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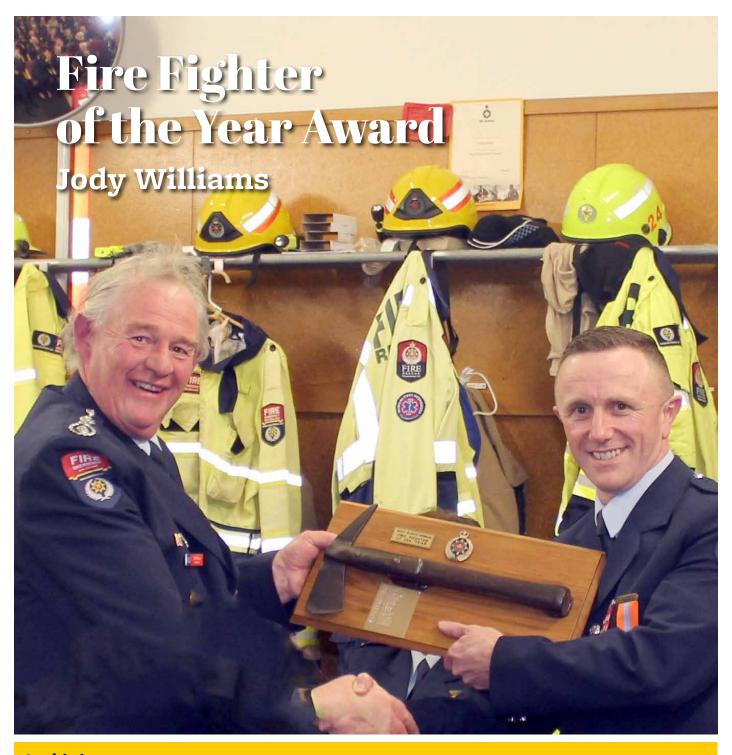
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# Length of Service up to August 2024

Paul Clements - 55 Years Dave Hardisty - 31 Years Jeff Burrow - 22 Years Charles Abraham - 16 Years Glenn Hayes - 15 Years Sharon Brogan - 14 Years Amanda Church - 14 Years Seraya Figgins - 14 Years Simon Easton - 11 Years Jody Williams - 11 Years Craig Meade - 11 Years Keppel Kooman - 8 Years Jens Stedeler - 8 Years Johnny Lisle - 6 Years Callum Milburn - 5 Years Baden Oxley - 3 Years Jon Visser - 1 Year Jaimee Visser - 1 Year Damon Campbell - 1 Year New Recruits - Libby Yeoman, Tara Cheung, David Peterson

# 2023 UFBA Awards Outstanding

Johnny Lisle - 5 Year Medal Andy Beecroft - 5 Year Medal Keppel Kooman - 7 Year Service Amanda Church - 13 Year Service Glenn Hayes - 13 Year Service

### 2024 UFBA Awards

Dave Hardisty - 31 Years - Gold Bar Glenn Hayes - 15 Years - Silver Bar Jody Williams - 11 Years - Silver Bar Craig Meade - 11 Years - Silver Bar Callum Milburn - 5 Year Service Medal Baden Oxley - 3 Year Certificate

# **FENZ Long Service** & Good Conduct

Glenn Hayes Sharon Brogan Amanda Church Seraya Figgins

# Other Awards to mention

Paul Clements - 2024 Honours List Citation for Queen's Service Medal - For Service to FENZ and the Community.

Jody Williams - Part of the East Otago Road Crash Rescue Challenge Team - Clean sweep of awards at the Otago Southland UFBA RCR Competitions and the National Title at the New Zealand UFBA RCR Competition.



Glen Hayes



Seraya Figgins



**Amanda Church** 



Sharon Brogan



**Craig Meade** 



**Dave Hardisty** 



**Jody Williams** 



Callum Milburn



**Baden Oxley** 



**Charles Abraham** 

# From your Overseas Correspondent

# A 9-Step Program to Surviving a Broken Teapot

Stay in the UK for any length of time and you begin to fully realise the British love of tea. From the first cup in bed at 7am through elevenses, after lunch, tea-time, the last cup before bed and all the other ones in-between, tea is always on offer

My sister-in-law Annie broke the teapot this morning! We've all been there. The lovely and perfect pot that we knew could break but also thought would never ever because we are so careful. Until one day, a slip of the hand, a mere second's distraction, and that pot meets its maker. Yes, we've all been there and recognise what it takes to come out of the Broken Teapot condition with minimal scarring and trauma.

Step 1: Denial - The sound of shattering porcelain rings out like an uncanny bell. For three whole seconds you stare in disbelief at the pieces on the floor.

Step 2: Anger - Swear at self for being clumsy.

Step 3: Bargaining - Maybe you can glue it back together?

Step 4: Depression - You'll never find a teapot like it ever again.

Step 5: Acceptance - You resolve to buy a new teapot. This is a decision fraught with many considerations.

Step 6: Size it up - Decide on the capacity of the teapot.

Step 7: Make material matter - The material the teapot is made of will make a difference to heat retention and also the taste of the tea. Glass, porcelain, ceramic, stoneware, or stainless steel.

Step 8: Follow the form - The form of a teapot consists of its pouring ability, in particular the position of the handle and how comfortable it is to hold and the performance of the spout.

Step 9: Celebrate - Make a pot of tea with your new teapot. Don't drop it this time. At this point while you are sharing a cup with your partner they reveal that they never liked the old teapot

At this point I can only say that I miss my coffee capsules and Nespresso machine! Hopefully I will be home soon as my passport woes are very slowly being addressed and solutions found. It may be that this will be my last issue as a foreign correspondent, but I'm not counting on it!

# Keep warm and safe Bernie

# **BLUESKIN YOUTH** & COMMUNITY

**Amenities Association Incorporated** 

# **AGM**

Thursday 19 September 7.30-8.30pm



Waitati Fire Station Harvey Street, Waitati Everyone welcome

# Blueskin Bay **Community Spaces**

# **Warrington Hall**

Available for birthdays, family gatherings, exercise classes, dances and dos etc, at reasonable rates. Hire includes a fully equipped kitchen and tables and chairs - we have a large viewing screen and a new sound system.

Contact Lyn 482 2896 or Rowena 482 2667

### Waitati Hall

Suitable for large meetings, weddings, parties, concerts, dances etc. (up to 120) features kitchen, toilets, stage, sound system and large projection screen.

Contact Blueskin Nurseries on 482 2828

# Waitati Hall Meeting Room

Suitable for committee meetings, small gatherings, demonstrations etc. (up to 20 people) features kitchen and toilets.

Contact Blueskin Nurseries on 482 2828

# Blueskin Bay Library Meeting Room

Suitable for committee meetings, presentations, training, interviews etc. (up to 12 people) features modular tables, large projection screen, kitchenette and toilets.

Contact Blueskin Bay Library 482 2444 blucirc1@dcc.govt.nz

# Waiputai Hub - Stephenson St, Warrington

Warm and cosy meeting space, community gatherings, classes, children's parties, and workshops for up to 20 people. Features include small kitchen, comfy couches, tables and chairs, fenced grounds including playground for under 5s and toilets. Available to hire for workshops, courses, children's parties or family events etc. at a reasonable hourly rate. Booking enquiries to waiputai@gmail.com or Nancy 482 1198 or 021 171 0226.

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

# **Warrington Hall AGM**

Warrington Memorial Hall Committee invite you to our Annual General Meeting. To be held on Tuesday 8 October, 7.30pm at the hall, supper to follow.

We are a small group of 7 locals who keep the hall up and running for everyone's benefit. It is great to see the hall being used most nights for Indoor Bowls, Yoga, Dancing, Line Dancing and Singing. As well as parties and other functions. We, the committee maintain the inside of the hall from monies received from the DCC. The DCC maintain the outside of the building and we the committee keep the grounds and lawns tidy. We do not need to fundraise to keep the hall in good order.

We meet every second month for a short meeting to discuss finances, repairs etc. We, as an Incorporated Society have been told by Govternment that we must have 10 members on our committee. So we need some more local folk to come along and join us. It's a great way to meet people and do your bit in our small community to keep the hall running smoothly. Please keep the evening of Tuesday 8 October free to come along and offer your support for our community hall.

Hello again from Point Clare, Australia. We have been over here for over 2 months now with 1 month to go, spending lovely time with family.



I often wonder how my garden is faring? Normally I would have had my tomatoes planted in my glasshouse by now, ready for first pick at Christmas.

Now to Garden Club matters. Our August club meeting was held on 8 August at the Blueskin library. Our speaker was Susan Hellyer who spoke on her recent trip to Scotland, Ireland and Wales and many of the wonderful gardens she visited.

On Thursday 29 August club members will meet at 'The Cliffs' to pick and bunch Elizabeth Sumpter's daffodils, in readiness for Daffodil Day, the next day. Willing volunteers will man stalls at our 'On the Spot' store, and at 'The Harvey Street Merchant'. We appreciate the generosity of Elizabeth, Heather and Mel making daffodil day such a success each year.

Our September meeting will be held at the Waitati Hall where I will speak about 'The Miracle of the Monarch Butterfly'.

My hope is that we will be able to establish the monarch butterfly in the Blueskin Bay area this summer. I will speak of the amazing life cycle of the butterfly and the plants we need to plant in our gardens for the caterpillars and butterflies to flourish in our community.

On the weekend of the 28 & 29 September, we have our very popular Spring Flower Show to be held in the Waitati Hall. Entries are to be entered on Saturday morning, and the hall will be open for public viewing on Sunday from 10am, with the prize giving being held at 3pm. Have a look at the schedule and see what you can enter. It's great fun!

Bev Lyon - publicity



# **OTAGO POLYFEST: Building on 30 Years of** Tradition with Exciting **New Features**

Whakarongo! Whakarongo! Whakarongo ki te tangi a te manu e karanga nei Tui, tui, tui, tuia. Tuia i runga, tuia i raro, tuia i roto, tuia i waho. Tuia i te here tangata Tihei Mauriora

As Otago Polyfest enters its 31st year, we continue to build on three decades of celebrating Māori and Pasifika cultures by developing the exciting new elements from last year's milestone event. This year's festivities will run from Monday, September 9, to Friday, September 13, at the MoreFM Arena, Edgar Centre.

Introduced last year, The Village will offer more stalls for organisations and a welcoming space for whānau and community members to gather, enjoy kai, and immerse themselves in the Polyfest experience. Located on the courts at the Edgar Centre, The Village will feature a large-screen livestream of the performances onstage and provide a space for people to share their own stories, engage in activities, and connect with services and agencies.

General Manager Pip Laufiso highlights the importance of additions: "Last year's new features like The Village were met with overwhelming support. We achieved our aspiration to extend our stalls and hospitality areas, and these elements not only enriched the festival experience but also deepened our community connections. We are thrilled to continue these traditions." This year's event boasts an impressive line-up of 160 performances scheduled across the five days at the Arena, showcasing the diverse talents of our community.

Participation from 128 Otago education institutions reflects the festival's broad reach and growing popularity. Among these are 51 early learning services, 55 primary schools, and 20 secondary schools from Dunedin, Waitaki, Clutha, and Central Otago. Chair Angelina Kiore emphasises the significance of both continuing successful elements and creating new experiences: "Incorporating these elements has allowed us to honour our past while looking forward to the future. Hearing our reo and seeing thousands of children and youth perform is at the heart of Polyfest, and these new features enhance that experience."



# Coastal Connection breaks ground

The first stage of a trail to connect Waikouaiti to Port Chalmers is underway. Volunteers have started building a section of trail between Waitati and Orokonui Ecosanctuary.

The Coastal Communities Cycle Connection (Coastal Connection for short) is a project to connect Dunedin's north coast communities of Waikouaiti, Karitane, Warrington and Waitati to each other and to the city. Now our dream is becoming reality, thanks to generous landowners and people giving their time for free. We have an amazing community.

Waitiati landowners Graeme and Marie Bennett have allowed the trail to pass through their property, opening up a route from Doctor's Point Rd to Mopanui Rd, beside the Orokonui Ecosanctuary.

The Dunedin Tracks Network Trust recently received resource consent from the Dunedin City Council for this section of trail. Local consultant James Taylor from Beca prepared the consent application pro-bono, for which we are very grateful. We'd also like to thank the DCC for their support of this section so far.

Andy Parsons, another local resident, has put in time on a donated digger from Cargill Contracting, along with master track builder Hamish Seaton. This section of trail is going to be something special. One part even has a dedicated downhill path for cyclists and a separate uphill one with an easier gradient for walkers and cyclists. The quality of the trail is only surpassed by the views.

The trail will allow cyclists and walkers to ascend 270m in elevation off-road from Doctor's Point Rd to Mopanui Rd, providing sweeping views over Blueskin Bay. The trail will be mostly Grade 2 (easy) with some Grade 3 (intermediate) parts and is expected to open in 2025. A future off-road trail planned from Blueskin Rd down to Port Chalmers will create a commuter route to Dunedin for Blueskin Bay residents and will give access to the north coast for city residents and visitors.

Further north, the community has raised the funds for the preliminary design of the Waikouaiti River rail bridge clip-on and work is underway on the design.

Trees planted along the built section include donations from Blueskin Nurseries and Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki. Other donations have started to roll in and we are very grateful to some generous locals along with the Blueskin A&P Society and the Waikouaiti Coast Community Board. We need \$300,000 of materials to finish the current section, to support the \$400,000 worth of donated labour, equipment, detailed design, management and professional fees. If you'd like to support the completion of this section please donate at www.dunedintracksandtrails.nz

Emily Cooper, project coordinator



# **East Otago Plunket News**

The East Otago Playgroup in Waikouaiti continues to run weekly on Wednesdays between 10.00 and 12.00 at the Plunket Rooms in the East Otago Events Centre. Come along and join in to connect with other parents and caregivers in your local community and to give your child a chance to socialise and build connections with other children.

We are running a First Aid course specifically tailored to parents of babies and toddlers on Monday 16 September in the Plunket Clinic Rooms in the Palmerston Community Centre: to book a place at the small cost of \$15 email annabel.kuzma@plunket.org.nz. If you can't make this course but are interested in doing this on another date, there will still be one more run this year in Waikouaiti on 5 November.

On Wednesday 18 September we are running a Dunk It for Plunket fundraiser event at the Plunket Rooms in the East Otago Events Centre from 10am - 12pm. Come and join us for a cuppa and biscuits combined with the opportunity to acquire second hand clothes, toys and other items appropriate to babies and children under five at the bargain price of \$5 to fill a bag, with a few special items priced separately. If anyone would like to donate any good condition items please either drop them into a Playgroup session (see above), contact annabel.kuzma@plunket.org.nz or bring them along on the day.

Look out for our upcoming annual Spring Seeds fundraiser in conjunction with Wildflower World, details of which will be publicised on Otago Plunket's Facebook Page and shared to local Facebook community groups.

If your child needs a Plunket appointment, or for any other clinical enquiries please call 0800 184 803.

Ngā mihi nui, Annabel

# The Power of a Plant

Stand up everyone in Blueskin Bay who has a cup of tea or coffee in the morning before they feel like a functioning human. I think if everyone did this at once we would hear the sound of chairs scraping back all across the bay. Let's face it - we are almost all caffeine addicts.

Coffee came originally from Ethiopia and Yemen. Sufi monasteries in Yemen were using coffee as an aid to concentration during prayer in the 15th century. It spread across the world very quickly. By the late 17th century coffee houses were established in Germany, Holland and England. People just couldn't get enough of that feeling of increased alertness and physical energy, and they still can't today. It's one of the most popular drinks in the world.

If scientists want to test the effects of coffee against a control group of people who have no caffeine in their system, it is almost impossible to find any. Popular stuff.

The flip sides of caffeine use are anxiety, agitation, heartburn, insomnia, high blood pressure... of course no one wants to know about these - "But how will I function without my cup of tea/ coffee/energy drink?'

I was once on a hitchhiking trip with a friend around the North Island. I woke in the morning in our wee tent in a rest area with a seriously raging head ache. I didn't even know until now that you could get addicted to coffee, but I was absolutely craving it. A poke around in our packs revealed the scope of the disasterno coffee or tea left. I was so desperate for relief I went over to a camper van which was sharing our rest area and begged the people for coffee. I had no self respect, classic drug addict behaviour. They gave me some instant (of course they had some, everyone has some), and my headache went away. I vowed to cut my coffee consumption from 8 cups a day to around 2 cups a day. After many years I gave up completely, now I only drink decaffeinated coffee and tea, as well as many other hot drinks which contain no caffeine. Cocoa however does contain caffeine.

It takes a couple of weeks to get clean but finally your alertness and energy levels return to your natural levels.

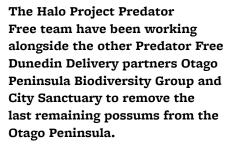
In this anxiety inducing world we have created, even young children are anxious and drink caffeine laced energy drinks. The last thing we need is more cortisol, but caffeine increases our levels of this hormone which elicits the "fight or flight" response.

The problem with addictive substances is that the first few times you have them you feel great, but after a while you need them to feel normal. That coffee you crave before you can function is just making you feel normal. When I do occasionally have a cup of coffee with caffeine in it I get a pretty big boost, it is probably like having something much more illegal and expensive.

Amazing how this little berry has us in its clutches isn't it?

**Hilary Rowley** 

# **Halo Project**



This work has involved a multi-faceted approach, from backyard trapping to the installation of AI enabled AT220 devices, night-shooting, and a team of conservation dogs.

The Halo Project Predator Free Manager Jonah Kitto-Verhoef is chuffed with his newly graduated possum dog 'Scout'. Scout has been living up to his name by searching in difficult terrain for possum scat. Scat found is recorded, and the area is followed up with a variety of tools to remove the possums detected.

Scout and the other detection dogs who joined the mission have now covered over 3,000 hectares, helping to remove over 25 of the last remaining possums.





Other members of the Halo Predator Free team have been busy installing the automatic self-resetting AT220 devices paired with the FTP AI TrapNode cameras allowing not only for possum removal but also for ongoing monitoring of any animal that interacts with the device. This network is solar powered which ensures photos of the resident possums are sent in real time directly to the team on the ground.

Other tools in the possum removal toolbox include drone cameras, helicopter thermal sweeps and trail cameras. The Predator Free team is throwing everything they have at this ever mainland possum elimination in Aotearoa/New Zealand!

The Halo Project Source to Sea team have been supporting dozens of volunteers to plant 12,000 native seedlings on Heyward Point. They are grateful for the support of community members and groups who have participated. With plenty more planting and pest plant removal planned for the coming months, they'd love your support. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to info@haloproject.org.nz for more info.



# Nobby's Karen

Just when you thought it safe to be Karen again, up pops Karen Carter, the life partner of Invercargill Mayor Nobby Clark. Nobbys' Karen believe's democracys' rules on diversity and inclusion mean racist bigots must be allowed a voice. And who better to defend in her pursuit than DCC councillor Lee Vandervis.

While Nobby see's no harm in the N-word, Karen says 'most people are sick to death of this misconception that we all have to become white Māori'. Meanwhile, Vandervis disrespects political arm Te Pae Māori, demeans mana whenua, and demonises the aspirations of matawaka, the confederation of tribes.

However Karen, Nobby and Lee see no harm in forcing Māori to become brown Europeans. Vandervis, knowing prejudice and intolerance attracts votes, uses bigotry as a political strategy. Carter and Clark aren't so smart. They assert Māori are just another ethnicity within a multi-cultural NZ, and Māori deserve no more special significance than any other group. Vandervis would no doubt agree. Their ignorance of how post-colonialism works is astounding. De-colonisation, an increasingly popular term, is gonna blow their minds.

Our last Mayor Aaron Hawkins (we miss you Aaron), once told Lee Vandervis to 'go read a book'. If only. If Nobby and Karen have a book collection, they need to expand their reading list. Anything about Darwinism, ideology, hegemony, inequality and how capitalism creates class formations would be a good start.

Understanding the conections between power and culture should be compulsory for our local body representatives, because Aotearoa New Zealand, a multi-cultural society, operates under a bicultural framework. Simple enough really.

### **Doug Nuttall**



# Pūrākaunui School

One Waka. One Crew. Many Journeys.

Term 3 at Pūrākaunui School has kicked off with a focus on sports! The first two weeks have been action-packed, as students trained for and participated in the annual cross country event held in Waikouaiti. After being postponed due to inclement weather, the event took place under perfect conditions, allowing our tamariki to shine. It was a fantastic opportunity to unite with our "3 Peaks" cluster schools-Waitati, Warrington, Palmerston, Waikouaiti, Karitāne, and Macraes. The perseverance and positivity displayed by every student were truly inspiring, with each participant crossing the finish line—a testament to their dedication and hard work during training.

In tandem with cross country preparations, the entire school has been engaging in a cross-curricular exploration of the Olympics, past and present. The tamariki have produced exceptional work across various subjects, including art, poetry, statistics, and health. This culminated in our own mini-Olympics on the school field, featuring a variety of individual and team events and concluding with an awards ceremony where our winners proudly received their medals.

Looking ahead, the whole school is excited for our upcoming camp at the Snow Farm in Wānaka, where we will be cross-country skiing and spending two nights in a back country hut. We can't wait to learn new skills and return with stories of our adventures to share in the next issue.

# The Art of Decluttering Keep-Recycle-Discard



Decluttering is the process of organising and either discarding or rehoming unwanted or unused items from within a space. With the ultimate goal of creating a more functional and aesthetically pleasing environment.

The role of a Professional Organiser is to help guide and facilitate this process in a supportive, non judgemental way, with

the ultimate goal of improving a client's surroundings and the relationship they have with their homes, and their belongings.

I have been servicing the cleaning needs of Blueskin Bay for the past 7 years, and in this time I have observed how modern day clutter can take over and create a mental burden on the lives of those that live within those homes.

Time pressures of work and family commitments leave very little time or energy to get on top of cluttered zones within a home. As a response to what I saw, I started offering professional organising services about 4 years ago.

In that time I've had the pleasure of working with clients on a variety of areas, from wardrobes, home offices and linen cupboards to laundries, sheds and garages.

I can help you to take that first step in achieving a more organised, less cluttered home.

If you think my services could benefit you, then please do get in touch and let's talk.

### **Daisy Forest**

Fresh as a Daisy - Cleaning and Decluttering Services

Phone: 027 529 6887

Email: freshasadaisynz@gmail.com

# WAITATI BOOK CLUB by Ian Melvin

After a bit of toing and froing we established yes it was scheduled for Scott's, but he would rather not, so it was shifted to plan B at my place. After last minute enquiries confirmed we had a quorum after all, the green light was given. Marc and Peter were otherwise engaged and Scott could come as a belated attendant. We managed to have a fairly cheery and engaging get-together augmented by food, drink and a convivial discussion. Note: yes Scott did make it before the whiskey/whisky and rum were offered around.



# THE BOOK

### Marc - The Watcher And Other Stories by Italo Calvino

"I really liked how the importance of politics in the lives of the characters is portrayed, shaping their interactions and decision making, no matter how irrational. The characters are seemingly schlepping the burden of history and struggle to maintain objectivity and remain dispassionate. But is that a bad thing necessarily? I liked it." Marc was in the majority, Scott and I had our reservations, but it was one of the better and more lively book discussions, everyone had something worthwhile to offer.

### **OTHER BOOKS**

And The Mountains Echoed by Khaled Hosseini "Hosseini has that rare thing, a Dickensian knack for story telling. He excels at writing suspenseful epics filled with compelling characters...." Daily Telegraph

For those who enjoyed The Kite Runner you are sure to like this. Also set in Afghanistan.

### BEER

Moa Brewing Company - Imperial Oak Aged Stout 10.2%

alc. Bottle conditioned. This is probably my all time favourite beer from my favourite Kiwi Brewery, why? Not enough space here to express this adequately but everything a good stout should be plus. Whisky overtones from the barrel aging, complex, slightly fruity, right amount of sweetness bitterness balance, creamy full head etc etc. Moa offer a limited range of very well crafted traditional beers. They avoid the trap of trying to make a point of difference by adding extras or overcomplicating the product. Like an omelette, a REALLY good well made traditional beer cannot be improved upon, often achieving the opposite result in trying. (ie keep it simple stupid)

From the pile: **The Peddlers** - **Part Two**. Led by the incredible Roy Philips on organ and vocal, this trio with bassist and guitar and their unique and distinctive jazz sound almost defy genre classification. Love the smooth voice and soaring organ solos. Covering a wide range of material, the well known songs Girlie, and Birth are here, but my favourites are a great version of Little Red Rooster and a surprisingly and incongruously brilliant version of Where Have All The Flowers Gone. Check them out on YouTube. Both are good, the last one is worth it just for the intro.

# OTHER STUFF

**Bookshops:** I posted on our bookclub email page the Newsroom article on the award for NZ's best bookshop shared by Petronella's Bookshop in Tekapo of all places and The Booklovers Bookshop in Milford, Auckland. A good article by Steve Braunius that's worth a look. Marc, however, well and truly gazumped this from Holland, with photos and a report from his visit to the Dominicanen Bookshop, in a former Dominican church in Maastricht.

Well worth checking out on Google, it's pretty impressive and some great pics.

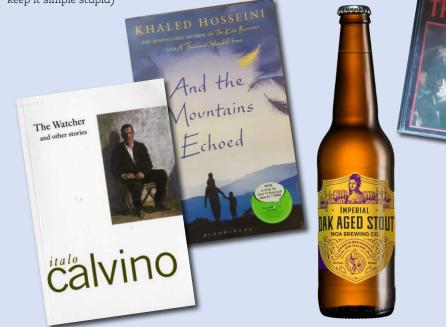
### WORD OF THE MONTH

Beauty: "is an enormous gift given randomly, stupidly..."

### **MEANING OF LIFE**

"I learned that the world didn't see the inside of you, that it didn't care a whit about the hopes and dreams and sorrows, that lay masked by skin and bone. It was as simple and absurd as that."

Both quotes from And The Mountains Echoed by Khaled Hosseini



# Waikouaiti Coast Heritage Centre



**Presentation of Photo Montage** 

It was an opportunity for those people involved with the museum over the past 15 or so years to get together on Sunday 11 August to farewell two stalwarts of the organisation, Bill and Kay Lang, who are heading back to Australia.

Bill and Kay came to Waikouaiti in 2009 and with Bill's background in museum engineering and design, they quickly became involved with our small museum. Bill encouraged the committee of the time to realise that the damp, cold building with no electricity was unsuitable for long term storage of heritage items. There was already damage occurring to books and textiles particularly. A 2002 structural engineering report concluded that the building was structurally sound, so the momentous decision was made to build a new environmentally suitable heritage centre and to then eventually restore the old building. After several reports, an updated Structural Engineering Report,

A Feasibility Study, and a Conservation and Condition report were completed with funding from DCC Heritage and Lotteries, the new build began. Alongside this planning, an extensive and vital fundraising campaign led by Judy Irving with a group of enthusiastic volunteers got underway. These efforts were supplemented when Bill set up a firewood group in 2014 which until its closure in 2021 raised \$150,000 towards the new build. It was a lot of work for all our volunteers.

During these years, besides helping with fundraising activities Kay was busy with the heritage collection which was catalogued in a book. She checked every item she could find against book entries (which was not always accurate), she then located a software programme called Past Perfect designed to catalogue and be searchable for locating items in the collection. The entire collection of 15,000 items (at the time) was transferred onto the computer and made available to all volunteers for researching visitor queries.

Bill planned and project managed the new build (to save on costs), hiring Southern Steel (main contractor) and sub-contractors as the building progressed. The building was completed in June 2020, although the underfloor heating unit was on a slow boat from China. We opened during Covid times, which was difficult, as it was hoped that our new gift shop would cover ongoing operating costs, but Covid limited opening hours and visitor numbers for a time. At the formal opening held in October the following year Bill and Kay were awarded Life Membership and the new Display Hall was named after them. We owe them both a great deal for their services not just to the museum, which can never be repaid, but also to the community. Bon Voyage Bill and Kay.

**Shirley McKewen Treasurer** 

# New bus stop trial in Waitati township to enhance passenger safety

A new bus stop was recently introduced in Waitati for the Dunedin to Palmerston bus service, aimed at improving safety for passengers. From Wednesday, 14 August, Northbound buses began looping briefly into Waitati township, allowing passengers to disembark at a temporary stop on Harvey Street, opposite the fire station.

This addition was made in response to concerns about the safety of passengers, who previously had to cross the busy State Highway 1 after alighting at the existing stop near the On the Spot store. The trial stop is intended to help reduce the risks associated with crossing the highway, especially after a recent incident involving a young person.

The trial will continue until 30 September, after which the Council will assess its feasibility and determine whether the stop can become a permanent fixture. During this period, the original Route 1 bus stop near the On the Spot store will continue to be used for Northbound buses, while the Southbound buses will maintain their existing route without entering the township.

This initiative reflects the Council's commitment to community needs in the region.





# **BLUESKIN BAY LIBRARY**

28 Harvey Street, Waitati, 9085 · Ph 03 482-2444 · www.dunedinlibraries.govt.nz

Open: Monday - Friday: 11am-1pm; 2-5.30pm, Saturday: 10am-1pm

# What's On

# **Storytime with Stephaney**

Fridays, 11am (except school holidays)

Introduce your child to the wonderful world of books and language. Visit the Library for half an hour of stories, rhymes and songs, both old and new. Suitable for pre-school children and their caregivers.



# **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.



Thursday 19 September, 6pm



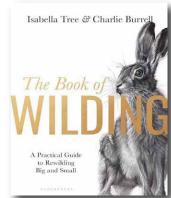
Jenna Packer is a full time artist, exhibiting her work since 1990 both within New Zealand and abroad. Jenna will talk about her experience learning to design and hand paint stained glass for the new All Saints Church memorial window. "It was a steep learning curve but a treat to learn from a master, Peter McKenzie."

# **Bookshare**

# Thursday 26 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.

"This is a deep, dazzling and indispensable guide to the most important task of all: the restoration of the living planet." - George Monbiot





# **Games Galore & Lego\***

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

# What makes me glad?

Our home is now 16 years old. After living in a draughty, totally uninsulated, 100 year old house on top of an exposed windswept cliff, it was life changing to live in an insulated and double glazed warm house. When we were building we decided to double the 2007 building code insulation rating, as we knew the ratings at the time were far too low.

Fifteen years later we had a review done of our insulation and it was found to be not up to the latest code, so we had a big polyester blanket installed in the ceiling and another under the floor. It is noticeably warmer in winter, and has a more even temperature in summer. After sunset the house stays warm for ages, and we only have to light the fire for a little while in the evening. Insulation makes life, easier, cheaper and keeps us healthier.

# But then...What makes me sad and mad.

Nationals Building and Construction Minister Chris Penk wants to roll back the very well thought out H1 Insulation rating which is currently law in NZ.

He claims that the high rating adds \$40-50,000 to the cost of a 4-bedroom house and creates over heating issues to the extent that people are using their air conditioners to cool the house in winter, offsetting any energy saving from having increased insulation.

He thinks that to solve the problem of homelessness in New Zealand, we make homes cheaper to build by reducing the insulation rating code thus preventing people from having to live in their cars.

So, I had a look at an online insulation calculator. For a 180m² house the cost of insulation materials for ceiling, walls and under floor came to between \$4480 and \$7200. So I don't know where the minister got his \$40-\$50,000 increase in cost from. As for living in cars, increase the minimum wage, tax capital gains, make things harder for landlords and easier for tenants, and make it more difficult to turn homes into holiday accommodation...

We do sometimes get too warm in our house in winter. There is a really simple solution though. Open the window. Honestly how hard is that? We use cotton duvet inners, light the fire later and let it go out earlier to stop getting too hot.

Is there anywhere in New Zealand where the outside temperature in winter is above a comfortable 20 something degrees? No. So why on earth would someone need to run their air conditioning? Do they not know about windows opening?

Are these people mad? Is the government mad? Is the whole point just to roll back any improvements made to the building code by the previous government? I suspect so. Insulation keeps us warmer in winter and cooler in summer, this is something humans have known for millennia. Please tell Chris Penk that.

# Waiputai Trust:

Disability Equipment Library Network



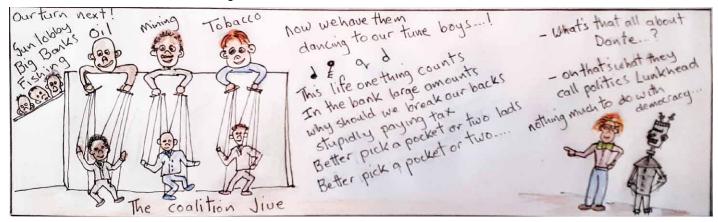
Kia ora tatau, Have you ever been discharged from hospital during or a holiday, or before your health related equipment has been provided? Or do you have, or your visitor has, some temporary disability equipment needs? Then, you will know that it can be very difficult to get the equipment in a timely manner.

The Waiputai Trust is establishing a 'two way' community lending library of disability equipment for residents of Blueskin Bay. We have already started collecting equipment from the community, and a small network of 'lenders' and borrowers of such equipment have joined in our library.

Our lenders include those who don't mind sharing equipment that they aren't using any more (i.e. crutches, walkers, reachers, commodes, brolly sheets, etc.). And, as we all know, anyone could be a temporary borrower, who agrees to take care of the equipment and return it in good order when it is no longer needed. If you want further information, or want to temporarily borrow or lend some useful disability equipment to the library network, just let us know by email. We can then contact you so that you can be a part of this initiative to put 'good things to a good use'.

Our email is waiputai@gmail.com

# Madness vs Sanity





# Waikouaiti Coast Community Board

There was a recent incident at the Waitati curve on State Highway 1. A school pupil had alighted from the northbound bus at the General Store and then walked across the road, where he was hit by a southbound car. This (fortunately non-fatal) incident revived the longdiscussed issue of traffic speeds at the curve.

As a Community Board we have been advocating for a speed limit reduction, going back to the days when the roundabout was removed as part of a central government fuel-saving measure.

My recent communication with NZTA asked two simple questions:

- a) Why can't we have a mandatory speed reduction, similar to those at East Taieri and Allanton on the highway south of Dunedin;
- b) Can we have traffic count rubber strips placed across the road to give accurate evidence about the actual speeds of vehicles going around the curve. Those of us who live in the area are aware that many vehicles do not adhere to the 65kph and 75kph 'advisory' speed signs.

I did not receive an actual response to my two questions. Instead, I received this below:-

"The main criteria is driven by the Setting of Speed Limit Rule and the Speed Management Guide, although with the upcoming rule change there are new requirements and the Speed Management Guide will need to be updated to reflect these. In the background the One Network Framework (ONF) manuals and the Infrastructure Risk Rating manual assist in setting the scene. We also utilise Megamaps, the speed management database. I have added these links to the relevant information for your use.

Draft for consultation Land Transport Rule Setting of Speed Limits 2024..pdf. www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/partners/speed-and-infrastructure/safe-and-appropriate-speedlimits/speed-management-guide/

www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/planning/one-network-framework/currentnetwork-classification/

www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/infrastructure-risk-rating-manual-road-to-zero-edition/ www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/partners/speed-and-infrastructure/safe-and-appropriate-speedlimits/mega-maps/

"Looking at the possibilities for Waitati I would start with the draft rule Table 2 which outlines what speeds can be set for different classification of roads. The current classification for Waitati is under the rural street classification as an interregional connector which the draft rule proposes to operate with a 100km/h speed limit. Currently, based on Government direction, we are waiting for the rule to be finalised so have certainty about our options for speed management at Waitati. It's our intention once the rule is signed to confirm what actions are possible to allow us to propose a lower speed limit at Waitati."

So that is the current position of NZTA - not a lot of comfort here.

We are now into the new DCC financial year, and our Discretionary Fund has been topped up. If you, or someone you know, has a community project that could do with some funding assistance, then you can complete a funding application form which can be found on the DCC website, or give any board member a call if you need some clarity.

Alasdair Morrison, Chairman, Waikouaiti Coast Community Board.



# **Speed Limits**

From NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi's Director Regional Relationships James Caygill:

In June/July 2024, the Ministry of Transport held consultation on a new Land Transport Rule for setting speed limits.

After the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024 is finalised later this year, as the road controlling authority (RCA) for state highways in New Zealand, we will advise on next steps for current and future speed management on the state highway network.

We will be able to provide more information as government road safety policies take effect. Road user and community views on speed limits are important to us and we are always open to receiving feedback from people on highway speed limits.

We've noted your feedback against the location and shared it with the regional safety team for their awareness and to assist planning and assessments.

It's our intention once the rule is signed to confirm what actions are possible to allow us to propose a lower speed limit at

For any future discussion on this please contact myself James Caygill james.caygill@nzta.govt.nz

Roy Johnston roy.johnston@nzta.govt.nz as speed management sits within his area of responsibility. For any other feedback related to speed limits on highways please email speedmanagement@nzta. govt.nz

In terms of Waitati, we encourage all people who cross the road on SH1 in an area of 100km/hour, to wait until they have a clear view to get across and not to run to beat the traffic, which is a dangerous strategy.

# **Around the Bay – September Events**

BLUESKIN LIBRARY	
Thursday 19	Meet the Neighbours - Jenna Packer 6pm
	Jenna Packer is a full time artist, exhibiting her work since 1990 both within New Zealand and abroad. Jenna will talk about her experience learning to design and hand paint stained glass for the new All Saints Church memorial window. "It was a steep learning curve but a treat to learn from a master, Peter McKenzie."
Thursday 26	<b>Bookshare:</b> 3.30-4.30pm, join us for tea and a chat about what you're reading and get ideas for what to read next. All welcome.
EVERY DAY	Games Galore & Lego: Every weekday, 2 – 5pm & Saturdays 10am – 1pm
MONDAYS	Blueskin Bay Knitwits: 6.30 – 8.30pm Contact Christine 021 133 9340
TUESDAYS	Blueskin Bay Knitwits: 2.30 – 4.30pm Contact Christine 021 133 9340
FRIDAYS	Story Time with Stephaney: 11am

WAIPUTAI HUB	
TUESDAYS	Table top role playing games (Dungeons and Dragons, etc.): 4 - 6.30pm   All ages Drop in any time FREE
	<b>Ping Pong:</b> 7 – 8.30pm. All ages, levels and drop ins. Contact: Helena 022 6474 738
WEDNESDAYS	Homeschool Group: 10.30am – 1pm, Music Workshop. Contact: Emily
	Internet Cuppa & Printing: 2 – 5pm Access to internet computer (no-gaming), and printer (A4 black/white (20 cents/page) & A4 colour (\$1/page). Note: Bookings essential and must be made by Tuesday. Book a space by texting 021 171 0226 or emailing waiputai@gmail.com
THURSDAYS	Pilates: Casual session   6.30pm   \$18 Contact: Sylvia 021 109 9302
SUNDAYS	Blueskin Bay Orchestra rehearsal 4pm - 6pm. Contact: Emily

ARC BREWERY		
	SUNDAYS	Live Music: 2 - 5pm Contact 021 4108 1141

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SUNDAYS	Service: 10.00am Contact Jeremy 027 436 1481	

GALLERY ON BLUESKIN	
Wednesday 4	<b>Quiz:</b> 7 - 9pm
Sunday 8	Jo Kramer Art Exhibition
Wednesday 25	Gentle Jazz: Paper Moon   7pm
Saturday 28	Thorneycroft Road Art
Sunday 29	Paul Allen and Bella   12 noon - 2pm

WARRINGTON HALL	
TUESDAYS	Line Dancing with Marie at the Warrington Hall: 6 - 7pm   \$5 All Ages and Newcomers welcome Sponsored by the Waiputai Trust Indoor Bowls: 7.30pm
THURSDAYS	Seasonal Hatha Yoga: 6.30 - 7.30pm Bring your own mat   \$10pp Contact: hagino.yoga@gmail.com
SUNDAYS	Waitati Warblers: Singing for joy 4 – 5.3opm (winter) Contact: nancymiller140@gmail.com

WAITATI HALL	
MONDAYS	Steady As You Go: 1.30pm Age Concern
	Gentle Yoga: 6pm Bring your own mat   \$10pp Contact: hagino.yoga@gmail.com
	<b>Table Tennis:</b> 7.30pm til late Contact: Nigel 021 236 2818
TUESDAYS	NIA Dance Class: 11.30am-12.30pm \$10 Contact: Clare Reilly 021 177 5350
	Yuan Qigong: 5.30-6.30pm Movement and Meditation for Deep Relaxation Single class \$12 or \$80 for 8 sessions. Contact: Jay bodymindqi@gmail.com
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THURSDAYS	SHINE BRIGHT - Pilates for Back and Posture: 11am - 12 noon. Casual \$18, concession 10 sessions \$130 Contact: Sabine 021 207 0664
FRIDAYS	Community Acupuncture: 10am - 2pm Contact Collin Blake cblake@siacu.nz
SATURDAYS	NIA Dance Class: 4 – 5pm \$10 Contact: Clare Reilly 021 177 5350

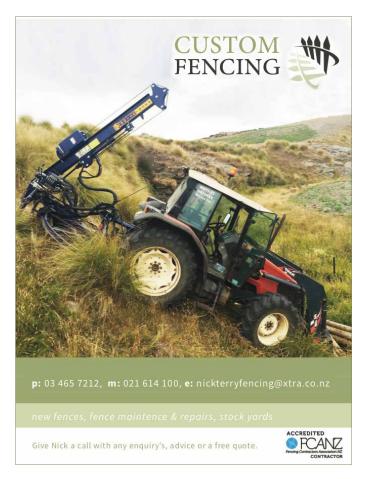
WAITATI VILLAGE	
Sunday 1	Village Market: 11am Contact: Mandy

WASTE RECYCLING – WEEK TWO	
Monday 2	Yellow Bin: Mixed Recycling Green Bin: Food Scraps/Garden Waste
Monday 9	Blue Bin: Bottle/Glass Recycling Red Bin: Rubbish Green Bin: Food Scraps/Garden Waste
Monday 16	Yellow Bin: Mixed Recycling Green Bin: Food Scraps/Garden Waste
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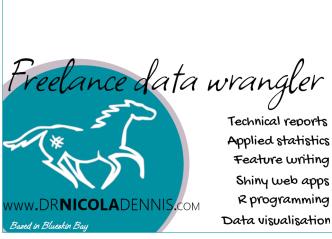
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# Spring Flower Show

Blueskin Bay **Garden Club** 

Saturday 28th & **Sunday 29th** 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 10am, entry free.
- Prize Giving at 3pm Sunday.
- Entries not to be removed until after the prize-giving.
- Plant Stall & Raffles on Sunday.

# **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

# CHILDREN'S 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. Handmade card with pressed flowers, A5 size
- 2. Sand Saucer
- 3. Sculpture made from bottle tops, no larger than A4
- 4. Floral arrangement in a 440gm tin, please remove the label on tin

# ADULT'S 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 white petals, coloured corona
- 19. One split corona any other colours
- 20. Three 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 1 stem
- 12. Hellebore Feotidus 1 stem
- 13. Mixed varieties of any 6 flowers in one vase
- 14. Any cut flower not mentioned 1

# **CLASS D - Flowering Shrubs** and Tree

- 1. Rhododendron 1 head large flower
- 2. Rhododendron 1 head small flower
- 3. Rhododendron 1 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. An arrangement of NZ natives in a vase
- 2. Adult Sand Saucer
- 3. An arrangement of weeds in a teapot
- 4. Spring flowers in an unusual container
- 5. Miniature Arrangement no larger than 10cm square, includes container.

# **CLASS F - For Mainly Men**

1. Dirty Work

### **CLASS G: Handcraft Section**

- 1. Dressed Doll
- 2. Knitted socks
- 3. Child's jumper 0 -5 yrs
- 4. 3 dish cloths, different styles i.e. knitted, crochet

### **Garden Club contacts:**

Glenys - 027 273 8749 Lyne - 021 145 5023

# Playcentre 🤻 "Whänau tupu ngätahi — families growing together"

# Kia Ora Blueskin Bay, our Playcentre was fortunate to be offered a tour of Dunedin Art Gallery!

We arrived a little late as I struggled to find a car park, and then kept losing Skye's baby booty (how does anyone keep theirs on their baby?!?) so had to keep retracing our steps. Graciously, the crew had waited for us with the friendly kaiako at the Art Gallery. "Ah, here they are! Welcome Cedar! Okay, gather round...." It wasn't long until we were all eagerly following her to see what adventures lay ahead. Our art gallery adventure begun with all the tamariki sitting in a waka hearing a beautifully told story relating to Xoë Hall's vibrant mural on the wall. The tamariki were entranced, while Isla wore a feathered korowai and steered the waka. The preschoolers then created some stunning art work. I marvelled at the bright enthusiasm on their faces which led them a cherubic glow. It was a great adventure, and we all really enjoyed ourselves. We rounded out the trip with a play in the Art Gallery's free playroom in their foyer, which I thoroughly recommend visiting! Kai and a cuppa at the Perc Cafe (which is very accommodating for children) was a lovely end to a great outing!

Our Playcentre has also been very blessed with a very generous donation of gorgeous warm woolies by the knitting volunteers from Kiwi Daily Trust - Knitting Communities Together! They were gladly received and everyone is looking wellrugged up. Perhaps I should have a look through the donations for some long legged booties!

As always, you'll find us down the drive at Waitati School on Mondays-Wednesdays 8.45am - 12.15pm. Please feel free to get in touch through Facebook or at blueskin@playcentre.org.nz. We hope to see you soon!

### Heather









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