

BLUESKIN NEWS

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BLUESKIN ON SHOW





ANZAC DAY

25 April 2024

Waitati



Editor's Note

Since coming back to live in Warrington on my own in 2010 I have considered myself an independent woman and able to deal with anything. Financially able to support myself, with a car to get myself where I want to go and enough worthwhile ventures to keep myself occupied and happy.

However events last week showed me I am not so independent as I had thought. My friend Nick swept my flue for me, Ibbi sorted out my suddenly gushing water tank and Ash not only cut 2m off the top of my very high, very long macrocarpa hedge but also collected a huge chipper from town and chipped all the leavings even taking apart and mending the chipper when it blocked.

These were all totally practical tasks which I could not actually attempt, my practicality lies in different directions. I can make a quilt, knit a jumper, cook a meal for a large group of people, most of those jobs which are considered womanly. My feminist side revolted at this and led me to think on the implications of this on my idea of independence.

Men (or at least the ones I know) seem to have an innate ability to tackle any task which entails either construction or engineering with an unnerving confidence which leaves me in awe. My father had it and my brothers think nothing of installing a central heating system or building a garage. I am sure there are women out there who have this ability but I think they are a small minority.

So I will now rethink my self-reliance and call it co-dependence, forget any thoughts of feminist guilt and continue baking cakes for my male friends who are too busy with No.8 wire.

Keep warm and safe Bernie

Photos – Front cover: Sally Brown, Anzac Day: Mandy Mayhem
Easter Bonnets: Mandy Mayhem

WARRINGTON HALL

QUIZ NIGHT

7PM 17 MAY

TEAMS OF UP TO 6

\$5PP CASH ONLY

RAFFLES GALORE

BYO DRINKS • SUPPER AFTER

ALL PROCEEDS TO

WARRINGTON SCHOOL



TO REGISTER: PETE SMITH 027 482 576 OR LYN HASTIE 022 048 7696

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.



PŪRĀKAUNUI SCHOOL FAIR



SUNDAY, MAY 12
11AM - 2PM

- plant sale
- pizza
- bouncy castle
- cafe
- raffle

and more...



Halo Project

The Halo Project Predator Free team are working hard to reduce the already low possum numbers in the 10,000 hectares surrounding Orokonui Ecosanctuary to zero-density. This winter the team will be primarily focusing in on the Aramoana, Heyward Point, Pūrakaunui areas.

Their toolbox includes:

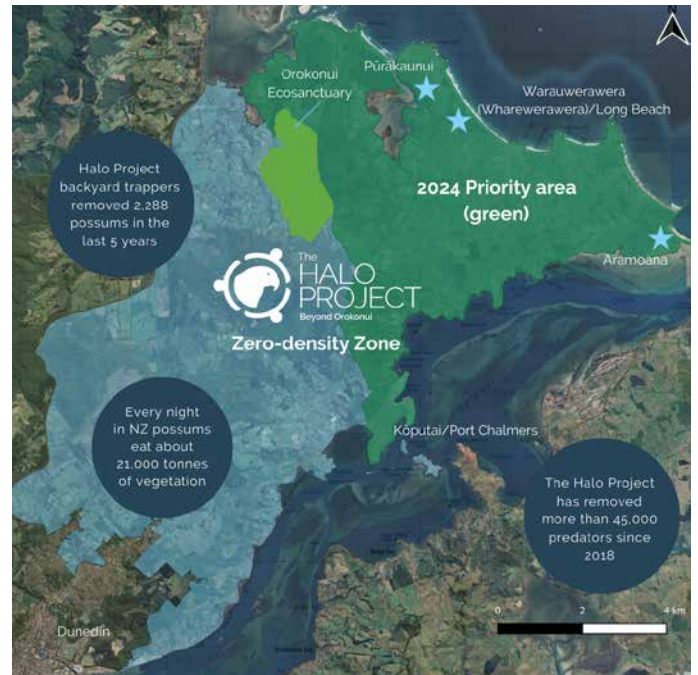
1. Surveillance and detection
2. Community engagement for sightings
3. Targeted control operations
4. Intensive backyard trapping

This toolbox builds on their landscape-scale trap network as they define remaining possum hotspots and work with the community to target these areas. This is why they need you! Here's what you can do to help:

- Use a torch to spotlight for possums
- Report sightings & sign such as noises, poo & scratches as soon as you can
- Help spread the word
- To report a possum go to www.reportapossum.nz or leave a message on 03 395 9753.

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 nest 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.



The HALO PROJECT
Beyond Orokonui

PUBLIC PLANTING DAYS 2024

Sat 18 May
Sun 26 May
Fri 21 June
Sun 30 June
Sun 14 July
Wed 17 July
Sun 21 July

RSVP to
info@haloproject.org.nz
to register your spot and
to guarantee your
sausage sizzle!

Id-gaf Politics

A political monster has arisen.

Id-gaf. Globally, Id-gaf is warmly embraced by the likes of Donald Trump, Vladimir Putin, Benjamin Netanyahu, Viktor Orbán, Jair Bolsonaro, and others. NZ's main Id-gafers, David Seymour and Winston Peters, have been Id-gafing their entire careers, but now seem to be getting out-Id-gafed (a clue ... the 1st 4 words are "I don't give a..."), by the incomparable Shane Jones.

The Minister for Oceans and Fisheries, Regional Development, Resources, and

Associate Minister of Finance, and Energy (phew!), reached into Id-gafisms' depths when repealing John Keys' National Government move (trumpeted with great fanfare to the UN in 2015), which deemed the Kermadec Islands an environmental sanctuary. By banning any activity deemed threatening to The Kermadec's ecological value, the environment had scored a rare win.

Not anymore. Our new Id-gaf champion reckons he'll "not stand idly by while The Kermadec's become an economic wasteland". He went onto say, "I won't pander to a bunch of nimby wimby white-coated scientists". Now, that's Id-gafing. Which begs the question, why did the coalition stoop to having Shane Jones receive such

lofty portfolios? Having Waka jumped from Labour to NZ First a couple of elections ago (I think it's called canoe jumping at NZ First), Id-gaf Jones was given a powerful, outside of Government position within the fisheries industry. He's been in their pocket ever since. I'm reticent to call him corrupt, but if I did, I reckon he'd say something like "Id-gaf you namby pamby greenie grinch. I've an economy to drive. Get out of my way". Usually more bombastic, the Minister For Lots Of Environmentally Important Things, like all good Id-gafers, doesn't shy away from lowering his tone. That way he's sure to reach the level of his support base.

Doug Nuttall

For many years I have talked about (been slightly obsessed with) the idea of a much better bus service for the North Coast, Dunedin to Palmerston.

PALMERSTON - DUNEDIN
DAILY MOTOR SERVICE



WEEK-DAY SERVICE.

Bus leaves city, from Queen's Gardens, at 4.20 p.m., arriving Palmerston 7 p.m. On Saturday leaves city 5 p.m.

Bus leaves Palmerston daily 7.45 a.m. via Waikouaiti 8.15, Merton 8.25, Puketeraki 8.35, Seacliff 8.50, Omimi 9, Warrington 9.5, Evansdale 9.10, Waitati 9.25, Dunedin 10.20.

SUNDAYS.

Leave Palmerston 7.45 a.m., arrive city 10.10.
Leave city 10.15, arrive Palmerston 12.30 p.m.
Leave Palmerston 3.45 p.m., arrive city 6.15.
Leave city 8.30, arrive Palmerston 11 p.m.

SPECIAL TOURS ARRANGED

Telephone No. 1989. Parcels delivered en route.

HOPE BROS.
PROPRIETORS

bus there is not another one leaving Dunedin until after 6pm. I am sure there are people who would love to see a 5pm bus which would allow young people to do activities in Dunedin after school or be much appreciated by workers who finish work late afternoon, allowing them to get home at a reasonable hour.

There are many reasons for a better bus service: to get more people out of cars, better for the environment and our carbon footprint. To provide a better service for both the young and old who are transport disadvantaged (too young or too old or too poor to drive). This is often a reason people move away from Blueskin Bay, they have teenagers who want to spend more time in town or they are older people who are worried about maintaining their independence both are hampered by a very poor, irregular bus service.

I was shocked to discover that nearly 100 years ago we had a pretty good (but slow) bus service which included Seacliff and Warrington. I think we need to keep on complaining loudly and submitting to the ORC, until they respond to our demand for a better bus service.

Waikouaiti Coast Heritage Centre

Here at the Waikouaiti Coast Heritage Centre we have had a quieter month but we did see quite a number of people take up the option of free entry to the old bank building on Easter Saturday. It was great to see so many interested locals on the day, many of whom said they had been intending to visit but had never got around to it. Everyone was full of praise with what we have achieved and our plans for restoration. It was lovely to get such positive feedback and I would encourage

those of you who think you must come and have a look, but haven't yet made it, to do so, you won't be sorry, I'm sure.

It will be Mother's Day on Sunday May 12th and I hope this paper is delivered by then as we have some great gifts for all the mothers. Lovely soaps, scented candles, perfume, scarves, a range of Hogarth Chocolates, cards and much more. Our featured local artist at present is Sue Lean who has some amazing landscapes, followed by Mia Gorman

from 27 May. Mia is a talented young lady from Karitane. All our artists have beautiful work on display and well worth considering if you have a spare wall. Lisa, one of our newer volunteers is busy updating our website and facebook pages, and you will find up to date information online thanks to Lisa. Below is a photo of some of our Mother's Day gifts on offer.

A large table covered with a wide variety of handmade products for sale. The items are neatly arranged and include: several boxes of 'Pink Passion' candles, some with bird illustrations; 'MOGARCHI' brand soaps in gold-wrapped tubes; 'Blue Cloud' brand candles in black boxes; various gift boxes, some with floral patterns and others with text like 'you melt'; a plush white teddy bear; a heart-shaped decorative item; and several bags of dried herbs or bath salts. The background shows a simple room with a white wall and a window.



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.

Dear Aunty Blueballs,

I've been single for a few years and am considering re-entering the dating scene. However, with a full-time job, raising kids solo, and other commitments, I can only find about 2 hours of free time each week. Is this a feasible situation?

- Busy Bee

Dear Busy Bee,

A lot can be done in two hours - the opportunities are boundless! The obvious option would be to simply date someone from your workplace. This eliminates the need to waste time endlessly scrolling through the dire pickings of dating apps, only to then spend an hour listening to someone who looks nothing like their pictures cry about their ex who's sitting three tables over with someone much more attractive. Pick your most eligible colleague (single or not is up to you - I'm sure many married folk could spare a couple of hours a week with no hassle) and away you go. Nipping off to the bathroom at smoko each day will increase your time together by at least 50%, leaving the remaining two hours for actually getting to know the person somewhat, unpacking their emotional baggage, and reassuring their insecurities. If you're harbouring fantasies of allocating more time to this task, there are still other options. Send your kids away to boarding school! That'll leave plenty of time for listening to an adult child whinge at you in the night. Or you could find someone who is willing to move in immediately and integrate into your family life. Try the Oval? Best of luck.

Love, Aunty Blueballs xoxo



Kia ora Blueskin Bay! There's a chilly nip in the air now, but Playcentre is warm and its coffee is hot! This time of year can be a delight with small children. Nature seem especially magical through their eyes and there's so much for them to enjoy! Blackberries! Conkers! Crunchy autumn leaves! However, parents of small children will also know that the colder months can be a challenge in Dunedin. Our beautiful backyard sometimes seems too cold or wet for little people to spend whole days outside, unlike those blessedly long summer days. Inside days can be a struggle with little ones and sometimes it feels like our plans to see friends and family never come together as someone always seems to have the sniffles (or worse!)

Fortunately, Playcentre is your friendly local sanity saver for Dunedin winters! Get out of the house and down to Playcentre! We have all sorts of toys and play experiences to keep your wee ones well entertained, including those you definitely don't want to do in your own home (Slime! Glitter!! Glitter Slime!!!) Not to mention free hot drinks and conversation with other adults for the big people!

We are having an **Open Day** on **Saturday 4 May | 10am - 12pm**. Why don't you come on down for a cuppa and some baking and see if you like the vibe? There will also be a Rummage Sale, with some excellent bargains! Funds raised will go towards first aid training.

We are open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays during term time from 8:45am - 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/, or at blueskin@playcentre.org.nz.

We hope to see you soon!

Madness vs Sanity

The Spriglets



Two conspiracy theorists walk into a bar.

You can't tell me that was just a coincidence, man.

Two guys walk into a bar.

The third one ducks.

The barman says, "We don't serve time travelers in here."

A time traveler walks into a bar.

WAITATI BOOK CLUB by Ian Melvin

We manage an early start from Scott's place in the very un p.c. diesel 1½ cab ute, arriving at Peter's, and after the usual enthusiastic greeting from Pip the dog we soon settle around the table and our usual routines. There is plenty of room as Martin is in Arkansas US visiting his son and Marc is attending a joint exhibition opening of his photography and Inge's painting in Oamaru.

THE BOOK

Breakfast At Tiffany's by **Truman Capote**.

Marc (edited version) 'The book portrays a wily woman utilising her vivaciousness and good looks to avoid poverty, in an age where opportunities for uneducated women were few', but Golightly somehow seems bigger than her story – the character elicits sympathy rather than empathy, the story lacking perhaps authentic grittiness.'

Martin (edited version) 'Narrated by, effectively, a young Capote, we follow Holly on a journey of self re-invention in Manhattan during WW2. The style is not too dissimilar to Raymond Chandler in places. In the end we never really find out what happens to her which, as is apt, gives us the chance to ponder her fate wherever and with whomever. Thoroughly enjoyable.

Others were generally positive, personally I preferred the following story, a masterpiece of writing, highly recommend!

OTHER BOOKS

Last Man Standing by **David Longo**. We were supposed to have read this previously but somehow ended up with the wrong and far inferior *The Last Man Standing* by David Baldacci. Highly recommend this book, well written, set within post-societal collapse in Italy. Quirky and compelling storytelling and although always offering hope for humankind in some form, is at the same time confronting and not for the fainthearted.

BEER

Martin. Had a can of **Ozark American Pale Ale** the other day. It's pretty darn good with pizza, easy drinking, a hazy gold colour, with sharpish hop as you might expect.

Ian. As the sober driver you need low Alcohol beer. Good ones aren't easy to find. **Macs FREERIDE 0.5% Pale Ale** is not too bad cold actually. and affordable. But I'm still looking for a good low alcohol dark beer for winter.

MUSIC

Strawpeople: No New Messages 2000 "electro pop royalty – with some entrancing vocals and pulsating with a sonic palette of electronic beats." (Quote from this year's programme listing for WOMAD.) This group as always a collaboration of talent based around Paul Casserly, Marc Tierney, Fiona MacDonald, and various other female vocalists eg Leza Corban, Bic Runga, Anika Moa, etc. this year Casserly and Macdonald reformed the group and produced *Knucklebones* to critical acclaim. Try **Watch you Sleep** or **Knucklebones** on YouTube.

WORD OF THE MONTH

Indifference. ' "This gentleman says something is missing from his car" the bald man says. The boy considered the tall body and narrow shoulders of Leonardo in his linen jacket, as if bewildered by a utensil which had once been useful but now was obsolete. There was no shadow of defiance on his face, only the boredom of someone compelled to go once again through an over-familiar rigmarole.'

MEANING OF LIFE

"Just before he fell asleep he felt for the first time that he was beginning to understand the dreadfulness of what was happening. It was the beginning of a new age, a naked age that seemed likely to last and whose key word would be 'without', just as the previous age had been 'with'."

Quotes from ***Last Man Standing*** by **David Longo**



Waitati Premiere Escape Room

Escape Room at the Opera House
4 and 5 May

Email operahousetrust@gmail.com
to book your team.

First escape 10am, last escape 6pm.

Teams of up to 6 \$20pp for adults
or \$10 kids (minimum age 10 years
accompanied by an adult).

"Highly recommend, damn creative
bunch! Weird craziness."



How many brains?

We've known the spine has neurons in it for a while. However, recently, scientists discovered that the neurons in our spine learn and remember movement.

I wonder if, like the main brain, they need sleep to store it better for memory. It does kind of explain why we get stiffer when we have a sore back, though. As many sore backs are not traceable to a biological cause, maybe it's more in the spine brain. Maybe our spine brain doesn't want to move much because it remembers pain.

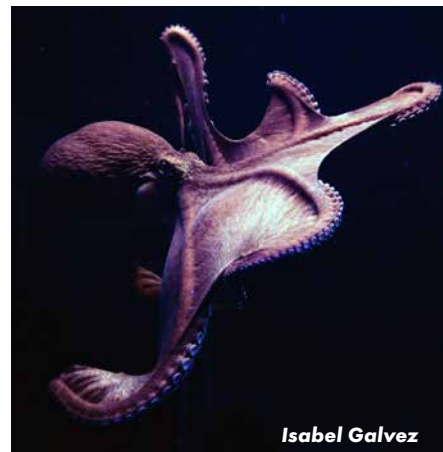
I find pain and sore backs fascinating after recovering from long-term excruciating back pain. Pain has so many attributing factors. Trauma, both physical and emotional, plays a part. Something else I learnt this month was that trauma can be passed on biologically. So, you inherit the trauma of your parents, their parents, etc., which I find fascinating as well. And to be fair, a little scary;

I feel like we need way more therapists in the house to be deal with all this intergenerational trauma.

I've been meditating more. That helps.

Something else I learned this month was that more movement and range of movement lessen back pain (start small and gradually increase). Is this because we're teaching the neurons that we can move without pain?

There was a pain conference in Dunedin a few weeks ago. Again, the word fascinating comes to mind. A fine bunch of folks as well. But if anyone tells you pain is all in the mind, well, yes, the mind does interpret our pain receptors, but when I was told that I was like (insert swear word in here), it's DEFINITELY in my body.



Isabel Galvez

Pain is more complex than being just in your head. Ask any neuroscientist; the brain is a complex wee beastly. And then send them my way I'd love to have them over for a chat. And, to end, as we started, neurons aren't just in the brain; our spines can learn and remember, the heart has a little brain, and the stomach has a brain, we haven't caught up with octopi yet, but we're getting closer. Octopi. Nine brains. Nine.

We and this world we live in is a thoroughly interesting place.

Dell McLeod

New Zealand spinach, kōkihi

“Oh yes, no worries, I will make a spinach and feta pie for the pot luck dinner”, but when I went to pick the spinach and silver beet I realized I did not have enough to make a decent sized pie. In amongst the silver beet in the garden was some puha, so I decided to add that into the mix too, but there was still not enough.

The puha reminded me that there is always plenty of NZ native spinach, kōkihi or *Tetragonia tetragonoides*, around in coastal areas, so I took the dogs for a walk on the beach and found some growing there. It was easy enough to pinch out the tips from the sprawling plant, don't bother trying to eat the big leaves or stalks they are a bit tough, but the tips are tender and tasty.

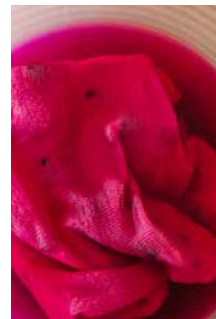
There used to be loads of kōkihi growing in amongst the sand dunes at Warrington beach, but again, it is an important plant to stabilize sand dunes so only pick the tips as this encourages more growth and they are nicer to eat.

My spinach, kōkihi and puha pie was a total success, and didn't taste at all weird.

An added bonus on this wee foraging expedition was that at this time of year there are berries on the kōkihi plants. I accidentally squashed one between my fingers and was rewarded with an amazing bright magenta-coloured stain. I picked a few of these and took them home to experiment with. I squashed them into a piece of merino fabric (wool and silk are particularly good at taking natural dyes). I thought I might end up with a pattern of pink spots from where each berry was squashed into the fabric. I don't actually know much about this process, so I plunged the fabric into a hot water and white vinegar solution to see if it would work as a mordant, and instead of spots I ended up with a bright pink piece of fabric. I might try heat setting it to see if it makes the colour bond to the fabric.

The berries are edible, but they just taste like spinach, which is a bit of a surprise, considering the colour. But I might end up with a pair of bright pink mitts to keep my hands warm on future foraging forays.

Hilary Rowley



BLUESKIN BAY LIBRARY

28 Harvey Street, Waitati, 9085 • Ph 03 482-2444 • www.dunedinlibraries.govt.nz

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

What's On

Public Holidays

Monday 3 June - closed for King's birthday

Storytime with Stephaney

Fridays, 11am

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 2 & 30 May, 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) for a FREE 30 minute session, one on one assistance with a librarian or call in to the library.

Books for Babies

One of the best gifts you can give your child is a love of books. The Library's Books for Babies scheme provides every newborn in Dunedin, approximately 2,000 every year, with a free library pack and book, courtesy of the University Bookshop and Friends of the Library.

A card from Dunedin Public Libraries offers you access to a magic world of five Libraries and two Bookbuses, each offering a treasure trove of stories, information, music and movies.

DCC Service Centre @ Blueskin Bay Library

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



Bee Cards

Catching the bus with the Bee Card is much easier and quicker. The tag on tag off bus card gives bus passengers cheaper fares in nine regions around New Zealand, including Otago.

Pick up and top up at the Library.

Fares are changing – Bee Prepared

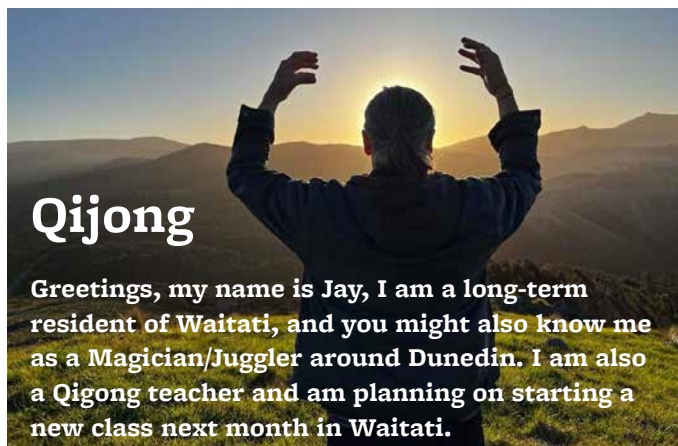
From the 1 May 2024 bus fares will change for those with a registered Bee Card.

- Children under five are still free.
- Fares for children 5-12 years: FREE (with correctly registered Bee Card).
- Fares for youth 13-18 years: Dunedin \$1.20, Queenstown \$1.50 per one-way trip.
- Fares for adults 19+: Dunedin and Queenstown: \$2 per one way trip.
- No change to the free off-peak concessions for SuperGold card holders (\$2 during peak times with a registered Bee Card, free fares off peak).
- No change for Community Services Card holders (half price adult fares with a registered Bee Card).
- Cash fares for those aged 13+: \$3 Dunedin, \$4 Queenstown, \$10 Queenstown airport.

Half price fares for ages 5-24 are ending due to the government's decision to stop funding these subsidies.


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Kā Kete Wānaka o Ōtepoti



If the word Qigong is new to you, you might be curious to know what it means. Originating in China, Qigong (pronounced Chi-Gong) is a practice that uses moving and still meditations, breath, and intention to help you get into a deeply calm, relaxed state.

There are many different styles of Qigong and the style I practice and teach is called Yuan Qigong.

An important element of Qigong is Qi (Chi), our body's life force. Qi is the most important element in Chinese Medicine, and in Acupuncture, in fact many describe Qigong as a branch of Chinese Medicine.

There are many reasons to practice Qigong. The first is Self-Care, I practice almost every day (and have done for 18 years) and find that I have more energy, am more relaxed and that my day just goes better when I do.

Another is if we are working at trying to solve issues we have in life, for example, a health issue, or physical pain that we haven't been able to solve by other means. I am by no means suggesting that we shouldn't use conventional medicine or other modalities. However, in my opinion, learning to look after our state of being, and internal energies through meditative practices like Yuan Qigong is a very important key for wellbeing and still not well understood or practiced enough.

A third is relationships, I find when I am calmer, I am not so reactive, and I can think more clearly.

A final, is personal growth. Yuan Qigong can help you to get into a deeply calm, relaxed meditative state and you can learn how to take this state into your personal life. At another level, it is even possible to see and change thought patterns that we might have that are affecting our lives. If this or any of the other points above resonate with you, I encourage you to come a join a class and experience it for yourself.

You might have read an article about our day -retreat, run with some other Dunedin and Waitati Yuan Qigong teachers. We had a good turn -out for this event and it was nice to meet some new people. Classes will be held on Tuesdays 5:30 -6:30pm at the Waitati Hall and we will be starting on the 21st of May.

Costs for this class will be:

- Casual \$12.00 (Student/Beneficiary \$7.00) or
- Buy 8 sessions for \$80 (this can be used across the year)

You can check out our website yuanqigongdunedin.co.nz/

For this class to go ahead I am aiming for a minimum number of 5 people, so if you are keen please get in touch bodymindqi@gmail.com.

Jay Glubb

Blueskin Garden Club

Last weekend we all enjoyed an interesting day at the Blueskin A&P Society's 'Blueskin on Show' Day.

Garden club was very fortunate to have the use of the Eastern Rugby Club' gazebo to house the fruit, vegetable and preserve competitions. A special thankyou to the rugby club for erecting and dismantling the gazebo.

We also thank the Blueskin Nursery for use of their smaller gazebos to display our plants for sale. We were very pleased with the quality and numbers of entries for the competitions. Well done everyone!

Our May meeting is our AGM.and this year we are holding it at 'The Gallery' where we are going to enjoy some fine dining as well as the business in hand. The theme of the night is '**Green**', so ladies look through your wardrobe and see what amazing green wardrobe items you can come up with.

For you crafty people out there, here are the items to start making for the Spring Show Craft section.

The classes this year are;

- A dressed doll in any medium.
- 3 dish clothes each one different in style or in medium, can be knitted, crotcheted or sewn.
- A child's jumper 0 - 5 years.
- A pair of socks.

So get busy everyone! (Bev Lyon - publicity)

Garden club contact numbers: Janice 021 735 213 or Glenys 027 273 8749.



Results of Blueskin on Show – Flower Show 2024

	No of Entries	Prize	Name
Flowers			
Tussie Mussie	8	1 st 2nd 3rd	Geraldine Tait Geraldine Tait Lesley Smith (W)
Rose – one stem, single bloom	12	1 st 2nd 3rd equal	Lyne Carlyle Phyll Jones Lyn Hastie and Jane Hailes
Rose – one stem, multi-bloom	7	1 st 2nd 3rd	Lesley Smith (W) Lesley Smith (W) Lyn Hastie
Hydrangea – one head	5	1 st 2nd 3rd	Lesley Smith (W) Susan Hellyer Susan Hellyer
Any other flower not mentioned	12	1 st 2nd 3rd	Belinda Norrish Glenys Clements Lesley Smith (W)
A vase of mixed NZ natives	5	1 st 2nd 3rd	Glenys Clements Lyne Carlyle Lyn Hastie
Dahlia one stem	16	1 st 2nd 3rd	Lesley Smith (W) Belinda Norrish Belinda Norrish
Preserves			
Jar of Pickles	2	1 st 2nd	Lyne Carlyle Wendy Chapman
Jar of Relish or Chutney	13	1 st 2nd 3rd	Wendy Chapman Shirley Zwies Maddy Ozanne
Bottle of savoury Sauce	8	1 st 2nd 3rd"	Daphne Henderson Daphne Henderson Hilary Rowley
Jar of Jelly	10	1 st 2nd 3rd	Sarah Hailes Wendy Chapman Shirley Zwies
Jar of Jam	14	1 st 2nd 3rd	Maddy Ozanne Lyne Carlyle Daphne Henderson
Jar of preserved fruit	3	1 st 2nd 3rd	Glenys Clements Glenys Clements Belinda Norrish
Jar of Preserved Beetroot	1	1 st	Glenys Clements
Any other preserve not mentioned	3	1 st 2nd 3rd	Steven Ozanne Steven Ozanne Glenys Clements

	No of Entries	Prize	Name
Fruit			
Eating Apples (3)	13	1 st 2nd 3rd	Bev Lyon Shirley Zweis Lyn Hastie
Cooking Apples (3)	10	1 st 2nd 3rd	Belinda Norrish Glenys Clements Noeline Burden
Pears (3)	4	1 st 2nd 3rd	Charlotte Brown Phoebe Ozanne Hilary Rowley
Tomatoes (3)	15	1 st 2nd 3rd	Bev Lyon Kelvin Lyon Clare Brown
Cherry Tomatoes (3)	10	1 st 2nd 3rd	Hugh Brown Lyn Hastie Clare Brown
Small bowl berry fruit	2	1 st equal	Lyn Hastie and Bev Lyon
Any other fruit not mentioned	6	1 st 2nd 3rd	Lyn Hastie Hilary Rowley Daphne Henderson
Novelty			
Biggest Root Vegetable	3	1 st 2nd 3rd	Steven Ozanne Glenys Clements Mike Fitzgerald
Character Carrot	2	1 st 2nd	Noeline Burden Noeline Burden
Longest Bean	3	1 st 2nd 3rd	Hilary Rowley Glenys Clements Bev Lyon
Fattest Rhubarb	1	1 st	Brian Hailes
Basket of mixed Fruit & Vegetables	6	1 st 2nd 3rd	Lyn Hastie Glenys Clements Hilary Rowley
Vegetables			
Carrots (3)	5	1 st 2nd 3rd	Hilary Rowley Christine Hardisty Mark Brown
Onions (3)	1	1 st	Hilary Rowley
Potatoes (3)	11	1 st 2nd 3rd	Fiona Prestnall Lyne Carlyle Henry Smith
Garlic (3)	4	1 st 2nd 3rd	Hilary Rowley Brian Hailes Freya Prestnall
Beetroot	1	1 st	Bev Lyon
Pumpkin (1)	4	1 st 2nd 3rd	Hugh Brown Bev Lyon Peter Norrish
Silverbeet (1)	1	1 st	Bev Lyon
Any other vegetable	9	1 st 2nd 3rd	Hilary Rowley Bev Lyon Steven Ozanne

Ruth Elaine Porteous 1948 – 2 April 2024



In the early 1970's Ruth drove a golden Holden Kingswood station wagon. Waitati was the nearest Playcentre where she supervised. 3 adults and 9 children travelled in that car.

In 1976 Ruth convinced Warrington, along with Seacliff families we would support our own Playcentre. Although it was a few years before we became affiliated.

Ruth was a Plunket mum who cooked and delivered meals to families of newly-born babies.

As a Girl Guide Leader in the 1980s, Ruth gave girls the opportunity to 'camp out' in fields at the Guide camp at Waikouaiti. A parent at school camps, on School, Hall, Indoor Bowls Committees (to name a few).

2000's Warrington School Reunion Committee. Charge Nurse at Ross Home.

Ruth had a knack of encouraging people to join committees and participate in Community groups. She mentored many in study and training for various tasks including Playcentre Supervisor, Girl Guide Quartermaster, Secretary, Treasurer and fundraising positions and activities.

If something needed to be done, the busiest person was always willing – that was Ruth!. No matter how full her plate was Ruth worked tirelessly to benefit all of us.

Behind this remarkably selfless woman was a strong, loving, patient and devoted man. Thank you Cliff Porteous for sharing Ruth with our community.

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Ruth's Community Involvement in Her Own Words

1969 joined the Warrington Indoor Bowls Club and played continuously.

1971 was elected on to the Warrington Indoor Bowls Club committee.

1970 for about 5 years Blueskin Plunket Committee.

1973 participating parent then supervisor at Blueskin Play Centre.

1973 (approx) was asked to join the Warrington School committee. On being asked to join I was told I might have to write the odd letter but this was surreptitiously coercing me into being secretary. The reason for this was because the committee apparently wanted someone who would be in the community for a number of years. I was secretary for 13 years. Both Cliff and I contributed to coaching rugby and netball. Was also involved with fundraising for the school pool. Served in 2003 on the School 75th Reunion committee.

1977 Involved in the setting up and working as supervisor Warrington Play Centre through to 1982

I have spent two periods of time on the Warrington Hall Committee the second term being from **2011** to 2023. On both occasions improvements to the facility were part of the activities I was part of.

1982 took over the Blueskin Guide

Company leadership role. The membership of active girls increased from about 9 members to 25. During the following 16 years I gained a variety of guiding qualifications which contributed to my own growth but more importantly gave me knowledge to help the young girls to develop useful life skills. I attended many guiding events including National trainings, three jamborees, one of which I was responsible for the 'first aid post' and one Ranger National camp. I also established the Blueskin Ranger group.

1985 Became the Eastern Districts Indoor Bowls Sub Association secretary, a task I continued with until 2019.

2002 became a member of the newly established East Otago Community Health Trust. Secretary from 2004.

2012 Joined the Blueskin Bay Garden Club and was elected to the committee the following year, taking over as treasurer.

2012 Joined the Dunedin Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists and joined the local committee in 2014. Was secretary from 2016.

2016 became secretary for the Otago Indoor Bowls Association

Warrington Hall Committee

Warrington loses a special lady. Willing is the word that sums up the tireless efforts put in over 50 years in our community. Warrington Hall Committee Members are deeply saddened with the passing of Ruth. She was a long term supporter of the running of the Hall and held many positions including Chairperson and Secretary. Ruth was always very organised, was meticulous with her minutes and bookkeeping and was willing to take on any job which needed attention. Gardening bees, Hall updates, dealing with tradespeople – Ruth saw to it all and never complained about her busy workload. As you will read from our tributes Ruth was a true community member and will be sadly missed. Thankyou Ruth for all you have done over many, many years. Our deepest sympathy goes to your husband Cliff, daughters Christine, Sonya, Joy, and Alison and their families. Thankyou for sharing your wife and mum with us all.

Lyn Hastie, Secretary,

Warrington Indoor Bowls

Ruth Porteous was a long serving Bowling Member and Life Member of Warrington Indoor Bowls Club. Ruth held many positions in the club over forty plus years. She served on the Otago Indoor Bowling Association Executive as Secretary and had been Past Chairperson on the Eastern District Sub Association.

Ruth was a Registered Nurse, commencing her training in 1965 and retiring in 2011 from Ross Home as Dunrowan Unit Nurse Manager. In her early years of nursing she met her husband Cliff who was a patient. He asked her out and the rest was history. Farming, feeding out to the cattle in the winter, Indoor Bowls at Warrington, 4 daughters, many grandchildren and in February Ruth and Cliff became proud Great Grandparents of wee baby George.

RIP – Ruth, Dear Bowling Colleague, and our Friend.

Robyn Thorburn



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 Sad

Sitting on the sidelines as the coalition of fools continue to unpick the seams that hold the fabric of our society together.

Not since the days of Roger Douglas, Ruth Richardson and co, have I felt so frustrated and depressed about our political leadership.

What Makes Me Mad

Their determined and single minded refusal to acknowledge the real problems we face and the effects of their policies on our environment and those most vulnerable in communities who will be most at risk from the changes they are initiating.

What Makes Me Glad....

Those that (to quote Abbey) 'give a shit' and roll up their sleeves and help those in need, and continue to speak up and try and make a difference, eg. David Latele aka... the brown buttabeen.

Janet for sharing the totally creative and highly entertaining, delightful madness that takes place in their household on a daily basis - never fails to make me smile.

Around the Bay – May Events

ST BARNABAS CHURCH	
SUNDAYS	Service: 10.00am Contact Jeremy 027 436 1481

GALLERY ON BLUESKIN	
Wednesday 1	Quiz: 7 - 9pm
Wednesday 8	Games Night with Nicky: from 7pm
Saturday 4	Orokonui Art Exhibition starts
Saturday 18	Paul Allen and Bella: 6pm
Saturday 25	'Moonrocks' - person Will 5pm
Wednesday 24	Paper Moon Jazz Quintet: 7pm gentle jazz

BLUESKIN LIBRARY	
EVERY DAY	Games Galore & Lego: Every weekday, 2 - 5pm & Saturdays 10am - 1pm
MONDAYS	Blueskin Bay Knitwits: 6.30 - 8.30pm Contact Christine 021 133 9340
TUESDAYS	Blueskin Bay Knitwits: 2.30 - 4.30pm Contact Christine 021 133 9340
FRIDAYS	Story Time with Stephaney: 11am

WAIPUTAI HUB	
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Wednesday 22	Digital Learning Clinic with Christine Higgins: 1.30pm - 5.30pm. FREE: Book a session by texting/calling 021 171 0226
TUESDAYS	Table top role playing games (Dungeons and Dragons, etc.): 4 - 6.30pm All ages Drop in any time FREE Ping Pong: 7 - 8.30pm. All ages, levels and drop ins welcome. Contact: Helena 022 6474 738
WEDNESDAYS	Homeschool Group: 10.30am - 1pm, Music Workshop. Contact: Emily Internet Cuppa & Printing: 2 - 5pm Access to internet computer (no-gaming), and printer (A4 black/white (20 cents/page) & A4 colour (\$1/page). Note: Bookings essential and must be made by Tuesday. Book a space by texting 021 171 0226 or emailing waiputai@gmail.com
THURSDAYS	Pilates: Casual session 6.30pm \$18 Contact: Sylvia 021 109 9302
SUNDAYS	Blueskin Bay Orchestra rehearsal 4pm - 6pm. Contact: Emily

WAITATI VILLAGE	
Sunday 5	Village Market: 11.00am Contact: Mandy

ARC BREWERY	
SUNDAYS	Live Music: 2 - 5pm Contact 021 4108 1141

WARRINGTON HALL	
TUESDAYS	Indoor Bowls: 7.30pm
THURSDAYS	Seasonal Hatha Yoga: 6.30 - 7.30pm Bring your own mat \$10pp Contact: hagino.yoga@gmail.com
SUNDAYS	Waitati Warblers: Singing for joy 4 - 5.30pm (winter) Contact: nancymiller140@gmail.com

WAITATI HALL	
MONDAYS	Steady As You Go: 1.30pm Age Concern Gentle Yoga: 6 - 7pm Bring your own mat \$10pp Contact: hagino.yoga@gmail.com Table Tennis: 7.30pm til late Contact: Nigel 021 236 2818
TUESDAYS	NIA Dance Class: 11.30am-12.30pm \$10 Contact: Clare Reilly 021 177 5350
WEDNESDAYS	Yoga Restore & Rejuvenate 7.15pm Bring your own mat \$10pp Contact: hagino.yoga@gmail.com
THURSDAYS	SHINE BRIGHT - Pilates for Back and Posture: 11am - 12 noon. Casual \$18, concession 10 sessions \$130 Contact: Sabine 021 207 0664
FRIDAYS	Community Acupuncture: 10am - 2pm Contact Collin Blake cblake@siacu.nz
SATURDAYS	NIA Dance Class: 4 - 5pm \$10 Contact: Clare Reilly 021 177 5350

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Birth announcement

The Owen family announce the birth of our beautiful baby girl, Skye, who was born at home on the 20 February. She's already much adored by her older brother Cedar, as well as by her furry friend Red. We think Skye is a pretty wonderful baby too!



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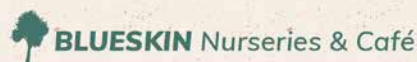
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Waitati

SCHOOL UPDATE

The student reflections show Passion Projects to be one of the most enjoyable learning experiences for Term 1.



At Waitati School, we set aside 5 mornings throughout the term for passion projects. We believe that learning should be a mixture of teacher-led and child-led choices.

It is about getting the right mix. Each learner has a goal for reading, writing, math, and disposition (value) they are working on over the term. Passion Projects are learner-led. Each child, while following a passion, gets to put their academic skills to the test in an authentic way. These groups are mixed age from Years 1-8. Learning across ages is so powerful and has many benefits. Older students practice leadership skills and develop patience. Younger students have amazing role models and get to give things a go that they might not otherwise have the opportunity to do.

The Passion Projects for Term 1 came from the children's ideas. The teachers and community volunteers then discussed what is possible with the resources and time they have. Then, the children chose their top two choices.

Sports Passion with Bec DF. Play a range of sports



Creatives in School Music with Jamie and Lovey. Play instruments, write songs, record.



Cooking with Jess in our amazing student kitchen. Cook a favourite family recipe - eat!



Technology with Bex. Micro Bits, Scratch, Coding, visit to a Tech company
Runaway Play.



Clown School 101 with Mandy. Learn Circus Skills and perform for the school community.



Drama with Tucker. "The Chair" was practised and produced for the school community at the Hall.



Throughout the term, children are able to opt into Beekeeping and Mahi a Ringa, our Ceramics Studio and our amazing forest school.



We are always after community input, so if you have a passion that you would like to share with our learners, don't be shy; drop us an email or a phone call. We would love for you to share your passion with our children's passions in Term 2. Over the winter months, we love crafting and some indoor pursuits.

If you are looking for a school to join, please drop in and have a look around. We currently have spaces in each of our age groups, and we would love to welcome you.

Tara O'Neill
Principal Waitati School

April Fools Day Picnic and Easter Bonnets on the Park

