond to Picton and the ferry to Wellington. Compared to the stress and endurance needed to drive this journey, a relaxing time with a news paper, a good book and great views, is a very attractive thought.

There has been much debate recently about the troubled tourist passenger lines:- The Taieri Gorge, The Trans Alpine and The Trans Coastal. All are well worth retention and maintenance but are reliant on large swaths of tourists. Considering present global turmoil, this may never happen. That said, the success of the Dunedin to Waitati summer excursion points to huge local support for such services. But I'd suggest emphasis be given to creating attractive and efficient everyday rail services, passenger and goods, linking all our main centres and towns in between. Search "Save Our Trains" and sign their petition.

Doug Nuttall.



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curve of a yellow wing,
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the light made faint when clouds skim,
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Children's Book Club

Tuesday 10 May, 3.30 - 4.30pm

Discover new books and enjoy a linked activity. New members always welcome.

Please note this Club is for Year 3 and up.

Techweek – Robotics Workshop

Monday 16 May, 3.30 - 5pm

Techweek is a nationwide series of events, showcasing and celebrating New Zealand innovation. Check out www.techweek.co.nz to make sure you catch all the events in this region.

This robotics workshop at Blueskin Bay Library is a perfect introduction to robotics and programming. We'll have Spheros and Brainbox kits. Spheros are balls connected to an app on an iPad that 'drives' the balls around. Brainboxes are kits to make different circuits, you don't need any training to use them, you just follow the instructions in the booklets provided. Suitable for all the family to come along and create a simple robot.



Bookshare

Thursday 26 May, 3.30-4.30pm

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*Suitable for ages 5+.

Seed Share

Get ready for spring. We hope you're all busy collecting seeds for our next Seed Share event coming up in July. This year we'd especially love you to share your tomato seeds, they come in so many vibrant colours and flavours (Kings Seeds currently offer 57 varieties) but who needs a whole packet?

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On my daily scroll through websites of British newspapers I encountered a depressingly disparaging and sneering review of the TV show 'Slow Horses' dramatised from a book of the same name by Mick Herron.

Crikey thought I. If that's what The Guardian thinks of it then it must surely be a perfect book for me. Firing up the Dunedin Libraries App I ordered loads of Mick Herron Books, speedily delivered by the lovely library staff to Blueskin Bay library from where I collected them, and yes, the books are great. Hilarious, engaging, exciting, stupefyingly rude in places but at the same time scrupulously even handed; yes there is plenty of toxic masculinity but equally if not more toxic femininity - there may perhaps even be transcendent toxicity. Herron also skewers certain British politicians. And, most significant of all to me, The Guardian hates his work.

So what's the point of this rather gushing paeon to Mick Herron via the library app? Here's the point: if you are a voracious reader, if you think you have sucked the library stock dry and if you wonder where your next good reads are coming from you can be sure that you haven't even scratched the surface. Just load the library app onto your computer, smartphone or tablet and start to play the random search game.

In the search field at the top of the screen type in a few random letters and see what pops up. The book titles displayed usually have a short summary and you can decide whether to try them out. If you choose only ebooks then they can be downloaded and checked out immediately and discarded if not your cup of tea.

In this way I have found fantasy by Robin Hobb (I keyed in HOB) whose 'Fitz and the Fool' trilogy captivated me. I found 'Everybody's Fool' by Richard Russo (I keyed in DRU) the recorded book kept us entertained on a long road trip. I even reencountered after 20 years 'a thousand plateaus' (I keyed in PLAT) by Giles DeLeuze and Felix Guattari. I made it about to page six 20 years ago and got to page four this time around. Both times I failed to understand a word of it. I have keyed in countless random assemblages of letters and been rewarded by dozens of wonderful books that I would never have looked at on a library shelf

And so good people of Blueskin Bay I commend to you the Library App. The Gutenberg Project may have given you access to great classic literature, Beowulf, Dosotovsky, Tolstoy, Melville etc but it's a little short on more populist material and here is where the library really delivers.

Library staff will help you to download the app and get to grips with using it.

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Source to Sea Needs You at Long Beach ...



... Where we have 34,000 hardy native plants to go in the ground this year, as well as a public walking track. We welcome groups to visit, explore and help us with planting and maintenance. We're holding regular weekday working bees plus weekend planting days on 15 and 28 May, and 12 June. Please contact Jeanne if you or your work group or club would like to join us (jeanne@haloproject.org.nz or ph 022 095 0772).

Source to Sea Team looking over the planting plan at Long Beach Rec Reserve.

Automatic traps controlling possums

Ōtepoti Dunedin is a hotspot for native biodiversity and is benefitting from NZ's TBfree programme. Sustaining control following OSPRI's intensive possum operations is an efficient way to keep possum populations low. Trap technology has also come a long way in the past few years, driven by the shared vision of a predator free Aotearoa. Together, these factors make it feasible to control possums down to zero density (no breeding possums) using a network of automatic kill traps.

We've trialled and are now installing the network of possum traps (the AT220 developed by NZ Autotraps), across our core 10,000 ha area, on a spacing of 1 trap per 18 ha. With landowners' and managers'



Map attached: Source to Sea planting site at Long Beach.

agreement, we're installing traps on private and public land within possum habitat or movement corridors (eg. macrocarpa shelterbelts, pine trees, bush or scrub).

Find more info about this and other traps we use, and why, at www.haloproject.org.nz/predator-free

Residents Survey highlights engagement with wildlife

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Residents Survey! We are happy with the response we've had, and five lucky winners are happy with their prizes!

All our respondents have one thing in common - they take notice of wildlife in their backyards.

There is also a consensus that

possums, followed by mustelids (stoats, ferrets and weasels), have a high impact on native biodiversity. And, many people are supportive of humane predator control projects aimed at protecting rare and threatened species and improving habitat quality.

Safe and humane methods, including kill trapping and shooting, are widely supported. Half of our respondents control mice, rats and possums on their properties (by various means).

Keep up with our news, jobs and volunteer opportunities by following us on Facebook @ [halobeyondorokonui](https://www.facebook.com/halobeyondorokonui). Contact us at info@haloproject.org.nz or go to www.haloproject.org.nz.



Source to Sea Team looking over the planting plan at Long Beach Rec Reserve.



Okāhau Dune Project 2022

Kia ora koutou! Do you have some burning questions about this year's pikao planting that you'd like answered?

Looking for a way to contribute to the project?

Would you just like to know more about the plant itself?

Just looking for a free hot drink?

What: Okahau Dune Project pop-in

Where: Waiputai Hub

When: Sunday May 15th 1pm-3pm

Or email okahaudunerestoration@gmail.com if you can't make it on the day



Near tragedy sparks life-saving project

A group of residents from Waitati held a fundraising gig, collected donations and received a grant from the DCC Waikouiti Coast Community Board in an effort to purchase an install a defibrillator, which is quickly accessible to all, 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

The group AED 24/7 (Sue & Steve Bourne, Abigail Liddy, Robyn Williams and Katie Peppercorn) were inspired by a traumatic event in their community when a local musician collapsed mid-song with a cardiac arrest. Luckily his chain of survival was strong as the audience contained several nurses and doctors and even a resuscitation educator, who worked together providing CPR for 20 min, until the first responders arrived with their defibrillator. He survived because of the early detection, early CPR and early defibrillator. Locals and visitors to Doctors Point Beach now have access to a unit should it be required; it is located in the bus shelter at Michies railway crossing, Doctors Point Road and clear instructions for access to the device are written on the unit. The picture was taken at the ribbon cutting event on Tuesday 19th April. In the future we will need to fundraise to replace battery and pads, so watch this space for future dances! Thanks to all who donated.

Katie Peppercorn



Ribbon Cutting



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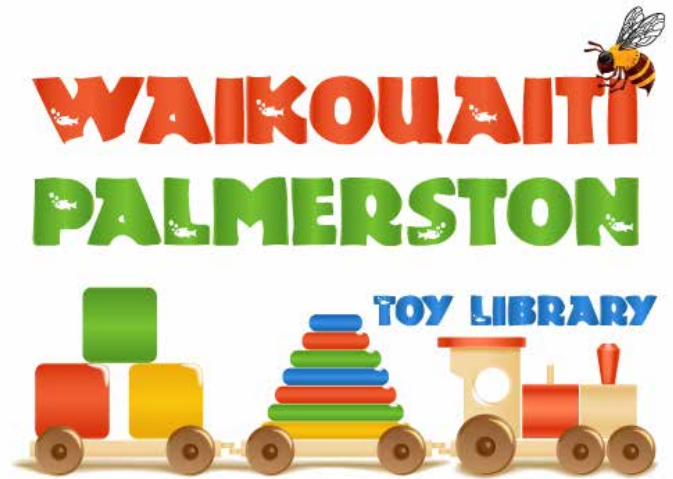
Waikouaiti-Palmerston Toy Library

Open Saturdays 10.30 - 12.00

Located at Waikouaiti Racecourse

Email or just drop in to see what we have to offer; parents and grandparents alike. A variety of affordable membership options from \$5 to \$60 and free hire of a great range of toys 0-8 years.

Annabel Kuzma



Waikouaiti Playgroup

Coffee group for parents and children (under 5) in the East Otago area recommences on 4 May. Held every Wednesday 9.30 - 11.30 during School Term at Waikouaiti Plunket Rooms, East Otago Events Centre. Ph. Annabel 027 2291 608 (Community Support Co-ordinator) for more info or just drop in.

Annabel Kuzma



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Blueskin Gallery - Waitati

Wednesday Night Quiz with new quizmaster (4th May at 6.30pm) - text to book a place 027 858 6588

Waitati Talks (7.30pm, 11th May) - text to book a place 021 1485535

Gentle Jazz in the courtyard with Paper Moon (Sunday 22nd May at 2pm)

Sat 28th May - Courtyard Party - 2pm - Reggae, House, Jungle, Drum & Bass

Katie Peppercorn



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WAITATI BOOK CLUB by Scott Willis

Our Book club get-together was at our house this April, so for once I didn't have to worry about being late! And in contrast to the last few book club meetings everyone (except Ian who is taking a six-month sabbatical) was able to make it. We had plenty to catch up on, various adventures and experiences to recount, world issues to put to right, etc so a very social evening turned into a very enjoyable (and late) night. And Martin, as a non-whisky drinker tried Jenna's aged quince liqueur, reporting "your quince liqueur was outstanding...viscousness around the palate, sweet and a hint of quince. Bottled gold."

THE BOOK

Cousins by Patricia Grace

This month's book stimulated the most animated discussion we've had for some time. A sensitive and engrossing story of three Māori cousins growing up in the aftermath of WW2. For me this was a fascinating story during a period of great change, dealing with tradition, identity, trauma and documenting a trajectory from rural to urban settings, with political awakening as a background to the lives of these three wāhine. Though a fictional account, it's an important part of our national history, and a book I encourage everyone to read.

OTHER BOOKS

This pākehā life: an unsettled memoir by Alison Jones

A book currently being passed around book club (recommended by Marc and Ian): "A pākehā women born in Aotearoa from English immigrant parents, a journey of coming to terms with being a pākehā and finding her way into Māori culture, and how that relates to her growing up here, and her place and role as a very astute academic woman working with Māori about issues about and within Māori culture. Plenty to think about."

SCREEN

The Man in the High Castle – Amazon Prime

Man in the High Castle is based on Philip K Dick novel and is a beautifully shot dystopian alternate world in which the United States is partitioned by a victorious Nazi Germany (the Greater Nazi Reich) and Japan (the Japanese Pacific States) after a very different ending to WW2. Some of it is just a little too melodramatic and predictable at times but also very disturbing. We see the American Flag proudly alongside the Nazi Swastika and fascism just seems to fit.

BEER

Obolon

8.6% alc/vol. A rich, strong beer, sweet rather than bitter and a very easy drop. This Ukrainian beer, alongside Obolon 6.8% (more ordinary) can be found at North End New World.

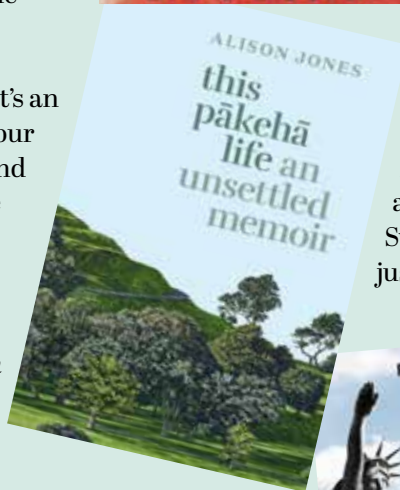
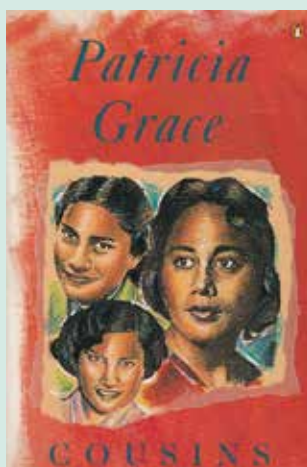
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5.4% alc/vol. Mild malt, nice 'round' slightly oily beer brewed in Lithuania, one of three Baltic states and a member of NATO.

MEANING OF LIFE

"Men argue. Nature acts."

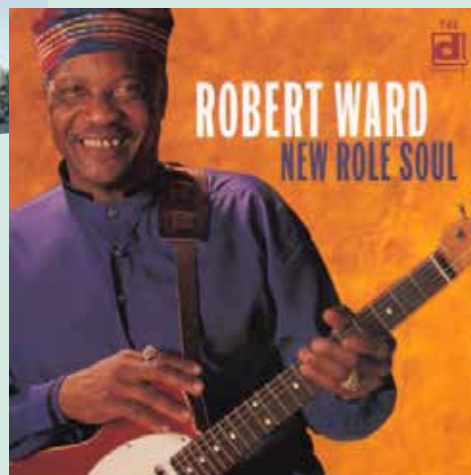
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MUSIC

New Role Soul / Robert War

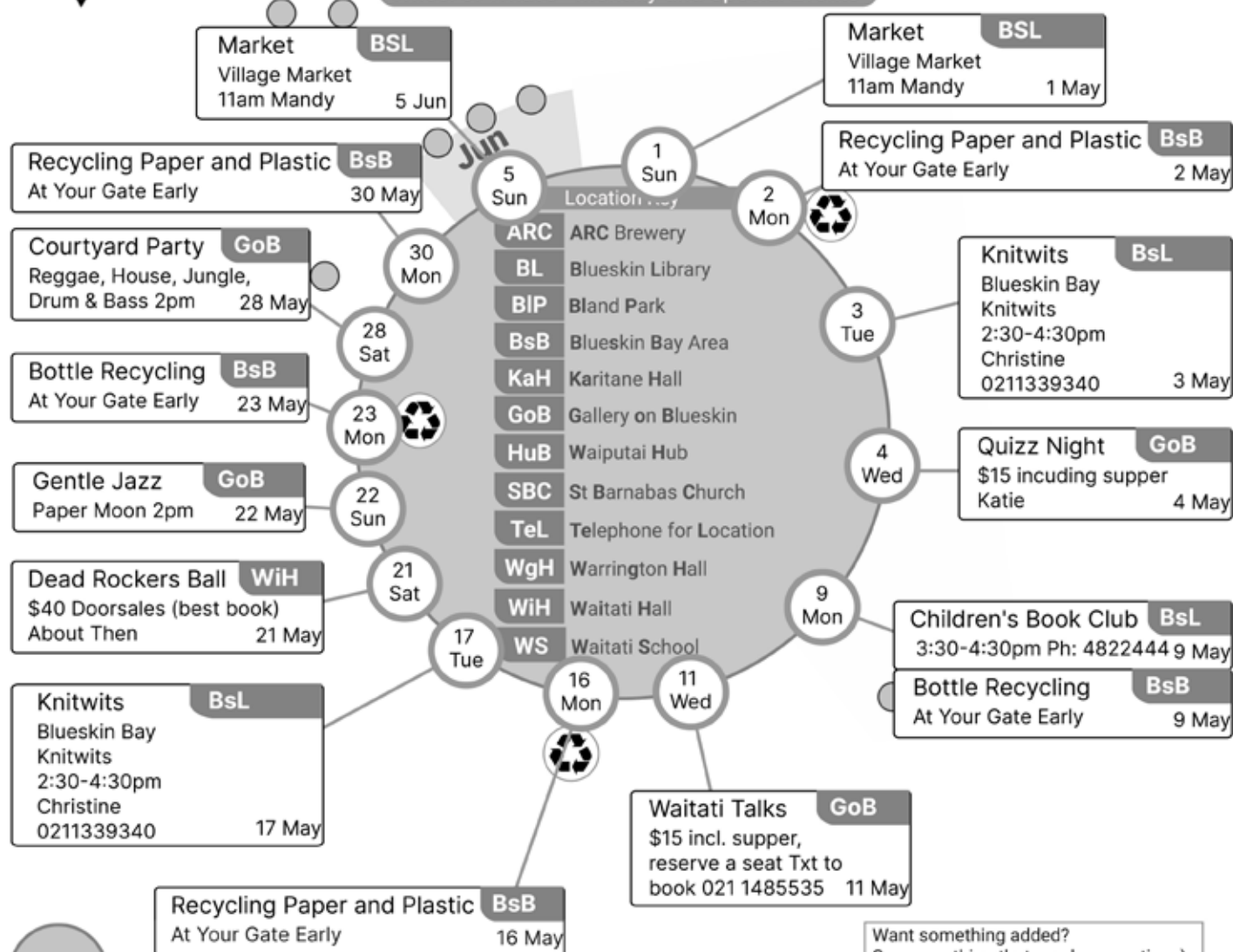
Again from Ian, he says, "A contemporary of Wilson Picket when he played with the Falcons. Great songs, great voice, and great guitar player".





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

Wheel of What's - Monthly and Special Events



Want something added?
See something that needs correcting :)
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Weekly

Monday at

WiH

- Table Tennis** 7.30 pm til late Nigel 0212362818
- Steady as You Go** Age Concern 1:30pm
- Darts Club** 7 pm For beginners and others, all welcome Gold Coin, Sam 021 023 91946
- Knitwits** 6.30-8.30pm Christine 0211339340

Monday

HuB

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WEDNESDAY



SATURDAY

- Piano Lessons** Variable rates 1-4pm Sylvia 0212070664
- Live Music** 7-9pm Katie 0211485535

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GoB

TUESDAY

- Ping Pong** 7-8 pm \$5 cash: All Welcome from 12 yrs Helena 0226474738
- Indoor Bowls** 7.30pm
- NIA - Dance Class** 11:30-12:30 \$10 Claire Reilly 0211775350

HuB

WgH

WiH

THURSDAY

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

HuB

WgH

SUNDAY

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

ARC

SBC

WgH

WAIKOUAITI COAST COMMUNITY BOARD UPDATE



The Buses are Coming!

Left is the initial timetable for the long-awaited weekend bus service. Covid has been getting in the way of things, but ORC hope to have the service up and running during May. The actual start date will be well advertised. If you have any issues with this new extended service, please feel free to contact me.

Alasdair Morrison,
Chairman
Waikouaiti Coast
Community Board

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Mobile 0274 354 384

Palmerston to City - Saturday				
Palmerston	Waikouaiti	Karitane	Waitati	Bus Hub
8:00	8:20	8:30	8:50	9:10
11:00	11:17	11:26	11:41	12:00
16:45	17:02	17:11	17:26	17:45
City to Palmerston - Saturday				
Bus Hub	Waitati	Karitane	Waikouaiti	Palmerston
12:00	12:25	12:40	12:50	13:05
18:00	18:25	18:40	18:50	19:05
21:00	21:25	21:40	21:50	22:05
23:00	23:25	23:40	23:50	0:05
Palmerston to City - Sunday				
Palmerston	Waikouaiti	Karitane	Waitati	Bus Hub
8:00	8:20	8:30	8:50	9:10
16:45	17:02	17:11	17:26	17:45
City to Palmerston - Sunday				
Bus Hub	Waitati	Karitane	Waikouaiti	Palmerston
13:00	13:25	13:40	13:50	14:05
18:00	18:25	18:40	18:50	19:05

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WAIPUTAI HUB waiputai@gmail.com

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. Mondays 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. Special deal which equates to 11 sessions for 150, or \$18 for casual. Every Wednesday evening during second term, beginning in May. For info to book a space, Sylvia, 021 207 0664

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