

NEWSLETTER

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Splashtastic Portobello Paddock Pursuit 2016

It's always an epic effort getting the Paddock Pursuit organised, but on Sunday we were all in position and ready to go. It was great to see the sun shining and by the time of kick off we had over 500 adult and child participants eager to get wet and muddy!

It's impossible to organise any event like the Pursuit without the willingness of volunteers and community members to put their hand up and play their part.

So, to all of our helpers, marshals and sponsors, a huge thank you for your time and support in making our event fantastic.



Lyn Pope
For Portobello Community Incorporated

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The restored interior of the Married Quarters Building has officially been celebrated! We had a wonderful barn-dance at the end of October to mark the milestone of the 'new' recycled floor, and modified bracing.



It was great to be able to thank some of the key people who contributed to this project - our builder, Paul Clements, past and current Keepers, financial sponsors and many volunteers. Thanks to **'Catgut and Steel'**, for the wonderful music! Also to Gravity Events and Grant Bracey-Brown for providing the magical lighting.

Already people are asking - *"When's the next one?"*

DIARY DATES TO NOTE

Christmas Carols, Catholic Church, Broad Bay, 13 December at 7pm

Pilates - Every Monday from 6pm - 7pm. Coronation Hall

Steady As You Go - Every Monday 10am. Portobello Bowling Club.

Portobello Library - Every Thursday 11am - 1pm

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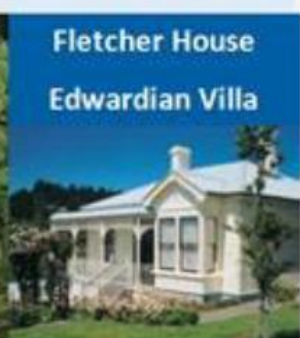
In 2017 Otago Peninsula Trust celebrates a special milestone, it's 50th anniversary. The Trust is planning a series of events and exhibitions to commemorate the occasion and looks forward to telling stories of the people who've helped the Trust over 50 years in its mission "To preserve and enhance Otago Peninsula". Have you got any photos or memories from 1967 onwards of Glenfalloch, the Royal Albatross Centre, Fort Taiaroa or any of the other Trust projects? The Trust would love to collect and share them – send them to sophie@albatross.org.nz or call Sophie at 476 1775

Hosting visitors over Christmas? To give our team a day off, the only day the Trust attractions are closed is Christmas Day. For the rest of Summer the Royal Albatross Centre, café, shop and tours, is open daily from 10.15am until dusk, just before the Blue Penguins Pukekura tour departs. Glenfalloch Restaurant and Green Bikes are closed 30 December and reopen on 5 January. Glenfalloch Restaurant is open daily 9am – 3.30pm with dinner on Thursdays and Fridays from 5pm – it's fully booked for Christmas Day but is open for Boxing Day.

Have you seen 'The Light between Oceans' movie? Did you spot Fletcher House starring? The house was used as a film set for the movie and will surely lead to more visitors enquiring about how to visit. Opening days are Week-ends and Public Holidays 11am – 4pm (Except Christmas Day).

Otago Peninsula Trust wishes everyone a very happy Christmas and a wonderful 2017

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Tsunami Threat

The brigade was turned out to evacuate low lying areas due to tsunami threat. This was carried out well. But we need to remember the brigade can not go house to house so if you hear a continuous siren and the loud speaker please remember your neighbours and the elderly in your area and assist them if required. Listen to the brigade members and move to higher ground. And remember to keep a torch and radio spare batteries and fresh water on hand at all times.

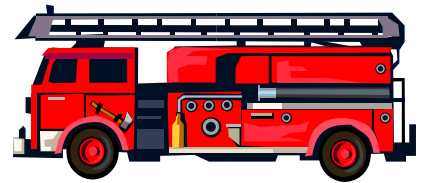
Christmas tree Lights

It's that time of the year again and here are some reminders about keeping you and your tree safe.

- 1/ Remember your lights have been stored away in their box since last Christmas. Check the lights carefully before placing them on the tree. If any of the wires are frayed or broken, throw them out and buy a new set of lights.
- 2/ Test the lights before you place on the tree. Once installed, you should be able to turn the lights on and off without having to crawl under the tree.
- 3/ Never leave the tree lights on overnight or when leaving the house.

Wishing you all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year

Greg Dickson
Chief Fire Officer



Masonic Lodge Bowls

Peninsula Kilwinning 696 team won the indoor bowls Scottish Lodges and Irish Lodges tournament held recently at the Wakari Bowling Club. The team was skipped by Stu Blacklow, Ernie Webster, Eddie Scott and Brian Swift. **YES** we do have a Masonic Lodge in Portobello and we are looking for new members. If you are 20 years old, male and looking for something new and rewarding in our area then contact Ernie on 4780-739 or 0274780739.

Over many years various local institutions have benefited from donations from the Lodge. Evening meetings are held 2nd Monday of the month.



Age Concern Otago Falls Prevention Programme

Portobello Bowling Club

Steady As You Go[©]

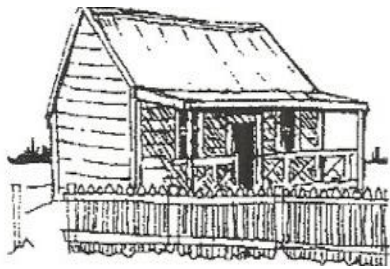
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OTAGO PENINSULA MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

17 Harington Point Road, Portobello, Dunedin 9014

Museum News:

Many thanks to those good folk who helped with our Sunday Roster over the year. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and all the best for 2017. Our new Roster starts again in March so you will be added to it again unless you let us know otherwise.

If anyone else would like to help on the Roster then email theotagopeninsulamuseum@gmail.com or ring Laurel on 4780-512. I will need to know early February.

Recently a lady from Christchurch called in to say her grandfather, Mr Smith, was a teacher at Portobello School and lived in the school house. She visited the Playcentre House (as it is now) and then came to the Museum to say she has family items from that era she would like to donate. These visits out of the blue are quite exciting for the Museum as you never know what will be donated that relates to the Peninsula.

Emma Milburn from the Dunedin Public Library has been visiting and taking photos of our photos on the walls. This has also given us a chance to update the info on these photos as well as have them better sorted on the wall. As usual one thing leads to another and we become flat out with ideas etc which is always good.

We have 2 Gazebos available. Free to community groups or private hire at \$15 each. Would be ideal for family gatherings over the Christmas period. Get in touch if you would like to use these.

The Museum opens each Sunday 12.30-3.30pm. Adults \$2 and children are free. We have wonderful comments from our visitors so come along and check us out.

There is always a story to tell from the Museum records and this item is about **Vernon (Vernie) Duckmanton**. *Vernie was born in Portobello in 1903 having 5 sisters and 2 brothers also born in Portobello. His parents were John Duckmanton (born Dunedin) and Emily Hall (Broad Bay) and they married in 1899 at St Marys Anglican Church in Portobello. Vernie never married and lived for many years in his house at Papanui Inlet at the bottom of the Cape hill. He died in 1992 aged 89 years and in his will he left \$5,000 to the Portobello Museum, along with items as selected as suitable for the Museum. The Duckmantons were related to many other Peninsula families including the McCartney and the Arnott family.*



Library News:

The Library will be open for the final day for 2016 on Thursday 22 December and reopens again Thursday 19 January 2017. Thanks to our Librarian Dot and to the people who filled in when Dot was unavailable. Your contribution is most appreciated. Dot continues to buy new and 2nd hand good quality books – there is a small selection of large print books as well.





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10 things to do - Portobello area Bucket List

Walk to the top of Harbour Cone

Walk to the Pyramids and Victory Beach

Paddle in the Pacific at Allans Beach

Photograph the Aurora from Hoopers Inlet

Explore the tunnels near Taiaroa Heads

Take a walk to Lovers Leap with your sweetheart.

Go fishing at the Portobello jetty

Explore our heritage at the local Museum

Visit our local cemetery

Volunteer with a local organisation

Quarantine Island/Kamau Taurua - End of year celebration - Saturday 10th Dec

All welcome

Boat from Portobello at approx. 10.30am, returning about 4pm on Saturday, or stay overnight, returning on Sunday afternoon. \$15 pp for the charter boat.
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Integrated Health Otago is pleased to introduce **Gabriella Ash**, Osteopath, to our team. Gabby is a Structural and Cranial Osteopath, and will be in our Portobello clinic every Monday from 8.30am. to 4.30pm.

Please call 466 7227 to make an appointment.

It's exciting times for Peninsula residents with our expanding Osteopathy services, and the addition of more health care services within our community. We are looking forward to working closely with Xceed Fitness, Lucy Warren Pilates and Peninsula Medical Centre in the attainment of health for all our clients.



Need help to start an exercise programme?

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For more information please phone
David Chapman 021 1349627



FOR HIRE

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ROYAL ALBATROSS CENTRE

It's breeding season! There are 38 albatross eggs, with 36/38 tested ('Candled' to see if they are fertile) resulting in 34 fertile eggs, with 2 more to test soon. There are 35 nests in total, which should bode well for a good season, with 4-6 nests on view from the albatross observatory.

Why don't the numbers of eggs and nests tally if albatross lay one egg only? We have two female-female pairs, who laid four eggs, with one fertile egg and one set of first time parents who deserted their nest.

The eggs are expected to start hatching in mid-January.

Another first time expectant parent is a very special bird Toroa, the 500th chick at the Royal Albatross Colony, who hatched in 2007 and is the grandson of another well-known albatross here; Grandma.

Tracking devices were put on Toroa and two other fledglings prior to their departure from Pukekura.

Post-fledging, they all spend a few weeks well off the east coast of New Zealand before heading towards other good feeding grounds off the South American coast (Toroa was tracked traveling over 1000 km in a day and at speeds of 110km/hour). Toroa travelled a total of 46,000km in his first year (similar to the other two fledglings tracked) Toroa was the only one of those three chicks to return.

He arrived back in the 2013/14 season (7 years at sea) and it was at that point he got his grown-up bands. He was banded lime-orange-green: LOG. If you want to follow and learn more about the albatross colony follow 'Royal Albatross Centre' on Facebook and Instagram to keep up to date with all the action.



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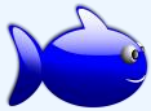
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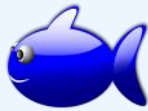
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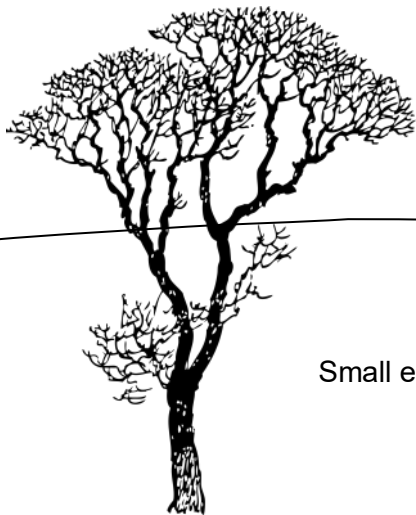
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Christmas just a few weeks away I can't believe it!! It has been a busy few months and I guess time passes quickly when you have lots to do. We have barely been able to keep up with enough pies and pasties.

A batch of Lamb and Rosemary pies lasts only a few days. We also have a new cake in the display cabinet one that a customer described as "To die for". It's a Chocolate Hazelnut Torte. Gluten free and covered in roasted caramelised hazelnuts. That too only lasts a few days so it's just as well we have a ready supply of hazelnuts from Balclutha.

But what is a 'Torte' compared to a "Cake". A traditional cake is made with ingredients mainly consisting of sugar, eggs, butter and flour. A torte, however, calls for little to no flour and the use of ground up nuts or bread-crumbs in its place. So all tortes are cakes but not all cakes are tortes and are almost always a European recipe.

A big "thank you", to all our staff who have produced such delicious food and kept the place up to scratch such that we now have yet another A rating.

Happy Christmas to everyone from all of us at Penguin Café.

Alice, Ceinwen, Cherie, Holly, Jeanie,
Jessie, Lyn, Peter, and welcome back Ruth



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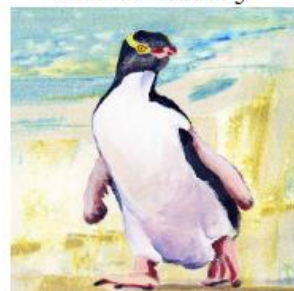
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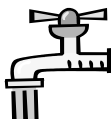
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Our Season is underway & so far we have had two very successful Monthly Tournaments - October & November. We had a full green for November (16 Teams) Due to inclement weather the first two weeks of the Twilight Competition (High Jacks) have been washed out – there are 12 Teams playing this Season

*Macandrew Bay Orphans Club came down for the yearly Competition on Saturday 22nd October
Each year the numbers attending are getting less & less*

Interclub Competition has not got off to a great start with some being washed out

Our next Tournament is on 18th December – hopefully the weather will play ball

If you are interested in becoming involved with our Club, Socially or as a Bowler, please feel free to give us call.

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY WANTED FOR MAIL DROPS.

Kia ora Everyone – this is a call for volunteers to help us with a mail drop around both sides of the Bay so that more people who live near the shoreline outside the range of this Newsletter are aware of the meeting on December 11 at 7pm in the Portbello Hall. We are only a small group so if you can help it would be much appreciated. Call 4780 220(recommended), 021 1875 057 (not recommended as reception is dubious) or email me at espi10@gmail.com (highly recommended). Areas will be allocated asap.

If you are in a position to sponsor an ad in the ODT however then contact me immediately.

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Freds Story - Alfred (Fred) Neill

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Fred enjoyed a wonderful childhood at Belmont homestead which his family had owned since 1931. Power to the Homestead at that time was generated by a windmill and batteries. Some of Fred's fondest memories are of hearing his Dad listening to the BBC on the early morning radio, the sound of his sisters singing and the many masses held in the family chapel at the farm. His early education was at Hoopers Inlet School, along with 34 other children attending at that time taught by the very nice Miss Hanning. Initially he would get a ride to school with his father who worked in town. From 1951 he would travel on the school bus, a little 1950 Fordson van, driven by his brother Michael's wife, Christine. She would drive out to the Cape to pick up children, then pick up others along the way and drop them at the school in Sheppard Road. Often in good weather he would walk or bike to and from school. He also remembers the pot belly stove and the long drop dunny very well.



During the second world war Home Guard soldiers were stationed nearby and a Lewis gun was mounted above Allans Beach just waiting for the enemy to appear!!

In 1953 Fred was sent to St Kevin's College in Oamaru to further his education for the next three years, but he soon learned that, unless you were going to become an Old Boy Priest or an All Black, life was pretty tough at this place and Fred was glad to eventually return home.

Spending the first year out of school on the Homestead Fred then moved to Invercargill for a few years where he worked at the Makarewa Freezing works and he also got married. When he moved back to Dunedin he got a job at the Dunedin Metropolitan Fire Brigade until 1966 then joined the DCC Bus Company later transferring to The NZ Railways Road Services. In 1968 Fred was offered a job in the Fire Brigade in Napier so the family of five moved there until 1975. Fred then bought a Fish & Chip shop on Waiheke Island. The switch from Government to private enterprise was a big transition for him and he remembers very clearly that most of the profits were taken up by his smokes and the kids lollies. They stayed for three years then decided to return to Dunedin, (his family had now grown to seven), where he started working on the buses again which he drove until 1982. He again spent a short time in the control room at Dunedin Fire Service until purchasing a taxi in 1984 which he kept until 1992.

Fred bought a house in Broad Bay and did private bus driving for some time on Portobello Road until he joined the Invercargill Passenger Transport Services as a School Bus Driver on the same run. He remembers being told by a little boy one day that he was 'nearly the best School Bus driver, the best driver was his brother Sam' !! After five years Fred retired in 2005, but still drives the buses every Saturday on the Portobello Roads.

Fred has fond memories of sailing regattas on Hoopers Inlet and the famous Hill Climb races which were held on Dicksons Hill which was gravel in those days and were pretty exciting to watch. He remembers the windows in the old woolshed being cleaned vigorously one day as the Royals were due to pay a visit but sadly this didn't eventuate. Also, Fred's Mum once entertained the Baroness Von Trapp who had come to Dunedin with the Von Trapp Singers. He recalls the rabbit problem being as bad in the 1950s as it is today and Belmont Farm had its own fulltime rabbitier.

Fred now lives in Harwood where he looks out on picturesque views across the harbour to Port Chalmers and surrounding areas. Immediate family living close by are his daughter Cheryl and her husband Richard and brother Sam and his wife Christine who still live at Allans Beach.

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As we head towards Christmas it's a good time to reflect on the year that was in Dunedin real estate, as well as make some predictions for the start of 2017. The October stats confirmed an upwards trend in Dunedin median values with \$340,000 the new benchmark. There were 204 sales in total for the month with 22 median days on the market. This is still a fast moving market and figures from realestate.co.nz confirm a 20% decrease in the number of new listings for October 16 compared to last year, but at the same time a 45% increase in buyer activity. So it reaffirms what we are experiencing in the market, strong demand from buyers with a limited choice of options.

So what does the future hold? As long as interest rates remain low we don't see this trend reversing for the first half of 2017. But, we don't know what affect global changes could have on our New Zealand market, and we must also remember 2017 is an election year. This can sometimes lead to uncertainty and a slowing of the market as we close in on election time. So if I was thinking of selling I would be aiming for sooner rather than later in 2017.

I'm working through the Christmas period and available at any time for a chat. Until then wishing you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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News from the Otago Peninsula Community Board



With the local government elections over and the Peninsula Community Board now in place it's an opportunity to thank the community for participating in the electoral process. Standing in an election is a humbling and enjoyable process especially when you receive positive feedback from people in the community about what you're doing. I'm pleased to welcome returning Board members Hoani Langsbury (Deputy Chair), Edna Stevenson, Lox Kellas and Christine Neill. I'd like to welcome new Board member Graham McArthur who will be working with the Broad Bay community over the triennium.



Civil Defence

The recent Kaikoura earthquake and the subsequent evacuations from the tsunami alert were a real wake-up call about how vulnerable we all are in the event of a natural disaster. Watching the devastation in North Canterbury really brings it home that we need to be prepared and organised. I'd like to thank our Fire Brigade for the work they did on the evacuations. As a Community Board we have a role to ensure we advocate for improvements in the information we receive and share with the community and the Board will be looking at these aspects of the tsunami alert over coming months. Feedback is welcome.

Te Rauone - This community project has become somewhat stalled of late and despite their hard work the local committee are struggling to engage with Port Otago over the issue. It's disappointing that this happened to such a hard working group and I'm hoping that better news is on the immediate horizon to get this project moving. The Board are totally committed to supporting the community over this issue.

Portobello Road - The City Council are building up the information consultation phase of the project culminating in a public newsletter and information session at Coronation hall on the 6th December. I recommend to everyone that they engage with this process and have a say on any aspect of this project.

Highcliff Road - For those living in the back bays and Highcliff area the slip near Seal point Road last year has been a significant trial, but it looks as though this work will be completed before Christmas.

Facebook – The Board now have a Facebook account where I'll be sharing notices, information and meeting dates.

Please take the opportunity to use it if you can. <https://www.facebook.com/pencomboard/>

Finally, on behalf of the Community Board I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy your holidays and time with your whanau. Take care and I look forward to hearing from you all next year.

Paul Pope
Otago Peninsula Community Board Chairman
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OPBG Fundraising Calendar 2017

The inaugural **OPBG Fundraising Calendar 2017** brings you a collection of stunning photos that capture our local landscapes and wildlife.

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Cheese and Cream Empire

DAIRY FARMING ON THE OTAGO PENINSULA WAS AN IMPORTANT 19TH CENTURY INDUSTRY

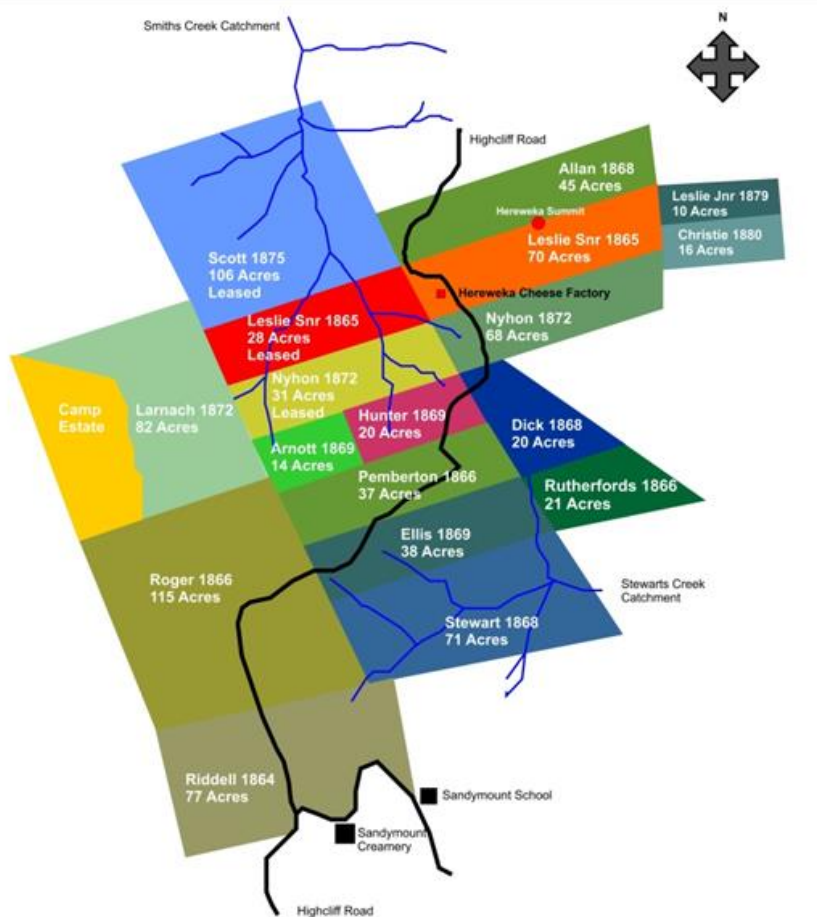


Today the New Zealand dairy industry is worth approximately \$18 billion dollars in export earnings and produces around 20.7 billion litres of milk per annum. It has become one of New Zealand's biggest export earners and dominates our landscape and economy. However, the dairy industry began in a more humble manner during the 19th century colonial period in places like Hereweka on the Otago Peninsula.

Hereweka was divided into nineteen farms varying in size from 10 – 115 acres. Some were probably no more than subsistence properties, while larger farms were developed into economic units for the period. As the Hereweka bush was cleared and developed into pasture, dairying became the dominant type of farming on the property. With this development, Hereweka farmers began to look for opportunities to sell their milk and cream further afield to make important farm revenue.

In September 1877 a group of farmers on the Hereweka property met and decided to build a cheese factory. The building was to be situated on Captain William Leslie's property adjacent to Highcliff Road. Very little is known about what the building looked like, though we do know its dimensions were 14 feet x 24 feet. Water was drawn from a natural spring and fetched through pipes from a wall built above Highcliff Road. The founding shareholders of the Hereweka Cheese factory were; Capt William Leslie Snr, William Leslie Jnr, Robert Forbes, Robert Dick, William Allan, William Roger, Thomas Scott, William Hunter, James Rutherford, George Bates.

The cheese factory was not without its difficulties especially due to the steep terrain. Each farmer had different methods for getting milk to the factory. Robert Dick had special milk cans with flat sides that could be attached to a horse, William Hunter used a wheelbarrow while James Rutherford used a bullock with a sled. The first cheese maker at the Hereweka factory was Edmund Ward who began learning the trade under supervision from the experienced cheese maker John L McGregor. McGregor was the first cheese maker at the Springfield site near Pukehiki. Hannah Scott, the daughter of Thomas



Farm Ownership and Settlement Date

Scott assisted Ward in making the cheese at the factory. The cheese was sold directly to the George Street grocery store of Esther & Low, and the Otago Daily Times reported that the factory had produced 2.5 tons of cheddar cheese in 1879 valued at 6.5 pence/pound.

However, disaster struck the factory in October 1881 when a massive bush fire destroyed the factory and many other farmsteads in the area. The Otago Daily Times gave a dramatic report on the 17th of October 1881 of the Leslie family and their attempts to save the factory.

"...the Harbour Cone Company's Cheese Factory succumbed to the flames, though great exertions were made by Mr and Mrs Leslie, and Mr Leslie, jun., to save the building. Nothing with the exception of some bacon and a saw could be got out, and the whole building became a total wreck within a few minutes' time. Mr Leslie's dwelling-house was twice on fire, but was put out, though in one place the weatherboards were burned through. The dairy also had a narrow escape, one of the piles being burnt completely through before it was noticed. Mr Leslie's byre and sheds were also destroyed. The factory, in which there were three cheese presses and other machinery, was insured in the Norwich Union Company's office for £150, but the building was valued at £50 above this sum."

Paul Pope – for the Hereweka Harbour Cone Trust

PORTOBELLO BROAD BAY PLAYGROUP



Portobello Broad Bay Playgroup is open on Monday and Wednesday from 9:00 until 12:00. We are a Peninsula wide community and are a relaxed place for mums and dads to have a coffee and a chat while their children play. Children can be enrolled from 0 to 6 years old. We set up activities for each session and there is always something fun and messy for little hands. We are based in a lovely spacious old villa that is large enough for running around on rainy Dunedin days, and have a beautiful playground for when the sun is shining.



Drop in and say hello, we are located by the Portobello School, or look up our facebook group; Peninsula Playgroup.

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We are still open. Although the Andersons Bay Church closed we meet on the first three Sundays of each month at 10 am. An up-to-date notice is always displayed on the window. On the first Sunday of each month Jane Cox leads worship. On the second Sunday we all take part. On the third Sunday a visiting minister leads us and on the last Sunday we visit other churches. When there is a fifth Sunday we go to Pukehiki Community Church.

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Surgery will be closed
23 Dec to 4 Jan

Before you go boating on our seas, lakes and rivers, get familiar with New Zealand's Boating Safety Code. Five simple rules will help you to stay safe, no matter what kind of boat you use.

1. Life Jackets

Take them – Wear them. Boats, especially ones under 6m in length, can sink very quickly. Wearing a life jacket increases your survival time in the water.

2. Skipper Responsibility

The skipper is responsible for the safety of everyone on board and for the safe operation of the boat. Stay within the limits of your vessel and your experience.

3. Communications

Take two separate waterproof ways of communicating so we can help you if you get into difficulties.

4. Marine Weather

New Zealand's weather can be highly unpredictable. Check the local marine weather forecast before you go and expect both weather and sea state changes.

5. Avoid Alcohol

Safe boating and alcohol do not mix. Things can change quickly on the water. You need to stay alert and aware.

Make sure your boat is properly and regularly maintained, has the right safety gear on board and if it has a motor, that it has sufficient fuel.

At our Annual General Meeting recently Bill Dickson was once again voted in as President, John Campbell and Chris Catta-way as Vice Presidents, Daveen Thomas is our new Unit Training Officer, Laurel Dunn is Secretary and thanks to Linda Phillips who volunteered to take over the Treasurers duties from Jamie Ramsay. Thanks Jamie – your contribution to the Coastguard Unit is much appreciated.

The unit members had the Coastguard vessel at the recent Otago Boat Show at the Edgar Centre. It was a good opportunity to show off the vessel and interact with the public. Coastguard NZ Education staff who were present commented that the Dunedin volunteers were fantastic.

There are 64 Coastguard units through NZ and over 2,200 volunteers. 6,800 people a year are helped by Coastguard NZ volunteers. You can also support our volunteers to continue to save lives by leaving a gift in your Will. We have pamphlets available if you are interested so email dunedin@nzcoastguard.org.nz for more information.

The National Coastguard Summer Lottery is now available. Up to 20 fantastic prizes up for offer so please support us by buying a ticket - \$10 each. Contact a member or email us.



Portobello Community Inc

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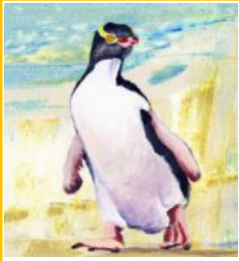
News Editor: Wayne Cameron — **Deputy Chair:** Geoff Sheridan

Committee: Ruth Seeney, Pete Dular, Davinia Thornley, Sandra Clearwater, Richard Steentjes, Sue Rhodes, Racheal Bergersen, Alicia Monteith, Lyn Sheridan and Jenny Weeks

Meetings held every 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Coronation Hall Kitchen, 7.30pm

All welcome



DUNEDIN BOOK LAUNCH

Sharkie Smartie

Bellamy's Gallery; Sunday, December 11 at 4pm.

Guest reading: Olly Ohlson



Children's book *Sharkie Smartie*, to be launched in Dunedin on Sunday, December 11, is based on the true story of one of the oldest Yellow-eyed penguins to live on Otago Peninsula.

At 17, Sharkie lived a varied life, including his escape from a shark attack in the late 1990s. He was also one of the lucky yellow-eyeds to survive a mystery illness that killed hundreds of the rare birds in 2014. *Sharkie Smartie* is written and illustrated by writer Wilma McKay and artist Pauline Bellamy who both live on Otago Peninsula.

They say the story is designed to educate as well as entertain.

"We wanted to expose the plight of the Yellow-eyed penguin," Mrs McKay says.

"The species, *Megadyptes Antipodes*, is one of the rarest and most threatened penguin species in the world." The species is endemic to New Zealand.

"It's found only in colonies from Banks Peninsula south and on the sub Antarctic Islands," she says.

"Just 202 breeding pairs remain in mainland colonies."

Sharkie made the *Sunday Star Times* back in 2014 because of his knack for survival with the help of those monitoring his colony on a small private beach owned by the McKay family on Otago Peninsula.

Sharkie Smartie writer, former journalist Wilma McKay, says as a result of his experiences with humans, Sharkie became very people-friendly. He even came running towards her when she called his name during the photo shoot for the *Times* article, which she authored and photographed.

Sharkie's story captured the imagination of well-known Macandrew Bay artist Pauline Bellamy. She began producing amazing paintings of Sharkie and his life that now appear in the book bringing to life McKay's tale of his adventures.

The first sighting of a badly wounded Sharkie was by the founder of Elm Wildlife Tours, Brian Templeton. Templeton rejected a vet's advice to euthanise him because of the cost and intensive care needed to treat him. "I told the vet to stitch the bird up, took him home and cared for him until he recovered," Templeton told the *Times*. "He's been as casual as hell ever since. Humans don't mean a thing to him." From then on, those monitoring Sharkie's colony were able to identify him because his flipper still had a serrated edge where the shark got him.

In 2014, when many of the south's Yellow-eyed were struck down by a mystery illness, landowner David McKay, who has monitored the Yellow-eyeds on the beach for 30 years, noticed Sharkie coming up the beach looking emaciated, missing his feathers, and drained of all colour.

At four kilograms he was far too skinny to start the seasonal moult, which takes three to four weeks. The penguins can't go out to sea to feed during this time because they do not have the protection of their waterproof feathers. McKay took Sharkie to the rehab facility at nearby Penguin Place.

Staff soon cottoned on to the fact Sharkie was people-friendly. He accepted the morsels from their hands, uncommon behaviour for people-shy yellow-eyeds. Sharkie was returned to full health.

By the time he was ready to leave, Sharkie was a porky 8kg, hardly recognisable in his new plumage having finally achieved a successful moult, and had established himself as head honcho in the pen.

Back on the beach, Sharkie always "lets them know who's boss", Templeton said at the time.

"Because he is an old penguin he can be quite aggressive when he has to be. He's probably got a few individuals to sort out now that he's back [on the beach]. Another penguin has moved into his spot in his absence."

Otago's Yellow-Eyed Penguin Trust chief executive Sue Murray said because of a decline in breeding pairs left in the region, it was time for research into the yellow-eyed penguins' marine environment to find answers for malnutrition and other diseases that were killing them.



The team at **Knox Podiatry**

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From Rebecca, Ian, Jacqui and Pauline



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Checking out the Peninsula Lizards



An amazing team of dedicated OPBG volunteers carry out valuable monitoring all over the Peninsula to measure the effects of possum removal on the Peninsula environment. They record bird counts, use tracking tunnels to discover small mammal numbers, and check out changes in vegetation. This year lizard monitoring has been added to the list! Dunedin-based herpetologist, Carey Knox of Knox Ecology, has recently completed baseline data collection of current lizard numbers so we can identify any future changes in Peninsula lizard populations.

In October, Carey checked 90 lizard shelters every day for seven days in different locations along the Peninsula. By the end of the week he had recorded over 900 lizards, including 752 Southern grass skinks, 134 korero geckos, and 48 cryptic skinks. Carey even discovered a new population of cryptic skinks bringing the total number of known populations on the Peninsula to three. You might be able to spot some of these lizards living around your place.



Southern grass skink (*Oligosoma polychrome*), previously referred to as common skink

Appearance: Total length up to 16 cm, but commonly smaller. Usually straw brown or darker brown with numerous smooth-edged stripes on the back and sides. Stripes are varying shades of brown. Belly grey/brown to bright yellow and unmarked or lightly speckled.



Korero gecko (*Woodworthia* sp.), previously known as Otago-large gecko. Also referred to as common gecko.

Appearance: Total length around 16 cm. Upper surfaces grey, olive-grey or dark pinkish-brown. Paler bands, blotches or stripes form intricate patterns on the back, head and tail. Lower surfaces lighter and speckled. Animals rarely have bold stripes on back.



Cryptic skink (*Oligosoma inconspicuum*)

Appearance: Total length up to 15 cm. Upper (dorsal) surfaces: back pale reddish brown or chestnut brown through to very dark brown with or without a dark brown mid-dorsal stripe (may be continuous or broken). Sometimes black flecking on back.

Photos and information courtesy of herpetologist Carey Knox, Knox Ecology <http://www.knoxecology.co.nz/>



ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE from Olly's pen



PARADISE CAN DO WITH YOUR HELP

The DCC failed to clear drains and consequently flooding occurred.

A large chunk of Te Rauone beach has disappeared because DCC, Otago Regional Council (ORC) and their company Port Otago, failed to maintain and upgrade the groynes.

People were forced to build rock walls to protect their properties from falling into the Otago harbour – at their own expense yet the responsibility and therefore accountability lies solely with the above authorities.

You are invited to a meeting at the Portobello Hall on Sunday at 7pm, December 11 to share your experience, knowledge and concerns. We will hear from different people, including those whose homes are currently under threat. The main purpose of this meeting is to gather evidence so we can put pressure on ORC to do something constructive starting NOW.

We want action – not just words.

ORC, Port Otago, DCC and local Politicians have been invited.

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Portobello Marine Lab – wharf closure and other news

The earthquake-risk building that housed the aquarium has been demolished. Construction of a new teaching lab is a little behind schedule and will start shortly. One of the issues has been the soft ground. After all, in 1903 the site was originally an inlet – see page 9 of the article by George Thomson from 1905 in the Transactions of the New Zealand Institute, vol XXXVIII, article LXI available at http://rsnz.natlib.govt.nz/volume/rsnz_38/rsnz_38_00_005880.html

Scheduled completion date is May 2017.

Demolition and construction works require that there is no public access to the laboratory's jetty *. Pedestrian access gates will be locked after hours. It is NOT intended to reopen the jetty to public access after the completion of construction.

Now that summer is here it is great to see so many people walking on the road. However, I need to remind walkers that many of the vehicles (construction machinery, buses, trucks towing boats) are large and have limited manoeuvrability. Please take care when walking along the road and keep dogs under control. The section from the second cattle stop is a private road owned by the University of Otago, which we are very happy to share with safe users. It is hard to define "safe" but I do suggest that pedestrians remain aware and do not wear headphones.

Once all the work is completed, we will be delighted to show off our new facility by holding a public open day. The construction work will bring a good number of people to Portobello for quite some time and we know they will be welcome in the village.

* In my previous contribution to this newsletter, I called the structure a "wharf". I am a chemist by training and I have since been informed by more nautically inclined folk that a wharf runs parallel to the shore while a jetty is close to perpendicular.

Doug Mackie
Lab Manager

BLUE PENGUINS PUKEKURA

This year an RFID chipping project has been undertaken which will see the Pukekura Little Blue Penguin colony become the world's only fully GPS tagged penguin population! This is part of a research programme funding through the Otago Participatory Science Platform. Year 9 and 10 students have been involved in constructing and installing nest boxes and finding and characterizing the nest sites for the Blue Penguins at Pilot's Beach. They've also assisted in the tagging process as well as continuing to improve potential nesting sites plus entering initial data collected. This data will be valuable in helping to assess the number of pairs of penguins nesting in the reserve area and understanding their population structure and reproductive success.



Peninsula Show Day

This Saturday 3rd December 10.30am

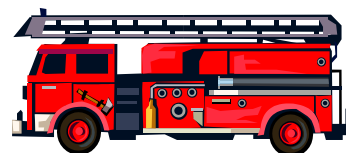
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STOP NEWS

Save The Otago Peninsula (STOP) Inc has had a busy few months arranging for sycamores to be removed from within and surrounding the Broad Bay Slip Site, assisting with the planting of several thousand trees at Smiths Creek at the base of Hereweka Harbour Cone, and the continuing work on the fenced section of Stewarts Creek. Do take the opportunity to walk along the Bacon St Track and see the extensive planting that has been achieved. There is a short formed walk that joins the first and second gates. The seat donated in memory of Lynn Campbell has become a popular picnic spot.

Gift certificates to have a tree planted and maintained are proving popular.

Work is ongoing, with working bees on a Tuesday morning 9.30am to 12.30pm and on Sunday mornings from 10am to 1pm. The weedmatting needs completing, releasing of trees and shrubs planted in previous years still needs doing, and there is some gorse cutting (a surprisingly satisfying activity). We are always keen to hear from other groups who would like to spend a half day or an evening working with us. Great team building exercise!

Another working bee is held on Thursday mornings at a DOC Scientific Reserve and a neighbouring property and we are always looking for replacements on that day for volunteers who move away or have other commitments that mean they have to stop coming. There is often a lift available from town.

STOP meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at the Broad Bay Community Centre at 7.30pm

Contact Person: Lala Frazer, Phone 478 0339 or text 027 8756020

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Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and a wonderful Summer holiday





Peninsula Connection Open Day

Tuesday, 6 December | 4pm – 6.30pm
Coronation Hall, Portobello

The Peninsula Connection project will widen Portobello Road and Harington Point Road to make them safer and more attractive for everyone.

Plans include building a new rock seawall, widening and raising the road and creating a shared cycle/pedestrian path. We will also install seating, planting and rest areas.

Call in to the open day to look at the designs and provide your feedback.

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