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Drone view  
of Source To  
Sea planting at  
Warauwerawera,  
Long Beach.

## Editor's Note —

Hark, there is a new King! As the first 20th century-born royal at Buckingham Palace, the longest serving heir apparent and the oldest person to take the British throne, it seems his time to sparkle has finally come. Perhaps the corgis will be phased out for king charles spaniels or maybe the endangered frog bearing his name (*Hyloscirtus princecharlesi*). Taking on this role and knowing not when — but that it is inevitable — is very different from other ways in which individuals come into positions of importance. For Marvel's King T'Challa, it was a fight to the death. For us mortals we use mighty pens on voting papers. Still, there's quite a bit of verbal 'argue-bargue' that surrounds us; in the media, splashed inelegantly over hoardings and, in some cases, in person at candidate debates (you know who you are). But we do get to have a bit of a say. Unlike Charles, who can't even vote. As a woman and a citizen of Aotearoa, New Zealand I am always determined to exercise my right to vote. People suffered so that we gained this right, I cry at my daughters (who invariably roll their eyes). Unfortunately, as Michele A'Court asserted recently, "A woman with a voice is like catnip to dickheads" — and there are certainly a few of those among the candidate profiles (both women and dickheads). I spent a significant amount of time poring over these recently and doing extra research (online and through the proverbial grapevine) to ensure that I know who I am voting for. And of course, who I am ranking at the bottom of the heap. The planet and our children's future depends on the decisions we make on their behalf. I encourage you to vote this election month and who knows, in time, maybe we'll all be using biofuel made from surplus wine to fuel our transport.

**Meg Brasell-Jones**



Sculpture of Charles III of the United Kingdom by David Wynne, 1969

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# Pūrākaunui School

Sarah Williamson

The start of spring has seen us enjoying the outdoors and it was great to see so many community members at our mid-term musical konohete (concert) on our outdoor stage following an intensive three days of multi-instrumental music education with Anna Shaw. It was a joy to see every log seat full and everyone soaking up the last of the sunlight, then congregating for another lovely potluck.

We have been busy continuing to save the world planting pīkaro with Angelina from the Okahau Dune Project at Long Beach, and with Jeanne from the Halo Project at the Pūrākaunui Estuary Causeway. Pīkaro is an important dune-binding plant that has been disappearing from our coastlines. Restoring it to our dune ecosystems is our best hope for coastal protection from storm surges and rising sea levels.

Our 150th Jubilee Fair is coming up in Term 4 (date TBC). We will be making a "Trip Down Memory Lane" display to go on show at the fair. Over the coming weeks we will hold some community working bee parties to go through historic photographs and archives to build the display. If anyone is interested in joining us for these or has any material to contribute, please contact Katherine: [katherine.m.dixon@gmail.com](mailto:katherine.m.dixon@gmail.com).



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# Cum On Feel The Noize

Doug Nuttall

**Slade's *Cum On Feel the Noize* isn't the best place to start. After all, people feeling the noise is at the heart of the venues furore in Dunedin. Perhaps ACDC's *Rock n Roll Ain't Noise Pollution*. Either way, a solution needs to be found which accommodates both central city living and existing cultural pursuits.**

The consent to build apartments next to The Crown Hotel in Rattray Street threatens a final bastion of Dunedin's sub-cultural capital — Alternative Music. The Dunedin Sound. A taonga. Problems erupted when 5 police cars responded to noise from a folk gig at A Dog With Two Tails in Moray Place. Now, either folk have changed since The Seekers played *Train Whistle Blowing* or someone over-reacted. Either way, I'd suggest that anyone choosing to live in the central city should sign a waiver that they won't complain about this kind of stuff. Simple.

Here's a point. Expecting property developers to spend extra money on sound proofing goes against every capitalist norm I know, and doesn't guarantee complaints won't still happen. Another point. It's not just about the music. The sub-cultural capital of The Crown and its ilk expands into many of Dunedin's artistic spheres. Consumers of these cultural nodes are also likely to draw, paint, write, design, build, create... Many are Uni-educated. These people are cultural building blocks. Places like The Crown are meeting places where like-minded people gather and feed off each other and are melting pots of creativity. This is primal behaviour. It is culturally significant.

**And it's worth saving.**

**Doug Nuttall**



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# Waitati Music Festival Returns

The 10th Waitati Music Festival will run from 11am to 11pm on the 5 November 2022 at Bland Park, Almond St. Waitati. We have been busy writing grant applications so we can keep the ticket costs low and we are grateful to the Dunedin City Council, Waikouaiti Coastal Community Board, Otago Community Trust, Communities Organisation Grant Scheme and Creative Communities New Zealand for part funding this community event.



If you have not yet been to the Waitati Music Festival here are some of our features: Main Stage with live bands — Pitch Black, Raw Collective and Soul Kitchen are the headline acts and they are joined by local legends Tahu and the Takahes, Julian Temple Band, Skull Dubbery and more. Mini-Rave is a dance party in a marquee with DJs playing a wide range of music genre — Inertia are a Drum and Bass duo who have been wowing dance floors with their own music and four-deck wizardry. Other superstar DJs will also play Jungle, acid techno, liquid drum and bass, house, funk, breaks and reggae — come early and dance all day!

The poet pallet is our second live music stage hosting more alternative music like punk, rock and indie and between these bands on another small stage you will hear rappers and poets. Apart from the THREE stages there are multiple art installations. Bland Park is anything but!

Two spray art crews will battle for supremacy — each crew will create art through the day on canvases hung between the rugby goal posts — you will be the judge! Interactive art installations will allow you to create or tinker or play and aim to intrigue and inspire you.

For families with young children the kidzone is a fantastic place to be. All activities are FREE and multiple crafty workshops are on offer — paint on a vehicle — make a mural — create things for the giant parade and more.

Tickets from cosmic corner or [cosmicticketing.co.nz](https://cosmicticketing.co.nz) (\$35) or \$50 on the gate (unless sold out prior). Children age 14 and under are FREE but must be supervised by an adult at all times. Please come and support this not-for-profit fun community event.

If you do not attend but can hear the music from you home — we thank you for your tolerance. Please see the poster for full line up or check out the website and facebook page: [www.waitatimusicfestival.rocks](http://www.waitatimusicfestival.rocks) or [facebook.com/waitatimusicfest](https://facebook.com/waitatimusicfest)

**Katie Peppercorn**



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# Waitati Militia Celebrates Half Century

**On Saturday 10 September the old guard gathered to share memories over a meal. Kindly sponsored by Emerson's brewery, the table beers were London Porter and Bookbinder with a keg of the finest Pilsner to see the evening out. Special thanks goes to James Falconer, Brewer and Militia member.**

Our guest speaker and founding Member was retired University Lecturer Malcolm McQueen. He spoke at length about the 1972 events leading to the birth of our organisation.

**Origins:** The Waitati Yacht Club was the precursor of the Militia, having sometime affiliations with The Kalahari Ocean Yacht Racing Club and the Lake Eyre Yacht Club and possibly others. A notable event was an America's cup challenge. Organized by Chris James.

In 1972 the Waitati Yacht Club transformed to the Waitati Militia. Why? How? The Waitati Yacht Club did not entirely capture the interests of the members. A lack of boats among the core members being a principal problem (only Pete Smith had one).

An early transformative event was the Battle of Rabbit Island. Some formalisation of the force was necessary and made by Pete providing badges showing ranks. It is still a mystery why Yacht was spelt Yatch....

Any military requires a cannon — Jim Bissland was the principal driver behind creating one. Initially it was a crude but robust device that fired cowshit bombs.

Development proceeded over several years until we were able to fire shells with a delayed fuse. Now we were a militia, The Waitati Militia was born. The Waitati Yatch Club was history.

**Influences:** Many events, at that time, affected the development of the WM. The hippie revolution was raging which included, of course, drugs, sex, and all other good things of life. General hedonism was in the air. More serious influences stemmed from: the Vietnam war, the SA rugby tour and the opposition to apartheid. Another was the gestation of the Values Party that was the precursor of the world's Green parties.

**Aims:** The principle aim was to counter the bullshit, militaristic jingoism in particular, that was popular in the mainstream. But the Waitati Militia was anti-war rather than pacifist. Free speech was a central plank (from Mr McQueen's Speech that is available in the Top secret files held at Blueskin Library).

Many toasts were made to absent friends, a few thanks and a medal was presented. Gene Jeannie, exotic dancer entertained and at the end of the banquet, portraits were captured by our official photographer Martyn Buick.

The event was open to the public and many attendees enjoyed the ball. The 9 piece band with horn section 'Soul Deep' played, people claimed they danced more than they had in years.

All and all a very wonderful evening to mark the occasion.

**Mandy Mayhem-Bullock**





## SCHOOL UPDATE

**Like all New Zealand schools, Waitati School acknowledges the unique learning needs of our Year 7 and 8's. It is a privilege being a full primary school. We are one of three schools in the East Otago Cluster that cater for intermediate aged learners. We have spaces in our Year 7 and 8 learning community for 2023. Consider coming and joining us for 2023.**

There are many benefits to staying at a small rural school during your pre-teen years.

- ⇒ Small caring learning environment where all the teachers know all the students really really well.
- ⇒ A safe protective local community which looks out for all our students.
- ⇒ Loads of opportunity to lead peers and really make an impact on issues which they are passionate about. Real life, authentic project based learning.
- ⇒ Two days per term on fun, engaging, and challenging activities in our dedicated leadership programme with a focus on growing strengths, resilience and working out who you are as a leader so you leave a confident lifelong learner.
- ⇒ Two camps throughout the year.
- ⇒ Access to traditional technology lessons is exactly the same as city intermediate schools.
- ⇒ Yearly Master Chef competition, Matariki lantern creations, Ceramic studio, Huge outside play area, for hut building and tree climbing.
- ⇒ A strong focus on communication fluency including structured literacy, numeracy and other 21st century fluencies like digital literacy, creativity and collaboration.
- ⇒ Local High schools rate our Year 8 leavers as top students at their schools. Our Year 8 students go on to do exceptionally well at high school.

### 2022 Camps

Who doesn't like a good school camp? Do you remember your school camps? The food? The terrible beds, but oh the adventure and fun.

One of the camps this year was to Duntroon. The camp allowed the Year 7-8's time to talk about issues important to them with caring teachers. There were new opportunities to try. How fabulous to try your hand at the forge and spend time with your friends.

Just a few weeks ago, our Year 6-8's went to Coronet Peak for skiing. They worked hard with the fundraising. Thanks to our community for buying our Hellers sausages and raffle tickets.



Here is a snippet from Jeremy,

*"Ski camp and good times. I loved ski camp because it was fun skiing and having snowball fights. I liked sledding with Robert and doing jumps. I also got stuck in a hole and Robert had to help me out. I loved skiing because me and Ollie went down a black run. Ollie was great because he knew it was a black run but he still went down it anyways and I thought that was very brave of him, because he had only been skiing 1 or 2 times before ski camp.*

And from Ollie,

*"It rained overnight which sucked so they closed the ski field the next day. Apparently they were just keeping the Ski field shut because the next day was the ski field's 75th anniversary and the main management was sick so a substitute came in and closed it even though the snow was great. We could have skied that day, anyway we played in the snow outside our lodge and did some sledding."*



# Moving

Hi good people and loyal customers in the Blueskin Bay area, as I am sure you will be aware now I have moved my premises to the Main Road in Waikouaiti. I have for some time been looking for a more favourable location in the bay area with more profile and foot traffic around than where I was located up the Blueskin Rd. Over the years I have been on occasions close to getting a new premises over the line only for it to fall over at the last hurdle. This opportunity arose earlier this year and with it being a commercial property it made sense to make the shift. So, we are only another 10-15 minutes up SH1, and as I'm still travelling daily back and forth from Dunedin there is no problem picking up any gear you may need serviced or repaired. Unfortunately our phone number has changed, it is now 03 465 7037 so please feel free to call with any questions or queries you may have or to organise a repair or service.

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**Craig**

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## Humpback Letdown

When the whale  
washed up.,  
how romantic,  
we thought,  
and we went to take a look.

The whole beach stank  
from the small mound  
of grey green blubber,  
that looked like  
a rotting octopus to me  
not a whale,

a month's worth of offal from the works

how romantic  
how poignant,  
how pungent  
the odour.

One woman  
had to bleach her shoes  
after she trod too close to it.

**Luke Conray**



The whole of Warrington School planted approximately 750 native plants near the Warrington Surf Life Saving Club. The "programme" was run by the DCC and the Halo project. As you can see from the happy faces the children loved the task and learned a lot too.





# I Miss the Queen Already

**I miss the Queen already. It is, the TV tells us, the end of an era. She has been a constant. Politicians come and go, change their policies, ideologies bloom and fade, even countries crumble and change. But the Queen has been the same, aging gracefully. She has been the personification of her generation; the generation that I love because they raised and nurtured me. I realise that it's not just her, but my aunts and uncles, all of that generation in my family, that have slipped away. The last, Aunt Kathleen, just in January. So I am surprised to find many younger than me, just as moved.**

It is sad that the Queen has gone, when the values of democracy seem to be challenged on all sides, even from inside, especially in Britain and the USA. A stable head of state in Britain, gave a feeling of stability amongst some pretty ballistic prime ministers and erratic US presidents. Having a ceremonial head of state has enabled very exceptional New Zealanders to act as representatives of the nation without having a history of political activity. But I don't just crave an apolitical national identity. The world is terrifying. A US president who, once elected, thinks that ballots should be changed, to force the world into his idea of the world. A Russian president who, having overcome the inconvenience of democracy, thinks he can expand his territory by waging war on his neighbours. A totalitarian government in China who really doesn't understand neighbours having ideas of their own, is flexing its muscles. And then there is global warming. An escalating catastrophe building up not to engulf us, but to engulf our children. I can remember when only David Attenborough and that young guy with the sticky out ears were warning us about species extinction and wrecking the environment. Whatever happened to that other guy? Charles Somebody, wasn't it?

So, I am grateful to the Queen for what she has given me. When I grew up nearly every adult had served in 'the war'. Through the Cold War when we lived on a knife edge. In the northern hemisphere, foreign policy had an acronym,



'MAD' (Mutually Assured Destruction.). A brief period of hope with glasnost, accompanied by the proliferation of nuclear weapons, and a series of wars. Then the escalating climate catastrophe and food security slipping away. All this must be much worse to someone with a duty of care to millions. And the never-ending dramas of her own family, which keep so many news reporters in gainful employment, well, employment anyway.

What did she give me then? Queen Elizabeth never failed to remind me that no matter how much trouble they are, your family are your greatest treasure. And no matter how black things look for the world, for the future, when humankind seems so unreliable and selfish, our future, our lives are safe because ultimately, we belong to God and we will return to Him. As she has. May she rest in peace.

**Jeremy Nicoll, St Barnabas, Warrington.**

## NOTICE 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration

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# Halo Project Zero-Density Zone



**If you're reading this, it's highly likely that you live within what is known to Ōtepoti/Dunedin conservationists as the Halo Project zero-density zone!**

You may already be aware of our plan to reduce possum numbers to zero-density across the 1000 hectares surrounding Orokonui Ecosanctuary, bordered by State Highway One, the coastline and the city. Bringing possum numbers to zero-density means that the number of animals in the area is so low that they cannot reproduce, which supports the biodiversity of our shared backyard and protect the species moving out from the sanctuary.

Possums are a major vector of bovine tuberculosis (TB) which was discovered in Dunedin's cattle and deer herds in 2015. Since then, OSPRI Ltd has been running a possum control programme to eradicate the disease. OSPRI has now completed their main TBfree operations within the zero-density zone which, we think, is a great reason to celebrate! Now that possum numbers are heavily reduced (20,000+ possums removed), we will continue to reduce numbers to practically zero, using the network of self-resetting automatic devices we have installed throughout the area.

After so much hard work has gone into protecting this landscape, we are keen for your feedback! We want to know if you are noticing possums at your place! You can let us know if you see a possum by going to [www.predatorfreedunedin.org/report-possum](http://www.predatorfreedunedin.org/report-possum).

Our catch data shows most of our possums being caught from May to



Yellow pollen-filled possum poo!

the end of September and possums in the zero-density zone may be starting to get into the pollen cones on pine trees which results in them producing yellow poo. They should therefore be easier to spot!

Living in this area you are likely to be aware of the special taoka/treasured species that share our habitat.

We are carrying out Kororā/Little Blue Penguin monitoring over September and wish to remind our community of the existence of these amazing creatures and the importance of teamwork when it comes to protecting them. We have been monitoring penguins in this area since 2013-14 when 40 dead adults were found, with several of their deaths definitively attributed to ferrets, weasels or stoats and, most likely, dogs.

Kororā/Little Blue Penguins are on land from June until March to raise their young in nests made in burrows, under tree roots, in caves, rocky crevices, and in nest boxes throughout coastal forest, farmland, dunes and rocky areas up to 200 metres inland from the coast. They may wander up to 1.5km and climb 300m before settling on a nesting



Kororā/Little Blue Penguin occupy their burrow for 10 months of the year!

site. It is not uncommon to see them nesting under holiday homes and houses near the sea. That wee paragraph describes a huge portion of our landscape and perhaps even your home.

Little Blue Penguins often mate for life and are often faithful to the same nest sites year after year! They lay their eggs between July and October which are incubated for about 40 days. Both parents then stay with the newly hatched chick for about 3 weeks, making the entire whanau particularly vulnerable to predation. They are vulnerable again during their moult, between December and March, where they shed their feathers and are unable to swim for 2-3 weeks.

We can support these awesome creatures by encouraging one another to keep dogs on a lead, or in sight on the wet sand and away from penguin habitat, and to keep cats indoors at night. Lastly, we only have one month left to plant the remaining 14000 seedlings in the ground at Wharewera/Long Beach and we need your help! Email [jeanne@haloproject.org.nz](mailto:jeanne@haloproject.org.nz) to register yourself or your community or business group and to guarantee yourself a sausage sizzle (on weekends).

## NOTICE



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# Blueskin Bay

**Walking Catriona's dog, twice each day, has sharpened my sense of what it means to live on this estuary. To the normal rhythms of night and day, rain and sun, wind and calm comes the deep breathing, in out, in and out, the long snaking curl of the ebbing tide, the rippling, fan-like surge of the waters as they push in. The rituals of the birds: ducks, shags, herons, oystercatchers, yesterday a priestly spoonbill, as they gather and scatter, swoop and solemnly wait, line up for tea. Every day the clock changing, the mud-flats gleaming at different times, great roots and trunks of trees surfacing.**

It's easy to appreciate the bay when the tide is full. A sense of plenitude, quite apart from the glint of the sun on ten thousand mini-waves, the clear message of life and health and vigour, glad awareness of what's harboured within. It takes longer to warm to the endless expanses of what I used to call mud. But the mudflats (which are never flat, but rippled and creased and channeled) are always different: either basking in the sun, or luxuriating in the cool comfort of the rain, the surface perforated by a million crabs, and all that kai moana, (food from the ocean) too. The pools that resist the tides, the little battlements of

seaweed. All that deep breathing going on.

Just watch the pied stilts mince their way across, the regal herons freeze disdainfully, the obsessive oystercatchers tipping forward onto their long red bills. Yesterday I saw a spoonbill (a hundred years after Bracken, of course, who had gone completely mad) coolly marching along the gravel path in front of us, its long articulated legs for all the world like the tin man in the Wizard of Oz.

And the symphony of sounds, the almost inaudible leaching of the water, the gurgles of little creeks, the plaintive cries of the gulls, the crash of a shag into a deeper pool of water, and beyond, in the half-distance, the great turbines of the surf pounding away, raising flurries of white mist. Strange how the bellbirds' calls, the expletives of the plovers or gaudy parrots, the twitchy chatter of the finches and wax-eyes, mingle so effortlessly with the seabirds' ululations. But walking this frontier of land and sea, you're never conscious of a sound barrier. All mingles indiscriminately, land and sea, the alarm-call of the oystercatchers, the convocalional din of the seagulls, the muted altercations of the sparrows.

In the pellucid blue of the channels, you catch the occasional run of tiny fish of indeterminate origin, or the silver flash of an arched back. But on the shoreline, amidst the rubble

of stones and weed, the eye picks up a sidling crab, and then having spotted one, a multitude of others, half crawling, half-bouncing along the bottom, like astronauts on the moon. On the prowl. At low tide, they sally out from their sloping shafts and cautiously poke around, ready every moment to dash for depth. Often all you see are the pincers at the mouth of their hole.

So, what is all this? A parable of ultimate adaptability, of surging life in the most unpromising sludge? Even when the tide is obviously going out, it still ripples in. And how on earth to explain the aura of peace and harmony, given the grim battle for survival each hungry second?

**Prose by Peter Matheson**

## NOTICE Blueskin Restaurant & Gallery



Upcoming October events:

**QUIZ NITE - 5 October**

**LIVE MUSIC - John Egenes  
8 October 7pm**

**WAITATI TALKS - 12 October  
7.30pm**

**LIVE JAZZ - 22 October 7pm**

**THORNICROFT ART EXHIBITION  
30 October 2pm**

**DEE STREET BAND IN THE  
COURTYARD - 30 October 2pm**

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## What's On

### Holiday Programme

Free, no booking required

**Week 1, 3-7 October**

**Spring Blooms**

**Monday-Friday, 3 - 5pm**

Make a spring flower in beautiful bright colours to decorate your room.

**Week 2, 10-14 October**

**Games Galore, 3 - 5pm**

**Monday** – Speed Scrabble

**Tuesday** – Lego marble maze competition with prizes

**Wednesday** – It's movie day, byo popcorn

**Thursday** – Twister, the game that ties you up in knots

**Friday** – Chess, Ludo & Checkers.



### Blueskin Bay Knitwits



**Mondays, 6.30 - 8.30pm**

(contact Christine 021 133 9340)

**Tuesdays, 2.30 - 4.30pm**

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### Lego

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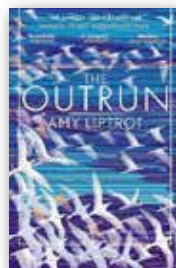
Come along and join in the fun of board games for all ages. Or, drop-in and build something awesome with our great new Lego pieces. Suitable for ages 5+.

### Bookshare

**Thursday 27 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.

Or come along and pick up the latest issue of *Good Reading*. All welcome.



## Thinking of Starting a Business Later in Life?

**Wednesday 5 October, 3 - 4pm**

Entrepreneurship is often thought of as something younger people and serial entrepreneurs do. Globally increasing numbers of people are starting businesses for the first time after the age of fifty.

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- the types of businesses they are starting
- the advice people need and where they can get it from

You will also be able to book a follow up 20-minute discussion at your local library the following week if you want to talk about an idea you have and discuss what to do next.

Presenter: Geoff Pearman, Leader Senior Entrepreneurship in Aotearoa New Zealand research project, Founder Senior Entrepreneurs New Zealand.

## Cast Your Vote

Have your say on who represents your community by voting in the 2022 local elections, you have until 8 October. You can drop off your vote into the voting box at the Library.



## Tetra Packs

Blueskin Bay Library is now a collection point for Tetra Packs. Remember to wash, open and flatten your packs, the bin is in the Library garden near the pantry. The cartons are sent to a Hamilton business which turn the boxes into sustainable building products.

## All Saints' Fruit & Veg

If you'd like to sign up take a look at their website [www.allsaintsdsn.org.nz/all-saints-fruit-and-veges](http://www.allsaintsdsn.org.nz/all-saints-fruit-and-veges) or pick up a form at the Library. All orders must be placed by Monday and picked up at the Library between 4-6pm Thursday. Unclaimed bags will be left in the Anti-scurvy Pantry.

## DCC Service Centre @ Blueskin Bay Library

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## A WEE BIT OF SATIRE, BRAUNIS STYLES.

At the Committee Room, over in the Swamp.

In waddles the Mayor of Waiputi.

"Im first, Im, Damn, Warpington Whispermers.

Warpington Whispermers I, II and III. "he he he."

And she takes her seat.

In floats Kaftan Brown, the Mayor of the Swamp.

Warpington Whispermers I. "i see he's been in his compost bins again.

And he takes his seat.

Boastfully, Bombastically enters the Mayor of the Point.

"Oc eye th' Nu. And he takes his seat.

WW.I. "its getting a bit crowded at that end of the table.

"Hi."

Warpington Whispermers III. "who is that?"

WW.I. "that's committee boy, the mayor of seacloffe"

WW.III. "how did he get in."

WW.I. "im not quite sure, i think he slid under the door."

As he takes his seat.

"Hi Im deputy S.G. vote for me, and its free drinks on Mondays over at my Saloon.

Warpington Whispermers II. "the saloon is closed on Mondays."

And he takes his seat.

WW.I. "its getting really crowded at that end of the table."

In skulks Bowling Ball Barrett, the Mayor from Puke Te Rake.

WW.I, II, and III. " what-ever, "

And he takes his seat.

"The Blueskin Committee to Oversee All the Other Blueskin Committees, is now in Session.

Saith

The mayor of Waiputi  
The mayor of the Swamp,  
The mayor of the Point,  
The mayor from Puke Te Rake,  
All together.

Bang goes the door, and in slide the Swamp Dwellers.

"I hope we are not late yash."

WW.II. "i think i need a whisky."

(to be continued.) Anonymous.



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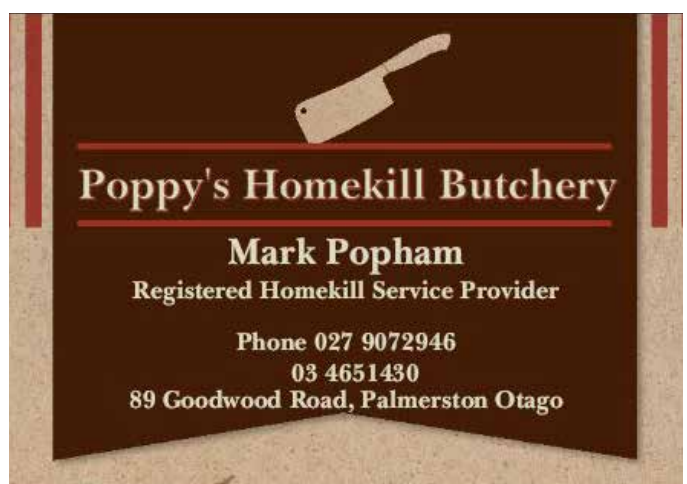
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# BLUESKIN GARDEN CLUB

Blueskin Garden Club members have been busy in the community and members recently ran two Daffodil Day stalls in Waitati. It was a lovely sunny day and both stalls were well stocked with fresh baking, home-made sweets etc and of course hundreds of beautiful, locally-grown daffodils. Approximately \$3,000 was raised which is the most ever and we have lots of folk to thank. Club members, the community and of course our local businesses for their continuing support. All monies raised go to the Cancer Society in Otago. Special thanks to Glenys Clements for co-ordinating this day — a mammoth task Glenys. Thank you.

On a sunny September afternoon 18 members gathered at Nicki's Warrington home where we potted up plants to take home or grow on for next year's Blueskin On Show Day. Here we were shown by the experts, Lyne on how to take cuttings from perennials and Bev on how to divide up dahlias and paeonies. Lots of handy hints on gardening matters were also shared. A garden walk around Bev and Kelvin's colourful spring garden and then back to Nicki's for a posh, royalish afternoon tea where we sang "God Save The King". We were joined by an ODT reporter so we eagerly await her story on our club in next week's paper.

Plans are well underway for our Spring Flower Show which we hope will be well supported after an absence of 2 years due to Covid restrictions. Next month's activity will be held on Thursday, 13 October at the Blueskin Library. Here we will see a garden related movie and be shown how to use Press Release. We look forward to seeing lots of you at our show to celebrate the beauty of spring in the bay. Next year we plan to celebrate the club's 30th anniversary. Looking forward to a get-together of present and past members.

Lyn Hastie, Publicity.

## Waikouati Coast Heritage Centre

Here at the Waikouaiti Coast Heritage Centre, we are pleased to see the end of winter (almost) and the end of mask wearing. We are gearing up for the spring and summer seasons and have begun ordering new stock for the gift shop. To make space available for this new stock we will have discounted items on sale in October.



Heritage displays in the Bill and Kay Lang Heritage Hall are being added to all the time with the new/old display cases gradually being filled. We are pleased to welcome another new volunteer Jenny, to our ranks. Since the beginning of the year we have had four new volunteers join us and all tell me how much they are enjoying the experience. We have also gained three new committee members from our AGM.

Nine locals came to an evening workshop last week to learn about using beeswax, they left carrying the items they made i.e., waxed wraps and candles, looking very pleased with themselves. It was an enjoyable evening, and we will continue to offer workshops at the Heritage Centre on a regular basis. Please contact me if you have any suggestions.

Do come and visit us, our opening hours are Wednesday/Thursday 1pm – 4pm then Friday/Saturday/Sunday 10am – 4pm. Check out our website for more information [www.wchc.org.nz](http://www.wchc.org.nz)

Shirley McKewen, Chairperson



### NOTICE Spring Plant Sale



Waikouati Coast Heritage Centre

Main Road Waikouaiti

Sunday 23 October (Labour Weekend)

10am – 2pm

Plants, bulbs, shrubs etc all priced at \$5.

Eftpos is available. Bring a bag (or two).



# Speciation 2

**Us Dunnocks don't get about much but the recent cold snap had our Central Otago cuddies fleeing their barren, sheep infested territories for warmer climes. Couldn't understand a chirp they were a tweeting. Honestly I says to some random upper class, golf club dude who was flicking his alulas at me, it ain't even spring and anyway if you's goin' to live up there, youse need to harden the f... up and not come bludging off the likes of us settled, country folk when the weather gets too hard to handle.**

Had me thinkin' about that Homo so called sapiens Darwin chap. Origin of Species tweets me cuddie's namesake from the Biology Faculty concourse. Geographical isolation a la Galapagos he says can lead to new species. I mean we all know those Brit Dunnocks with their Pommie accented tweets are beyond the pale and are well on their way to be a sub- species: *Prunella modularis pommienensis*. Or even, given a few years a full species. *Prunella upthemselvensis*. and our cuddies from Central and those beach bums that live on coastal rocks and of all places the end of Aramoana Mole will be genetically isolated, even be distinct species and you won't recognise them as potential mates. You sure I says I rather fancied....

Had me thinkin' about youse Hscs I frequents with. Imminent speciation tweets Darwin Dunnock. Hey he sings it's Spring. Don't fancy shacking up in the Biology Carpark? Couple of nice Hebe to set up home in. Imminent speciation I says. I's a country gal. You's an Academical. I've read your latest Academical tweet I says. Couldn't understand a chirp youse were a tweeting. Bugger he says.

I mean honestly can youse understand a tweet of this?

Dunnock, Darwin. 2022. Imminent Speciation in Homo sapiens. BSN Science 1; 1-100.

## Executive Summary

Darwin Dunnock and his *Prunella modularis novaezelandica* team have studied the mating habits

of Homo so called sapiens in Ōtepoti, Otago from 2007- 2022. Potential reproductive behaviour has been recorded in 25 sites that encompass the range of socio-economic status of the denizens of the city's habitats. The study identified numerous incipient or potential splits in *H. sapiens*, primarily due to economically and socially exclusive yet geographically approximate interactions that initiate selective mating.

We concluded that there were the following subspecies, if not full species of Hscs

*Homo sapiens economicus*

*H.s.c e cafeensis*

*H.s.c e academicus*

*H.s.c e managerensis*

*Homo sapiens non-economicus*

*H.s.c n-e workerensis; syn hi-vestensis*

*H.s.c n-e serviceindustriensis*

*H.s.c n-e unemployediensis*

*Homo sapiens socialmediaensis*

Can include all of the above but essentially divorced from reality; weather, time, habitat etc and the car that's going to hit them when they wander into its path on George Street engrossed in their iPhone. Subsequently potentially behaviourally reproductively compromised.

Acknowledgements: the study was funded by the DCC (Dunnock City Council).

And then there's this DNA stuff. Not only can youse Hscs' whizz up a bit of water from your local pestilential drain, extract this DNA stuff and say whether me cuddie's and whatever else's been pecking around in the gunk in the past week or so but youse can also snip off a bit of us avian personals, be it feather, nail or St Anthony forbid, flesh, and tweet what species we is. As if we didn't know.

Reckon you should try it out on yerselves.

**Dasa the Dunnock**





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# WAITATI BOOK CLUB

Ian's place, nice to be back from self-imposed exile and welcome the chaps to the man place at the back of the section. As we recover from the onslaught of Covid and Flu's in our communities, it's so good to slowly re-engage with friends and colleagues again.

## THE BOOK

*The Emigrants* by W. G. Sebald

The Waitati Book Club convened at Ian's place and we were hosted in his remarkably cosy home built studio. After setting the world to rights (again!), the book under discussion was W. G. Sebald's *The Emigrants* Written in 1993 and translated from the German, the general feeling was one of enjoyment and respect for such a polished work. Fiction posing as fact, the lives of four elderly German emigres who had escaped that states's mid-century horrors are examined by the writer. It was agreed that the lyrical prose and slow

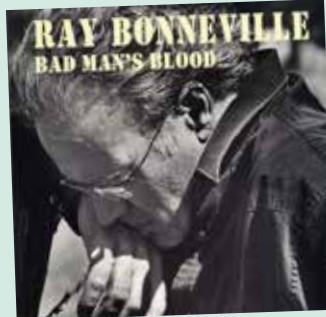
attention to detail gave one an overwhelming sense of melancholy. Themes of memory, exile and loss are key, as these lives of sadness and sometimes tragedy unfold on both sides of the Atlantic. A winner! **Martin**

## OTHER BOOKS

*The Pianist of Yarmouk* by Aeham Ahmad.

How one man in Damascus, his city shattered by

war and famine pushes his piano into the street and begins to play, even though he could be killed for doing so. As word of his defiance spreads around the world, he becomes a beacon of hope and even resistance... an uplifting true story of the triumph of love and hope. Try: <https://youtu.be/eg5T9-CsRqw>. **Ian**



## MUSIC

*Bad Mans Blood* – Ray Bonneville.

A CD \$2 from the bargain box, Canadian folk/blues musician, guitar, harmonica, and vocals, pretty damn good. From the archives, an oldy but a goody, The Strangers



– The Collection. Search The Strangers/Walk On By live on youtube. **Ian**

## TV/FILM/PLAYS ETC.

*Tea With The Dames*

A 2018 documentary/film. Featuring ongoing highly entertaining and often humorous conversations with Dames Maggie Smith, Judy Dench, Joan Plowright and Eileen Atkins. Includes excerpts of films, plays and television dramas featuring these engaging characters and accomplished actresses talking about their careers and their lives. Available on netflix and elsewhere. **Ian.**



## BEER

*McLeod's Belgian Strong Ale*

High in alcohol content, and correspondingly priced. Well suited to a special occasion such as a book club meeting. In the style of a Belgian tripel, it is fruity and rich in its complexity. A definite recommendation, although the head seemed to collapse quickly, leaving the impression the beer was flat. It wasn't, perhaps I have been drinking too much wheat beer of late and my expectations are high. **Marc**

*The Lash from North End Brewing* 7.2% av. For stout connoisseurs this one will hit the mark. Not one of the sweet stouts, this one is serious, rich, and balanced with layers of lingering complexity. My go to stout as long as it is available. **Scott**

## OTHER STUFF

A new way of life: Marxist post-capitalist manifesto captivating Japan. Guardian article reviewing Kohei Sato's book, *Capital in the Anthropocene*, [www.theguardian.com/world/2022/sep/09/a-new-way-of-life-the-marxist-post-capitalist-green-manifesto-captivating-japan](http://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/sep/09/a-new-way-of-life-the-marxist-post-capitalist-green-manifesto-captivating-japan) **Paul**

## WORD OF THE MONTH

*Aging* – "I have to reconcile myself to the fact the past will never return, I think that's an illusion I share with more or less everyone – that it's possible to step into the same river twice..." quote from *The Troubled Man* by Henning Menkell.

## MEANING OF LIFE

*I forgot my name.*

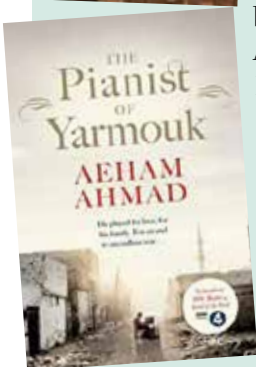
*I have lost my name*

*Its letters and its meaning*

*I have lost the words*

*That I need to sing my song*

From *The Pianist of Yarmouk* by Aeham Ahmad





# Wow, Celeriac

**I finally grew a crop of it — enough to experiment with different ways of cooking it, and I can now say that it is a delicious vegetable. I don't know why I had never grown it before.**

My parents used to adopt any new vegetable they were introduced to. They were so ahead of their peers in accepting new foods into their repertoire. Of course, you couldn't buy interesting vegetables in New Zealand in the 1960's, you had to grow them yourself. I remember our family being served coleslaw made with red cabbage at a Middle Eastern café called "Istanbul" which was on Stuart Street in Dunedin. We were all pretty impressed, so next thing Dad had bought some red cabbage seeds so we could grow our own. My primary school cooking teacher gave me a taste of green capsicum, I went home trying to describe this fabulous new vegetable, so Dad once again hunted down some seeds, and we soon had the real thing growing in our glasshouse.

If Celeriac had popped up on Mum and Dad's radar they would have loved it.

Mashed celeriac is so white and creamy tasting especially with lashings of butter... but if you eat butter absolutely anything tastes better covered in melting butter. You can grate it in salad, or try it chopped into cubes and slow cooked with cubes of carrot in lemon juice and olive oil with a sprinkle of cilantro. Chunks of celeriac roasted with pumpkin, parsnips and yams then tossed with salsa verde...

I saw some celeriac for sale in the supermarket recently for \$10 each. A pawpaw was cheaper or 2 pineapples. This is a very ugly root vegetable, not attractive looking at all, especially on the outside. I think most people would prefer to buy two pineapples. You really are going to have to grow it if you want to try it.

Plant the seed in trays in spring and transplant after the last frost into a sunny spot in the garden with deep, rich soil, and keep it moist. They will need plenty of gaps in between each plant, these guys need space for their fat bums.

Celeriac takes 120 days to reach maturity. I left ours in the garden all winter and it kept perfectly until needed. Believe me the need for this vegetable grows on you. I'd much rather eat celeriac than potatoes. If only we could grow paw paws and pineapples.

**Hilary Rowley**



# Ara Studios

**One warm winters day, two local creative Mama's met and an idea was born. What started as sharing an office quickly evolved into running curated workshops that supported and educated small businesses on how to use their phones to create eye-catching content for their businesses and brands. The workshops were a hit and we soon outgrew our original space, and our original plans. And so Ara Studios was born.**



Ngahua is the mastermind web designer at *Inspiring Design Co.* Having worked in creative businesses in Australia, Bali and New Zealand, she brings a wealth of knowledge on branding, web design, and online media marketing to all we offer at Ara Studios.

Kerry is the creative behind the lens at *Kerry Hodge Photography* and she has been offering photography and videography packages to New Zealand based individuals, couples, families and businesses for the past 5yrs. She brings her eye for detail and her love of the "do it yourself" creative attitude to every workshop we host.

As well as continuing to offer our sold-out Creative Content Workshops, Ara Studios is now offering Guided Sessions to support individuals in a 1:1 setting and allow them the use of the studio and props to create their own killer content. We also offer free Masterclasses via zoom to help you learn how to utilise the marketing power behind your phone to take great images, and how to use them on social media for maximum engagement for your business. We have also been working with local schools to help encourage tamariki to let their imaginations soar while creating digital content for their school projects.

If creating isn't your thing, never fear we LOVE to work alongside businesses to create eye-capturing content that gets your business and brand seen online. So get in touch if you're not a "do it yourself" person, and "they do it for me" is more your jam, We love working with clients to design killer content for their business/brand/products needs. You can see all our services, and dates for our workshops on our website [www.arastudios.co/](http://www.arastudios.co/)

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I would like to continue giving my energy and enthusiasm to serving on the Waikouaiti Coast Community Board.

Authorised by Geraldine Tait, 33 Reservoir Rd, Warrington.



# Blueskin Playcentre News — September 2022



Tēnā koutou katoa! We are springing into Spring at Playcentre in all sorts of hands-on ways! A lovely member of our Blueskin Community kindly donated some Little Garden seedling packs and our tamariki have been enjoying learning about how to look after their little sprouts. Hopefully when their seedlings get bigger we can grow some in our wee veggie patch! On the subject of food, we are very grateful to be able to resume shared kai now the Covid guidelines are easing and life returns to something more normal. Again, our tamariki love to get involved in a hands-on way, helping prepare the kai alongside our parents and lovely educator, Bea. It feels really nice to be able to come together like this and share a feed.

The children certainly seem to have a spring in their step now the warmer weather is starting to arrive. We've been enjoying being able to spend more time outside on our bikes, scooters and ride-ons, and channelling any Spring Sillies into swinging up a storm on our new swings! We are lucky to have an indoor sensory swing for those days when spring in Dunedin is very, well, Dunedin, as well as two new swings we can set up outside. Big kid swings and baby swings — everyone gets a turn!

We have sessions Mon, Tue and Wed, 9am — 12pm. If you'd like to arrange a visit, then please find us on Facebook (Blueskin Playcentre), at <https://www.playcentre.org.nz/centre/blueskin/>, or at [blueskinplaycentre88@gmail.com](mailto: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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for Mayor

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**Marie Laufiso**

for Dunedin City Council

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for Otago Regional Council

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# Final Dunedin Regional Events Funding

**The final Dunedin regional events funding round is to open on 3 October. Dunedin events that appeal to out-of-town visitors, may be eligible for up to \$100,000, in the third and final round of the Dunedin Regional Events Fund, which opens on 3 October 2022.**

Part of a suite of government-backed COVID-19 recovery measures to assist the broader events and visitor industry, the fund specifically supports events that have the potential to attract domestic visitation and spending in the city.

One such event is Wild Dunedin - New Zealand Festival of Nature, which received \$50,000 funding through the scheme in the prior round.

"The Regional Events Fund enabled Wild Dunedin to advertise and promote the festival outside of the city, particularly focusing on our closest regions or the 5-hour drive market," says Jeannie Hayden Festival Director for Wild Dunedin - New Zealand Festival of Nature.

"But the major benefit was the ability to diversify our programme to attract visitors to the city, such as a land art event that was live streamed from St Kilda beach on Earth Day, giving us national television coverage.

"By diversifying and including new contributors we were able to directly benefit more Dunedin businesses during the festival, even as the city was dealing with the Omicron outbreak," she concluded.

Ten Dunedin events received funding over the previous two rounds, providing additional resource towards marketing reach and staffing among other elements, enabling these events to extend their target market beyond the city boundaries.

Mayor of Dunedin Aaron Hawkins, says, "Events play a pivotal role in attracting visitors to the city and bringing it to life, which has wider benefits as people look to dine out, shop or experience other attractions.

"After years of cancellations and postponements, it feels as if the events calendar is starting to fill up again.

"This funding could provide the extra support required to amp up efforts to reach new audiences."

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) funding is being facilitated by the Dunedin City Council's Enterprise Dunedin, in its capacity as the Regional Tourism Organisation (RTO) for the city.

The third round has a total funding pool of up to \$265,000 and events that meet the criteria can apply for between \$25,000 - \$100,000. The event must take place before 30 June 2023 and the funding can be received in addition to Dunedin City Council event grants.

Full funding criteria and terms and conditions can found at: [www.dunedin.govt.nz/services/funding-and-grants/regional-events-fund](http://www.dunedin.govt.nz/services/funding-and-grants/regional-events-fund)

The application form on the same webpage will be live from 3 October. Anyone intending to apply is encouraged to get in touch with the DCC community and events team ahead of submitting an application, by emailing: [events@dcc.govt.nz](mailto:events@dcc.govt.nz)

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# In Defence of Place-Based Community Groups

**Flax-roots leadership will be essential in the coming decades as we deal with the effects of adverse events, climate chaos and social disruption. There are many Place-Based Community Groups providing leadership around the country and several successful groups here in Ōtepoti Dunedin. As someone who co-founded and managed the local Place-Based Community Group, I was disappointed but hardly surprised to see a shrill attack on BRCT.**

While I'm no longer associated with the Trust and I don't know what projects it is pursuing now, I do hope it proves to be resilient and can follow up on its survey with meaningful action. The accusation that over a million dollars of contestable funding was wasted over 14 years on the Trust however needs addressing. If by waste the author means:

- Local employment for builders, insulation installers, community workers, researchers, interns, office administrators and others;
- Community services and information (firewood, insulation, community directories, energy advice, etc);
- Securing over \$780, 000 for insulation retrofits;
- Providing NZ's first NFP electricity retailer that delivered significant savings to customers over its 2 years of operation;
- Access to special solar deals;
- Funding for community actions like the Waitati Open Orchards;
- Assisting Waitati School to go solar;
- Running workshops including 'Our City Our Climate' workshops to assist climate action;

- Submissions to local and central government;
- Construction of the Climate Safe House providing for someone in need;
- Fundraisers with great musicians like Delaney Davidson and Dana Lyons;
- Education and outreach to schools, university students and community groups;

Then, yes. But that's not how I'd define waste.

Even if the attempt to build a community wind farm to provide electricity and income for the local community was not ultimately successful, environmentalist and industry reaction to the outcome is now leading to national regulatory change. This is paving the way for progressive communities to develop their own wind and solar farms. Other organisations are seeking to emulate the Climate Safe House model and another community owned electricity retailer has just launched in Wellington, having learnt from the Blueskin Energy Network experience. Meanwhile, as I mentioned in an earlier column, the Otago Home Upgrade Programme which I'm managing is open to Otago residents who own their own home and have a Community Services Card. This is real action, making a positive difference to people's lives and helping improve Government policy at the same time. And the Place Based Community Groups I work with are critical to getting the resources to those most in need. Criticising is easy. The day-in-day-out mahi is harder. But behind all the work there was always incredible community support and enthusiasm; the people who helped so much — the flax-roots folks — should feel proud!

**Scott Willis**

## WAIKOUAITI COAST COMMUNITY BOARD UPDATE

**Before this triennium comes to a close, I'd like to give you an update regarding patronage of the new weekend bus service to our north coast area (Route 1). The Otago Regional Council transport team are pleased with the numbers so far, and they compare very favourably with the Brighton to city route, which has been operating for many years.**

Weekend	4-5 June	11-12 June	18-19 June	25-26 June	2-3 July	9-10 July	16-17 July	23-24 July	30-31 July	Total	Average / Day
Patronage	71	39	72	63	53	62	52	52	52	516	29

It took a long time for us to get this weekend bus service started and, over time, it might be a case of 'use it or lose it'. I would be keen to receive some feedback from bus users regarding the suitability of the current timetable. There may well be folk who would like to use the weekend service, but the current timetable doesn't suit their needs. I would be keen to hear from you also.

**Alasdair Morrison, Chairman Waikouaiti Coast Community Board**  
**info@calmarine.co.nz 0274 354 384**

## Life Moves On

I travelled over land and sea  
Two days on a plane.  
To visit this New Zealand,  
But to me it looked the same.  
As wet and windy England.  
Even sparrows flying round.  
What is the magnet ,  
Drawing people here?  
So many reasons I soon found.  
We know about the scenery.  
And the varied rugged land.  
While roaming isolated beaches,  
Leaving footprints in the sand.  
We know about the culture.  
We love the Maori theme.  
Living in New Zealand  
Has always been a dream.  
It's the people who make New Zealand  
A lovely place to be.  
I was made to feel so welcome.  
Though I'm just a Pommie me.  
I've made several visits to this country.  
I have family here you see.  
A son and Grandchildren  
Who mean the world to me.  
Meeting up with Ivan  
Has turned into a dream.  
we can travel the World together,  
Because we are a team.

**Lynda Peppercorn**

Observations from an  
amateur twitcher....

Some birds go....  
tweet tweet tweet



Rocken Robin goes  
Beep Beep Beep Beep



The Lesser Spotted  
Ornerythologist goes  
on incessantly and  
irritatingly....

Bret Breect  
Breectt...

The formerly extinct  
great eagle goes  
Ker !! Splat!



Baba goes... eagle  
poop is not only well  
directed social  
commentary but good for  
the garden as well....

Luka goes Uhhh???

Silly Baba...



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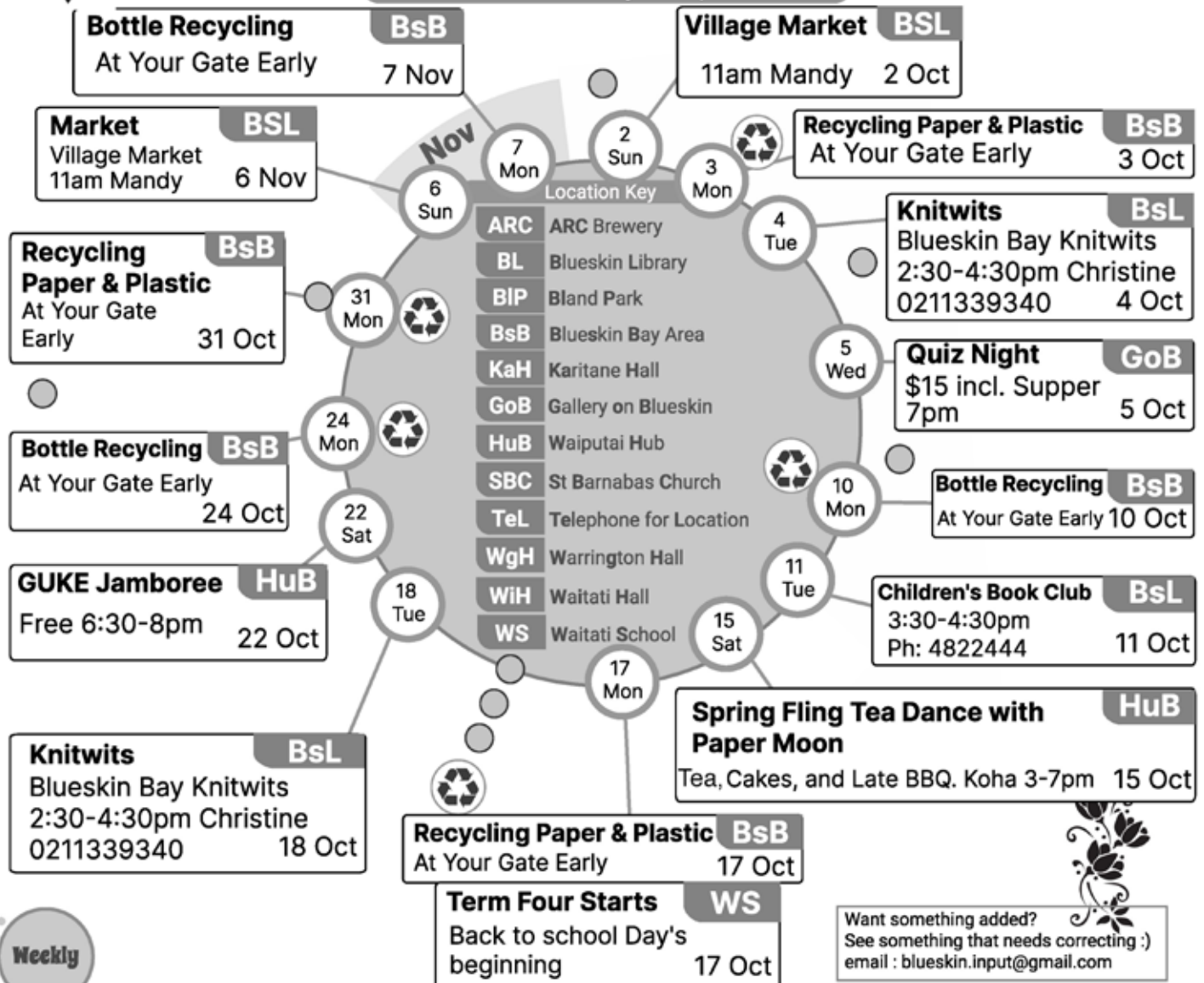
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# Welcome to the Wonderful Wheel of What's on - October

Wheel of What's - Monthly and Special Events



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Weekly

## MONDAY AT WiH

- **Table Tennis** 7.30 pm til late Nigel 0212362818
- **Steady as You Go** Age Concern 1:30pm
- **Yoga Foundations** 6-7pm Hagino hagino.yoga@gmail.com

**Darts Club** 7 pm For beginners and others, all welcome Gold Coin, Sam 021 023 91946

**Knitwits** 6.30-8.30pm Christine 0211339340

**C.O.W drop in** Drop in chat & play 10-12pm Cheiree 0272819463

## TUESDAY HuB

- **Ping Pong** 7-8 pm All Welcome from 12 yrs Helena 0226474738
- **Indoor Bowls** 7.30pm
- **NIA - Dance Class** 11:30-12:30 \$10 Claire Reilly 0211775350
- **Exercise** Classes with Shania 6:30 - 7:30

## WEDNESDAY

- **Yoga** 6-7pm and 7.15-8.15 Hagino hagino.yoga@gmail.com

## THURSDAY

- **Pilates** \$18 Casual session, \$150 for 11, 6pm, Sylvia 0212070664
- **Pilates** Pilates for your back and posture Sabine 0212070664
- **Yoga** Bring your own mat \$10pp, 6.30-7.30pm Hagino hagino.yoga@gmail.com
- **Exercise** Classes with Shania 6-7

## Friday HuB

**C.O.W drop in** Drop in chat & play 10-12pm Cheiree 0272819463 (Caregivers of Waiputai)

## SATURDAY....

- **Live Music** 7-9pm Katie 0211485535

## SUNDAY

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

# CLASSIFIEDS

**WAIPUTAI HUB** [waiputai@gmail.com](mailto:waiputai@gmail.com)

**Waiputai Trust Inc. AGM** at the Waiputai Hub (which the Trust operates), 10 Stephenson St., Warrington, on Sunday, 24 October from 6.30pm with wine and cheese. Come one, come all. Public welcome.

## EVERY WEEK

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

**Ping Pong** – 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](mailto: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 October 22. 7pm- 8:30pm

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