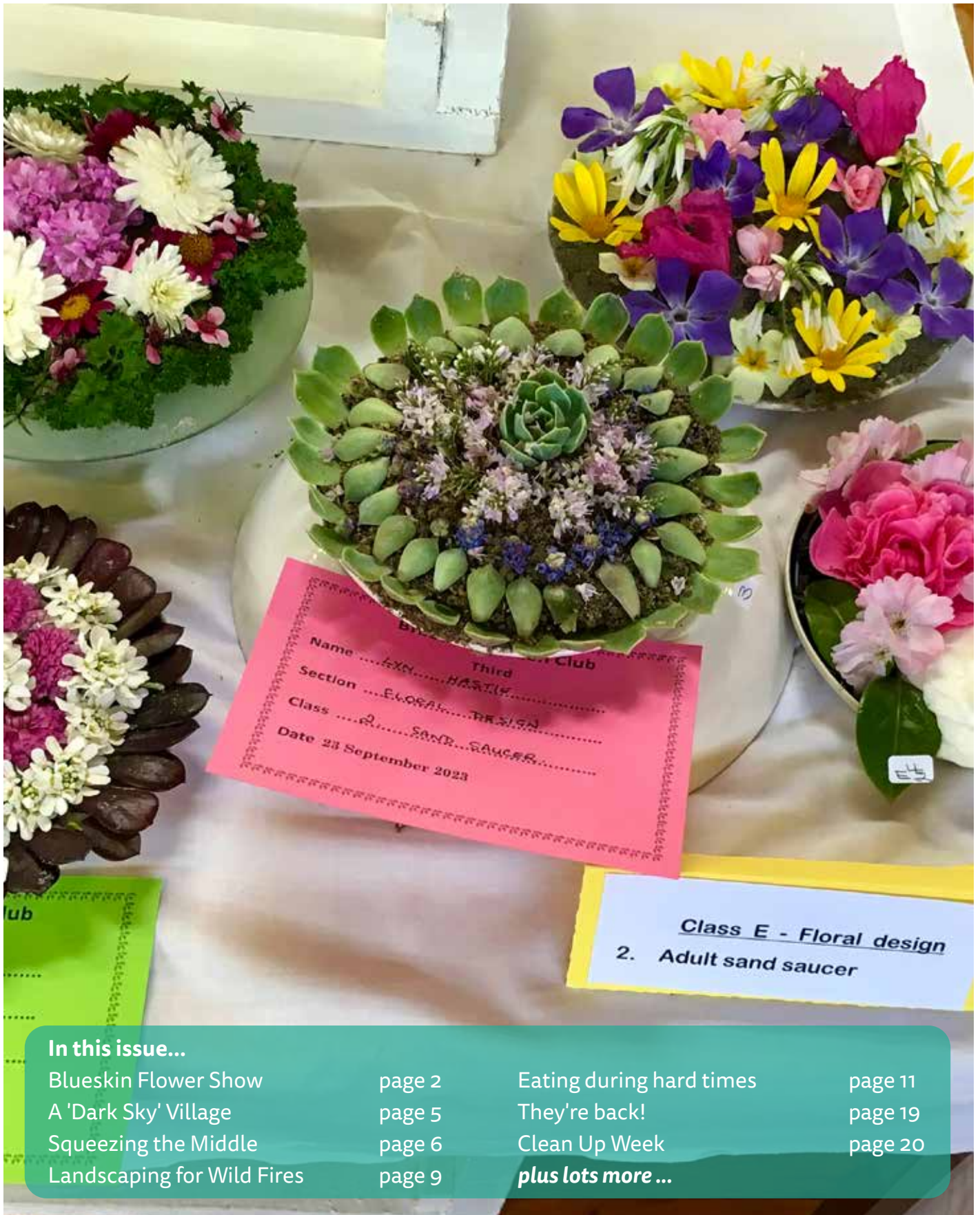


BLUESKIN NEWS

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BLUESKIN GARDEN CLUB

Spring is certainly here with little lambs appearing in the paddocks and the spring flowers appearing in our gardens. Our meeting in September was held at the Warrington hall, where Glenys explained to us the different classes of daffodils in readiness for our Spring Flower Show.

The show was held over the last weekend, 23 and 24 September in the Waitati Hall. We were very pleased to receive 807 entries with 131 being from local children. Also over the weekend a plant and book stall were held, and several raffles for adults and children.

Results from the show were:
Blueskin Garden Club for most individual points in show: **Lesley Smith (Warrington).**

Blueskin Garden Club Champion Exhibit: **Mike Fitzgerald**

Ruth Spiers trophy for most points in Cut flowers: **Mandy Mayhem Bullock**

Blueskin Garden Club Champion Bloom: **Andrea King**

David Sumpter Memorial trophy for Champion Rhododendron: **Matt Sumpter**

Blueskin Nursery & Women's Guild trophy for most points for flowering shrubs: **Lyne Carlyle & Matt Sumpter**

Agnes Beatty & Women's Guild trophy for most points in Floral Design: **Lyne Carlyle**

Westwood Trophy (donated by Betty Moore) for most points – Floral Art Miniature: **Lyne Carlyle**

Blueskin Garden Club Best Child's Exhibit (Children): **Jimi Wing**

Phil Crossan Trophy for child with most points: **Lei Lani Turoa**

Blueskin Women's Guild Trophy for family with most points: **Turoa Family**



Editor's Note

Well I'm back after a wonderful two and a bit months away seeing my children and my siblings and spending time in the UK and France.

Before anything else I'd like to say a huge thank you to Meg Brassell-Jones who so ably took over the production of the BSN during my absence.

Just a bit about the photos: the most expensive round of drinks I have ever paid for, \$300 for 5 cocktails on the 57th floor of The Shard in London. Lovely drinks and a great view! A 24-hr baguette machine in France, this is how important the daily bread is to the French, and



burying my sister's ashes in my brother's wood in the Peak District on a distinctly wet day.

Had a great time but so glad to be back. **Bernie**



RURAL SKIP DAYS Pop up Transfer Station

Warrington Beach Carpark | 14 & 15 October | 10am–5pm

These are cash only collections.

(Waste must not be left at the site outside these times)

NO LARGE ITEMS: i.e. engines, metals, tanks, metal drums, whiteware, demolition materials*, or large items of vegetation**

NO UNACCEPTABLE WASTE: i.e. hazardous waste, animal remedies, herbicides, medicines, medical waste, gas bottles, wire, asbestos or petrol tanks

NO LIQUIDS: i.e. liquids including oil

* demolition materials – the maximum size of demolition material is 1m in any direction. Material is to be clean and contain no asbestos.

** vegetation – no complete hedgerows or similar.

Fees apply. See website for details.

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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

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



Waikouaiti Coast Heritage Centre

At the Heritage Centre we feature the work of a local artist. This month's artist is Mia Gorman from Karitane. Mia is eleven years old and we have already sold some of her paintings (as prints). A range of her art is on display until 15 October.

We have also just received our new stock of 2024 calendars which have NZ themes, perfect for sending overseas.

Restoration of the old bank building is continuing with a 2nd grant of \$20,000 from DCC Heritage, which we greatly appreciate. You should start to see visible signs of the project in the next few months.

Don't forget our Labour Weekend Plant Fair it will be bigger and better than last year's.

Shirley McKewen, Treasurer

Opening hours

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



Pink Hills!

This winter I saw pink sprayed liberally on some gorse-covered hills around Waitati.

I like the colour pink but what is actually in this pretty pink spray? As far as I know from research the common gorse sprays are metsulfuron and picloram/triclopyr.

The picloram spray is very toxic to soil (ref: PGGwrightsonturf.comp safety data sheet) and the metsulfuron one is very toxic to soil and also impacts water quality (ref: metsulfuronnz.dangers).

Gorse was introduced to NZ in the 1800s as a hedge plant. Unfortunately in NZ it flowers twice a year, in Europe just once a year. Gorse is now a very real problem as it's highly flammable, a haven for possums and rabbits, makes access difficult and it reduces the area available for grazing.

However on steep and hilly land that is marginal for farming there is an alternative to gorse spraying. At Hinewai in Canterbury gorse is used as a protective canopy for shade-loving natives. Hugh Wilson, of Hinewai, says to stop burning and spraying gorse. He says marginal and weed infested land can be transformed and help NZ reach the 1 billion trees target (ref: Gorse for the trees.rnz.co.nz).

What do you think?

What should we do about gorse on our steep land, now and in the long-term?

Ms Informed



Warrington Hall

We recently held our AGM and wish to thank Anna Marsich for the many years of service she gave to the hall and especially her efforts at gardening working bees. Thanks Anna.

Our committee remains the same. Chairperson; Pete Smith, Secretary; Lyn Hastie, Treasurer; Melissa Barnes; Hall Bookings; Rowena and Ron Park, Committee; Ruth Porteous, Lyne Carlyle and Mark Williamson. The hall is available for many and varied activities so please contact Rowena if you wish to have a look around or to use it. We have recently had 10 photos of days gone by in Warrington framed and hung around the hall walls. Hall users are amazed at how things used to look in Warrington and we will be having an open afternoon shortly to hear stories from "older" locals about days gone by. When we get the sound system up and running we will inform the community of the date for this gathering.

Lyn Hastie, Secretary



ARAMOANA WILDLIFE AT PORT CHALMERS

Join local photographer Nick Beckwith for a presentation about his experiences capturing the wildlife of Aramoana on camera.

FREE

Thursday 5 October | 6:30pm | Port Chalmers Library

PHOTO: Nick Beckwith

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The Halo Project Community Newsletter



The Halo Project Predator Free team have been utilising cage traps to remove possums from Wharewerawera/Long Beach since the start of August. The numbers in the aerial photograph represent how many possums were removed from each location. Only eleven possums in eight weeks!

We think this calls for a big shout out to our volunteers who service predator control devices in the area. This significant effort, combined with our network of automatic self-resetting devices (AT220) positioned on the hills above the beach, contributes to these remarkable results.

We have moved the traps around from one end of the beach to the other, and into the suitable habitat surrounding the village. The wet weather in early August raised concerns that possums might be hiding, but with improved weather conditions and consistently low catch numbers, our confidence is restored.

If you live in Aramoana, Wharewerawera/Long Beach or Pūrākaunui and see or hear a possum please get in touch!

Volunteers have worked with the Halo Project Source to Sea team to finish the planting at Wharewerawera/Long Beach. Since 2021 more than 1,100 volunteers have contributed 3,500+ hours to this project in planting the majority of the 37,276 native seedlings that have taken root here! Congratulations to everyone involved in this awesome feat. We think that is just amazing!



1. Aerial map showing cage trapping results at Wharewerawera/Long Beach

2. Source to Sea Project Manager Jennifer Lawn and Volunteer Coordinator Jeanne Hutchison celebrating the planting at Wharewerawera/Long Beach



Waitati a “Dark-Sky” Village

My family have been coming to Waitati and Blueskin Bay since I was two and I am now 59. We knew well colourful characters like Alf White and Pete Smith, founder of the Waitati Militia. I love this beautiful part of our country.

I am an amateur astronomer, an experienced member of the Dunedin Astronomical Society. I co-founded Dunedin Dark Skies, www.facebook.com/dunedindarkskies

Villages in Aotearoa New Zealand like Naseby have been accredited as dark sky communities by Dark Sky International (formerly called the International Dark-Sky Association.)

Coastal communities like Waitati enjoy starry night skies, with low levels of light pollution. Waitati

can become a dark sky community, one which treasures the night sky, the night-time environment, and protects nocturnal wildlife.

New Zealand faces a growing dilemma with light pollution, Dunedin included. Light pollution is increasing globally by 10% every year and it is harmful. “Light pollution disrupts wildlife, impacts human health, wastes money and energy, contributes to climate change, and blocks our view of the universe.”

Warm environmentally friendly and healthy, amber-coloured streetlights in Waitati and coastal communities owes to the work of Dunedin Dark Skies. Amber outdoor lighting facilitates the development of dark sky communities. Everyone benefits.

Would Waitati like to convene a hui to discover how we can create “Dark Sky” communities? Please get in touch me to see how we can achieve this on the phone number below.

Kā mihi nui.

Mike Broughton, Dunedin Dark Skies, phone: 027 842 9209.



Squeezing the Middle

Funny how election campaigns resemble product advertising. Tedium prevails as producers tout their wares with outrageous claims of superiority. Be it tooth paste, potato chips, or home builders, there's no fact checking or compulsion to be truthful. Advertisements lie, and we know it. And so do election campaigns. But we buy it anyway.

And while the act of voting doesn't require putting your hand in your pocket, election results surely do. Voters are consumers after all. Hence the political desire to attract the aptly named "squeezed-middle". It seems the bottom has nothing left to squeeze, so no attraction there, and God help anyone who suggests squeezing the top. So the middle is where it's at. And nothing attracts the middle quite like a promised path to the top. The middle longs to work less, earn more, and pay less tax, just like the top. And the path to the top musn't be encumbered by pesky concerns about the environment, social cohesion, or justice. They are solely the jurisdiction of the squeezed-dry-bottom.

But the middle needs to exercise caution, because the gold that paves the road to the top has to come from somewhere. And if it's no longer coming from the bottom, and it's never going to come from the top, then it has to come from the middle.

So ... when the electioneering is over and the lies come home to roost, be prepared Middle, because then the squeezing's really going to start.

Doug Nuttall

ONECOAST

Biochar, Wormfarming and Soil Enhancement Workshop

Blueskin Nursery,

Sunday 8 October, 10am – 12.30pm



Keep your garden and food waste out of landfill and turn it into a valuable resource.

OneCoast is pleased to announce that our first DCC funded waste minimization is happening soon in Waitati. Make your garden grow with carbon and microbes. Learn how to make biochar, vermicast and how they contribute to the living soil. Demonstrations and chats by three local experts, Mark Brown, Mike Mullens and Andy Barratt. Free entry, thanks to support from the DCC.

This will be the first of a series of workshops run by OneCoast over coming months. Other planned topics include: Fibre, fabric and clothing reuse; low waste kitchen, including waste free food preparation alternatives; Upcycling and remaking festival at the OneCoast Hub; Repair workshop - definitely cycle maintenance and repair, others in planning. If you would like more information or think you have a special waste minimisation skill to offer, please contact Judy Martin at chair@onecoast.org or phone 021 130 7765.

Judy Martin



Thank you to everyone in the community who supported Daffodil Day. Especially Blueskin Nurseries, Blueskin General Store & Harvey St Merchants for donations of raffle prizes and ongoing sales of daffodils.

To date funds raised exceed \$2600. The day would not have been possible without the volunteers from The Blueskin Garden Club who picked, bunched Daffodils and looked after the two stalls. Thank you. The Cancer Society are also very grateful for the continuing kind donation of fresh daffodils from Liz Sumpter. Thanks Liz.

Raffle Prize winners

Lemon Tree	Lesley Smith (Warr)
Camellia	Cathrin Stewart
Pantry Box	Janine Knowles
Teddy Bear	Louise Borrie
Travel Pack	Molly Gilbert
Platter	Louise Booth
2 pots of Lilies	Liddy Family

Glenys Clements
Daffodil Day Co-ordinator

Playcentre

"Whānau tupu ngāfahi – families growing together"

Blueskin Playcentre

Tēnā koutou katoa!

Here's what Blueskin Playcentre has been up to lately:

We have been experimenting with new ways of using our play equipment – we've discovered that we can modify our water table to lower it so our smallest sprouts can join the splashy fun! Tea parties are a particular fave with the littlies!

We have been making the most of the milder weather and enjoying plenty of time in the sandpit. Tamariki have loved digging trenches and tunnels and then filling them with water. Parents have loved sitting on the bench seats with a hot drink and some adult company. Everyone has loved getting some sunshine and fresh air!

We have supported our big kids as they transitioned to school. Getting to show these whānau some awahi at the Mihi Whakatau was a really heart-warming moment and there were a few misty eyes...

We loved being part of Waitati school's Matariki celebrations – turns out little people are great at making stuffing for the hangi! It was a magical night and so nice for our tamariki to feel a part of it! Thank you for including us Waitati school!

We have been learning a new waiata – tirama tirama nga whetu!

We have been getting messy with ooblek, paint, slime, and bubbles - Please come join us for the fun that you don't want to have in your own home.



We have sessions Mon, Tue and Wed, 8.45am – 12.15pm during term time – we are back 9 October. If you'd like to arrange a visit, then please find us on Facebook (Blueskin Playcentre), at www.playcentre.org.nz/centre/blueskin/, or at blueskinplaycentre88@gmail.com. Just a reminder that our Facebook page is the easiest way to get the latest updates on what we are up to. We hope to see you soon!

Aroha nui, Blueskin Playcentre

CHRISTMAS WITHOUT WASTE

A free online course.

Topics include:

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- Gift wrapping and giving
- Decorations
- Bonus – a word on food

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HOW WE LEARNED TO STOP WORRYING AND LOVE THE
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DATE: SATURDAY,
4TH OF NOVEMBER,
2023

TIME: 6-8PM

VENUE: GASWORKS
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News from the Waiputai Hub

The Waiputai Trust Committee, with support from a DCC Community Arts Grant, would like to announce a Design Contest for a new Māori mural to frame the Waiputai Hub's entrance's glass doors. The original unfinished design was painted by a Playcentre's child's whanau member, who has been contacted and is happy for a completed mural to be installed.

We are calling on local Artists and Designers of all ages in our community to submit a new Māori design which will represent the Blueskin Bay community and environs. Please submit by email your design and description of what the design represents by **15 October to Waiputai@gmail.com**, and be in to win a \$200 voucher for petrol, groceries, books, or a gift from Koru NZ art. The winning design will be painted on three panels, which will be placed over the current mural in an appropriate community ceremony.

**Please contact
Nancy Todd on 0275120599 for
more information**



LEARN TE REO MĀORI

8 Week Introduction Course - 2023

Where: Waiputai Hub, 17 Stephenson Street, Warrington.

Dates: Mondays 6.30pm – 8.30pm

October 9, 16, 24, 30; & November 6, 13, 20, 27

Cost: Koha for the venue is appreciated

What to expect: Fun, interactive sessions, listening and learning

How to Register: Email: Waiputai@gmail.com, or text 021 171 0226

Tutor: Mathew Kiore (Ngati Maniapoto, Ngati Rora)

Mathew Kiore is a well known educator of Te Reo Māori in Ōtepoti and a leader in the Māori community, involved in Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Otepoti, NZ Rugby Board, Post Vention Suicide and other community organisations. Mathew has been teaching Te Reo Maori, kawa and tikanga within health for several years with an interest in the wellbeing of rural communities.

INTRODUCTION TO HARAKEKE WEAVING

Where: Waiputai Hub, 17 Stephenson Street, Warrington.

Dates: Saturday 7 October | 10am – 4pm | Limited spaces available

Cost: Koha

What to expect: Fun sessions, bring morning tea to share

How to Register: Phone 021 171 0226, or email waiputai@gmail.com

Tutor: Lisa Phillips

THE RANT

By Michael Fay



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?

The inability of the major political parties to develop taxpolicies that will make NZ a better place.

The inability of the major political parties to develop Climate Change policies that might just save our young people from terrible consequences of runaway warming.

Seeing the major social institutions that were so bravely built; Health, Education and Housing; continually short of the resources they need.

The Golden Rule. Those that have the gold, make the rules. And the Golden Rule is to pay as little tax as their lick-spittle accountants and lawyers can arrange...however rich they are.

The electors who vote for councilors who by any reasonable measure are unfit to be in positions of influence and authority of any sort.

Bullying in all its forms... including 'arms folded swaggering arrogance'.

Men driving giant tractors the length of the country to what end...is it to instill fear among the rest of us?

What makes me angry?

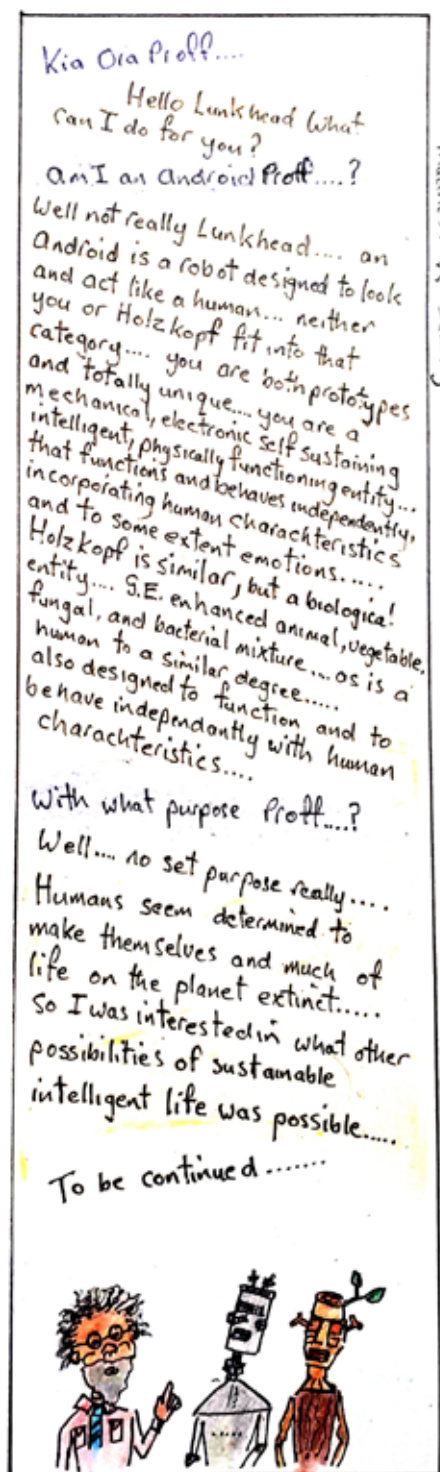
High speed driving (up to 89kph) through Waitati and Doctors Point. .

What makes me smile and gives me hope

My young neighbours.

Following from twenty thousand kilometres away my son and partner creating a new life on Colonsay in the Hebrides... crofting, fishing and welcoming tourists.

My dad's photograph: he is wearing neatly ironed summer khaki and sergeant's stripes. The photo was taken ninety years ago somewhere in Greater India. Every morning I say "Hello dad".....He doesn't reply!



Landscaping for wildfire safety

Landscaping with low flammability plants can reduce the impact of wildfire around your home and other buildings.

Choosing less flammable plants can starve a wildfire of fuel reducing the fire intensity, and help protect your home and buildings from intense heat.

Low flammability plants

Low flammability plants aren't fireproof but are less likely to catch fire. They generally have moist, supple leaves, low levels of sap or resin, and watery sap without much smell. They also have little dead wood or dead material inside the plant.

Some native plants with low flammability include:

- Ribbonwood | manatu, houi, manau manatu, puruhi or whauwhi
- Tree fuchsia | New Zealand fuchsia or kōtukutuku
- Lancewood | horoeka
- Five finger | puahou or whauwhaupaku
- New Zealand laurel | karaka
- Karamu
- Kowhai



High flammability plants

Highly flammable plants tend to contain twigs, needles, leaves or other dead material. Their leaves, twigs and stems may contain volatile waxes or oils. They may also have loose bark, aromatic leaves and gummy, strong-smelling sap.

Some plants with high or moderate flammability include:

- Manuka
- Kanuka
- Lavender
- Eucalyptus
- Totara
- Tree ferns
- Silver beech

Scan for more landscaping advice



Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua:

'I walk backwards into the future with my eyes fixed on my past'

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What's On

Storytime with Stephaney

Fridays, 11am (except school holidays)

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



HELEN CLARKE

**Past, present and future –
Doctors Point and the Waitati Beach Reserve**
Thursday 19 October, 6pm

Gerald Fitzgerald will give an overview of the history of the land at Doctors Point, its ownership since 1873, the formation of the Waitati Beach Reserve Society in 1955 and its current management. Gerald's great-grandfather, James Fitzgerald, was one of the early doctors of the Point. Gerald has been coming to Doctors Point since childhood. He and Susie now have a home at 219 Doctors Point Road. (Pictured: members of the Society at the time of the QEII covenant, 1994)

Bookshare

Thursday 26 October, 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+.

Holiday Programme

Week 2

Tuesday, 2.30pm – Learn to knit, French knit or make a pompom. Come along and get your first knitting project underway with expert guidance from the Blueskin Bay Knitwits.

Thursday, 2.30pm – It's movie day.

Board games, Lego and jigsaws are available all day everyday.

2023 General Election

Saturday 14 October, 9am - 7pm

The Blueskin Bay Library (meeting room) is a polling station, open all day to take your votes. (The Library will be open 10am - 5pm.)



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. Yes, we know it seems early but 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, two sessions 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)

Christmas Knits Workshop

Sunday 10 December, 2.30 - 4.30pm

Come along to a festive workshop with the Blueskin Knitwits, you won't be disappointed.

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.

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

Saturday: 10am-1pm


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Kā Kete Wānaka o Ōtēpoti



WAIKOUAITI COAST COMMUNITY BOARD UPDATE

For the past few weeks, we have been having a good look at the Dunedin City Council Speed Management Plan 2024-2027. It was a comprehensive document and made many references to the Government's New Zealand's Road to Zero Strategy 2020-2030 and Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2022. Having discussed it at some length, we made a four-page submission. In it we highlighted that what we would like to see would be something Safe, Sensible and Practical.

We will be speaking to the Hearings Committee in late October, along with many others - since this plan attracted around 1,600 submissions. It is interesting that the hearings will take place a week or so after the General Election. One of the political parties has stated that it would reverse some of the current Government's speed plans if elected. We live in interesting times and we shall see what happens.

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 will be reviewing our current plan, and we would like to hear from any of you in the community who would like to see some changes. Please let us know by the end of October about anything that concerns you about life here in the north coast area.

Our next formal meeting will be held at 5.30 pm on Wednesday 8th 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 0274 354 384



Eating during hard times

Well we can't do without food, so no matter how expensive it gets we have to buy it. In share trading a safe company is one which provides supplies essential to humans, so food suppliers will always be a safe investment in a recession.

It used to be much easier to eat well when you were poor. The old meat standbys, like lamb shanks, meaty bones, neck chops, mince and chicken frames were always cheap, and so if you were poor and innovative you could feed your people healthily and cheaply.

Unfortunately supermarkets, in their drive to squeeze every last cent of profit out of us have pumped up the prices for these bottom of the heap foods. Lamb shanks used to cost 50c each and I fed them to my dog, now they cost as much as a small roast. They are nice, but not that nice.

Restaurants help this upward price mobility too. They go searching for what were traditionally "peasant" foods, which were cheap, to feed wealthy diners something interesting and different. This creates a fashion and drives up the price. One funny spin off from this is that some roasts are per kilo cheaper than mince and sausages. If you have a mincer you can make your own mince and sausages, and at least you know what is in them.

You can also cut a roast into several meals of stews, casseroles and curries then make soup with the bones, or something like risotto with homemade meat stock.

It must be so hard to feed a family. I don't know how people manage it, especially when you are time poor.

I feel like we need a community food co-op* to buy cheap staples, but we would need a secure rodent free place to store food which is not an easy thing to try and find. We have a wee citrus buying group which gives us lovely, affordable, organic fruit during the season. It can be a bit of a mission organising it though, and rural delivery costs push the price up, (we get ours delivered to a friend in town, it saves money but increases the inconvenience).

Does more time spent working add enough benefits to stack up against savings you could make if you had more time? I know that doing more things for yourself gives you a huge boost in satisfaction, as well as a saving in money.

We don't have to buy everything in supermarkets; we reduce their power by buying from other sources. It would be great to pull the rug out from under them and their smug price hiking.

Hilary Rowley

Editor's note - local residents do have access to the All Saints Fruit and Veges Co-op in North East Valley.

WAITATI BOOK CLUB by Ian Melvin

Well, Scott is busy politicking, so I'm heading down the Ridge from Mopanui towards Pūrakaunui & Ross's abode on my own. For once there is no fog or rain, a clear night with the lights of Warrington and Seacliff on one side off in the distance and Long Beach below on the other, Michelle Shocked blasting away on the stereo 'if love was a train, I would feel no pain, and I'd never get off... if love was a train...' finally the road becomes a gravel track into the darkness under the macrocarpas and I've arrived, with a welcome light on at the house, shining down the pathway...

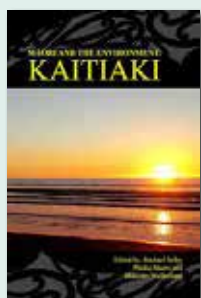
THE BOOK

I Am Not Sydney Poitier by Percival Everett – a comic novel, of a boy/man who lives with the fact he bears a remarkable resemblance to Sydney Poitier and a very odd name that declares he is 'Not Sydney Poitier'. He inherits wealth and a patron in millionaire Ted Turner, and leads a chaotic path into life as a black man in a not necessarily understanding or forgiving American society. Sometimes hilarious, at other times verging on the farcical and ridiculous, at other times thought provoking, think an American version of Fawlty Towers. Ross enjoyed it as did I, mostly, an easy read. For various reasons others didn't manage to read it yet. Note – welcome back into the fold Martin!



OTHER BOOKS

Maori and the Environment: Kaitiaki – a collection of 19 articles discussing the impact of changes in Aotearoa New Zealand's natural environment due to factors such as climate change, pollution and degradation of waterways and land, pest control and environmental management policy written from the perspective of Iwi and Hapu – editors Rachel Selby, Malcom Mulholland, Pataka JG Moore. Available from the library, not only recommend this but believe it should be compulsory reading for all of us.



MUSIC

Jake Xerxes Fussell: Good and Green Again – from Waitati Library – where pukapuka. My favourite musician and album of the moment. It's hard to categorise this – mostly American traditional tunes reworked in a distinctly unique way. Great voice and very original guitar playing style, I guess folksy roots music is as close as I can get, highly recommend this, and it will appeal to a wide audience. Sample: Jake Xerxes Fussell: Tiny Desk Concert on YOUTUBE

BEER

Off the alcohol at the moment so I'm trying some alcohol free beers (AF). Emerson's *Little BIRD AF IPA* – I don't really like sour or bitter beers so this is not to my taste but add a little lemonade (sugary carbonated water) and it improves. Yes I know that sounds like a crime but remember this is not really beer and if cold quite drinkable!

Garage Project *AF No Regrets Hazy IPA*. This has a sweeter yeasty, fruity flavour that doesn't really taste like beer, but cool, is refreshing and enjoyable, well as much as AF beer can be anyway.

TV

Te Reo Māori language week appropriately featured:-

Origins, new season TVNZ+, *Scotty Morrison* on a deeply personal journey to discover who were the first people of Aotearoa New Zealand and where the Kumara came from etc etc. You might be surprised at the answers.!

Hongi To Hāngi : *Waiata Special Tāmāti Rimene-Sproat* asks the question why is Waiata so important to Māori? Try TVNZ+.

OTHER STUFF

World Rugby Cup underway, is it just me but compared to the Woman's Football World Cup and even our NPC rugby competition, test rugby is much less engaging? Flat defences, endless mauls, aimless kicking in the air, the ongoing muddle of players endlessly trying to crash over when play is near the goal line, the mess that is the breakdown contest, is this how the game should be played? Why? It kills the flow and spontaneity of the game and seems pretty dangerous, to me anyway. Mostly stick to the highlights these days – sigh...

WORD OF THE MONTH

Kaitiakitanga: '...links mana atua, mana tangata, mana whenua – spiritual world, human world, earth and all that is on it'.

'The responsibility to live respectfully with the environment, to maintain the delicate balance people and the natural environment.'

MEANING OF LIFE

'We must teach the future generations to return constantly to valuing the constant rhythms and wisdom of our regenerating earth. Maori communities do not value biodiversity (rerenga rauropi) for its potential to harness or unlock or unleash profit or to transform our economy, or build economic prosperity. Rather it is valued as being integral to who we are.'

quotes from *Kaitiaki: Maori and the Environment*.

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Thursday 19	Meet the Neighbours: Past, present and future – Doctors Point and the Waitati Beach Reserve 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

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 Group Drum Workshops: 6.30am-7.30pm. All welcome.
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
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WAIPUTAI HUB	
Contact waiputai@gmail.com or text 021 171 0226 for more information and for all bookings	
Saturday 7	Intro to Harakeke Weaving: 10am – 4pm Tutor: Lisa Phillips. Bring kai to share, Koha. Contact: 021 171 0226
Saturday 14	Waiputai Hub Gardening Bee: 10am – 2pm, all welcome.
Wednesday 18	Learning clinic for problems with using computers/tablets/phones: 1pm – 5pm Tutor: Christine Higgins, IT trainer. Book a spot, phone or text: 021 171 9226. Free/Koha. Waiputai Trust Annual General Meeting: 6 – 7pm, refreshments provided, all welcome.
MONDAYS	Intro to Te Reo: 6:30 – 8:30p.m Begins 8 October, 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 4pm – 6pm. Contact: Emily

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WAITATI VILLAGE	
Sunday 1	Village Market: 11.00am Contact: Mandy



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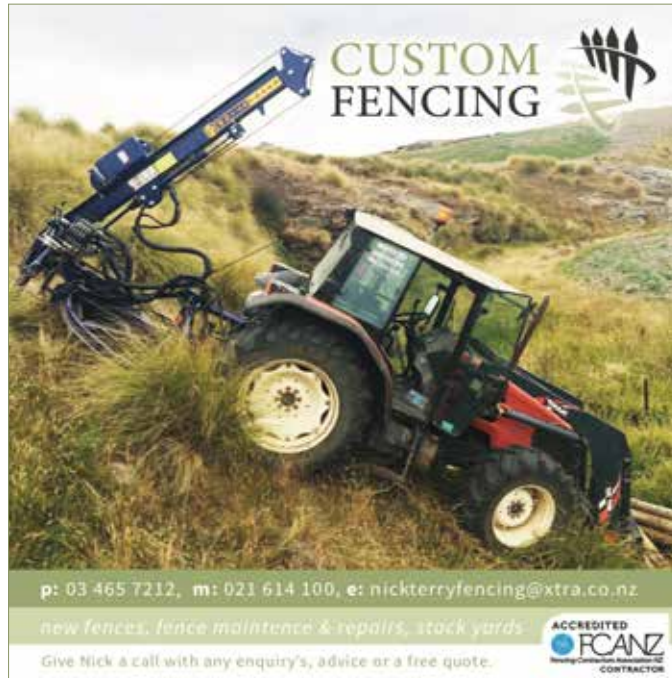
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Ski Camp 2023 was a huge success. Our Year 6-8's had a wonderful time at Ohau Ski Field.

This year, Skiing is part of our William Pike Challenge which our year 6-8 ākonga have embarked on. William Pike was the guy who lost a leg when Mount Ruapehu erupted in 2007. William, a teacher, wanted to use his experience of overcoming disaster, to create a challenge to help Year 6-10 students grow life skills in particular resilience. The William Pike challenge consists of 5 physical challenges (one of which is ski camp), 20 hours of community service and 20 hours of a Passion Project which is something new.

The team went to Lake Ohau to ski this year. The lodge at the bottom of the mountain is just amazing. They were treated to beds with sheets, and breakfast and dinner cooked for them. They left on Sunday 10th September. On Monday they went skiing. The ski field was quiet so they were got some extra lessons. On Tuesday the field was closed so they spent the day with activities like Frisbee golf and walking down at the lodge. They were back skiing on Wednesday and had a lovely day. For many of our learners this year, it was their first time skiing. Mount Ohau is very steep. They showed bravery, resilience and perseverance, all values which we aim to support our learners show as they work their way through Waitati School. Thursday was home day. We had some very tired young people and adults.

This is to say thank you to the Waitati Community and friends who came and supported us at the Waitati Quiz night. The children are very appreciative of your support which helped to make this trip possible. A shout out to Along each of our school families who continue to support their children.



One of the positives of a small rural school for Year 7-8 is the close friendships and the support the children experience from each other across age groups. The teachers know the children so well that they can really help them develop courage and resilience during challenging learning. Dispositions learnt on the ski field flow into academic learning.

We look forward to handing out certificates at the end of the year to celebrate the achievement of the William Pike Challenge.

We are at the end of Term 3 which seems amazing. The holidays are just around the corner. The rest of the school has enjoyed in particular, passion projects including ceramics, gardening, re-cycled creations, swamp dwellers, cooking for the community pantry and science. We have also had the cross country, Kapa Haka and the continued learning of reading, writing and math.

Tara O'Neill, Principal



They're back!

Blueskin Bay Godwits are arriving on their annual migration from their breeding grounds in Alaska. Many adult birds are here already with juveniles starting to arrive soon. Nick Beckwith



Pūrākaunui School

As we gear up for an exciting Term 4 at Pūrākaunui School, there's a buzz of anticipation in the air. From our upcoming Noho Marae at Puketeraki Marae to the action-packed school camp in Christchurch, there's so much to look forward to!

One of the recent highlights at our school has been our commitment to environmental stewardship. Thanks to the generous donation from the Halo Project, we've been able to plant trees along the path of our eagerly anticipated bike track. These trees not only enhance the beauty of our school grounds but also promote eco-consciousness among our students.

Speaking of bikes, we're thrilled to have some smaller bikes and helmets at school, a kind donation from Alex Gorrie of Otago Youth Development. These bikes will enable our students to embrace the joy of cycling and outdoor activity.

In terms of safety and style, we've got it covered too! Thanks to the funding support from the Otago Community Trust, our students now have snazzy sun hats equipped with toggles to keep them secure during their outdoor activities.

We also bid a fond farewell to our Teina (junior) teacher, Rachel Brown, who will be taking on the role of teaching Tumuaiki at Makarora School. As we welcome Brendan Seal and Wendy Currie to teach the Teina class in Term 4, we are confident that the Teina are in excellent hands.

Sarah Williamson, Office Administrator



Two beach clean ups took place in Blueskin as part of National Clean Up Week.

Doctors Point Beach clean up was co-ordinated by the Halo programme on Sunday 17 September and Warrington's domain by the Ōtepoti Home School Tamariki.

