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Annual Brewers Cup



This year the Jan Breward cup was presented to Kelvin Facer for his Aotearoa pale ale (APA)

There were 16 entries and very good competition, 2nd equal winning the Pete Smith runner up cup Jeremy Baker and Chris Linsel, 3rd place Zak Luskie and Jack Ford.

The beers in the open category were varied and delicious with 8 to select from. Jeremy Baker gambled and entered his refined recipe of a brew from last year. The Raspberry Belgian Sour was the most popular and he won hands down. Well deserved all round.

Sue Stephenson was winner of the cider cup for 2023.

Many thanks to all involved.



Editor's Note

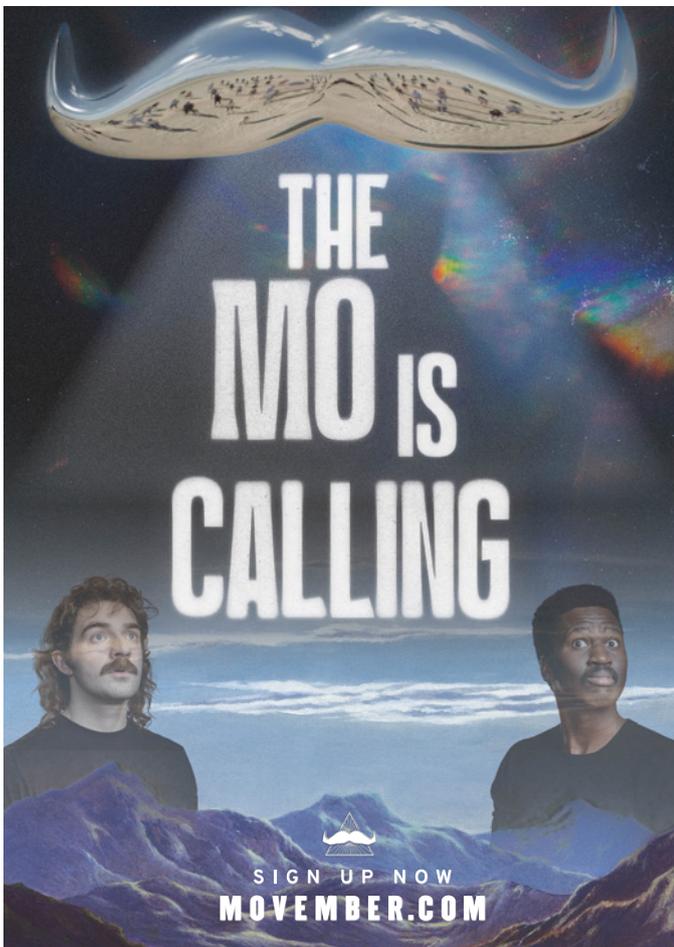
Hi everyone, we had such lovely comments about the last issue that we're back with bit of colour again this month and huge thanks to all our advertisers who make this possible.

It is Fireworks Night on the 5 November, fun for us but not always for our pets. Keep them inside for the night or better yet forgo the bangs and bright lights and spend the money instead on a couple of cans of pet food and give them to one of our local animal rescue centres or make a donation to the SPCA.

New Zealand is not considered at high risk for the deadly Avian Flu currently sweeping the world. We are thought to be too far away from other landmasses and not on routes that migratory waterfowl usually take. However each spring, thousands of migratory shorebirds arrive in New Zealand. If you find a dead or dying bird do not touch it. Contact Bird Rescue Dunedin 022 080 5377 or the Department of Conservation (DOC) at 03 477 0677 during working hours. There are lots of our wonderful migratory birds on Warrington Beach beyond the cut, please read the signs as to where you can walk your dog (on and off leash) to avoid disturbing them.

We are going to have a special bumper issue next month please read the note on the back page for details.

Have a good month, enjoy our lovely Spring – Bernie



Front cover: Annual Brewers Cup winners: Chris, Jeremy and Kelvin, photo credit Simone Murphy

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 text 021 171 0226.

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



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

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

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

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

It's as simple as that

Let's keep supporting our local businesses

Indigenous Languages



Using indigenous languages in a colonised world is important for several reasons:

Cultural Preservation: Indigenous languages are often closely tied to the culture, history, and traditions of a community. Language is a vehicle for passing down knowledge, stories, and cultural practices from one generation to the next. When indigenous languages are lost, an essential part of a community's cultural heritage is also at risk of disappearing.

Identity and Self-Determination: Language plays a crucial role in shaping an individual's and a community's identity. When indigenous peoples are able to use their own languages, it helps reinforce their sense of self and their right to self-determination. It allows them to express their unique perspectives and experiences.

Reclaiming Heritage: Many indigenous communities have experienced cultural suppression and forced assimilation under colonial rule. Reclaiming and revitalising their languages can be an act of resistance and a way to assert their heritage and rights in the face of historical injustices.

Building Community and Solidarity: Language can be a unifying force within a community, bringing people together, and fostering a sense of belonging and solidarity. When indigenous languages are actively used and taught, it strengthens bonds among community members.

Environmental and Traditional Knowledge: Indigenous languages often contain a wealth of knowledge about local ecosystems, traditional medicine, and sustainable practices. Preserving these languages can contribute to the preservation of this valuable knowledge.

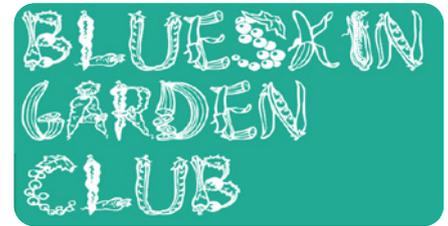
Linguistic Diversity: Language diversity is essential for the diversity of human thought and cultural expression. When indigenous languages disappear, the world loses a part of this linguistic diversity, which can lead to a homogenisation of global culture.

Communication and Inclusivity: Many indigenous communities still speak their own languages. Ensuring that these languages are supported and respected allows for effective communication and inclusivity within these communities.

Cultural Exchange and Learning: Learning and using indigenous languages can also be an opportunity for non-indigenous individuals to engage with and learn from indigenous cultures, fostering mutual understanding and respect.

It's important to emphasise that the use of indigenous languages should not be seen as a rejection of other languages but as an effort to restore balance, empower marginalised communities, and promote linguistic diversity. Language should not be weaponised or used to further marginalise or oppress any group, but rather to celebrate and protect the richness of human cultural and linguistic heritage.

Camellia Lisle



Following on from our very successful Spring Flower Show, and the large amount of entries that we had, I am wondering how many of you gardeners out there would like to be part of our garden club.

We are a friendly group and love to share our knowledge of growing things, and making beautiful gardens. We swap plants and visit interesting places. We invite knowledgeable speakers who talk to us on varied topics.

For our October meeting we had a very interesting visit to 'Nature's School' founded by Geoff Markby at 200 Drs Point Road. 'Nature's school', is an outdoor program that gets children outside, to maximise their skills, learning, and enjoyment of the environment.

We were impressed with the wonderful facilities that were provided for the students, from frog ponds, an outside classroom to a water slide amidst a large beautiful forest and garden. We finished our evening with a cuppa and birthday cake at Lesley's Smith's home.

For our 9 November meeting, we will be having a quiz at the Warrington Hall, at 7.30pm.

Garden Club Contacts:
Janice – 021 735 213 or
Glenys – 027 273 8749





A selection of Terry's art

Waikouaiti Coast Heritage Centre

Progress is being made on the restoration of the old Bank building, not that you will see anything happening quite yet. The Dunedin City Council has granted us a further \$20,000 to enable Origin Consultants to continue to progress the background work of refining the Concept Design and if necessary, preparing a Resource Consent application. Their work will also incorporate more detailed planning of what will be needed, in terms of restoration and repair, particularly in the kitchen/laundry area of the building.

The gift shop is busy gearing up for the festive season, with new stock arriving weekly. A range of 2024 calendars, with NZ themes, are now in stock and are always a good idea for sending overseas as are our two local tea towels, one by Derek Onley featuring birds found at the Hawksbury Lagoon and one from the heritage centre featuring all the ways "Waikouaiti" has been spelt in old documents/books, it is quite unique.

Personally, I will be trying very hard to avoid the CBD, with all its street detour confusion and lack of parking and will aim to do my Christmas shopping locally. Perhaps avoiding town as much as possible will suit you too, particularly at this busy time of year. Keep checking in with us to view our newly arrived stock. You will be pleasantly surprised, I'm sure.

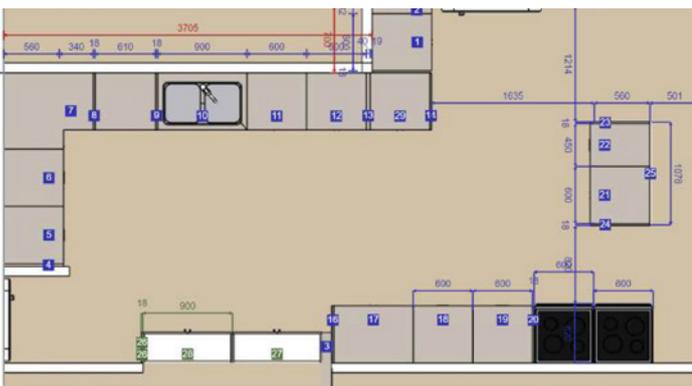
Our featured artist of the month (until November 12th) is Terry Low. He is a local artist with a wealth of artistic experience. Terry's paintings and will be featuring scenes from around this area. The following month we will have Kate Middleton as our featured artist, another local successful artist.

Shirley McKewen, Treasurer

Opening hours

Wednesday/Thursday 1pm – 4pm and Friday/Saturday/Sunday 10am – 4pm

New Kitchen Layout Waitati Hall



Waitati Hall Society Raffle Results

(Fundraising for new kitchen)

1. Hamper donated by On The Spot Waitati – **Pania**
2. Voucher donated by Harvey St Merchants – **Patsy**
3. Voucher donated by Arc Brewery – **Rhonda**
4. Voucher donated by The Gallery and Restaurant – **Hilary**
5. Voucher donated by Blueskin Nurseries and Café – **Julie**
6. Family Pass for Orokonui Ecosanctuary – **Melanie**
7. Family Pass for Orokonui Ecosanctuary – **Annalise**
8. Clare Reilly Set of Cards and 3 Complimentary Nia Classes – **Claudia**
9. Yoga with Hagino, 3 Complimentary Classes – **Sarah**

Big thank you to our local businesses, hall users and raffle buyers who made this possible by donating and/or purchasing raffle tickets.

\$800 was raised

Clare Brown blueskin@xtra.co.nz

The Halo Project Community Newsletter



You may have seen The Halo Project Predator Free team moving cages around Port Chalmers recently. Work started at the lookout with no catches and moved south. The numbers in the aerial photograph represent how many possums were removed from each location. Most of the catches so far have been along the roadside. If you live in Port Chalmers and see or hear a possum, please get in touch!

Total catches for the year to date across the Halo Project area are below:

| Possum | Rodent | Hedgehog | Stoat | Ferret | Weasel |
|--------|--------|----------|-------|--------|--------|
| 3,253 | 15,611 | 757 | 91 | 20 | 73 |

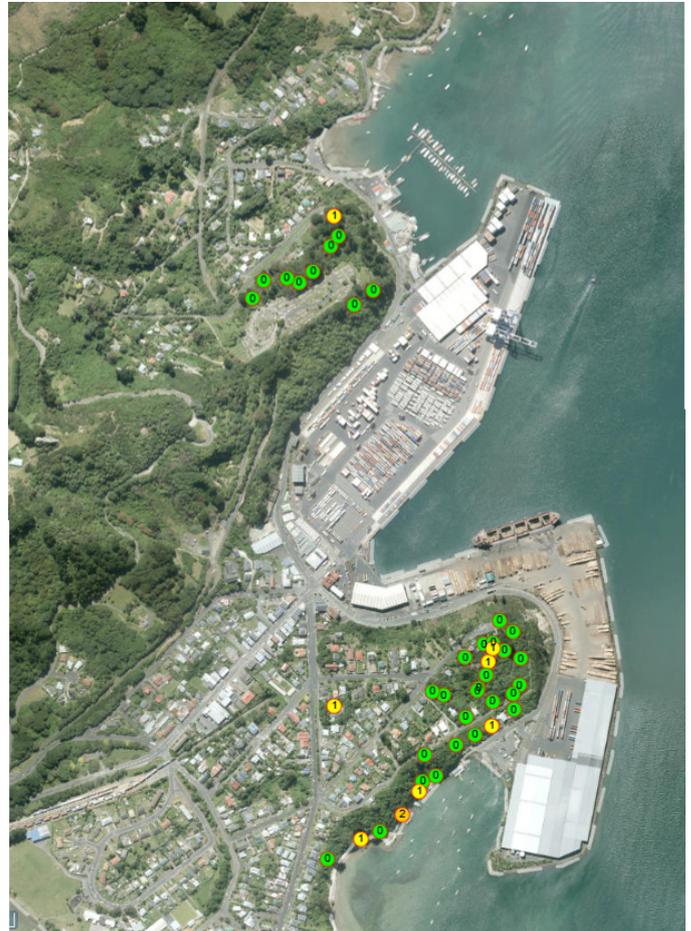
The Source to Sea team has finished their volunteer planting days for the year and the field team are working on the last few wet sites. This year, with the help of volunteers and residents, we are on track to plant 94,000 seedlings.

Volunteers are needed at the Halo Project nursery on Pūrākaunui Road during Summer, weeding and repotting seedlings. This can be done in your own time after an induction, so if this sounds like something you would enjoy, let us know.

The Halo Project would like to thank departing team members Jeanne Hutchison and Sophie Bond for their hard work and wish them both well in their future endeavours.

Ever seen a plant, animal or fungi and you're not sure what it is? Give iNaturalist.org a go. It's a great website and there's a handy App available. iNaturalist helps you identify the plants and animals around you while generating data for science and conservation. Get connected with a community of scientists and naturalists who can help you learn more about nature.

You can contact the Halo Project team by email to info@haloproject.org.nz.



1. Aerial map showing cage trapping results in Port Chalmers.

Community Acupuncture



Kia ora, my name is Collin Blake and I am excited to announce that I will be offering community acupuncture at the Waitati Community Hall, every Friday from 10am to 2pm starting 17 November.

I am a licensed acupuncturist and registered with the Chinese Medicine Council, and have a private practice in the Taste Nature Health Clinic in Central Dunedin.

Since graduating from the New Zealand School of Traditional Chinese Medicine and moving to Dunedin, I have had the privilege to treat many patients, most

commonly for aches and pains in the knees, back, shoulders, and elbows. I have also had patients get great results from acupuncture, helping to improve sleep, reduce anxiety, and improve digestion.

Community acupuncture settings are a great way to receive treatments, as it is a low cost alternative to private one on one sessions. Payment is Koha. Patients can either use cash or bank transfer on the day, or pay later through my website www.siacu.nz

Please wear comfortable, loose fitting clothes, and have a small meal before treatment.



South Island
ACUPUNCTURE

If you have any questions please check the website www.southislandacupuncture.com for frequently asked questions, or email me directly and cblake@siacu.nz.



WAIKOUAITI COAST COMMUNITY BOARD UPDATE

The Dunedin City Council Draft Speed Management Plan 2024-2027 attracted a staggering 2,077 submissions – the most for any DCC draft plan. By far, the majority of people are not in favour of the blanket 30km/h proposal. As a Community Board we submitted, in writing and in person. Our main theme was that we are all for safe speed management, provided that is *Sensible and Practical*. In our view, much of what is being proposed is neither of these. The Hearings Panel have a big job in front of them and I don't envy their task. No doubt we will see the outcome in a few weeks time.

We are starting to see significant growth of vegetation alongside our footpaths and roads. The DCC maintenance contractors work to a plan but, sometimes, this has to be altered to cope with unforeseen circumstances. If you are concerned about overhanging trees or long grass, you should phone 477 4000 to lodge your concern. If nothing appears to be happening, feel free to give me a call.

All Local Authorities are required to have a Long Term 10 Year Plan. It gets updated every 3 years and we are now at the time when we have to consider this. Like all Community Boards, we have a Community Plan which can be found on the DCC website. We are in the process of reviewing our current plan, and we would like to hear from any of you in the community who would like to see some changes.

Our next formal meeting will be held at 5.30 pm on Wednesday 8 November (the last for 2023) in the Warrington Surf Clubrooms. Among other things, we will be considering Grant Applications. If you would like some funding assistance for a community project, then please complete the application form on the DCC website or have a chat with a board member.

Alasdair Morrison, Chairman
Waikouaiti Coast Community Board
info@calmarine.co.nz 027 4354 384

House party at Mandy's

4 November 7pm

**US legend Greg Franco tours
Aotearoa and is releasing
Rough Church:**

A 20-Year Retrospective

A tour with Marc Doten and Gerald Dowd. Joining them are The Fuzzies with Andrew Maitai (Powertool Records) plus AJ Sharma (Demo-dogs) and David Eggleton (poet).

\$20 door for the bands

House of Mayhem, 28 Brown Street, Waitati

Open home and garden

US legend Greg Franco is a devoted New Zealand music fan, and is making his eighth trip to Aotearoa this month with a tour, and a double CD celebrating 20 years of his band *Rough Church*.

Franco lives in LA, but he could quite credibly be called an honorary New Zealander, considering the amount of time he has spent in Aotearoa, and performing/recording with his friends from New Zealand bands around the world.

Franco's connection to Aotearoa goes back a long way.

'In Sept 2001, I was in a band called *Ferdinand*. We received a call from Liz Garo, who was booking *The Knitting Factory* in Hollywood, to open for this band I had never heard of from New Zealand called *The Clean*. We were the first band of the night to play, and fortunately Hamish Kilgour, David Kilgour and Robert Scott saw it, and liked our set'. A long-standing collaborative friendship was born.

In 2004 Greg set out to Dunedin to record with members of *The Clean*, featuring David Kilgour, Robert Scott and Tane Tokona. Through Robert Scott, Greg met Andrew Maitai of Powertool Records.

'Andrew decided to take a chance on me and released the album *SouthpawWest* on his Powertool label. In the nearly 20 years since then, Andrew and I have done heaps of projects, records, and tours in New Zealand, Australia and America.'

Franco says of *Rough Church*, we sing about rare steamy rain, rolling tumbleweeds and lost poems raging against dying lights of empathy. We put out indie pop jams that get us compared to everything from *Minutemen* to *Pixies*.

Who are The Fuzzies?

The Fuzzies are an alternative pop trio with more hooks than a chilli barb. Named after their big fuzzy tones, they are no slouches in the songwriting department either, as you can hear on their debut album *Cupid*.

Led alternately by the vocals and songwriting of Niki Maera (Mary) and Kelly Michael (*Tabula Rasa*, *Enshrine*), with Andrew Maitai (Powertool Records, *Joed Out*) on drums, they mix warm fuzzies with darker undertones to create their own brand of classic indie-pop.



Blueskin Bay – A local plan to minimise the catastrophe of a wildfire

The wildfire talk presented by fire professional Graeme Still, at the Blueskin Restaurant & Gallery, highlighted concerns, and sparked interest by those in attendance in developing a communication 'PLAN', to ensure we can safely evacuate.

The following is a first outline of the issues facing those living or working in a vulnerable area in the locality. It is offered for the purposes of further discussion.

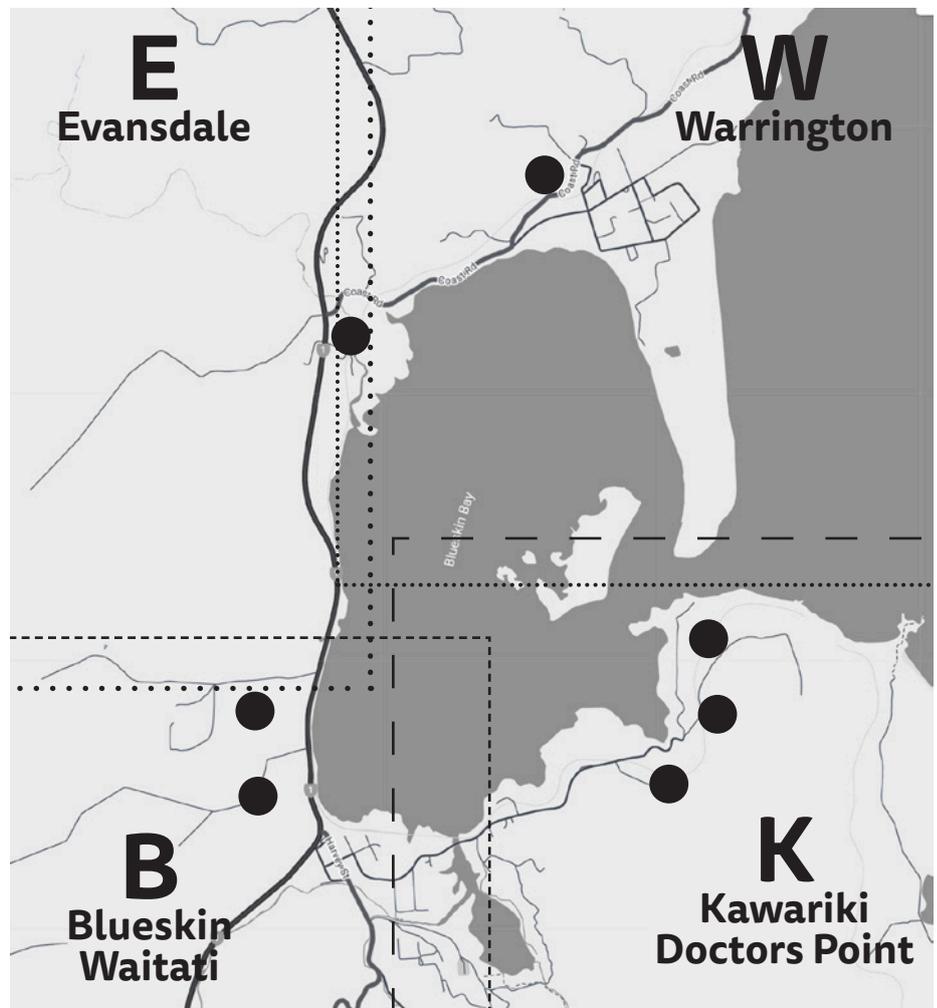
The areas shown on the map (that can be extended as seen fit) identify four main areas of our bay that can be quickly referred to during an event, so that the general location of a fire can be easily communicated. A network of CB radio communication is one possible solution.

Vantage points: I'm very grateful to those who immediately offered to be a vantage point. The vision is that these properties would communicate via CB so as not to be cell phone dependent. We really can't have enough of these as there are so many properties scattered in this undulating landscape of ours, we can't rely on any one person sitting there with a coffee and binoculars to report sighting of a first spark.

This is how I see it working :-

Stored in a nearby safe place the single channel of your permanently 'switched on' CB device cracks into life. A caller from a vantage point identifies themselves and states the location of the 'fire source'. This could simply be the ZONE, the rough location within it and the direction of any smoke.

Other observers having been alerted would hopefully enrich that information. Every listener would take note of the wind direction and make an appropriate decision



Zones and Vantage Points already agreed

depending on the options of planned evacuation routes for their circumstances.

Pre-planned agreed evacuation routes would be documented for the predictable scenarios – wind – direction – atmospheric etc. All the community would know where these routes were and be informed of any site hazards. So, unless households have a preferred option to the pre-planned one available, no time is wasted on taking the safest possible exit route to a designated meeting point.

With portable CB devices with them, they are easily contactable for updates such as wind changes, blocked roads etc. Anyone can have their own personal CB device. Specifications will be available as soon as possible. (Research is currently underway and advice welcome). Some households will be vantage points, others simply the 'safely informed'.

Steve Bourne 15 Sept 2023

Vantage points are shown as dots on the map, these will be located in higher areas. The map will be updated to indicate all 'vantage points'. Duplicates of such points will provide backup during times when occupants are unavailable.

The Kawariki/Doctors Point zone extends from the south side of the bridge to the end of Doctors Point beach and south to the houses around Orokonui. For those in this area it is important to know where, if any, there are exit concerns (toward the main township). Vantage points across the bay can safely inform the situation during any incident as can any other points deemed as 'not within any immediate fire path'.

The Blueskin/Waitati zone extends to the southern end of Shortcut Road and eastward to the high-points of Kilpatrick and Manse Road. Note the 'overlap' covering the Orokonui Road settlement area as their escape route may well need to be via the eastern bank of the estuary.

Waitati

SCHOOL UPDATE

Exciting news this term, we have installed new football/rugby goals. They have these great nets on them as well. Please can you remind your young people not to swing on the goals and to be very careful with the nets.

We are happy to invite the community into Waitati School grounds to use the equipment, but ask that you respect. During the holidays someone broke into our new outdoor classroom storage container. The idea behind this is to have a place to store learning equipment eg, magnifying glasses, drum sticks, clip boards etc. It makes us sad when things get broken. We put a lot of work into making our environment exciting and fun for our ākongā.



On a positive note, it is wonderful to be back at school for Term 4. We love the great weather which allows us to spend more time outside. At the moment we are practicing for the Three Peaks Athletics event for 8 years old and above at Palmerston School. We are learning new songs for our end of year assembly and working hard at our individual goals for reading, writing and math.



We finish off our main study for the year on Turangawaewae. We have learnt about Purakau of the coming of the Āraiteuru Waka, we visited Puketeraki Marae in Term 2 and had a wonderful adventure with Karātane Māori tours. Now we are learning about the coming of the Europeans and the impact this had on Tangata Whenua. Over the next few weeks some of the learners will visit Toitū museum to learn about what life was like for some of Otago's first settlers.

The Aotearoa NZ's Histories

Curriculum explains the learning in three ways. This is what we are focusing on.

Understand - (Big Ideas) Māori history is the foundational and continuous history of Aotearoa New Zealand. Colonisation and settlement have been central to Aotearoa New Zealand histories for the past 200 years.

Know - (Contexts) Culture and collective identity – who are we and where do we come from as individual whānau and as people who live in Waitaiti. Place and Environment – we learn about our place names and our local history.

Do - (Practices) Asking rich questions to guide worthy investigations. Collecting, analysing and using sources. Interpreting past experiences, decisions and actions.

Here are some of the questions ākongā came up with and will write a report about.

- For the first year after Europeans arrived, what was the impact of their introduced species in my local area?
- How did the settlers coming affect everyone?
- How have natural disasters affected NZ in the past?
- What was Waitati like before the Europeans arrived?
- What weapons did people use in Otago before the Europeans arrived?
- What would Waitati be like if the Treaty of Waitangi was never formed?

Amazing questions aren't they? When ākongā have completed their projects we would like to invite you to come and view them and give feedback.

Finally, we are undertaking community consultation as the Board works on a new strategic plan for 2024 and 2025. There will be a chance for you to attend a session as a community. Keep an eye out for this.

Tara O'Neill, Principal

NOTICE



WAITATI HALL SOCIETY AGM

The Waitati Hall Committee welcomes new members

Our AGM will be on Tuesday 5 December at 7.30pm at Waitati Hall

Please note the Hall will be closed from 11 December 2023 til 29 January 2024

This is for the kitchen refurbishment (no power or plumbing means no classes)

BLUESKIN BAY LIBRARY

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www.dunedinlibraries.govt.nz

What's On

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.

Meet the Neighbours

Mike Broughton, Dunedin Dark Skies

Thursday 16 November, 6pm

The Dunedin Dark Sky Group is a nonprofit organisation. It's mission as guardians of the night, is to raise awareness about the importance of natural darkness and to protect the stars for future generations.

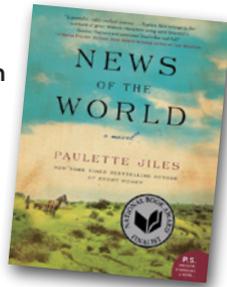
"We champion best lighting practices which illuminate our surrounds with care and respect whilst safeguarding human, ecological and environmental health."



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.



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.

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+.

Explore the Digital Library

Free with your library membership...

■ **Beamafilm**, Australasia's premiere streaming channel with hundreds of award-winning documentaries, independent features and festival favourites visit www.beamafilm.com to sign up.

■ **Stepping Up** – digital skills for life. Browse a list of classes that are scheduled to start soon including: Smart Phones, Office 365 Online, Facebook and Digital Banking.

Crafty Christmas Workshops

We've tapped in to the wealth of local talent to bring you a series of crafty workshops either to decorate your home for the festive season or for gifts. These workshops are booking out fast and places are limited so **phone 482 2444** to book your place now.



Undies from T-shirts

Sunday 19 November, 10am or 2pm

Hilary and Janet will show you how to make your own undies. All materials provided plus a pattern in your own size. When booking please state whether you'd like to make mens or ladies. You're welcome to bring your own overlocker along. (\$20, pay tutors on the day)



Felting

Sunday 26 November, 2 - 3.30pm

Learn how to needle felt with Jenna Packer. (free)



Christmas Tree Decorations

Sunday 3 December, 10am - 1pm

Join members of the East Otago Embroidery Guild to make a festive decoration. (\$5)

Knitted Santa Ornament

Sunday 10 December, 2.30 - 4.30pm

Come along to a festive workshop with the Blueskin Knitwits and create a Santa Gnome to decorate your home or tree. These cute Christmas creatures are easy to knit either in flat pieces or in the round.



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.

The **Bee Card** gives bus passengers cheaper fares in nine regions around New Zealand. Purchase (\$5) and top up at the Library.



Monday - Friday: 11am-1pm; 2-5.30pm

Saturday: 10am-1pm


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Kā Kete Wānaka o Ōtepoti

WAITATI BOOK CLUB by Ian Melvin

At Marc's, gathered round the table, minus Paul who is in Tokyo, we put our glasses together and raise a toast to get things under way. As expected the election is a major topic of conversation. Scott with his usual eternally positive optimism declares "...it's not a done deal, the undecided voters can still swing things back to the left" or words to that effect. Let's hope he is right!

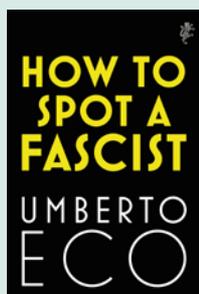
LATE ADDITION

It's now official, The Waitati Bookclub has a member in Parliament, congratulations Scott. Our political discussions will now become official strategy meetings... just kidding!

THE BOOK

How to Spot a Fascist by Umberto Eco a collection of three essays on the themes of freedom, fascism, tolerance, and peace.

Ian - I have to admit I'm no fan of Eco, and found this book to be a typical long-winded meander through his convoluted thinking on the subjects, although some points were valuable and well put, others not sure. Paul, Marc and Scott had not yet read the book, Martin, Ross and Peter all gave it a reasonably positive summation and review.

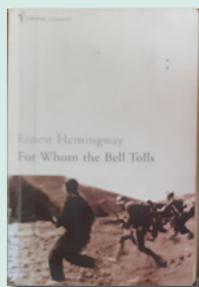


OTHER BOOKS

Mrs Hemingway by Naomi Wood a fictional account based on well researched factual history. Talking of Hemingway from the point of view of his wives. An interesting insight into the man behind the legend, and the woman behind the man.



For Whom the Bell Tolls by Ernest Hemingway a fictional novel delving into the reality and attitudes of those involved in the Partisan Resistance movement of the Spanish Civil War. Enjoyed the fact I was reading this after the first book, and able to observe how much of him and his world view and personal attitudes came through in his writing. Has much more relevant and pertinent things to say about Fascism etc. in a far more real and enlightening way than Eco's book, in my opinion anyway. Some say this was his best book.



MUSIC

Moves On by Sola Rosa one of my favourite Kiwi bands, genre is hard to fit in a box really, but Jazzy Funk with a Latin twist, is probably close. Guests on this album, great kiwi jazz player **Nathan Haines**; American R&B singer and daughter of Taj Mahal, **Deva Mahal** who has a great voice; British HipHop artist **Spikey Tee** from band Sindercut; and Berlin Dub artist, **Paul St. Hilaire Tikiman**. Sample standout track, **Redeemer** by Sola Rosa on YouTube.

BEER

The best dark beer I have had lately, **Coffee Stout** at the **Arc Brewery**. Possibly not quite as good as the Oatmeal Stout I had last time but right up there nice balance. The Coffee flavour obvious but adding to the taste not dominating and over-riding the natural malt and hop flavours. Not easy to accomplish, nice work, keep it up Jono.

OTHER STUFF

Election, by the time you are reading this we will know the results, and either be wiping our brows in relief or grimacing in pain,

Watched a little of the Press Small Party Leaders Debate with Scott, impressed that for the first time the candidates were allowed to speak without being interrupted, having to raise their hand and wait to be given an opportunity to speak simple but effective solution. Maybe they should introduce that in Parliament? Also very impressed with the Te Pāti Māori, Te Tai Tonga (south island) candidate Tākuta Ferris, who is this guy Scott? never heard of him.

He talked so much sense in a clear and coherent way – move over Chloe you've got company!

WORD OF THE MONTH

War – “to kill them teaches nothing” Anselmo said “you cannot exterminate them because from their seed comes more with greater hatred”. “Prison only makes hatred. That all our enemies should learn.”

MEANING OF LIFE

“... if I live, later I will try to live in such a way, doing no harm to any one.”

Quotes from **For Whom the Bell Tolls** by Hemingway





A memorial commemorating those men taken to Dunedin as prisoners.

Parihaka Day

Although as a child I'd always enjoyed Guy Fawkes Day with a bonfire and fireworks, I now believe Parihaka day has more relevance for residents of Dunedin/Ōtepoti.

The Parihaka village was supported by many Taranaki Māori. Their leaders Te Whiti O Rongomai and Tohu Kakahi were early proponents of passive resistance and looked upon as prophets. However most of the settlers in the surrounding areas were frightened by them, considering the village a potential trouble spot. Over time many of the Maori ploughmen who worked the land were arrested for removing surveyors pegs, when their unpaid fines eventually totalled \$8000 they were shipped as prisoners from Wellington to the South Island /Te Wai Pounamu. On arrival at the Dunedin gaol, their one request was they be allowed to honour their Sabbath, the 17th of each month. This was denied them, and they were told to celebrate Sundays instead. Living on hulks and in gaol, they built the Peninsula roads, the gardens and much of the cities infrastructure, also using quarried rock to build the seawalls.

On the 5 November 1881 Native minister John Bruce lead over 15,000 armed militia to the village, both leaders Te Whiti and Tohu were arrested along with most of the menfolk, and Parihaka was destroyed. On their arrival here, a number of them died and prisoners continued to die from cold-related ailments. Their bodies are buried in both the Northern and Southern Cemeteries, and their descendants have since placed memorials in both cemeteries. After several years, survivors returned to Taranaki but much of their lands had been lost to settlers

The invasion of Parihaka eventually came to be seen as a black day in New Zealand history, and a symbol of injustice. It has been an inspiration for works by New Zealand artists, writers and musicians, like Witi Ihimaera's historical novel, *The Parihaka woman*, and Tim Finn's song *Parihaka*. Several international peace festivals have been held at Parihaka..

Gisele



Elderflower Liqueur

What do University exams and elderflowers have in common? The exams are my reminder to get out and pick some elderflowers for making elderflower cordial, champagne, and liqueur. Sometimes you need little reminders like this so you don't forget to go out and forage things while they are at their best.

I have shared my recipes for elder flower cordial and champagne in the Blueskin News before, so this time I will share my method for elderflower liqueur. It is super simple and very good. I won the cup for best spirit and liqueur at the Waitati Brewers convention last year – a bit embarrassing as I organised the spirit and liqueur competition and the judge, so it looked like a bit of an inside job. It is just such a nice drop, it deserved the prize.

Elderflowers vary in flavour from tree to tree. Once you find a tree with flowers which smell and taste better than average, keep returning to it year after year.

For a litre of liqueur pick maybe 10 florets of elderflower. Place them loosely in a jar with a lid which seals well (to prevent the alcohol from evaporating. I have been caught out by a poorly fitting lid in the past, and made a... something...is it still a liqueur when it has no alcohol?)

Pour on a litre of vodka or gin and leave in a dark place for a month.

Strain out the flowers and add 250 grams of sugar per litre of alcohol. If you prefer it sweeter add more sugar.

Shake until the sugar is dissolved, then decant into bottles. The flavour improves if you leave your liqueur for a couple of months before drinking.

I find that liqueurs are better when frozen before drinking (it stays liquid) and poured into little liqueur glasses which have been stored in the freezer. Very posh.

And if you are a student, just do your exams, save the liqueur making until you have a degree on your wall.

Hilary Rowley

Bankflation

Bankflation. The word will no doubt be added to next years Oxford Dictionary. I'd suggest they also add Bankflatulation because, let's face it, the banking system stinks. As an example of global-capitalist agenda, banking may be a poster-child, but the recently announced 80% increase in bank profits (bankflation), isn't on any bank-poster I've seen.



Ineffably obscene profits by post-modern institutions which provide essential services (try living with no bank card, credit card, higher purchase, or mortgage), is wealth by stealth:- a hidden pandemic which rewards greed exploiting need. Every minute of every hour of every day, \$4000 is sucked from Kiwis' piggy-banks and siphoned-off into much bigger, piggier banks. Recent analysis discovered that 65% of the present global cost-of-living crisis is created by corporate profit taking:- especially by banks, supermarkets, and the construction sector. A kind of ménage à trois, and we're all getting screwed.

The citizens of Aotearoa NZ have been enslaved by neo-liberal globalisation whence, trapped in a low wage economy, we sheepishly watch the four major banks and both supermarket duopolists (all foreign-owned), divert massive sums offshore. I'll add these six to my ever-increasing "that's infuriating" column (along with big-dairy and forestry), and hope vainfully our heavily tilted-to-the-right incoming government have the wherewithal to attack the cost of living crisis at it's source.

I'll not be holding my breath.

Doug Nuttall

November Important Dates

- 1 World Vegan Day
Melbourne Cup Day.
- 5 Parihaka Day
- 7 World Cancer Awareness Day
- 13 World Kindness Day
- 14 World Diabetes Day
- 19 World Toilet Day,
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- 20 World Children's Day
- 21 World Television Day
- 25 International Day for the Elimination of
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| ST BARNABAS CHURCH | |
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| BLUESKIN LIBRARY | |
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| Thursday 16 | Meet the Neighbours: Mike Broughton, Dunedin Dark Skies 6pm |
| 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 (Excludes school holidays) |

| WAIPUTAI HUB | |
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| Contact waiputai@gmail.com or text 021 171 0226 for more information and for all bookings | |
| Saturday 4 | First Aid Course: 9am – 5.50pm For hub volunteers (class full) |
| Saturday 18 | Waiputai Hub Gardening Bee: 10am – 2pm, all welcome. |
| MONDAYS | Intro to Te Reo: 6:30 – 8.30p.m Tutor: Mathew Kiore |
| TUESDAYS | Ping Pong: 7 – 8.30pm. All ages, levels and drop ins welcome. Contact: Helena 022 6474 738 |
| WEDNESDAYS | Internet Café: 2p.-5p.m Access to community internet computer (non-gaming), and printer (A4 black/white (20 cents per page) & A4 colour (\$1 per page). Contact: Nancy 021 171 0226 |
| THURSDAYS | Pilates: Casual session 6.30pm \$18 Contact: Sylvia 021 109 9302 |
| SUNDAYS | Blueskin Bay Orchestra rehearsal 5pm – 7pm. Contact: Emily |

| WARRINGTON HALL | |
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| 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 6 – 6.30pm Nancy Contact: nancymiller140@gmail.com |

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

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| GALLERY ON BLUESKIN | |
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Karen Osbourne RIP

On Sunday, 8 October we had a small gathering of remembrance for a friend and fellow Thornicroft Road past resident and neighbour Karen Osbourne who sadly recently passed away.

A Pohutakawa tree was planted, and a brief Karakia of acknowledgement, remembrance and blessing to the tree was said. Afterwards we came together to share food and drink, and exchange stories and reflections of Karen and her life.

She was a fairly well known member of the community, one of those memorable, eccentric, larger than life characters, that you could hardly not notice when encountered, whether riding through the village on her little scooter, walking with her dog Danny or just randomly engaging in a boisterous conversation with those she met on the way. She will be remembered for her forthright manner, bawdy sense of humour and her kindness and generosity to those around her.

She worked at Orokonui Hospital for many years and was a member of the Waitati Militia Band. As a bannerholder, Karen was often seen on the gate at the A&P shows welcoming the visitors. She was a good friend to animals, her own and most of those in our neighbourhood. Rest well Karen, you are missed by all of those who knew you.



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Taking time to connect and get all our members together for a shared kai and play before the Silly Season really ramps up. Getting the whole Playcentre gang together is pretty special! Our Playcentre crew is pretty diverse too – alongside the beautiful tamariki we have Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Au Pairs coming along to our sessions. Everyone is welcome.

Welcoming new families – Nau mai, haere mai! It's so cool to see some new faces at our sessions. We hope you are enjoying exploring our cool spaces and toys and hope that

you feel like you belong here. This space is for you.

We are farewelling, with heavy but grateful hearts, Alice Laws and Jack Peszynski, who are moving on to new and exciting chapters. Alice and Jack have both been so generous with their commitment to Playcentre - you have enriched our centre in many ways and will be very missed. We wish you nothing but the best!

We have sessions Mon, Tue and Wed, 8:45am – 12:15pm. If you'd like to arrange a visit, then please find us on Facebook at www.playcentre.org.nz/centre/blueskin, or at blueskinplaycentre88@gmail.com. Just a reminder that our Facebook page is the easiest way to get the latest updates on what we are up to.

We hope to see you soon!

Aroha nui, Blueskin Playcentre





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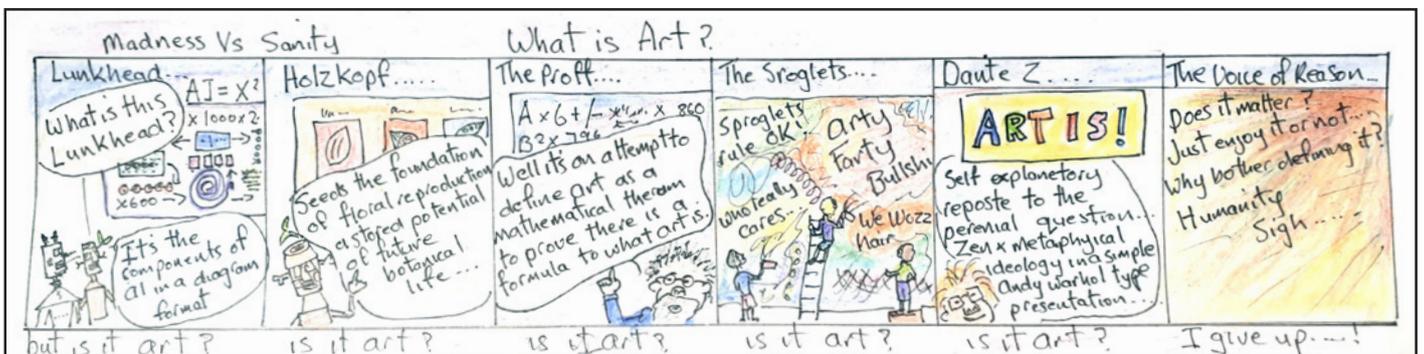
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