

# BLUESKIN NEWS

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A big thank you to everyone for supporting the Cancer Society Daffodil Day Fundraiser. Funds raised will be approximately \$2000. Final total and raffle prize winners will be available next week and will be posted on local Facebook pages. Please support Blueskin General Store, Blueskin Nurseries and Harvey St Merchant who all provided raffle prizes and space to run the stalls.

Also thanks to the Blueskin Garden Club members who picked, bunched Daffodils, baked and looked after the stalls.

**Glenys Clements, Daffodil Day Co-ordinator**



**Editor's Note** — No room this month for even a Belgian Quad burp - see page 18. Get out and vote.



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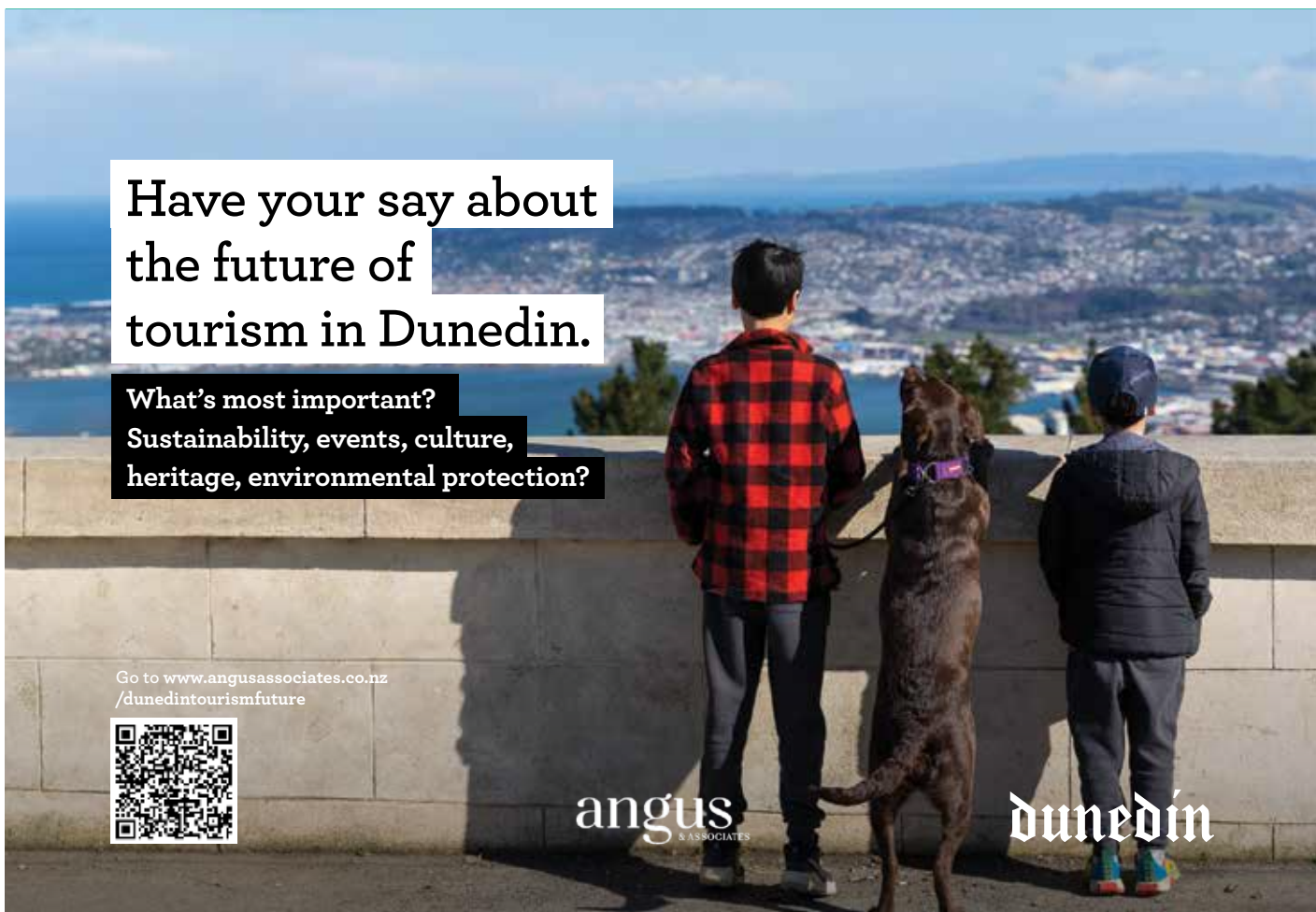




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# Pūrākaunui School



We have lots of exciting news from Term 3 so far. During the holidays we went to the Waitati Toy Library grab and got some amazing new games, toys and puzzles for our Little Papis playgroup and junior students. These have quickly become some of our favourites – we love them, thank you for the kind donation Waitati Toy Library! Come along with your preschool age children on Thursdays at 10:30 am, have a cuppa with us, and check out our awesome new range of toys.



At the beginning of the term we were honoured to receive a commended award from Keep Dunedin Beautiful for our work with the Halo Project, planting 200 pikao down at Long Beach. We are due to plant another 350 this term and have also signed up for Keep New Zealand Beautiful Clean Up Week. Do you know anywhere locally that needs a good clean up? Please let us know.



More recently, our seniors participated in the 3 Peaks Cross Country in Waikouaiti with other local schools, while the juniors had their own race here at school. We loved this opportunity to wear our snazzy new school sport shirts for the first time! A massive thank you to Otago Community Trust for funding these and to EmbroidMe for getting them ready in time for the event.

We are also growing our online presence and have a fantastic new website and a Facebook page. Find us at [purakaunui.school.nz](http://purakaunui.school.nz) or [facebook.com/purakaunuischool](https://facebook.com/purakaunuischool).

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# Waikouati Coast Heritage Centre

The Waikouaiti Coast Heritage Centre is enjoying an increase in visitor numbers this month. We have had two large groups come for a visit so far and hope to see many more. Maybe this is a response to the early signs of spring and a slow down in Covid numbers, whatever the reason it is great to see people out and about again.

Our new/old beautiful display cases are gradually being filled with refreshed displays and this is continuing over the next few weeks. Our gift shop has some interesting and different items for sale for celebratory occasions, gifts for family members and friends, or to treat yourself, your home and garden. We are planning a grand Plant Sale on Sunday 23 October 10am – 2pm (Labour weekend), so make sure to add that date to your calendar.

The Beeswax workshop still has a few places available and is on Tuesday September 6, look on our website for details.

Come and see us soon we are open Wednesday and Thursday 1pm – 4pm and Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10am – 4pm.

**Shirley McKewen, Chairperson**



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## Global Capitalism

"You know, Burt," I said, "you hear a lot of talk about Global Capitalism these days. What's the big deal?"

"It's all about eliminating global poverty, Mac," he said. "The Powers That Be think the economic model with the most chance of eliminating global poverty is Global Capitalism."

"You borrow capital you don't have see, to make stuff you don't need. You then sell that stuff you don't need for a profit to other people all around the world who don't need it either. These people keep it for a while, and then after that, they bury it in a landfill."

"Is that it?" I said.

"No mate," he said, "that's stage one."

"Stage two," he said, "is all about growth. Because you made a profit from stage one, the bank's pleased as punch. They lend you more capital so you can grow. Now she's all on for the trifecta. More cash for you, more interest for the bank, and here's the biggy, to help you produce even more new stuff no one needs, you employ heaps of unemployed people."

"These poor folk had nothing. Now they've got cash in their pockets and off they go buying stuff they don't need as well. They too hold on to it for a while, then bury it in a landfill just like the rest of us, which of course, is the sure sign of a flourishing society. All we've got to do," he said, "is keep the growth going 'til everyone's joined in, because when that happens, poverty everywhere will have been eliminated."

"Hang on a minute, Burt," I said. "What about when we run out of ground to bury all that stuff we don't need in?"

"Not a problem, Mac," he said, "all sorted, Mars."

### Mac MacDonald

Mac MacDonald is reading at this years Waitati Music Festival's Poet Pallet. His radio show "Bloody Good Yarns" plays on OAR FM Dunedin and is available on podcast. [www.oar.org.nz/bloody-good-yarns](http://www.oar.org.nz/bloody-good-yarns).





**Kia Ora, Term 3 is all about delving into the depths of learning. This month, we would like to share some of our writing with you.**

The following prompt was given to the ākonga (learners).



Here are some examples of what they wrote.

"Grandma's house. The Grandma was Hulk. She pulled the house where she wanted to go.

She said "She's going to Japan". But then she climbed in the window and turned into a Grandma and slept.

She was hulk because she fell into a hole with acid and had super powers to turn into a Hulk.

By Hunter aged 9 years old.

"I think that it flooded and the lady in the house is Confused. How did she get there? The house isn't wet. What if the house is magic?

That would be cool, but what if she was in a bed when it happened? Look there are bricks!"

**By Kiara aged 9 years old.**

"One peaceful night the women woke up to hear a strange noise, it was coming and going. She came up from her crooked bed and looked outside. She saw an Owl! She saw three builders outside behind the house, they were building three houses for the three of them. She saw her chimney letting out smoke outside...."

Other children in Kapuka, wrote about the weekend.

"When it was the weekend I got out of bed when it was midnight when it was a full moon. And I heard a pack of wolves howling. Real wolves!

**By BB Aged 5 years old.**

"I went to the cross country. It was muddy and it was slippery and it was fun! By Arthur aged 6 years old.

Finally, last week, Maria gave the students from Mapounui this picture prompt and a short story starter.

Their task was to write a descriptive story with action and plot.



This is no easy task, but they produced amazing stories! We were absolutely blown away by their skill and Maria and Jess are hooked and waiting for more.

Here are a few short excerpts for you to read.

**Isla. Year 6 aged 10 years old.**

"Slowly Rose began to change. Her feet and hands became paws and fur sprouted from her neck and face. Her clothes ripped and, where the rose had stood before, was a small tigress.

Xerxes held out his paw and from it bloomed a single rose. He placed it on Rose's head and from the flower came a golden helm.

Rose would break rules no more."

**Eli. Year 7 aged 12 years old.**

But then she heard a noise behind her. Rose was scared because she thought it was her parents, but it was her friend, Tim. She was delighted to see him instead of her parents. They started to walk deeper into the magical forest until they saw a baby elephant. There was something different about it. It could camouflage with its surroundings. In their heads it was amazing but when there is a baby there is a mother. They heard rustling behind them. Without thinking, they said "run" to each other, but the next second a hairy thing came swinging down on vines and swooped up the two and brought them to a tree.

**Will. Year 7 aged 12 years old.**

It was several hours later when they had their next encounter. Two cyclops. Terrifying creatures with one eye in the middle of their foreheads. They had small brains but some had big hearts (Not many though). By the way they were glaring at Rose. She guessed that they weren't there to have a tea party. "Why you here!?" One boomed. "Yes!" Said the other. "If you have not good reason, we will eat you! You will make tasty snack!" Rose took a deep breath but regretted it instantly. The smell these cyclops were giving off was enough to kill the whole of Manhattan. Before she could say anything, Luke stepped in. "So... you guys want a tasty treat?" He asked slyly. "Luke?" Rose whispered desperately. "Relax." He whispered back. "I got this."

Ngā mihi

**Tara O'Neill, Principal**

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## Candidate Profiles 2022

### MARK BROWN

WAIKOUAITI COAST COMMUNITY BOARD

I have lived and worked in Waitati for over 40 years. Alongside my wife, Clare and daughter, Sally, I own and operate Blueskin Nurseries and Café.

Outside of our business, we are all involved in some way with community groups and activities. I have been a Community Board member for 12 years. I believe in supporting local business and groups wherever possible and encourage the Dunedin City Council to do the same. It is of great advantage to both Council staff and our community to use local expertise.

Although I sometimes find the bureaucracy extremely frustrating, it has been great being able to support and represent our community wherever possible.

I believe the retention of Community Boards is very important so we can retain our identity as a community. This often appears to be forgotten by those sitting around the Council table.



### MANDY MAYHEM-BULLOCK

DUNEDIN COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR  
DUNEDIN COUNCIL - MAYOR OF DUNEDIN

In my position as an elected member on the Waikouaiti Coast Community Board I have been observing council meetings for a long time. It is this experience that has motivated me to stand for a seat on Council.

Inclusivity and diversity are important to me. Imagine a city council team that is a fair representation of us all! I strongly believe in social justice and advocate for the disadvantaged. My priorities will include strengthening core infrastructure, tackling the housing crisis, continuing work on healthier homes, providing cheaper public transport and more parking.

The council needs to work with the regional council and central government so that we receive the funding required to enact practical, well-planned solutions for our future. I am also running for Mayor because I care deeply about our community and want to provide experienced leadership that strikes the right balance among the various interests of our communities. As Mayor I will be a fair judge on all issues, working with everyone to foster an environment of respect and progress. I know when to seek advice and consult experts to ensure educated decision making. Being the Mayor is about having a vision for the city that is both forward thinking and grounded in reality. Localism is the answer. Local democracy drives strong and diverse communities.



### DAMON CAMPBELL

WAIKOUAITI COAST COMMUNITY BOARD

Tēnā koutou katoa. My name is Damon Campbell, a born and bred Southlander, fresh from a stint in the Far North. My wife and I have now returned to the mainland, settling in beautiful Waitati to take up a position at WellSouth Primary Health Network. The majority of my professional background has been within the Local Government sector for over 25 years. From this I have gained extensive insight, knowledge, and experience on how good governance and good people working together can support and create great communities.

We are loving our new community and I would welcome the opportunity to work for and serve on your community board.



### CHRIS MCBRIDE (independent)

WAIKOUAITI COAST COMMUNITY BOARD  
DUNEDIN COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR

Hi, I'm Chris McBride, aged 34, a resident of Dunedin for 27yrs and resident of the Waikouaiti coast area for 15 years. I am a proud family-oriented person, business manager/owner, recycling advocate and army reserve soldier. I lead and manage two successful local businesses and I want to lend my fresh perspective to grow a healthy and safe environment for our community to live in.

I am confident I have the passion and experience to uphold the views and needs of the wider community. Listening carefully and acting on commitments is the best way we can serve the community and I will wholeheartedly uphold this view.

What I stand for 1) Advocating for continued infrastructure upgrades 2) Improving public transport 3) Support locally owned business 4) Enhance the environment through planned and new initiatives. I would be honoured to serve the Waikouaiti Coast Community - Vote Chris McBride this election.



### GERALDINE TAIT

WAIKOUAITI COAST COMMUNITY BOARD

I live in Warrington and work as the Coordinator for Senior-Link, day activity centre in South Dunedin. I have a long history as a local community advocate on issues such as rubbish and recycling, water supply, recreational facilities, roads, walking and cycling safety, bus services, beaches and reserves, and protection and enhancement of our local biodiversity. I have been part of your local Community Board team for many years, it's not a glamorous or exciting role but we aim to be an effective conduit between you, our communities and the Council. What is important to me? Protecting and improving our quality of life through the provision of good basic services, taking care of our environment and fostering a caring community. I would like to carry on dedicating my energy and enthusiasm for tackling local issues, by continuing to serve on the Waikouaiti Coast Community Board for the next three years.





## CRAIG MARSHALL

### WAIKOUAITI COAST COMMUNITY BOARD

I have lived in Blueskin Bay for about 16 years and in the Dunedin area for a lot longer. This part of Ōtepoti has great character, interesting people and a very long history. Local character is often forgotten when decisions are made, and solutions are imposed, rather than developed by those affected. The Community Board provides a link between the DCC (and the money) and local communities. I would like to see this link strengthened, and for the DCC to use the Community Boards to develop local policies that reflect local interests. I have been involved in community activities like the Blueskin News. I am a scientific academic at the University experienced in interpreting complex data and in facilitating consensus and collaboration among people of different background and opinion. I'm a good listener who reflects on the evidence and provides thoughtful opinions and would bring this skill to the Board.



## ALASDAIR MORRISON

### WAIKOUAITI COAST COMMUNITY BOARD

Alasdair Morrison, a local resident for over thirty years, is seeking re-election to the Waikouaiti Coast Community Board. He has been a Board Member since 1998 and is currently the Board Chairman.

The Waikouaiti Coast electorate covers a wide area and Alasdair has a comprehensive knowledge of the issues which affect the residents of Waikouaiti, Merton, Karitane, Seacliff, Warrington, Evansdale, Waitati and the surrounding rural areas.

An articulate communicator, Alasdair offers electors sound common sense and experience in dealing with all levels of local and central government.

He is available, approachable and effective in resolving issues which are a concern to individuals or to the community at large.

A Marine Engineer by profession Alasdair operates his own consultancy business, thus giving him the flexibility to ensure that prompt and comprehensive attention can be paid to all issues as they arise.



## ANDY BARRATT

### WAIKOUAITI COAST COMMUNITY BOARD

I have lived and worked in the Dunedin region since 1977. After finishing work at the University of Otago, where I held a number of senior academic positions, I have centred my activities in the Waikouaiti area. In 1992, my wife Sue and I moved to Merton, where we have developed a smallholding, growing fruit, vegetables and timber trees. Over the years, I have been actively involved in a wide range of community groups, including Progress of Waikouaiti Area, Sustainable Dunedin City, Dunedin Rural Development, Our Food Network Dunedin and River-Estuary Care Waikouaiti-Karitane.

In seeking reelection to the Community Board, I have a solid understanding of what is required of the role and a proven record of conscientious service. If elected, I would strive to ensure that the Board operates in an open and responsive manner and deals promptly with the concerns of local citizens.



## SONYA BILLYARD

### WAIKOUAITI COAST COMMUNITY BOARD

The last three years have included some big disruptions for the East Otago area and I have enjoyed the chance to help see us through them, don't mention the water!. I support the DCC strategic framework with sustainable outcomes for Otepoti that include our area specifically.

Waikouaiti through to Waitati including everywhere in between are part of the greater Dunedin area and I will ensure that local issues around infrastructure, open spaces, social wellbeing and environment are heard. I have spent the past triennium acting as advocate for the interests of my community and I welcome the opportunity to continue doing so for the next 3 years.



# Blueskin Gallery Springs into September

**Through the winter we have enjoyed many outdoor courtyard events, warmed by the winter sun or braziers and recently the hedges have been trimmed to reveal a delightful ocean view. If you have not visited us yet do check out the fabulous beer garden and courtyard. Blueskin gallery is children and (well behaved) dog friendly - we have a few cool places to play, a toy box and lots of board games.**

Eating with entertainment makes for a great night out and we have two live music events inside the gallery on Saturday nights in September - John Dodds (3rd) and the David Gale Duo (17th). There is no charge but booking a table is recommended for large groups. Quizmaster Rick will test your fettle on the first Wednesday (7th) and at the next Waitati Talks (14th) you can hear an interesting talk about Spotting and Stopping Fraud (text 021 148 5535 to book a spot at Waitati Talks).

Our delicious menu is a movable feast with new dishes added monthly. If there is a dish you desire, we are always interested in new ideas – speak to Sue or Chef Jean.

Please note that the Blueskin gallery is taking a small break for reno and rest and will be closed from 19 September to 5 October (which will be a Quiz Night!).

**Katie Peppercorn**



# Half Year Update from the Waiputai Hub

**The first half of 2022 has been a time of quiet progress for all things at the Waiputai Hub. The Trust has experienced support for the Hub via the generosity of funders, friends, and whanau for which we would like to give some thanks.**

Funding from the Lotteries Commission has enabled us to start offering the hub to community groups for free. Removing the cost of a venue from being a barrier to holding activities that bring people together to reduce isolation is one of our primary goals. We thank the Commission and the confidence they have shown in our venture. The offer is there to community groups, and we currently have: Darts on a Monday evening 7-8.30pm; Ping Pong on Tuesdays; Home School group 12pm-3p.m; 6 – 7.30pm Pilates Thursdays; GUKE Group (Guitar, Ukulele and singalong) every other Fridays, 7-8:30pm, and the brand new Blueskin Community Orchestra rehearsing on Sundays 4-6pm.

We still also have plenty of available spots during the day so if you have a dream for a group or activity, or just want info about our activities. Email us at [waiputai@gmail.com](mailto:waiputai@gmail.com) so we can help.

Also, our thanks go to The Dunedin Masonic Society, which generously awarded our grant application for a "Grounds improvement" package of 2 new picnic benches, a new BBQ for community use or private hire, and a mower to keep the grounds in tip top condition. Responsibility for our outside space is shared between the DCC and the Trust. We hope that the regular visitors to the space enjoy the benches, and remind everyone, the hub is available for hire for children's parties, family gatherings, or to host a community event. Email [waiputai@gmail.com](mailto:waiputai@gmail.com) for enquiries.

Other news to share, includes the 10-week Botanical Drawing Class. 12 participants met each Sunday, 9am -12.30, and under the guidance of



Wayne Everson, Artist, lecturer, and teacher, received a comprehensive drawing and watercolour tutorials that ranged from drawing lines, creating 3d shapes, drawing visual perspectives, using colour, copying great artists work' for practice, and, finally, producing an original final watercolour painting (Images shown in photos). This was a fantastic 10 weeks that had everyone experiencing success.



Wayne has taught this course at Olvestone House in Dunedin for many years and has agreed to offer this same opportunity to locals in our own community. The inspired group at the Hub plans to continue to meet once a month to share their continued work in botanical art, and, next year, to complete an advanced course which would culminate in an exhibition.

At the hub, local participants have also enjoyed two Introduction to Harakeke Weaving workshops under the guidance of Lisa Phillips



in photo (centre), with assistance from Marianne Te Tau (back row, left). Participants in photo include Phillipa Buchanan (right back), Logan Fraser (seated) and Lorna Fraser (seated)) in photo,.

The Waitati Library is coming again to the Hub on Tuesday, September 13, from 10am – 12pm. So come and get or return a book. There will also be an evening talk by Mike Broughton about 'Night Sky Cities' in September. Keep a look out for the exact date.

Finally, thank you to the continued support from the Waikouaiti Community Board. We also have great relationship with our "Landlords", the DCC, through our liaison Marie Sleeman at Property Services. Grateful thanks are given for the new, and safe, Zip in our kitchen area, our rewired lighting.. They have the Hub on their schedule for a repaint and spruce up soon. Yes, we are keeping the murals! They do however need some love and care, and we understand the original artist is no longer with us. We are exploring options for their renovation and restoration. Please get in touch if you want to help with this, or any other project at the Waiputai Hub.

**Samantha Ashdown and Nancy Higgins, Trustees - Waiputai Trust**





## NOTICE



### Blueskin Youth & Community Amenities Association AGM

Wednesday, 28 September 2022, 7.30 pm.

Waitati Firestation, side entrance.

The Association built and manages the estuary track, and has completed other local amenities. We are open to ideas about new community projects, so please come along to the AGM if you want to make suggestions or help with admin and spadework.

## NOTICE



### Are you keen to check out Candidates standing this election?

Dates below all 7pm unless stated otherwise

Kaikorai Bowling Club — Monday 5 September

Port Chalmers Pioneer Hall — Tuesday 6 September

MacAndrew Bay Hall — Thursday 8 September

Burns Hall MAYORAL FORUM — Tuesday 13 September

Meet the council candidates then Mayoral debate:

Otago Museum — Wednesday 14 September starting at 5.15pm

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church Mc to Z — Sunday 18 September

Ōpoho Candidates named A to M — Monday 19 September



THE

## RANT

by Alex Wilson

This is an opinion piece designed to promote feedback.

If you feel you'd like to respond – email [blueskin.input@gmail.com](mailto:blueskin.input@gmail.com)

### What makes me mad?

Going to the supermarket and seeing the insane prices of things as basic as cabbages for \$7.00. How do people live in a house and eat?

### What makes me sad?

From the age of 7 to the age of 65, I have have had Epilepsy and nothing can fix it.

### What makes me glad?

I live in an accepting community. We just had a party and loads of different types of beer and drinks were left behind, so I have an excellent choice in our fridge right now. There is some great music out there, which is so good it sends a shiver up my spine. My niece and nephew and their families live close by and we have such amazing friends and neighbours.

## NOTICE



### Source to Sea Planting Days

Upcoming community planting days:

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17/9/22- Sat | Long Beach

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## Warrington Indoor Bowls Club

Our Indoor Bowls season has been progressing well. While we have missed a couple of nights due to weather and one club night was cancelled while the lighting in the Warrington Hall was upgraded.

Our eleven members have enjoyed social club night as well as competitive evenings. We have also participated in interclub competition at the Otago Indoor Bowls stadium in Dunedin. Each fortnight a team has competed in a triples challenge where three games are played, each against a different club. Once a month a team have played in "Friday Fives". This event requires 5 players. In the first round four players play fours, while the 5th player plays singles. Then the team is rearranged to play a round of triples and pairs.

What a pleasant afternoon our members had on 14 August. Four totally blind and five low vision bowlers, along with three support people, joined us in the Warrington Hall for 3 games of indoor bowls. It is real privilege to share our sport, which requires considerable eye-hand co-ordination, with these folk. They provide as much of a challenge as any sighted player. The chatter and laughter that went on throughout the afternoon indicated that everyone was enjoying this event. The afternoon concluded with the drawing of raffles and a very well-catered afternoon tea.

Ruth Porteous



# Resurrection

**Lately My Ornithologist's been so distraught that he forgets to feed us. So I thought I'd better let him get his woes off his pectorals.**



"I know for a fact" he grumbles, "I wasn't the only one who breathed a sigh of relief when the monthly Blueskin News, Blueskin Resilient Community Trust, Blueskin Energy Ltd & Blueskin Energy Network columns suddenly ceased. BC (Before Covid) was it? On the one hand we could at last relax of an evening, tipple of choice in one hand, BSN in t'other and enjoy Hilary's gardening and recipes; especially those that promote alcohol to sooth the woes of the world, updates on our school kids and even some grumpy old bugger's rant, while on the other there was also a niggling expectation that maybe an explanation of what happened to BRCT et al might be in order? Rumour and Gossip were rife. It was not unlike watching the Brit Royals dissing Harry and that American chick. What's going on?\*"

Come however 3 July's AC BSN, up pop two articles' one by BRCT and the other by an ex-employee. My poor old Ornithologist groans. He doesn't swear bless him but pours yet another cheap Aussie shiraz and writes in pencil on a bit of paper\*\*, "Blueskin Resilient Community Trust. After 14 years and well over \$1M of contestable public funds, including \$100,000 plus of DCC ratepayers money, the question is: are Waitati, Warrington, Evansdale, Purakaunui, Osbourne and those who live between more Resilient? Are the Communities stronger? Has Trust been enhanced?

Resilience: Have to say the insulation retrofit was great but that was way back in 2008 and yes I did take advantage of it. Since then? To put it bluntly, of both major Resilience projects, the wind turbine failed to get off the ground and the climate safe house is still a legal

and financial mess that threatened to leave an older resident worse off than when she started until concerned residents stepped in to help her out. Resilience?

Community: BRCT has been divisive. True, wind farms are contentious but publically calling your Community rent a crowd and NIMBYs, accusing them of vandalism and death threats and, more disturbingly, blaming the demise of the wind turbine project on "allowing Trumpian elements in the community a voice" doesn't exactly promote Community. True the opposition has been equally as derogatory, though in a less public manner. Get a proper job being the mildest. Community?

Trust: Long standing friendships have been broken and strained. Trust?

Water under the Bridge? Let bygones be bygones? Well yes, let's put BRCT and its \$1M plus of wasted dollars to rest but please let's learn from their failures. Let's not allow those who orchestrated this contentious, divisive, expensive failure that is BRCT to move on and rewrite their involvement as e.g. "a record of successful projects and community engagement"\*\*\* Please let us poor Waitatians not endure another survey or study. Please let's demand the DCC insist the likes of \$30,000 place-based funding be used for something other than another BRCT questionnaire, another survey, another report. Let's do stuff. Let's put solar panels on poorer Blueskin residents' rooves to ease their power bills?"

So there's me Old Ornithologist at 6am this morning as Matariki sneaks up over Mopanui, knocking back a coffee to counteract last night's shiraz, looking just as distraught about the state of the world as last night but smiling as the Tui yells out his tedious, grating song atop a gum, the sad old Kaka call as they home in on the neighbour's bird table, the alien Blackbirds irritably chack, chack, chack and the relentlessly optimistic, colonialist Song Thrushes sing away as if it were a glorious day

replete with the rites of spring.

Nice to think us Avians can cheer him up but he'd better bloody remember to feed us this morning.

\* 4 Non Blondes

\*\* He's Homo so called sapiens subsp. pre-digitalensis so hasn't got a flaptop or what ever you calls them though in a weak moment I heard him tweet that he didn't have one 'cus he was worried:-

1) He'd displace it in a senior moment or two hundred.

2) He'd spill essential drugs; caffeine and alcohol into its delicate being and in either case decades of his words of wisdom would be consigned to the ether; unread and unappreciated. (What's new? Dasa)

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## What's On

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### Waiputai Hub Outreach

10 Stephenson Street, Warrington

Tuesday 13 September, 10am-12noon

Blueskin Bay Library will be onsite for the afternoon, renew your existing loans or take out new ones from the choice selection we will have with us.

### Children's Book Club

Tuesday 13 September, 3.30 - 4.30pm

Discover new books and enjoy a linked activity.

New members always welcome.

Please note this Club is for Year 3 and up.

### 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\*

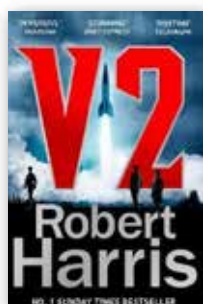
Every weekday, 2 - 5pm

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 22 September, 3.30-4.30pm

Join us for tea and a chat about what you're currently reading and get ideas for what to read next. All welcome.

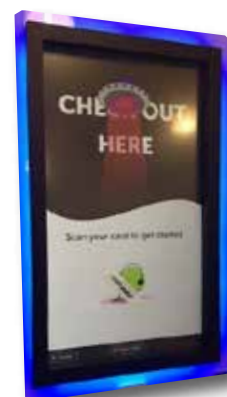


### Swap & Share Seed Cabinet

The Seed Cabinet is fully stocked once again, come and grab a packet and get your spring garden underway or drop off your surplus from last year. A winner from the Seed ID quiz will be drawn at the end of the month.

## Beam me up

No, it's not a portal to transport you to the Waitati Tardis but it does have a couple of new hi-tech features including the ability to scan your library barcode on your phone. First, download the DPL (Dunedin Public Libraries) app, scan your card or type in your membership number, type in your password and away you go. Just ask if you need help.



## Bream me up

Wondering what to do with all the bream you scooped up from the beach? Check out some fresh new recipes from some Library cook books such as *pan-fried with roasted endive and almond gremolata*, p100 in *Rustica* by Theo A. Michaels.



Or, *The joy of seafood: the all-purpose seafood cook with more than 900 recipes* will surely have something new to try. And of course there's seafood supremo Rick Stein, he's spent the last 40 years perfecting the art of cooking seafood. We have 16 of his books to choose from.

## Wunderkammer

In the cabinet this month we have the Blueskin Bay Garden Club Trophies up for grabs at the upcoming Spring Show (25th September). Remember you don't have to be a member to enter, the more entries the better so starting nurturing your prized daffodils now.



## DCC Service Centre @ Blueskin Bay Library

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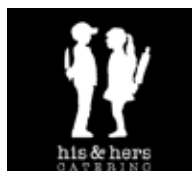
# Community art for the masses, or is it a sculpture?

If you've been meandering down Doctors Point beach towards the cave lately and turned your head right just as the cliffs begin, you may have noticed a driftwood structure (or is it art?). Constructed around an outcrop of rocks that form two walls, an unknown array of constructionists, artists, play people, younglings and more, have used what has washed ashore, been cast adrift, or found in the sand, to transform this geological formation into a shelter of sorts, complete with entrance and roof.

I first took my part as a constructionist during the initial lock down in 2020, adding to a few pieces of already perfectly placed driftwood art (or is it a sculpture?). Since then, the structure has taken multiple forms constructed by passers-by and de-constructed by the forces of nature. Its current incarnation is its most sound yet, having survived multiple storms and high tides.

For me, it adds some purpose to my regular beach walks. I wonder to myself as I exit the carpark if its still standing? What has been added and by whom? and I always offer a piece of beach debris to the shelter on my way past. I like to think that this ever-changing sculpture (or is it architecture?) brings some joy and wonderment to those on the beach, and maybe encourages the adding a little bit of one's own finding to this community living art sculpture.

Dean Griffiths



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# Warrington Hall Report and Annual General Meeting

**Warrington Hall is managed by a small group of locals and we are quite proud of how the hall is looking both inside and out.**

We have recently had the lighting upgraded and now if you have a function you can adjust the lighting and not have six fluoro tubes all going at the same time. Switches have also been replaced and we have a near-new oven. Our kitchen is fully equipped for catering for 60 people with matching crockery and cutlery as well as cups and glasses. Perfect for family gatherings, dances, fundraisers, music and dancing to name but a few. See our "ad" for making contact to use the hall. We would like to especially thank local Electrician Rhys Check for his generosity in hall matters and we hope that you will support Rhys for electrical problems. Thanks Rhys. We would like to invite young and old, new and long term residents to our Annual General Meeting/Get Together for nibbles and a cuppa. You are all welcome to join us with no pressure to come on the committee. Our long standing Chairperson, Ruth Porteous will not be seeking re-election and it will be hard to fill Ruth's shoes after many, many years on the hall committee. Another reason to come along and join us in thanking Ruth for all she has done in keeping the hall in the great order it is.

We look forward to a good turnout at our AGM, Tuesday, 18 October at 7pm in the hall. Four to five meetings a year and no fundraising. That doesn't sound too difficult does it?

**Lyn Hastie, Secretary**

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Authorised by Bill Southworth 27 Currie Street, Port Chalmers.

# BLUESKIN GARDEN CLUB

Last week several members travelled to Waikouaiti for a tour of the new Heritage Centre (behind the Museum on the Main Road). What a credit it is to all the hardworking volunteers who saw this project through. Light and bright and very warm. The rooms are set out with many displays of local families and history. We also toured the old bank building which is set out with a great display of when it was both a family home and bank. The gift shop has an array of lovely, mostly locally made gifts and well worth a visit. Later this month our clubbies will be busy baking, making sweets and picking and bunching daffodils for the annual Daffodil Day fundraiser for the Cancer Society. Last month's "news" had details for this.

Spring Flower Show – after 2 years absence due to Covid we are very excited to be back with our community show. We hope you will support this day by bringing along entries (one bloom or 100), whatever you have to enter will be gratefully accepted. There is something for everyone and we know the locals love to come along and admire the beauty of all things grown in the Blueskin Bay area. Look in this edition for the full schedule for the show. Schedules also available at the local library and stores. Please bring cash for raffles and plant stall. Mask wearing is encouraged. Saturday, 24 September, Waitati Hall for entry taking from 10am to 1 pm. Open to the public on Sunday, 25 September 10am with the prizegiving at 3pm. Looking forward to seeing lots of you there.

Lyn Hastie, Publicity.



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# 2022 Spring Flower Show

**Blueskin Bay  
Garden Club**

**Saturday 24th &  
Sunday 25th  
September, Waitati Hall**

- Entries to be accepted at the Hall – Saturday 10am to 1pm.
- No Charge.
- Own containers accepted. Some small bottles available.
- Entrant will be responsible for reclaiming their own containers.
- No arranging of exhibits in the Hall.
- Open to the public Sunday from 10.00am, entry free.
- Prize Giving at 3.00pm Sunday.
- Entries not to be removed until after the prize-giving.
- Plant Stall & Raffles.

## TROPHIES FOR

Blueskin Garden Club trophy for Champion Bloom  
Blueskin Women's Guild Trophy - Family with Most Points in the Show  
Agnes Beatty Trophy - most Points in Floral Design  
Phil Crossan Trophy - most Points in Junior Section  
Blueskin Nurseries & Women's Guild Trophy - most Points in Flowering Shrub Section  
Ruth Spears Memorial Trophy - most points in Cut Flower Section  
Blueskin Garden Club Trophy - most Individual Points in Show  
Blueskin Garden Club Trophy - Champion Exhibit - Children  
Blueskin Garden Club Trophy - Champion Exhibit - Adult  
David Sumpter Memorial Trophy for Champion Rhododendron



## PRESCHOOL, JUNIOR & INTERMEDIATE SECTION

Entries in the Children's section MUST be the work of the child named. While Children may enter Adult Sections, points gained there will not be included for the Junior Trophy. The trophy is for points gained in the Children's Section ONLY.

Preschool – under 5 years of age  
Children aged 5 and 6 years  
Children aged 7 and 8 years  
Children aged 9 and 10 years  
Children aged 11 to 14 years

1. Harakeke Putiputi
2. Sand Saucer
3. Pop up card with a Garden theme
4. Vegetable Creation



## ADULTS SECTION

### CLASS A - Daffodils

Daffodil – Trumpet

1. One stem – petals white – trumpet any colour
2. One stem – petals white – trumpet white
3. One stem – petals yellow – trumpet yellow
4. One stem – petals yellow – trumpet any colour

Daffodil – Large Cup (cup more than one third length of petals)

5. One stem – petals & cup yellow
6. One stem – petals yellow – cup any colour
7. One stem – petals and cup white
8. One stem – petals white – cup any colour

Daffodil – Small Cup

9. One stem – petals yellow – cup any colour
10. One stem – petals white – cup any colour

Daffodil – Other Varieties

11. One double daffodil – one colour
12. One double daffodil – bicolour
13. One multi headed daffodil
14. One double headed daffodil
15. Miniature – any colour-one bloom
16. Miniature, multihead
17. One – any other variety
18. One split corona
19. 3 stems of different daffodils

### CLASS B - Bulbs

1. Hyacinth – 1
2. Muscari (match heads) – 6
3. Tulip – any variety – 1
4. Freesias – any colour – 1
5. Iris – Dutch – any colour – 1
6. Iris – Miniature Dwarf Bearded – any colour – 1
7. Iris – Tall Bearded – any colour – 1
8. Fritillaria – small variety – 1
9. Trillium
10. Any other Bulb/Corm flower – 1

### CLASS C - Cut Flowers

1. Polyanthus – any colour – 1 truss
2. Polyanthus – 3 colours – 1 truss of each
3. Primroses – single one colour – 6 stems
4. Primroses – single mixed – 6 stems
5. Primroses – double one colour – 6 stems
6. Primroses – double mixed – 6 stems
7. Primula denticulata – 1 stem
8. Pansies/violas – 3 on a saucer – any colour
9. Violets – not more than 6 stems
10. Lavender – any variety – 3 heads
11. Hellebore – any colour – one stem
12. Hellebore Feotidus – one stem
13. Mixed varieties of any 6 flowers in one vase
14. Any cut flower not mentioned – 1

## CLASS D - Flowering Shrubs & Tree

1. Rhododendron – one head – large flower
2. Rhododendron – one head – small flower
3. Rhododendron – one head – miniature flower
4. Camellia – Single 1 flower
5. Camellia – Double 1 flower
6. Camellia – Miniature 1 sprig
7. One Branch of any Shrub – small flower
8. One Branch of any Shrub – large flower
9. One Branch of any Proteacea – e.g. Banksia
10. Any Flowering Climber
11. One branch of any flowering tree

## CLASS E - Floral Design

1. Collection of weeds in a 440g tin can i.e Baked bean can
2. Adult Sand Saucer
3. An arrangement of Foliage the option of blooms of one colour
4. Freedom
5. Miniature Arrangement – no larger than 10 cms square including container.

## CLASS F - For Mainly Men

1. Spanner in the Works

## CLASS G: Handcraft Section

1. Knitted hat
2. Knitted toy
3. Crocheted toy
4. Cushion Cover



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# WAITATI BOOK CLUB by Scott Willis

The Waitati Bookclub meet-up in August was almost a full house affair, all of us, only bar Ian, meeting at Ross and Barbara's beautiful welcoming home in Pūrākaunui – a perfect place to meet mid-winter, with travel over roads only recently cleared of slips and snow.



## THE BOOK

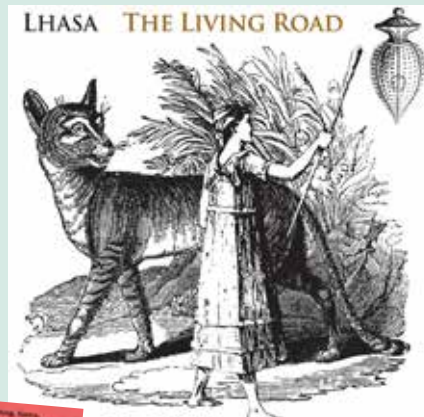
*Helena, or The sea in summer* by Julián Ayesta

I asked Marc to summarise as I didn't read this book, one of my bookclub failures! "It is a short work and the stronger for it. Written in 1952 in the post-Franco era, it is a lyrical, poetic account of a first love between adolescents using vivid imagery and unashamedly beautiful prose — a jewel. For the most part, it was unanimously enjoyed as something extraordinary, although one member felt it was spoiled by religious undertones." A good discussion was had.

## OTHER BOOKS

*Notes from an Apocalypse: A Personal Journey to the End of the World and Back* by Mark O'Connell

A cheery title (not) but this is an incisive, engaging and compassionate journal of the end of times. I'm still only 2/3rds of my way through it, even though it's a short read, but particularly appreciated the chapter on Aotearoa New Zealand titled "Bolt-hole". You might too.



## MUSIC

*Lhasa de Sela/ The Living Road*

I have been enjoying re-listening to Lhasa recently. This album is simply stunning. Lhasa was an American-Canadian singer-songwriter who tragically died at age 37, after only three albums. Her voice is unique and I haven't heard

anyone like her since. Only three precious albums and a few clips on YouTube...

## TV/FILM/PLAYS ETC.

*I Don't Feel at Home in this World Anymore* – Netflix

This was a surprisingly funny thriller hidden posing as a small quiet film. One of the main supporting characters is Frodo/ Elijah Wood, a nerdy neighbour to Ruth (Melanie Lynskey), the film's heroine. A story of life's struggles, a burglary, and ultimately, through some trials, justice.



## BEER

*Schneider Weisse Helle Weissbier*, 5.2% alc/vol.

A member who is an enthusiastic drinker of wheat beers was very pleased to discover a supermarket is newly stocking Schneider Weisse in cans. Conscious that provision of beer is irregular at the moment, he has selfishly opted not to reveal which supermarket it is.

*North End, Visitation Belgian Quadruple*, 10.5% alc/vol.

Rich, strong, fruity and very pleasant on a cold evening, this is a beer to savour rather than quaff. For those who like to explore a little.

**Editor's Note:** This brew must be worth visiting, because it featured last month as well.

## MEANING OF LIFE

*"Apocalypse does not point to a fiery Armageddon but to the fact that our ignorance and our complacency are coming to an end."*

*Joseph Campbell.*





# Swimming

Hilary Rowley

**I've got a wee adage which makes me overcome a reluctance to do something or push me out of my comfort zone.**

It goes like this: If you are standing next to a river, pool or the sea and are reluctant to jump in because it might be cold...remember you have never regretted a swim ever.

It may not work for you, but it works for me every time (especially if taken literally) because I love swimming so much.

I try to go swimming every day if I can. Mostly I go to Moana Gow pool at Hawksbury village as it is open all year round and only cost \$200 a year for a key fob to get in the door any time of the day or night. Port Chalmers pool is beautiful, bigger than Moana Gow, but only open in summer. St Clair saltwater pool is also only open in summer, but it is so warm and lovely it makes you feel like you have gone for a tropical holiday. Moana pool in Dunedin is so big and interesting with heaps of stuff going on; my favourite part is the deliciously jetty spa pool to relax in afterward.

All of these pools are about the same distance to travel to from Blueskin Bay so you can really take your pick.

The pool at Hawksbury is entered via a ramp instead of steps so even if your body can't manage steps or ladders you can still go for a swim, it is however, not deep enough for aqua jogging if that is your thing.

Swimming is an aerobic exercise- great for your heart, lowers your blood pressure, and uses every major muscle group, without any pressure on aging joints, so you can do it even if you have dodgy knees and hips.

Regular swimming also improves memory, cognitive function, immune response and mood. Swimming may also help repair damage from stress and forge new neural connections in the brain. So swimming actually makes your brain younger.

Something I've noticed though is that very few middle aged and older men swim. The only reason I can think of for this is that there may be a reluctance to take the aging body out in public in a pair of budgie smugglers, but have no fear; the pool is not a beauty contest (you should see the rest of us). It is perfectly fine to wear board shorts and a rash vest, some people even swim in spring wetsuits.

The pool is such a level playing field that some of the fastest and fittest swimmers are in their 80's, and that is just so very inspiring.

For details on getting membership at Hawksbury see MoanaGowPoolHawksbury on Facebook, or email [moanagowpooltrust@gmail.com](mailto:moanagowpooltrust@gmail.com)

The other pools can be contacted via the DCC.

Do it, you won't ever regret going for a swim.

## Keep Dunedin Beautiful Awards

**On Tuesday the 2nd of August at the Public Art Gallery we celebrated the mahi of many wonderful volunteers who make the city special, with our keep Dunedin Beautiful annual Awards night. Some of the nominees come from our North coast area:**

### Dunedin Amenities Society Best School Project Award

Acknowledging schools around Dunedin for their work to look after our communities, city and the environment.

**Pūrākaunui School - Highly Commended.** For their amazing tree planting project with Halo Project at Long Beach — planting 200 trees, no mean feat for a school of 20 pupils

**Waikouaiti School Highly Commended.** The Envirogroup and wider school cares about their environment and aims to stop rubbish and pollution entering the lagoon and ocean.

### Taylor Community Pride Shield (Community groups/ Organisations)

Acknowledging Community Groups and Organisations who put are working to make our community cleaner, better, more sustainable, and more resilient. Many of these are completely volunteers-based groups and organisation

**OneCoast - Highly Commended.** OneCoast works hard to educate, advocate, and empower their community with recycling, waste minimisation and zero waste, especially in far flung Coastal Otago!

**Halo Project - Highly Commended.** For their work to trap predators, restore forests and engage communities encouraging the restoration of native habitat.

### Hawksbury Lagoon Inc. - Highly Commended.

Hawksbury Lagoon Inc. and their volunteers work tirelessly to "enhance, protect and conserve the habitats of the wildlife and plant life within the environs of the lagoon and to encourage interest and appreciation of the Hawksbury Lagoon by residents, visitors and special interest groups.

### Jan Tucker Special Award

**Winner - Leisa de Klerk.** In her role at One Coast, Leisa has gone above and beyond, arranging the collection and recycling of tetra packs. Creating collection points across the city, including Blueskin library, committing her own time to carry this out mahi for us all.

### Mandy Mayhem-Bullock



# Blueskin Youth and Community Amenities Association — Chair's Report August 2022

This past year for the Association has been one of hurry up and wait with some of our key personal having serious health issues and Covid locking us in.

Nevertheless as we look at what has been achieved by the group over the years we should stand proud. 2012 – construction of the skate park and tennis courts, 2014 – 4km walkway around estuary, 2017 – construction of Boardwalk from Doctors Point Road and 2018 – installation of interpretation panels on the walkway and at the beach.

The group is planning and looking forward to some serious community projects in the near future.

As we say a farewell to Wendy Harrex as our Secretary, you have been a living legend Wendy thank you so much for your energy, our community is proud and thankful to have had your expertise on so many issues, we hope you will be on call as we seek advice in the future.

This is a community group achieving projects for our community, if you wish to be involved come along to the AGM.

Our AGM is scheduled for Wednesday 28 September at 7.30pm at Waitati Fire Station

**Paul Clements**

**VOTE  
GERALDINE TAIT  
for the  
Waikouaiti  
Coast  
Community  
Board**



## ***What is important to me?***

Protecting and improving our quality of life through the provision of good basic services, taking care of our environment and fostering a caring community.

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.



## **Waitati Militia**

**The historic Waitati Militia is New Zealand's longest serving pacifist warfare group.**

The Waitati Militia originally established to protest the Vietnam war. Their first event was to be Anzac day 1972 and by the spring of that year they had established their intent going forward

50 years on and STILL GOING STRONG they continue to stage elaborate mock battles, among themselves and with other communities. Their weaponry generally consists of PAPER SWORDS, FLOUR BOMBS, an arsenal of bad poetry, insults and missiles comprising soft toys and food items Their military insignia is teapot-inspired, and tea features significantly in their campaigns

Colourful and flamboyant with teapot emblems flying, drums banging we will celebrate

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE MILITIA BALL AT THE WAITATI HALL

8pm 10th of September

All welcome Sidekicks and Combative forces

Tickets will be \$20 to cover the music

Confirmed Bands SOUL DEEP and Joe Public

**Mandy Mayhem-Bullock**

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## Remembering St Francis of Assissi.

It seems Francis was a bit of a lad. As a young man he was wealthy and privileged, and liked to party. His father was a wealthy silk merchant, so he had the best clothes. His Mum was a French aristocrat, so he got all the invites. He was dashing and brave, fun and witty. He was christened Giovanni, but his dad, Pietro, called him "Francesco" ('Frenchman') and paid his bar tab, his tailors' bills and everything else. He went with the army to fight Perugia and was captured. It took a year, but his father ransomed him. It seemed Pietro would indulge his son in everything, but he could afford it.

Sadly, this fond relationship finally broke. Pietro would let his son do anything, except give stuff away. His reckless life finally paled for Francis and he took to give everything away. His father couldn't cope with that, disinherited him, and so Francis took to the roads as a wandering preacher. His view was that God had made the world, and in the world we could get glimpses of God. For this reason care of the world was vitally important.

Francis was tremendously successful, charismatic, charming, welcome pretty much everywhere (he went to Egypt and tried to convert the Caliph); the friend of rulers and Popes while succeeding in remaining itinerant and poor. He knew his own faults and limitations, so that when the Franciscan Friars grew from a bunch of friends to a full-blown religious order, he put someone else in charge.

We remember him now as a friend of nature. He saved the people of Gubbio from a predatory wolf. But in his own way: he negotiated a deal whereby the villagers fed the wolf, and he didn't eat them. In 1979 Pope John Paul 2 made Francis patron saint for the environment.

At St Barnabas, in the best tradition of the Vicar of Dibley, we will hold an animal blessing service at 2pm on Sunday 2 October. All pets and people are welcome to attend.

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

**VOTE #1**

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# Council elections: making the most of your STV vote

**Dunedin voters will again be using STV at the October elections to elect a new city council. Gavin Beattie outlines in this article how voters can use their STV vote to help achieve the result they want.**

The single transferable vote (STV) electoral system is, as its name indicates, a single vote that is transferred between candidates according to each voter's preferences. This is in contrast to the old first-past-the-post (FPP) system, where the voter has as many votes as there are vacancies.

The STV system is quite different, and is a fundamentally fairer system. This is because all voters have a better chance of contributing to the election of their preferred candidate(s). It is also because votes are not 'wasted' by voting for candidates who are either, popular enough not to need all the votes they receive, in order to be elected, or who are not popular enough to get elected. In these cases votes are transferred, partially in the case of candidates already with enough votes to be elected, to the voter's next preference.

Not only is STV fairer, it can also provide representation proportional to the communities of interest voters relate to. This will result in greater diversity around the council table. These communities of interest may include different age groups such as under-represented young people; different ethnic groups, including Māori; different rural and urban communities; as well as a wide range of special interest groups such as environmental and conservation interests and the disabled.

Dunedin voters can achieve proportional representation as a result firstly of the election being held at-large across the whole city. Then, by voters understanding that under STV, there is no incentive to vote in any way other than for their true preferences for the candidates on the voting paper.

This understanding is based on the fact that votes are always allocated in order, firstly to a voter's first preference (i.e. number 1 on the voting paper), and then it can be transferred to their second preference (number 2), and then to their third preference (number 3), and so on. In this way, a voter's lower preference for a particular candidate can never override that voter's higher preference. In other words, there is no incentive to vote other than according to your true preferences.

Put another way, there is no incentive to vote negatively or 'tactically' with a view to keeping a particular candidate out. The voter simply ranks other candidates higher than the candidate they wish to keep out.

Arising from this, two frequently asked questions are: how many candidates should I vote for (i.e. rank)? And, should I rank at all, the candidate I least want to be elected?

Voters can rank as many or as few candidates as they wish. As long as your voting paper has a single number 1, a single number 2, a single number 3 and so on, your vote will continue to be counted. The more preferences you identify, the more you maximise the power of your single transferable vote.

Some voters rank all candidates. Some rank candidates equal to the number of vacancies there are. Some may rank candidates up to the point where they have no further preferences among the remaining candidates. Some may rank candidates up to the point where they cannot bring themselves to vote for a particular candidate, i.e. their least preferred candidate.

The number of ranked candidates is up to each voter. As long as there is a continuous sequence of singly numbered rankings (i.e. 1, 2, 3 etc.), you can contribute to the election of at least one of your preferred candidates. In doing so, you will have a say in electing a council that is more representative of the diverse communities that make up Dunedin City.

**Gavin Beattie** is a former senior adviser to the Local Government Commission and at the Department of Internal Affairs he led policy development for the Local Electoral Act 2001 including the options for councils to establish Māori wards and to adopt STV.



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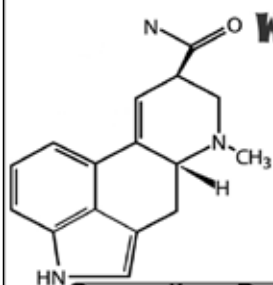
N.B. no evening menu on the 1st and 2nd Wed of each month due to quiz night or Waitati talks (supper provided, booking essential)

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# Waitati's Wonderful Wheel of What's on - September

Wheel of What be happenin' - Monthly and Special Events



**John Dodds**  
Live - Free entry 7pm  
Katie

**BSG**

3 Sep

**Recycling Paper and Plastic**  
At Your Gate Early  
**BsB**  
3 Oct

**Waitati Community Market**  
But, sell, parade, Late morning  
**BSL**  
4 Sep

**Waitati Community Market**  
Buy, sell, parade,  
Late morning  
**BSL**  
2 Oct

**Recycling Paper and Plastic**  
At Your Gate Early  
**BsB**  
5 Sep

**Term Three Ends**  
Children about!!  
Watch out!! Day's end  
**WS**  
30 Sep

**Bottle Recycling**  
At Your Gate Early  
**BsB**  
26 Sep

**Knitwits**  
Blueskin Bay  
Knitwits  
2:30-4:30pm  
Christine  
0211339340  
**BsL**  
20 Sep

**Recycling Paper and Plastic**  
At Your Gate Early  
**BsB**  
19 Sep

**David Gale Duo**  
Live - Free entry 7pm  
Katie  
**BSG**  
17 Sep

**Waitati Talks**  
Spotting and Stopping  
Fraud  
\$15 incl. supper RSVP Txt  
to book 021 1485535  
**BSG**  
7pm  
14 Sep

**Children's Book Club**  
3:30-4:30pm Ph: 4822444  
**BsL**  
13 Sep

**Bottle Recycling**  
At Your Gate Early  
**BsB**  
12 Sep

**Waitati Militia Ball**  
Bands, festivities, Dress up!  
8pm Queen Mandy  
**WTH**  
10 Sep

**Quizz Night**  
\$15 including supper  
Katie  
**GoB**  
7 Sep

**Knitwits**  
2:30-4:30pm  
Christine  
0211339340  
**BsL**  
6 Sep

**Location Key**  
3 Sat  
ARC ARC Brewery  
BL Blueskin Library  
BIP Bland Park  
BsB Blueskin Bay Area  
KaH Karitane Hall  
GoB Gallery on Blueskin  
HuB Waiputai Hub  
SBC St Barnabas Church  
TeL Telephone for Location  
WgH Warrington Hall  
WiH Waitati Hall  
WS Waitati School

**October**  
3 Mon  
2 Sun  
30 Fri  
26 Mon  
20 Tue  
19 Mon  
17 Sat  
14 Wed  
13 Tue  
12 Mon



Saturday...

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

Sunday

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

**WEDNESDAY**

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

**THURSDAY**

**Pilates**  
\$18 Casual session, \$150 for 11,  
6pm, Sylvia 021 109 9302  
**HuB**  
**Pilates** Pilates for your back  
and posture 11am  
Sabine 0212070664  
**WiH**  
**Yoga** Bring your own mat  
\$10pp, 6.30-7.30pm  
Hagino hagino.yoga@gmail.com  
**WgH**  
**Exercise**  
Classes with Shania 6-7  
**WiH**

**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  
**HuB**  
**Knitwits** 6.30-8.30pm  
Christine 0211339340  
**BL**

**TUESDAY**  
**HuB**

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

Work is entirely to blame this month

# CLASSIFIEDS

## WAIPUTAI HUB [waiputai@gmail.com](mailto:waiputai@gmail.com) ONE OFF EVENTS

**Dunedin, a Night Sky City** —Light pollution can be fixed. Mike Broughton, amateur astronomer, will be presenting to the community about how we can protect the night sky for future generations for our economy and human health. Come and discuss, and have a cuppa. Free, September . 7p.m.-8:30pm. Waiputai Hub

### 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.

### 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 September 9 & 23, 7pm- 8:30pm

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

### NEW PILATES COURSE

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

### LILLIPUT LIBRARIES

28 Brown Street, Waitati  
Coast Road and Watson Streets, Warrington

### BLUESKIN PLAYCENTRE

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

### EAST OTAGO PLAYGROUP

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

### SHINE-BRIGHT-CENTRE.CO.NZ:

Pilates for Back and Posture Thursday 11am, Waitati

Hall. Nordic Walking Wednesday 9am, Waitati/Seacliff/ Karitane. For more information contact Sabine 021 207 0664 or [shinebrightcentre@gmail.com](mailto:shinebrightcentre@gmail.com)

### WAIKOUAITI COAST HERITAGE CENTRE

View our heritage collection and work by local artists/ crafts people. Visit our 1869 Heritage BNZ building, 200 Main Road, Waikouaiti

Open 1-4pm Wed-Thurs and 10am-4pm Fri-Sun

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