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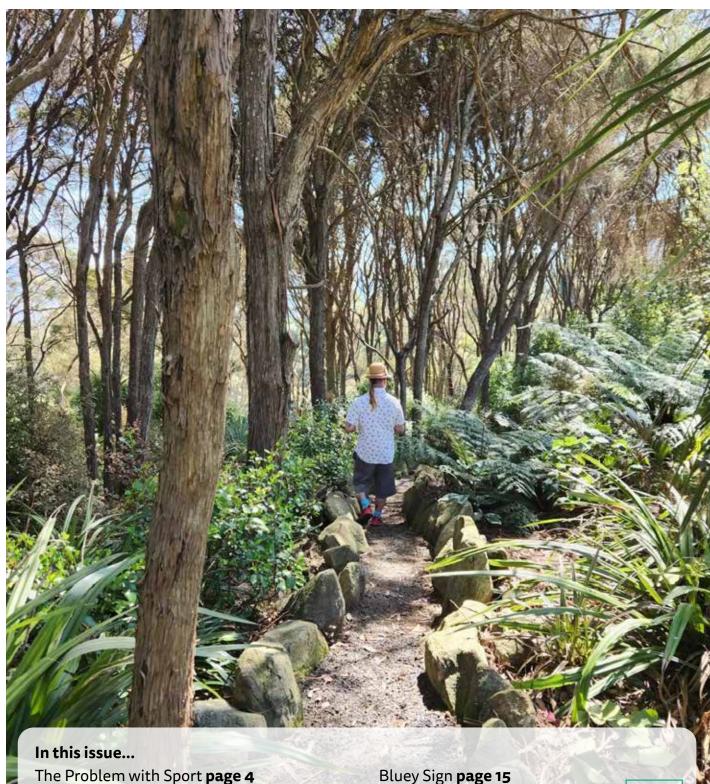
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Editor's Note —

This month, together with Enviro School facilitator and Doctors Point resident, Jen Rodgers I asked a bunch of awesome students from Waikouaiti School about their role as kaitiaki and their efforts "towards a healthy, peaceful and sustainable world". They showed me their past and present projects around the school,



including managing a greenhouse, planting vegetables, composting, attracting birds and other creatures to the area, as well as finding out more about unwanted ones. They told me about a kōtuku that they had spotted on a cleanup visit to the local estuary and we talked about the totara and tī kōuka growing near their classroom. After a brainstorming session, a design was presented to capture the spirit of their energy, the uniqueness of their school and the mahi they are doing to make a better world. In an animated classroom workshop, we screen-printed the final image onto various t-shirts, hoodies and bags.

The kids' enthusiasm was matched only by the various voices throughout this issue of BSN — who speak of seed saving, flower appreciation, water quality, orchard planting, bird spotting, regeneration, pest control and more. What a proactive community. Ka pai te mahi.

Meg Brasell-Jones





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It's as simple as that

Let's keep supporting our local businesses



Pūrākaunui **School**

Our 150th Jubilee Fair is coming up soon on Saturday 3 December from 11am—2pm - save the date! If you would like to hold a stall at the fair or assist in any way, please contact office@ purakaunui.school.nz.

We are currently seeking donations of art for our art auction, archival material for our 150th anniversary display, and donations for our raffle food hampers. We'd also love to hear from you if you'd like to run a stall selling food, merchandise, or activities.

At the end of Term 3, we enjoyed creating two "insp-AIRation creation" collages, which will go on display at the Dunedin Community Gallery alongside those from other schools and then tour the country. We also enjoyed a farm visit to Toko Mouth - check out our website for lots of photos of our tamariki with cute baby animals.

Sarah Williamson - Administrator





NOTICE

We Want Your Images!

Got an image you would like to share? A selection will be published in COLOUR, in the summer edition of Blueskin News.

Send us your entries by November 15 to:

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The Problem With Sport

We all love sports, the thrills, the passion, the tacky trophies. However, let's be honest here, every sport suffers in some way from at least one fatal flaw. You know what I mean, the drawback that acts as an ongoing annoyance and prevents it truly being universally loved. Here are some examples that have taken me literally 5 minutes to think about.

Basketball: Two teams of giants take it turns to score.

Cricket: Rain.

Squash: Risk of heart attack. Football: Diving/play-acting.

Rugby: Ball in play for about 10 minutes a match/

referees/concussion etc.

If only there was a sport that has provided universal joy for over 600 years, that can be played regardless of age, size or sex, that is not decided by the weather, rule changes, referee's interpretations. Not only that but also helps your mental maths and provides a place for social interaction. Finally, a sport that allows you to eat chips WHILE you are playing!

Ladies and gentlemen, such a sport DOES exist, a sport that dwells in the sunlit uplands of all human endeavours, a sport that may be played in teams or by yourself in an almost meditative pursuit of perfection.

I refer of course to Darts, the zenith of all sporting activity. Only Darts can boast of these advantages. I see that you may need convincing, so why not join me at the Warrington Hub on Monday nights between 7 and 8? Come and play the one game to rule them all (we even have tea and biscuits). Everyone welcome, If you don't like it you can come in, do a 180 and leave!

Tim Ashdown



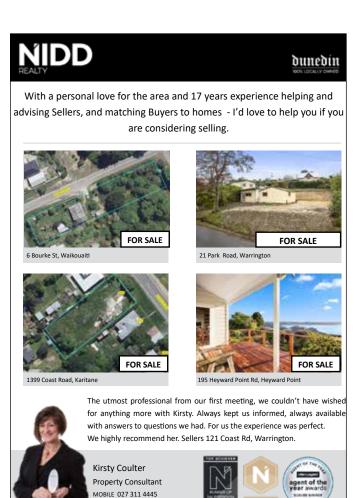


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As we head into Term 4, we are excited about the progress we have made throughout the year.

Ko au te whenua ko whenua ko au - I am the land and the land is me.

Is there anything more important than experiencing this whakatauki? Learning how to live with our land, showing manaakitanga is crucial to our future. At Waitati school our vision is to live our values.

This year, we have learnt about the Kai Tahu creation story and how accurate this story portrays the beginning of our being. We have shown our understanding of this pakiwaitara through creating clay tiles with pictures. We are placing these on three beautiful pous. Thanks to Rua McCullum our local Kaitoko Puketeraki marae for all her support with this project. Thanks to Chris Slabbert and David Milne.

A huge shout out to the Halo Project, especially Jennifer Lawn and Jeanne Hutchison. Thanks for providing us with 400 native trees to kick start our regenerated wetland at the back of Waitati School. Our vision along with turning it into a wetland with beautiful native trees is to include



an outdoor learning space. A space where we can practice being well. We are hoping that we will see life increase in this space.

Thanks to Kelly Gragg from Otago University for supporting us on our journey and Jen from Enviroschools. We continue our journey during 2023. For our learners at Waitati school, it has meant an opportunity to be involved with regenerating a wetland so that in the future they too can do the same. It also allows them hands on experience with authentic science and working with passionate professionals. f you are visiting Waitati school, please feel free to come for a walk and see the beautiful space.

Another group of akonga put on a play called Taniwha, Taniwha which made links to our living land. What a joy to watch this was. The hall was full of supportive whānau. This term a group of learners are working on another performance. Keep an eye out, you will want to

Tara O'Neill, Principal

Not The Centre

Your fear is not the centre of everything

your false ideas aren't bigger than the world.

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Gerry Austin



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The Halo Project has been busy! The Predator Free team has just finished checking the recently deployed self-resetting AT220 in the Mt Allan area. 1104 possum catches were recorded over a three-month period from 220 devices installed across 6000ha. One device recorded 42 catches and another 35! With support from the Dunedin City Council 112 AT220 possum traps were deployed in September, across 3000ha on Flagstaff and Swampy Summit. These devices will be checked in three months' time, and we have our fingers crossed for similar results.

The Landscape Connections Trust (LCT) is seeking to recruit two new board members.

The primary role of the Trust is to support the planning, administration, fundraising, development and implementation of a variety of environmental projects under the name 'The Halo Project' with the collaborative mission to enhance, protect and connect with this landscape. These are:

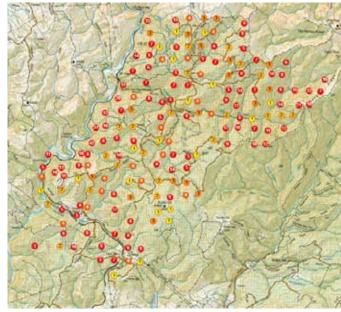
- Predator control through our Predator Free
- Freshwater enhancement through our Source to Sea project.
- Forest habitat restoration.
- Seabird habitat restoration.

The LCT is recruiting experienced and enthusiastic Trustees who are passionate about creating sustainable futures for our communities.

Trustees will be strategic thinkers who possess skills, knowledge and expertise in some or all of the following:

- Governance;
- Biodiversity management;
- Land use management and farming;
- Management of cultural values;
- Community development;
- Science communication:
- Environmental education
- Working collaboratively with iwi;
- Business management

For more information or to apply please contact alice@ haloproject.org.nz.



Mt Allan possum captures by location at check one (c. 3 months since deployment) n = 1104

Thanks to www.trap.nz for this awesome map!







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Bookshare

Thursday 24 November, 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.

Swap & Share Seed Cabinet

The Seed Cabinet is fully stocked, come and grab a packet of something or drop off your surplus from last year. Prizes await the winners of the Seed ID guiz -Marcus Richards and Sapphire Grant.

Launch -**Children's Summer Reading Programme**

Thursday 1 December, 3.30pm

Get ready for the summer holidays with the Summer Reading Programme. Come and sign up and pick up your stash of goodies and instructions for the design a bookmark competition. Set your own reading goals, fill the booklet with the details of what you've read and go in the grand draw for some cool prizes.







World Vegan Day

This annual event is celebrated by vegans around the world every 1 November. DPL has hundreds of books packed with creative, delicious vegan recipes to inspire and Blueskin Bay Library subscribes to the monthly Aotearoa Vegan magazine. Whether you're looking to take the leap, want to be a little kinder to the planet, need ideas to cook for a vegan friend, or simply want to put some more plant power in your everyday cooking we have a great range on display to tempt you to give vegan cookery a try.

Wunderkammer

The East Otago Embroidery Guild are back with more exquisite exhibits. Members will be hosting a Christmas themed workshop in the Library – date and more details to come. They meet on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday of each month at the Hawkesbury Village Church Hall. Contact Pearl 021 262 8289 or Marilyn 027 482 2812 for more information.

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.

Bokashi buckets

Have you tried turning your food waste into organic compost? In just a few weeks the Bokashi system produces compost perfect for your flower and veggie gardens. It's 100% natural, it enriches your soil and is easy to use. The buckets come with instructions and a starter kit. You can purchase a smaller 10 litre bucket for \$35 or a larger 15 litre bucket for \$38.



Monday & Tuesday: 2-6pm Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 10am-12pm & 2-6pm Saturday: 10am-1pm

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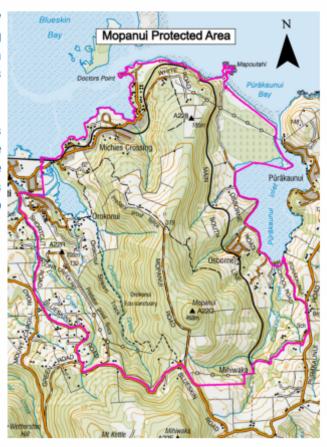
Fire controls in the Mopanui area.

Earlier this year, members of your community approached Fire and Emergency for help in avoiding potential preventable causes of wildfire. After a period of consultation, we found that there was community support for fire by permit only in the area.

Since then, we have been working behind the scenes to action this feedback and are pleased to announce that the Mopanui area will now be in restricted fire season year round. Signs detailing these restrictions will soon be erected at points across the area - keep an eye out!

What this means for you and your community.

Fire permits for fire in open air - restricted fire season controls recognise that burning is riskier than usual and require certain fire types to be permitted by Fire and Emergency. Applying for a permit is a straightforward process and ensures we can provide you with timely, location-specific advice and better protection in the event of adverse weather conditions. Head to www.firepermit.nz for more.



Authorised fire types - some fire types (e.g pizza ovens) - if used in accordance with the conditions set by Fire and Emergency - do not require a permit. www.checkitsalright.nz is your one stop shop for a list of these fire types and the relevant conditions.

Wildfire readiness on your property - property owners can do many things to help protect their home and property from the risk of wildfires. One key action is to create defensible space, a carefully managed area around houses or structures where flammable materials are removed or minimised. For more on defensible space and other tips, keep an eye out on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/FENZOTAGO where we will be spotlighting different protective measures each week.

Our team are always contactable should you need any risk reduction or fire-safety related advice. You can contact us at OtagoDistrict-CRMTeam@fireandemergency.nz or 0800 673 473.







SATURDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2022

POWA, local Community Response Groups and Emergency Services are collaborating to support residents and the broader community on emergency preparedness.

The Expo event is designed to help the local communities to mitigate, prepare, respond and recover should a disaster strike.

This FREE event runs from 11am-2pm. Come for the whole time or choose a speaker you wish to hear from.

The information-filled Expo will provide free kai (while stocks last) and feature 15 exhibitors, demonstrations and equipment displays. The Expo is a great opportunity to learn from experts in emergency readiness about how to prepare your family in the event of earthquake, flooding, wildfire or other natural disasters.

- FREE GIVEAWAYS EVERY
- IS MINUTES KIDS COLOURING COMP
- FREEBIES

11am - 2pm

11.15am FENZ - smoke alarms and

evacuation plan preparedness.

11.30am Jean-Luc Payan, Manager of Natural Hazards, Otago Regional Council

12.00pm 'Six day survivor stall' Managing without mains water. Composting toilets and clean water options

12.15pm St John Palmerston, CPR demo

12.30pm Emergency Management, Andy MacKenzie-Everitt and Ewan Graham – local events that will impact you in some way

1.00pm Food security

Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI), Animal welfare emergency management 1.00pm

'Six day survivor stall' Cooking without electricity 1.15pm

1.30pm

Associate Professor Caroline Orchiston, Director of the Centre for Sustainability, University of Otago. Science lead for AF8 (Alpine Fault magnitude 8) what to expect?

East Otago Events Centre, Main Road, aikouaiti



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OBITUARIES

We acknowledge the passing of these long-time residents of Blueskin Bay:

Josephine Waring of Waitati

Annette Facer Oswald Wellman

Allan Cameron of Warrington



Sympathy to their families





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Waitati Brewers Cup

Jessie Campion is the champion, winning the Jan Breward Memorial Cup for her Red Lager in the Speciality Beer category. Maintaining a winning streak, Jessie was the first woman to win the Gary Pearson Memorial Cup last year. This year's winner was our Host, Chris Linsell.

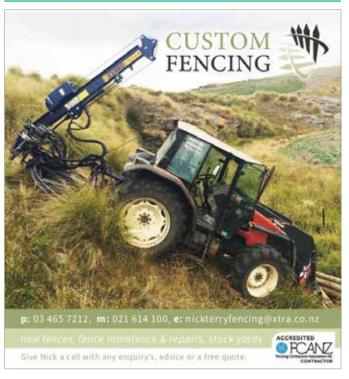
Hot on his heels with a difference of one vote was Jeremy Baker, runner-up 2 years in a row, this time with a superb Raspberry Sour that was perfect for the lovely hot day. In the Liqueurs category Hilary Rowley took the cup with

her magic Elderflower Drop. The Pink Gin was commended.

Cannon fire, drummers, family friendly, picnics and music, yet another great day.

Mandy Mayhem-Bullock









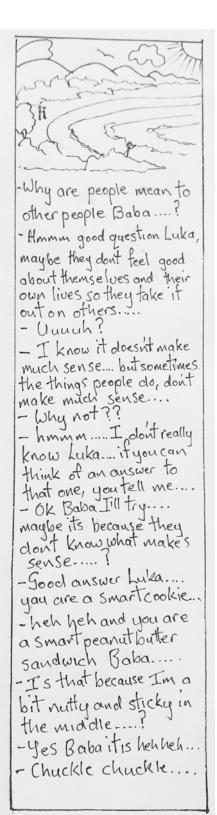
This is an opinion piece designed to promote feedback. If you feel you'd like to respond – email blueskin.input@ gmail.com

What Makes Me Mad ... and Sad. Well a little disgruntled and disheartened anyway...

Our road reserves and rail corridors are overwhelmed by noxious and invasive weeds, why is this? Karitane and Long Beach for example are two places I can think of where not only do folk take care of their frontages and road reserves, but the community is busy replanting natives in many places to augment the natural environment. We can of course point the finger at council and their contractors, and that is maybe true to some extent, but shouldn't we all be taking care of our own frontages and road reserves as well?

What Makes Me Glad...

The people like Gregory and Anita, Mark, Claire and Sally, Jason, Chris, etc who lead by example... planting street trees, wildflowers, veggie gardens, community orchards, native plantings, to enhance our streets and reserves... let's be inspired by them and follow suit.



Blueskin Garden Club held their Spring Flower Show recently at the Waitati Hall. After an absence of 2 years we were absolutely thrilled with the response from the community and folk from out of the area. The hall was a blaze of colour with daffodils, cut flowers, bulbs, shrubs and trees, floral art, men's craft, handcrafts and last but not least the children's section, 896 entries was a great

The Warrington School children's harakeke puti puti (flax flowers) were greatly admired and several adults were keen to have a lesson from the children. Sand saucers, pop up cards, vege creations and stained glass artwork were also of a very high standard and we would especially like to thank the staff of Warrington School for their support to the children's sections.

Trophy winners were: Vita Mayhem Bullock, Ariana Turoa, Turoa Whanau, Marg Meder, Liz Sumpter, Glenys Clements and Lyn Hastie. Raffle winners were V. Cowan, Shirley Zwies, Molly Wright, Andrew Robinson, Bev Addis, Marilyn Weare, Kath Faa'sega, Pearl Stenhouse, Stephanie Bungard, Bridget Farrow, Jean Lind, Andrea King, Alison Floyd, Marg Meder and Janice Henderson. Thank you to everyone who purchased raffles and also to the folk who kindly donated the prizes.

We had so many plants that for the first time we had 2 plant stalls, one in the foyer and one in the hall. Most plants were sold and folk went away happy with their purchases ready to plant in their gardens.

For all the keen handcraft folk we are giving you lots of time to get busy in time for next year's show. Handcraft sections will include babies singlet, booties and hat in merino wool, fingerless gloves and a shawl either knitted or crocheted. This month a small group gathered at the Blueskin Library where they watched a garden-themed movie. In November we will visit a local garden in Osborne where lots of vegetables are grown and in December we will be having our annual Christmas get-together and meal. If you would like to join our club then please contact our secretary Nicky Johnston on 482 1177 or 027 485 1656 or our president Janice Henderson 482 1552 or 021 735 213. Happy gardening everyone.

Lyn Hastie, Publicity.









WAIKOUAITI COAST COMMUNITY BOARD UPDATE

Well, here we are at the start of another triennium. Contact details for the incoming board are in the table below. We've only had one change since last time - Mandy has moved on to become a Councillor and we have welcomed Chris McBride to join us.

Our discretionary fund is still healthy and we look forward to receiving grant applications for any community groups who are in need of a bit of financial assistance. Details on how to apply for a grant can be found on the Dunedin City Council website. Go to www.dcc.govt.nz then click on 'Council' on the left hand side of the page, then click on 'Community Boards' then 'Waikouaiti Coast' and then you will see the Funding Applications page. If you would like more information about applying for a grant, feel free to contact any board member.

I'll give you more detail about what's happening, or about to happen, in the next issue of Blueskin News. **Alasdair** Morrison

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Waikouaiti Coast Community Board: 2022-2025

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Taste Nature Gardens Open to the Public

On Sunday and Monday of Labour weekend Rodney and Clinton's Taste nature garden was open to the public.

They had 150 guests through on the tour which was \$5 and for another \$5 scones with Pūrākaunui jam and Devonshire tea on the lawn. The gorgeous garden, organic vegetable growning, bush walk and pond are features of the 2 ha property. The \$1000 raised was donated to Purakaunui school for their 150th celebration.

Mandy Mayhem-Bullock





WAITATI BOOK CLUB

Ross, Scott and I headed over the hill to Paul's place on Pinehill, where we found a full house ... or living room anyway, well-provisioned table, and warm fire. After dissecting the recent local govt. election results ... and to some extent drowning our sorrows, we moved on to other many and varied topics in good heart. Thanks to Paul and Ruth for sharing their abode and hospitality....

THE BOOK

Drive your Plough Over the Bones of the Dead by Olga **Tokarczuk**

Booker prize winner and **Nobel Prize** winning author from Poland.



This book was proposed by, and previously reviewed by Scott in a previous book club column. It had a mixed reception here, a slight majority giving it an extremely positive thumbs up, the others not so much - as always a matter of personal taste. Personally I would highly recommend it, if you like quirky books and eccentric characters, set in unusual settings, and a dark comedic element to the story.

OTHER BOOKS

Less than Zero by Brett Easton Ellis, author of American Psycho.

"Takes you down into a nothingness

called LA that puts no value on anything " (LA Weekly). Me-an accurate and chilling dip into the vacuous non-culture of Hollywood and the spoilt young and wealthy element who exist, (live would be overstating it!) within it.

MUSIC

Hurricane Shayn Wills - Dead Man's Suit.

Never heard of him before, and found in an op shop somewhere, as you do. Kiwi bluesman, solo guitar, vocals, blues harp. All

self-composed tracks, blues with a local twist, my favourite car music at the moment. T ry Shayn "Hurricane" Wills - take out some insurance on me. youtu.be/ZVFd-MiyTPg





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TV/FILM/PLAYS ETC. The White Lotus HBO - TV series.

Sharp social satire following the exploits of various employees and guests at an exclusive Hawaiian resort over the span of one transformative week. Season 2 is set in an exclusive Sicilian resort and similar to the first season. Created, written, and directed by Mike White. Available from various sources. https://www.hbo.com/the-white-lotus

OTHER STUFF

Ross - one of the more disturbing opinion pieces I've read of late: https://www.thequardian.com/ commentisfree/2022/oct/06/themost-terrifying-case-of-all-is-aboutto-be-heard-by-the-us-supreme-court

Me - is the US about to go from a flawed democracy to an autocracy?

Marc - dipped into Mariana Mazzucuto's - Mission Economy. The essential message is that governance should not be about managing a budget, but about using a budget to achieve high value outcomes for all. In times of significant global challenges, I believe it to be a pertinent challenge to entrenched patterns of thought and practices in government, but very difficult to achieve in a time of political and social fractionalism. https://www.theguardian.com/ books/2021/jan/20/missioneconomy-by-mariana-mazzucatoreview-the-return-of-the-state

WORD OF THE MONTH Polyonymous

"I believe each of us sees the other person in our own way, so we should give them the name we consider suitable and fitting." "We have as many names as the number of people with whom we interact. My name for Swierszynski is oddball, and I think it reflects his attributes well."

MEANING OF LIFE

"That's what our houses are for - to protect us from the sky, otherwise it would pervade the very inside of our bodies, where like a little ball of glass our soul is sitting. If such a thing exists..."

Quotes from Drive your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead by Olga Tokarczuk.

Return to Fruit Tree Roots



Years ago, someone suggested that I write a column about the goings on of WOO - Waitati Open Orchard. I was so excited and did spend a year or so sending articles to the Blueskin news about fruit trees. Over time though I got a bit bored with writing about fruit trees so started to shift sideways into other subjects which interest me...like food (the human with no interest in food is dead or near enough to it).

This article is a return to my fruit tree roots.

Well, I finally found enough time and energy to get back into the Orokonui Road open orchard. It is situated on the riverbank by the walking track. I managed a couple of hours of action before the two batteries for the weed eater I had with me ran out of juice, so I sat down at the picnic table, looked around and realised I had bitten off way more than I could chew.

I put out the call on Facebook and got a team of energetic people, very generous with their time, to come and help on the Queens Memorial holiday. In no time at all the half metre high industrial strength grass was whacked down, piles of blackberry, honeysuckle and muehlenbeckia were dragged away, I had to ask Google how to spell that last one- the wikipedia entry finishes with "in some environments rampant species can become weedy and difficult to eradicate", now there is an understatement. This stuff eats trees whole, it just swallows them in its rampant vineyness.

At the end of the afternoon, we had freed a huge apricot tree, and elderberry and some feijoas from being swallowed, and cleared up around the pear, quince and plum trees. I think there is also an apple tree there, not that I have ever managed to eat an apple off it. There are just not enough apple trees planted in public places, especially in an area populated by cider makers.

I would really like us to plant some more apple trees around the walking track, but all the premium spots are being planted with natives. Hopefully the native tree planting people will leave us some good spots, because I really think that publicly-planted food trees are going to be a very important resource in the future. We are going to wait until Jason Ross has a new crop of his lovely heritage apple trees next winter.

I'd also love to see more public walnut trees. If anyone knows a good spot for one please get in touch with the WOO -Waitati open orchard facebook page.

There are also WOO trees on Brown Street, McLaughlin Street, Pitt Street, and on the verge on Rees Street (at the top of View Street). Seacliff also has an awesome open orchard in the enchanted forest.

Hilary Rowley 🎩

Official Opening of the Karitane Kura Bike Track

At the annual Karitane School Booksale on Saturday 22 October the school pupils lined up to use their new pump track. The weather was on great and the event was well patronised. Plants and produce, books galore, make your own pizza and lovely Matakana Meats sausages went down well.

Mandy Mayhem-Bullock







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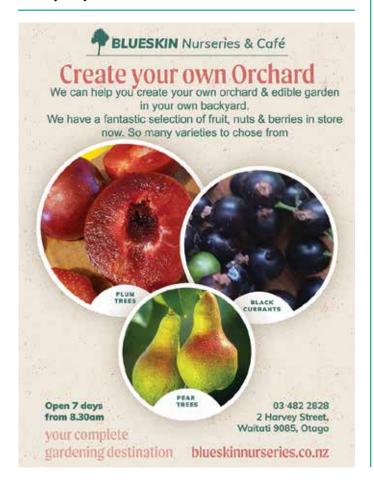
In a collaboration between Keep Dunedin Beautiful and a local artist, the missing Bluey sign has been replaced. Originally painted by Les Owen, this one and a retouch of the older one is by Lynley Workman.

Many thanks from the Blokes shed at Hawkesbury Village for their help, especially Terry Schwass (pictured), who cut out the Bluey ready to be painted. The original one was repeatedly vandalised and stolen — it has been missing for a long time.

The new spot is further away from the main road and the locals are very happy to have it replaced. He is literally a welcoming sign and has been adopted as the town brand.

Many local folk have the house number of letterbox with a custom made Bluey. The bowling club uniform has Bluey on their logo.

Mandy Mayhem-Bullock







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150 Years at St Barnabas

150 years is a long time. It's a long time in a community, it's a long time in a church. At St Barnabas about 7,800 Sunday services, and about 500 others. I must admit I haven't counted them. Our current service book only goes back to the 1960's so I'm assuming things were the same before. I can confidently say 150 Christmases and a 150 Easters, but you've probably worked that out too. I believe St Barnabas is a deeply spiritual place that reaches all sorts of people. I think it was created like that, but an awful lot of prayers have built that strength in the last century and a half.

For 150 years we have marked the special occasions of family life with roughly 500 weddings (current book starts in 1956) and 299 burials. We're still using the original burial book so I am confident we have buried 299 people. Of course, there have always been rumours of unrecorded burials, and we dig with some trepidation. The favourite theories usually involve patents from Seacliff Hospital and we have had historians going through the Medical Superintendent's diaries looking for possibilities, but without finding any candidates. We do seem to have a couple of quite recent cases, where families have slipped in with their deceased without saying. So, if you're planning on adding to the family plot, please talk to us. It's only respectful that your loved one's final resting place should be recorded.

The gravestones show the changes since it opened. Funerals get dearer and dearer, but memorial stones less and less grand. The best development must be that the dead get older. Childhood was very precarious in 1872. In many plots you find the tragedy of a child or baby followed much later by their parents; of the husband dying 50 years before the wife and I can see behind that the struggle of a woman raising their children before the days of social security.

Yet implicit in these older, grander, memorials is the confidence these early settlers had in Warrington as a community. Even though the community had hardly started, they built these headstones and graves to last, so



that you could come along and see that they understood that this was a great place to live. They wanted their children, and grandchildren to be here and enjoy the salt air, the sea breeze and to thrive watching the sunset over the Silver Peaks.

That's what's fun about the 150th at St Barnabas. Seeing the continuity, generation to generation. I often encounter people from the past. Sometimes looking for family in the graveyard, or placing them at rest there, sometimes visiting their childhood or holiday memories. Sometimes looking back a youthful delinquencies and sighing deeply.

On Sunday 13th November we will hold our anniversary service followed by a lunch and a lot of memories. Lots of old residents of Warrington are coming. If you have family history here, come and join us for a celebration service at 10am, followed by lunch and lots of memories. Our capacity at lunch is limited by the Warrington Hall, so please let us know if you want to keep a place. See the notice below.

Jeremy Nicoll, St Barnabas, Warrington.

NOTICE 150th Celebration



St Barnabas Anglican Church

Warrington/Waitati

Sunday 13 November

Special service with a light lunch to follow (\$15)

Please register with Louise Booth at 027 482 1932 **or** email: stbarnabas.ch@gmail.com.



Volunteer Awards 2022

The winners of the Volunteer Awards 2022 were announced at the ceremony on Saturday, 24th of September (see attached pictures). About 70 people attended the ceremony, and incredibly inspiring stories about each finalist were shared.

Despite difficulties people are facing, the commitment to supporting community is strong, with volunteers from all walks of life continuing to put their hands up to support causes they are passionate about and the awards celebrated and shined a light on that passion and commitment to community and those around them.

The Volunteer Awards 2022 was sponsored by SBS Bank, Otago Community Trust, and run by Volunteer South.

For more details about finalists, please visit The Volunteers Awards 2022 website.

Kā mihi,

Hagino Baker



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SBS Spirit of Volunteering Award Winner



Moira Parker for her mahi aroha over the last 41 years. The thousands of hours Moira has dedicated to htier volunteer teams mean that they in turn become valuable feet on the around and genuine advocates of the conservation cause.

Volunteer of the Year Award Winner

Juanita Willems for displaying huge Whanaungatanga and Manaakitanga. Juanita leads by example, never asking anyone to do something she wouldn't do. This nomination recognises the exceptional value she brings as a skilled and respected coordinator and leader.



Programme of the Year Award Winner

Okāhau Dune Project for the great collaboration and long-term vision. Their work reminds us that the community is not defined by geography. They have shown commitment to future generations, and respect to cultural importance of the coastal environment and plants.



Resilience Award Winner

Nick Chisholm for being a pure inspiration and commitment to helping people live their best lives. Despite his own physical challenges, Nick founded Iron Warriors, a group who regularly meet and train at Skyfit24 Gym. He helps others who have sustained strokes or brain injuries.



Volunteer Awards SBS | Volunteer South



Rising Star Award

Eleanor Dunn for her strong commitment to improving the lives of others. Volunteering is in the blood of this aspiring Paediatrician for Medicines Français. It impacts profoundly on all areas of her own life.



Leader of Volunteers Award Winner

Moira Parker for working to discover a volunteer's passion encouraging them to use their skills in a role they feel affinity for. Her volunteers are fully supported and treated with dignity and as equals.



Team of the Year Award Winner

Life Matters Suicide Prevention Trust Peer Support Volunteers for stepping up and gone above and beyond to meet the rising demand for mental health care. They bring a strong desire to share their journey for the purpose of helping others with their struggles.



Transformative Volunteering Award Winner

The Buddy Programme for being part of the local Dunedin community for 50 years. While young people gain confidence and encounter new and exciting things through The Buddy Programme, the Adult Buddy volunteers also experience personal growth and enjoyment as they undergo training and invest in the positive development of the young people they are matched with.



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Diversity and Inclusion Award Winner

Tomahawk Smaills Beachcare Trust for creating a programme where volunteers feel respected, included, valued and fulfilled is always prioritised. They are looking to ensure an enjoyable and constructive volunteer session for each individual.



Collaborative Volunteering Award Winner

Okāhau Dune Project for their collaboration with diverse array of community members as well as their work for not only in achieving positive environmental and educational outcomes, but also strides in social cohesion and heaps of fun for all involved.



Resilience and Adaptability Award Winner

Family Works Foodbank for their creativity in supporting those in the community who are grappling with the impact of hardship and food insecurity. They have adapted to the challenging situations and finding ways for volunteers to be involved and simultaneously made the foodbank more resilient.

For more information about other finalists, please visit https://volunteerawards.nz/

What's Your Take?

Help to create Otago's new Land and Water Regional Plan. Together with Kāi Tahu, Otago Regional Council is developing a plan to set new rules and regulations on how we as a community look after our waterways throughout our region. This new plan will align with the Government goal to improve water quality within one generation.

In this area, the Waitati River and Careys Creek are bodies of freshwater you will know and may have an interest in.

Te Mana o te Wai - the health of our waterways - is our priority.

And it is now time to speak with the people and communities who use and care about Otago's lakes, rivers and streams - those who rely on them for their everyday cultural, social and economic wellbeing - to find out how they want this taonga (treasure) to be managed.

The future of our unique and valuable waterways is in your hands.

ORC is on the road and hosting 25 community meetings across the region until early December. This is your chance to learn about the health of rivers, lakes and streams and give feedback on options to enhance and protect them for future generations.

If you use water to grow food for livestock or people...

If you're passionate about mahika kai and thriving freshwater habitats...

If hot days splashing in the river, is your happy place...

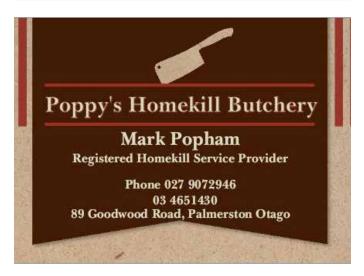
You're invited to share your thoughts!

Karitane | Puketeraki Marae | Wed 7 Dec 7pm Dunedin | Dunedin Public Art Gallery | Thur 8 Dec 12 noon and 7pm

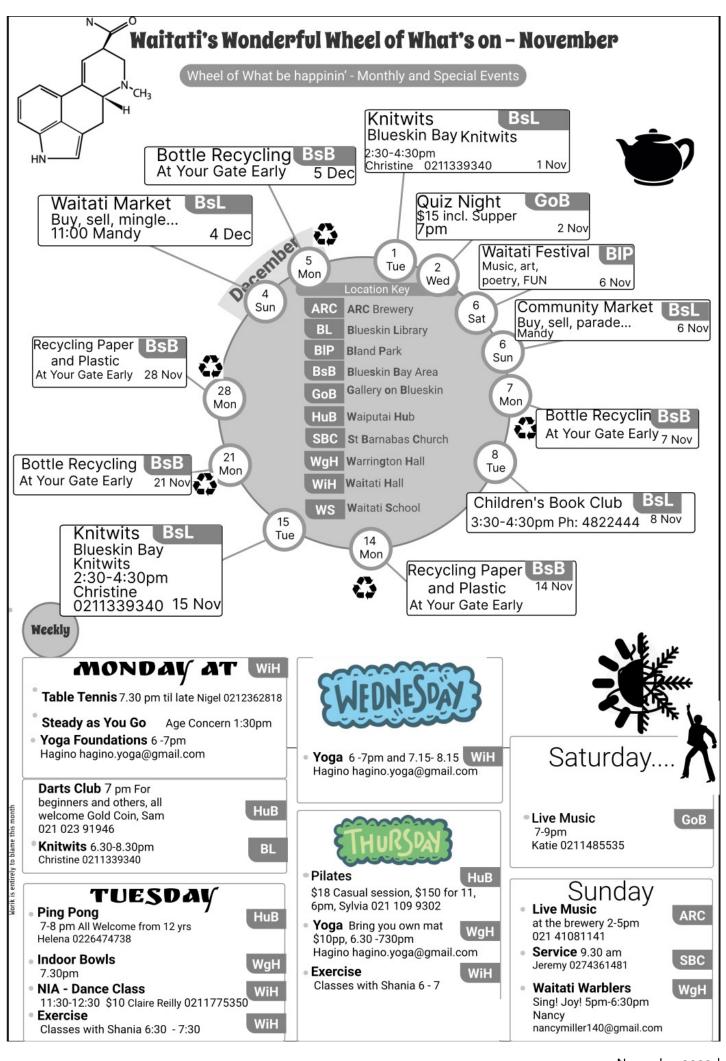
And if you can't make it to a community meeting, there is an option to give feedback online. For a list of meetings throughout Otago, go to: www.orc.govt.nz/lwrp











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WAIPUTAI HUB waiputai@gmail.com

Age Concern - will be offering a free classroom-based course about safe driving for older drivers at the Waiputai Hub on Friday, November 11, 9:30-12:30 p.m. Call 03-479-3054, or email kristen@ageconcernotago. co.nz to register or for information.

EVERY WEEK

Darts Group - Mondays, 7-8.30pm. All ages and levels welcome. Koha. Sam 021 023 91946.

Ping Pong – Tuesdays, 7-8.30pm. All ages and levels welcome.

Koha. Helena 022 647 4738.

Blueskin Bay Orchestra — Sunday: 4-6pm, Waiputai Hub, Come and make music together in a fun, email: Emily at blueskinbayorchestra@gmail.com to join.

C.O.W.s (Caregivers of Waiputai) - Mondays & Fridays, drop in 10am-12pm. Drop in, chat and play. Cheiree 027 2819 463.

EVERY OTHER WEEK

Guke Jam for all — Friday (every other week) Bring your guitar, ukelele, and/or voice to Play together with Jenny Gleeson. Free. On November 4 and 18, 7pm-8:30pm

Having a Birthday Parties or a Gathering. Why not rent the cozy and friendly Hub at \$15 hour. Call Nancy on 021 171 0226 for further info, or email waiputai@gmail.com

NEW PILATES COURSE

6-Week Pllates Course is starting at the Hub, with local, Dell McLeod, who is STOTT trained. It begins on Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.-10:25 a.m., October 19. Super duper beginner one-off special: \$100. Text 020 433 3355 to book.

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Off grid land space wanted for tiny home. Must provide a safe water source, shelter, privacy, elevation and a sunny position. Liz 0210 319 386.

BLUESKIN PLAYCENTRE

Open Mon, Tues, Wed from 9-12 during term time. Come and visit us! We are located at Waitati Primary School.

EAST OTAGO PLAYGROUP

Coffee group for parents and children (under 5) 9.30 – 11.30 every Wednesday during School Term at Waikouaiti Plunket Rooms, East Otago Events Centre. Ph. Annabel 027 2291 608 (Community Support Coordinator) for more info or just drop in.

Wanted to buy: Children's slide medium or large to attach to a tree. Please phone Lyn 482 2896 or 022 048 7696.





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