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Portobello Blues Festival 2017

We are pleased to bring you fresh news from the Festival Organising Committee in this edition of the Portobello Newsletter.

The planning for our local Festival is now in full swing, with all artists, national and international now confirmed. Main points in the programme you ought to know at this stage:

Friday 10th March, 7-11pm: Stevie Ray Vaughan Tribute Concert in the Coronation Hall (R18) with Tony Painting and The Power (Auckland).

Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th, 12-6pm: Continuous music, market and Street Food Village down at Latham Park (varied artists).

Saturday 11th March, 7-11pm: Main Concert at the Coronation Hall (R18): (artists from the UK, Auckland, Wellington, Dunedin and Portobello)

Saturday 11th March, 7-10pm: Cosy Concert at the Portobello Bowling Club (R18) (solo and duo artists)

Many venues around the Peninsula will also host artists over the course of the weekend. Enjoy ambient and funky blues at the Penguin Café, 1908 Café, Bellamys, The Bay Café and the Careys Bay Historic Hotel.

The artist line-up for the PBF17 include: JT One Good Eye, Tony Painting & the Power, Strait Shooters, King Leo, Terry Ebeling, Murray Brothers, Bluestone, Bulletproof Convertible and more.

Tickets to the main concerts are on sale via the website or by emailing event@portobellobluesfestival.co.nz.

Talent Quest

Given the popularity of the Open Mic in 2015 and seeing the tremendous talent it drew in, particularly from young people, we have decided to create the Portobello Blues Festival Talent Quest. 11-21 year olds will get the chance to showcase their talent, and the winner will get to play in the Main Concert on Saturday night and rub shoulders with the artists backstage!

To register your interest, please contact Talent Quest Coordinator Lien Trinh — lientrinhht@gmail.com.

Calling all Volunteers

Putting on this sort of event can't be done without the help of many hands. Last year, we counted over 120 hours of volunteers' time so thanks again for all who helped out! If you'd like to get involved this time around, there are many different things that we could get your help with: musician transfers from and to the airport, putting up fencing and marquee, green ambassadors, stage hands, bar staff, ticketing, VIP lounge hosts and much more... email our **Volunteer Coordinator**, Petra Hass, at event@portobellobluesfestival.co.nz or text 02102419336 to register your interest.

Accommodation

A special thumbs up to Rick and Lee from the Strait Shooters who now live in Portobello after falling in love with our township when playing at the first PBF in 2015. A story on them will feature separately. Rick and Lee are graciously putting up many of the musicians at their 'Lazy Penguin' accommodation over the course of the weekend – thanks guys! If you'd like to host a musician or a band, please let us know by emailing event@portobellobluesfestival.co.nz or by texting 02102419336.

This event is proudly supported by the Otago Peninsula Community Board and the DCC along with many Otago Peninsula and Dunedin Businesses whom are listed on the website (and growing). Proceeds will be donated to the Portobello Community to build a new boat ramp at the Portobello wharf. A raffle to raise funds for this cause will be available at various Peninsula businesses in the weeks leading up to the Festival.

This event is a 'Love NZ' event and, as such, we will try to keep waste to a minimum and will aim to keep the event as ecological as possible.

A Blues Cruise will run from Central Dunedin and drop off Festival goers to the different Festival venues. Free ride to head down the Bay and \$15 to head back to Dunedin (or at any other bus stop along the Bay Rd, from Portobello to the Cove).

Water taxis will also operate over the course of the weekend to ferry people from one side of the harbour to the other.

More info at: www.portobellobluesfestival.co.nz



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\$280 per person payable in advance prior to attending, OR

\$70 per person payable at the beginning of each week covering the two classes for the week.

Tools and Materials included

Only a small number of positions available so book now.

Ph: 022 682 9364

Or Email: ahi.gallery@gmail.com

Or call at the Gallery behind Coronation Hall and next to Happy Hens at Portobello.



Aibhilinn Woodman-Shinnors, (4) checks out the Otago Rescue Helicopter at the Portobello Show Day in December.



Nau mai, Haere mai Tautī mai! Everyone Welcome



6th February 2017

Ngāi Tahu Treaty of Waitangi commemorations at Ōtākou Marae, Tamatea Rd, Otago Peninsula.

Our theme is:
Te Hereka Waka

“The mooring place for the many waka who have voyaged to our shores.”

The term Te Hereka Waka is used in its broadest sense as a metaphor that celebrates the arrival of the many people who landed at Ōtākou whether by waka or sailing ship.

Locals/people attending the Treaty commemorations should plan to be at the Ōtākou Marae gates at 9.45am, the Pōwhiri will get underway at 10am.

There will be traffic controls at Tamatea Road to direct general public, VIPs and Kaumatua/Senior citizens to designated parking areas. Please follow instructions from the Police and Māori Wardens controllers.

We sincerely trust the weather is going to be lovely on the day; remember slip, slap, slop!
Water bottles, picnic, seats/umbrellas are encouraged.

Waka Ama – all going well on day, Fire and Ice Waka Ama Club from Dunedin will be on the harbour with two waka to offer rangatahi/youth and the young at heart the chance to row and have fun races against each other.

People must register their interest at the information desk after the Pōwhiri. Suitable (warm) clothing is advised.
Water slippers or jandals are ok in the waka.

Our thanks go to Fire & Ice for their willingness to be involved and give this opportunity to the general public of Dunedin.

**Workshops: Art and Mogi making,
Throughout the day there will be: stalls and entertainment.
There will also be kai stalls / mobile food vendors.**

Bring plenty of cash as there will not be any EFTPOS facilities available at the marae.
Feel free to bring picnic blankets and kai, and enjoy the day!

For all enquiries: phone: 03 478 0352 or email Tracey at events@tro.org.nz



DIARY DATES TO NOTE

Waitangi Day celebrations at Otakou Marae – February 6th
Pilates - Every Monday from 6pm – 7pm. Coronation Hall
Steady As You Go - Every Monday 10am. Portobello Bowling Club.
Portobello Library - Every Thursday 11am - 1pm
Portobello Blues Festival – 10 – 12 March 2017

ROYAL ALBATROSS CENTRE NEWS

Hatching is well underway with 19 albatross chicks and 4 to hatch at the most recent count, there are 4-6 nests in front of the tour observatory and viewing has been wonderful, especially on windy days as the adolescents are back and determined to show off. February and March are peak months for the busy centre. If you have visitors please advise them to book in advance as tours are often sold out.

The centre is looking for Tiki Tour Drivers, if you know anyone who has a P licence and loves hosting visitors, this could be the job for them. Phone Chris 478 0499

OTAGO PENINSULA TRUST NEWS

Otago Peninsula Trust is sharing 50 stories over 50 weeks as part of its 50th birthday celebrations in 2017.

We'd like to share with people that attractions and facilities they may take for granted, around the Peninsula, at Glenfalloch and The Royal Albatross Colony, have been championed, fundraised for and maintained by a small group of passionate Dunedin people who've worked hard to preserve and enhance Otago Peninsula for everyone to enjoy".

"The stories share interesting items from the Trust's archives and insights from people who've worked on projects over the years. We are so lucky to have two original Board members, Bill Dawson and Laurie Stewart who've been part of the Trust's history for the whole 50 years, and can reveal stories behind the Trust's projects over that entire period".

The Otago Peninsula Trust was formed in 1967 by the Dunedin Jaycee Chapter who wanted to see Dunedin flourish and had identified Otago Peninsula as the major asset for the city.

It was the mid-1960s and Dunedin was in the doldrums. The Chapter surveyed over 200 leading citizens and discussed ideas for how to reinvigorate the city's economy. Three main strengths were identified, education, heritage and tourism. The late Professor Ron Lister pointed out that the Otago Peninsula had many unique attributes with its unique wildlife and coastal scenery, its natural features, historical heritage was unique. So Dunedin Jaycee formed the Otago Peninsula Trust with the purpose of protecting and enhancing Otago Peninsula, allowing visitors to enjoy the peninsula wildlife, with a very strong emphasis on conservation. The Trust was unique at the time - New Zealand's first private charitable conservation trust".

As well as creating amenities for residents and visitors the Trust has become a major economic contributor and enabler for Dunedin's tourism industry. Today Otago Peninsula's wildlife is estimated to be worth well over \$100 million each year to the Dunedin economy. The Trust, with operations including the Royal Albatross Centre, Fort Taiaroa, Blue Penguins Pukekura joint venture, Glenfalloch and Tiki Tours is a major contributor and employer for the peninsula.

Some of the early stories to be told include:

- How the Otago Peninsula Trust was created by Dunedin Jaycee and some prominent citizens due to concerns about Dunedin's future and identifying tourism, education and heritage as a way to improve the city's economy,
- How the Dunedin Jaycee group raised \$26,000 selling tens of thousands of mystery envelopes during an appeal to raise funds for the newly fledged Trust to purchase Glenfalloch, which was in danger of being subdivided and lost in the late 1960s,
- How the Trust worked with local farmers and landowners to allow public access, signage and fencing to local sights including Lovers Leap,
- How the first yellow-eyed penguin tours were started by a local land owner, Mr. McGrouther and his two sons with the encouragement and practical support of the Otago Peninsula Trust.
- How opening the Albatross Reserve for tours took five years of advocating work until the first public tour in 1972.
- How the Otago Branch of the NZ Antique Arms Association restored the world's only 1889 Armstrong Disappearing Gun to full working order and earned a rare International Heritage Award from the UK Institute of Mechanical Engineers.
- Plus of course, how much fun and fellowship Trust members have had over the 50 years.

During the year the Trust plans to commemorate milestones and pay tribute to work which has been achieved over its 50 years. As well as a weekly radio show on Otago Access Radio, our exhibition "Golden Peninsula Guardians, a Glenfalloch Gala Day and staff reunions we've also got special treats for anyone turning 50 in 2017. We're going to be offering special deals across all the Trust attractions and partnerships including 50% off deals for Royal Albatross Centre Tours, Blue Penguins Pukekura, Fletcher House entry, Glenfalloch Green Bike Hire, Otago Peninsula Trust membership, deals when 50th birthday parties are booked at Glenfalloch Restaurant plus other pop-up specials during the year which will definitely be worth keeping an eye out for."

Otago Peninsula Trust's 50 stories in 50 weeks will be shared on Otago Peninsula Trust's website, online media, via Otago Access Radio and podcast.

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Boat transport from Back Beach, Port Chalmers at 4pm and from Portobello pontoon at 4.45pm on the catamaran, the Albatross Express. Returning 11pm (PC) and 11.45pm (P'bilo), or stay overnight. Bookings essential!

\$25 per adult including boat transport; \$20 for children. Limited numbers so get in quick!

Bookings to barndanceontheisland@gmail.com.

Further information about the island can be found at quarantineisland.org.nz

Quarantine Island/Kamau Taurua

We are still surprised how many people haven't yet visited this beautiful island, so clearly visible from the Peninsula! The Quarantine Island/Kamau Taurua Community is the charity that helps to look after this public Recreation Reserve. All are welcome! Come and enjoy the regenerating native bush, stunning views, historic sites including the Married Quarters building (1873) which is currently being restored, and join in with our different projects if you would like to. The latest of these involves biodiversity monitoring and weed control. We organise boat transport for groups, and have open days each month, to make it easier for people to visit if they don't have their own boat transport. You can stay overnight too in the Lodge and have even more time to relax and enjoy the sunrise!

Contact the Keeper, Phil Perrow on 4780 874, sign up to our Facebook group or email newsletter and check out our website — quarantineisland.org.nz





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ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE
from Olly's pen



My goodness 2017 is here and wasn't it heralded in with a Trump thump! I've adopted the saying, 'It's not what happens to you that's important. It's what you do about it.' So what am I doing about it? I'm building up and expanding the energy in and around me right here in our beautiful piece of paradise. I believe in the power of appreciation, gratitude and love in practice. This is not some new sacred knowing so I cannot claim them as my revelation. Many sages and wise ones in different cultures around the world knew of their uplifting and expanding qualities to the human soul. The beauty of it is – these three attributes still automatically generate that same enhancing energy. I've written before about the wonderful and diverse people Theraze and I have had the good fortune to meet so far and the places we've been to so far around the Peninsula. Two of my daughters spent four days with us over the holiday period. We went to the Albatross Colony including the tour of the tunnels and the retreating gun. Another evening we observed the Penguins as they waddled into their nests at dusk. Lanarch's Castle was next up and we enjoyed a good walk around the gardens. They absolutely loved it. Family times are so precious aren't they? When I saw Coast New Zealand featuring our Peninsula my heart was bursting with pride. Otakou marae has been busy getting ready to host the Treaty of Waitangi Day. I have no doubt that it will be in the spirit of unity and expansiveness – a day to truly celebrate – perhaps I might see you there.

News from the Marine Lab

Construction

Our new teaching lab project is seeing excellent progress, and we hope to be using it in June. Meanwhile, there are heavy vehicles with limited manoeuvrability moving along the road. 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. A public open day will be organised closer to completion of the project.

Jetty

The University-owned jetty remains closed to the public during construction. Due to new Health and Safety legislation, and the potential for damage and disruption to our research experiments after hours, public access to the jetty will not be restored.



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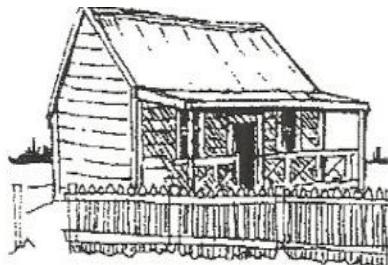


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OTAGO PENINSULA MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

17 Harington Point Road, Portobello, Dunedin 9014

Museum News

We have had good numbers of visitors to the Museum over the holiday period. Unfortunately we are only open on a Sunday and it would be interesting to see how many visitors we would get if we were open every day over the holidays. We had a visit from Les Hill (Christchurch) who is the nephew of Private John Day (who is on our memorial rock and was killed in WW2 at Egypt in 1942). Les kindly donated some memorabilia belonging to John – such as his Army Bible. John Day worked for the Lewis family at Otakou before heading off to War. Shirley Webb (nee Lewis) from Broad Bay came to meet Les as she has been representing the Day family each ANZAC Day by placing flowers at the memorial. It was a moving occasion for them both as they had never met before. It was the first time we had been in contact with any of John Day's relatives so a special occasion. Les hopes to get down to our ANZAC service in 2018.

Thanks to Warren and Norm who have been working away one or two mornings a week to improve access to the forge building – plus other jobs – there is always something to do to keep the Committee occupied. Laurel has been weeding and cutting back trees/shrubs.

This month we focus on the Clark family.

In the year 1860 Hugh Clark, formerly of Millport, Scotland, left his wife Mary with family in Glasgow and sailed with his son George, daughter Margaret and son in law Arch Lamb, on the ship "Bruce" to Port Chalmers. He purchased a block of land on Allans Beach Road. Two years later Hugh's wife Mary, their sons Alex and wife Willamina, David, Willie and Sam arrived on the ship "Nelson" in 1862. The baby of Alex and Willamina was born on the voyage out and was named Isabella Nelson Meiklejohn Clark (named after the ship and the ship's Captain Meiklejohn). The family established themselves on pieces of land on what was later named Clark's Hill, above Hoopers Inlet and Sheppard Road – between Hoopers and Papanui

Inlets. The first Hoopers Inlet School was held for a time in the living room of the Alex Clark family. Alex and Willamina had 11 children – Isabella, Hugh, Mary, Margaret, Willamina, Christina, Alexander (Alick), James, Robert, Jessie, Margaret. Alick was a lighthouse keeper in some remote places around NZ but when he returned to Portobello he went into business with his brother James and ran the blacksmith shop in Portobello. Robert Clark farmed at Hoopers Inlet and was a keen photographer. At aged 60 he was killed by a bull. We have several photos taken by Robert Clark at the Museum. Most of the Clark family are buried in the Portobello Cemetery.



The Clark family of Hoopers Inlet

The new roster which starts on 5 March has been collated and volunteers should get a copy in the next week. We have had 2 volunteers who have resigned - Glen McGregor and Tim Hill and they have been replaced by Wilma McKay and Katherine Cunningham. Thanks to you all for your support.

Library News:

The Library is open again after the holiday period. It is \$5 to join and 20c to get a book out. Dot, our Librarian, is always buying new books so get along and see what is available. There are books for sale as well. Library is situated in the Coronation Hall, Portobello, and is open Thursdays 11am-1pm. **The Library Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 27 February 7pm at the Library.** Mark it on your calendar and come along if you are interested in joining up. It is the only meeting we have for the year.





Valentine's Day

Book in with us for our Valentine's day set menu: \$99 for you and your valentine. Book before the 10th of February and go into the draw to win a cupcake bouquet on the night, AND two tickets to the Highlanders game on the 4th of March

Ph: 4780759 to book
Numbers are limited!



Important Facts to Remember as You Grow Older:

- Death is the number 1 killer in the world.
- Life is sexually transmitted.
- Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.
- Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.
- Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.
- All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.
- In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.
- Don't worry about old age; it doesn't last that long.

11 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
- Go fishing at the Portobello jetty
- Explore our heritage at the local Museum
- Visit our local cemetery
- Volunteer with a local organisation
- Paddle over to Pudding Island

Wanted – wind instrument players

A wind ensemble, the "Harbour Tones" is about to blow into action. Do you play ...



- Bassoon
- Clarinet (Bflat or bass)
- Sax (alto or tenor)
- Oboe (any variety)
- Flute?

... and would you like to play, weekly, with a group of like-minded musicians? The aim is to have some fun – Grade 4 equivalent or above is desirable – rubbing rust off if necessary. If so, don't hesitate to be in touch – we plan to get going in late February. There's music available, for all parts, from classical to blues to jazz.



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?

Xceed Fitness are pleased to announce they are now able to offer Exercise Consultation and Personal Training services to Peninsula residents from the Portobello branch of **Integrated Health Otago** at the Coronation Hall.

David & Nick have 20 years of combined industry experience coupled with recognised Personal Training qualifications. As dedicated Fitness Professionals they believe that good health is your most valuable asset and that it is never too late to make healthy lifestyle changes. They enjoy working with people from all walks of life and can tailor an exercise regime to suit individual needs whether it be for weight reduction, injury rehabilitation or exercising for health benefits.

David and Nicks approach is friendly and personable with the needs of the client always paramount. They look forward to meeting local residents and establishing themselves as part of the Peninsular Health Care network.

For more information please phone
David Chapman 021 1349627



FOR HIRE

Portobello Community Inc have 2 x 20L Water Urns which are available for community use. If you wish to use these at an event please phone Christine on 4780 878 All we ask for is a donation



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STOP NEWS

Do take the opportunity to walk along the Bacon St Track and see the extensive planting that has been achieved alongside Smiths Creek. 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. 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!

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

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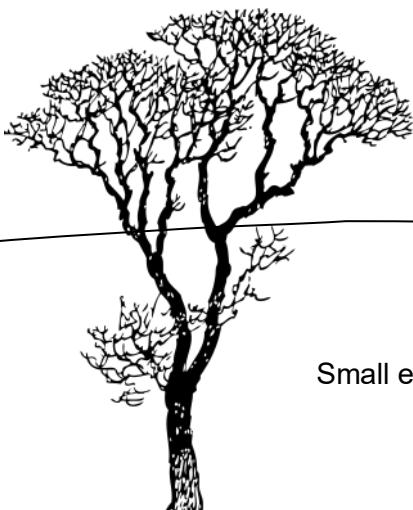


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Happy New Year everyone.

It was not a great start for us, January was not a good month for Ceinwen and I so I would like to thank our staff for putting in extra effort to keep us going. The weather kept a few people away but we were still making a couple of cakes a day on top of a pile of pies.

In fact the weather here was just the same as it was when I left London.

Find us on Facebook, every week Jeanie adds a new picture and tells you what we've been up to.

We look forward to seeing you during the year

Peter, Ceinwen, Jessie, Ruth, Cherie, Lyn, Alice, Brittany, and Holly

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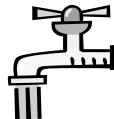
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As the first newsletter of the year let me start by wishing everyone a Happy New Year. I hope you've all had a wonderful Christmas break, although the weather didn't really do its part to help!

I've been busy working through the break and thrilled to have another Peninsula property under contract. Our local part of the market remained active over the last 2 months with 4 sections sales and 10 residential homes sold. The median value of the sections was \$132,500, while the median value of the homes was \$325,500. That's very close to the median value for Dunedin in December which was \$330,000.

The Dunedin market continues to be very busy, with a great deal of interest coming from out of town buyers. Most of those out of towners are from Central Otago and Auckland, so the clients who list with us are enjoying the benefit of the fact that The Highland Group has 6 offices across Otago, and we're part of Harcourts with 190 offices around the country. Sellers who choose to list with us enjoy the benefits of marketing reach that nobody else can offer. Another example of this is the recent AC Nielsen ratings that once again confirmed our web site as the most visited out of all real estate companies in New Zealand.

If I can help you with your real estate moves this year I'd love to hear from you. Until then, enjoy some warmer weather (at last) and I'll see you around the Peninsula.

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News from the Otago Peninsula Community Board



It seems like only a short time ago I was writing to the community wishing them a safe and happy holiday period. We are all now well back at work and local children are returning to school. While the weather has not been the greatest I'm hopeful that we'll see an improvement over the coming months, fingers crossed!

Annual Plan 2017

As the Chairman of the Otago Peninsula Community Board I had the opportunity to address Council on some of the issues that our community faces. Below are the summary points.

1. The Peninsula Connection Project design and build phase must be undertaken to create Portobello Road into a roadway that works for the Peninsula Community and the city.
2. Te Rauone - that the DCC continue to work with the community and agencies to complete this work on the beach.
3. The Council should add the previously approved 2002 coastal budget for Te Rauone reserve into the 2018 Annual Plan and Long Term Plan to compliment the community efforts.
4. The maintenance, upgrade and protection of roading assets across the Peninsula must continue to ensure safe and open access for residents and visitors.
5. The provision of continued upgrades and maintenance of parks, tracks, reserves and biodiversity areas on the Otago Peninsula.
6. Joint DCC initiatives on predators and pest species including the Predator-free NZ programme.
7. The development of an ongoing research project on tourism and freedom camping with the University of Otago to develop proper data for investment decisions.
8. More active advocacy by the DCC on the provision of fast broadband on the Otago Peninsula, especially in light of the Aurora power pole issues and its impact on this aspect of broadband supply.
9. Advocacy by the DCC with the ORC on a joint initiative in the management of the Tomahawk lagoon to prevent further flooding of the Domain Hall.
10. A joint initiative with ORC to develop a recreational and environmental plan for the Otago Harbour and its recreational assets.
11. Consideration by the Council for the use of Te Reo in public signs on the Otago Peninsula in conjunction with the Portobello Road connection project and other opportunities.

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. Before Christmas I met with the ORC and DCC and we had a fairly fruitful and frank exchange of views. A meeting is to be held on the 14th of February with Port Otago's engineers and I'm hopeful that this will get the project back on track. 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. To date the Board are awaiting the update.

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 is progressing albeit a little slower than expected.

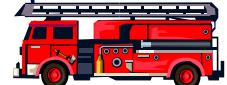
Facebook – The Board now have a Facebook account where I'll be sharing notices, information and meeting dates. Please take the opportunity to use it if you can. <https://www.facebook.com/pencomboard/>

We have a busy and challenging year ahead and I'm looking forward to working with the Board in getting things done around the community.

Paul Pope
Otago Peninsula Community Board Chairman
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Portobello Volunteer Fire Brigade



There is no fire ban in your area so if you need a permit this is how you go about it Go to: www.otagoruralfire.org.nz

How do I apply for a permit?

Click on **Permits** and fill in as much detail as you can as this will help with the application.

How long do permits last for?

Anywhere from 1 day to 6 months, depending on what you're burning and the type of material you are burning.

How long does my permit take to renew and get to me?

We endeavour to issue all permits within 5 workings days but some permits require a full inspection and detailed burn plan. We encourage you to plan ahead if you are wanting to burn.

What do I do if I have a permit for one material, but I want to burn another material later in the year?

Any change to your permit will need to be discussed with the Fire Officer as a change of material type may mean a change of conditions

Is it possible to get a permit for the entire year?

Permits are not issued for 12 months due to the fire season status changing throughout the year.

Does it cost for a permit?

No, there is no cost and if you want any advice this is willingly provided for free.

Can I burn if I have a permit pending?

No, you need to read and sign the permit accepting the conditions outlined in the permit before you burn. This will help in achieving a safe burn. These conditions include contacting Otago Rural Fire Authority prior to lighting your burn.

Can I burn if my permit is in my email?

No, you need to read and sign the permit accepting the conditions outlined in the permit before you burn. These conditions include contacting Otago Rural Fire Authority prior to lighting your burn.

Why do I have to sign my permit?

You sign the permit accepting the conditions outlined in the permit and that you have read and understood those conditions. These conditions include contacting Otago Rural Fire Authority prior to lighting your burn.

What happens if I burn without a permit?

It is an offence under the Forest and Rural Fires Act to burn without a permit if the fire season dictates that a permit is required. Conditions still apply during an Open fire season and you will need to check this if applicable.

Do I need a permit to burn in an incinerator/Drum?

Yes, but only if the drum or incinerator is such that embers are not contained. In other words if the drum or incinerator is fully enclosed and does not allow embers to escape then it is not classified as a 'fire in the open air'.

During a Total Fire Ban can I use a gas stove?

Yes, a gas stove or BBQ is acceptable during a total fire ban.

Can I light my pizza oven during a total fire ban?

If the pizza oven is fully enclosed and there is no chance of ember transfer, then yes.

Can I burn on the beach?

No, beaches are protected areas and we will not issue permits for beach fires.

Can I have a bonfire at night?

Bonfire permits are only issued for Guy Fawkes if weather conditions allow and at the discretion of the Principal Rural Fire Officer.

Do I need a permit in an Open Season?

Conditions still apply in an Open Fire Season. If you can't meet these conditions you do need a permit. [Open Fire Season Conditions](#)

Does holding a permit indemnify me from cost recovery if the fire escapes?

No, full responsibility for the fire lies with the person lighting the fire. The fire lighter must take all precautions and make sure any fire is safe and secure. If a fire escapes cost recovery will be sought for fire suppression. Please ensure you have adequate insurances in place before lighting the fire.

Do I need the permission of the landowner to light a fire?

Yes, permission must be sought from the landowner to light a fire on their land.

Can I light a fire on public conservation land?

There are special conditions associated with fires on public conservation land. [Public Conservation Fire Conditions](#)

How do I know what Fire Season applies to me?

To view the current fire season that applies to your area use the [Fire Season Map](#) to search your address.

Does the permit have to be in the landowner name?

No, you need to seek permission from the landowner but the permit needs to be in the name of the person lighting a fire.

What are the different Fire Seasons?

[Open Fire Season](#)

[Restricted Fire Season](#)

[Prohibited Fire Season](#)

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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.

PORTOBELLO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Harington Point Road, Portobello



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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The Otago Harbour Ferry Inc. are looking for a volunteer secretary to join the crew.

If you are keen to be part of a community group which owns the ferry out in the Portobello bay contact us. We have an exciting time ahead of us this year as we look to lease the vessel to an operator and have her up and running for next season. She is due to be slipped in a couple of months so there is some hands on work there too for volunteers.

Please contact Rhona Shaw on cell 0225250225 or email her rhonznz@windowslive.com



It has been fairly quiet over the holiday period but we there is hopefully much better weather coming up for boating etc over the next few months. Please ensure you are well prepared before you head out onto the water.

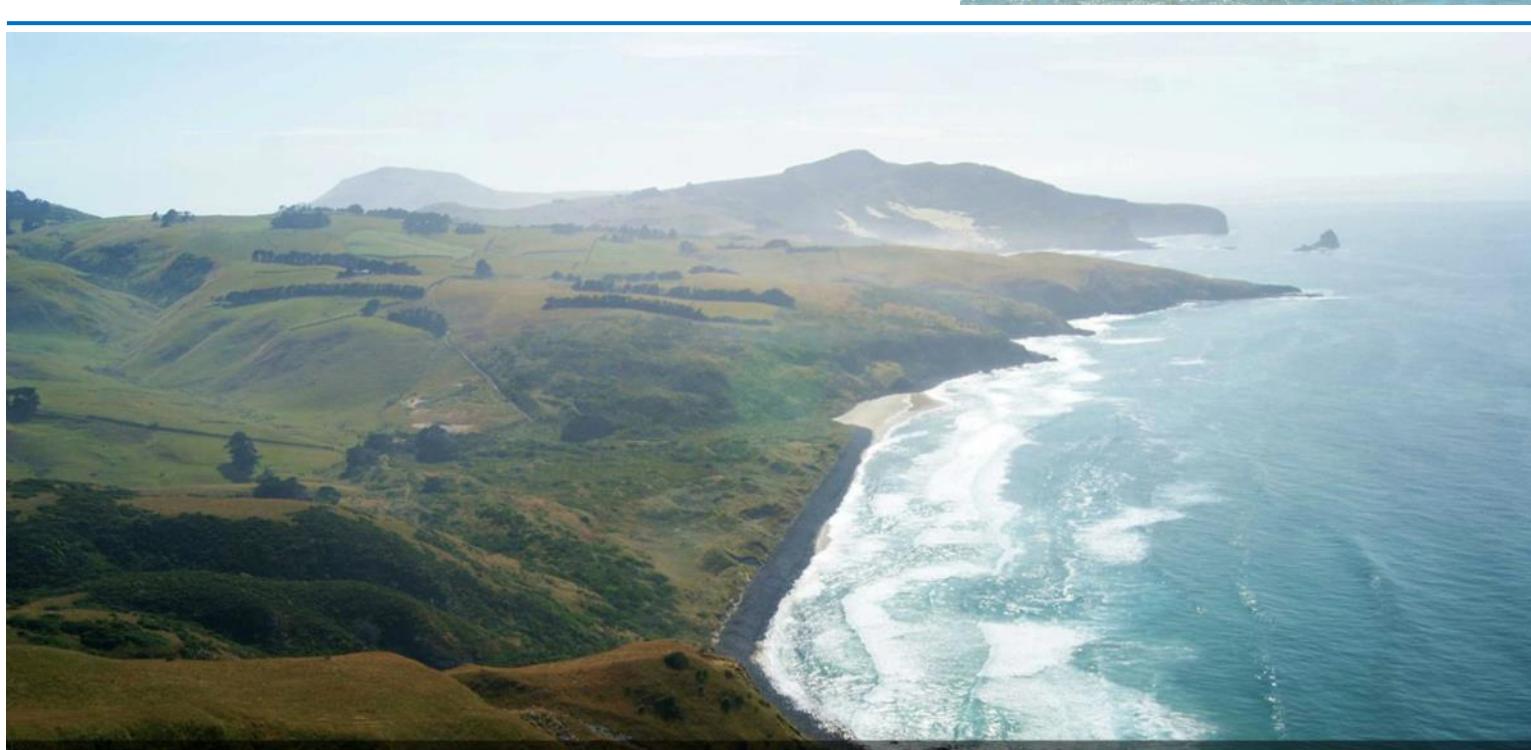
It is noticeable on a really nice calm day there have been boats, yachts and kayakers out enjoying the harbour.

Coastguard members have been selling raffles as part of the national Coastguard fundraiser. We sold raffles at the Warehouse and folk were very generous in not only buying a raffle but giving our local unit a donation.

Another day of selling is planned at Mitre 10.

Recently Coastguard were there as support for the Surf Life Saving Clubs IRB races which were held in the harbour area. This was supposed to happen from Aramoana to Brighton but weather conditions were not suitable so the harbour it was. We left Vauxhall at 8.30 for the Heads and followed the IRBs up the harbour, did 2 loops of Goat Island, then out to the Mole. We then landed on Shelly Beach, the participants then had to run laps around a course then it was back to Wellers Rock to refill then onto Back Beach, over to Broad Bay then Macandrew Bay, a run along the road to Cosy Dell then back to Vauxhall. It was a good opportunity for both organisations to work together.

**The next Coastguard meeting will be held at the
Portobello Fire Station on
Tuesday 14 February at 7.30pm. All welcome.**



Otago Peninsula Community Board Funding

The Community Board has \$10,000/year to contribute to community projects and two scholarship within the Peninsula area. This funding is available to assist community groups in a range of projects and activities. If your community group have a project that provides positive outcomes for your Peninsula community and its environment contact, your local Board member through the link below or our Facebook Page. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Tena koutou katoa –
Warm greetings everyone.

Start of Year

We hope you had wonderful moments with your family and friends during the holidays. We are enjoying our first day back at school - a fabulous warm day with friends. We're excited about a swimming term!

Changes this year include:

Tom Hobbs has moved over to Room 6. Our older students have the benefit of the strengths of two fabulous teachers who will sometimes work together and share strengths.

Friday School Assemblies will begin at 2.10. When it ends, children will return to classrooms.

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THE OTAGO WITNESS—March 1877

A few days after the late heavy rains, I started on a pedestrian excursion round the Peninsula. After passing Anderson's Bay, I observed several gangs of prisoners busily at work removing the landslips that had blocked up the road.

The landslips are so numerous, and some of them so large, that all traffic (except on foot) is quite impossible; indeed, in several places I found some difficulty in passing, and had to take to the water to avoid the risk of getting bogged.

There is some heavy work to be done about Macandrew's Bay before the road is passable, and at Mr W. Cawley's a large piece of the frontage has slipped into the bay. Mr Cawley estimates the damage at not less than £100. The properties of Messrs R. Anderson, Thos. Anderson, and Clearwater have all suffered much by landslips.

Arriving at the Portobello Hotel, we take refreshment and a good, rest, which is much needed, and then proceed along the road to the Portobello drill-shed. Here a district road leads over the range to Wickliffe Bay; but is so blocked up by a large landslip that we determine to try another road. It required great care to find our way over the mass of soft mud that covered the road for some distance up the hill. On the top of the range is the farm of Mr Lewis, who has lost the lower part of a fine artificial grass paddock. It was washed down the hill and deposited on the flat at North's. At this place the flood must have been a perfect torrent of mud, carrying all before it, fences, trees, &c. The gully here is narrow, and it is very wonderful how such large trees were forced down it; boulders of clay, vines, and grass, all sizes, becoming larger as they roll to the bottom of the hill. The damage done to Mr Lewis's property is difficult to estimate, and it will cost a deal of labour before the road is available for traffic.



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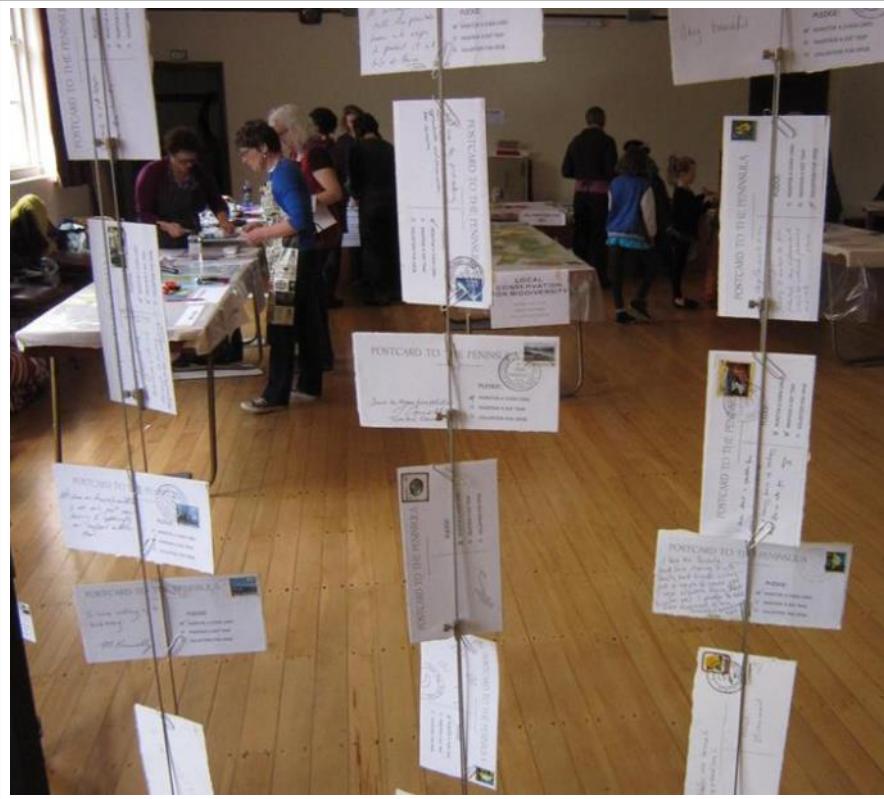
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The Biodiversity Conservation Art that Peninsula Community folk made in February 2016 has since been on exhibition in Port Chalmers (Coronation Hall) during November. This was with another predator removal conservation and art workshop, in collaboration with the Beyond Orokui Halo Project.

In future, Jenny Rock and Lynn Taylor (TheSandpitCollective@gmail.com) plan to continue to exhibit the collective work (joining that of Stewart Islander's) to engage further communities in their local predator-removal projects.

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RAMBLES ROUND DUNEDIN.

PORTEBELL, HOOPE'S INLET, PAPANUI,
ETC.

Taking advantage of one of the late steam trips, the writer made a short run over part of this interesting and beautiful locality. It was over five years since he had been last there, and he was very much pleased and surprised to see the progress made by the settlers in the way of clearing the land and making roads. Instead of the muddy narrow bush track, through which it was difficult to make any but the slowest progress, there is now a series of well cut and well formed roads, with tolerably easy grades, opening up the district in all directions. And what was then a tract of almost impenetrable bush, with only a few small clearings, has been cut into right and left, and farm houses and all their accompaniments, and fields of heavy-looking grain crop, now stud the landscape.

From the jetty at Portobello, the road proceeds along the harbour side for a short distance, and then joins the main road from Dunedin, which goes on to the lower bay, and thence (eventually) to the Heads. But the road to Hooper's Inlet turns off to the right, and conducts the visitor over the hill to a very fine piece of scenery. The distance from highwater mark in the Harbour to a similar point in the Inlet is about a mile; the road being cut and formed, and practicable to any sort of vehicle, though not yet metalled. On reaching a slight turn at the foot of the hill, the whole of the Inlet comes into view, and a beautiful scene it is indeed. The entrance from the ocean is not visible, and the sheet of water has just the appearance of a fine inland lake. At the time of the visit it was just full tide, and the water, agitated by a strong westerly breeze, rolled in short curling waves up to the grass on the shores. At low tide, however, quite a different scene is presented; instead of water there is a large expanse of shelly sand, with here and there a patch of mud, the only water being a number of little streams coming from the gully creeks on the hill sides, which join into one large channel near the outlet.

On arriving at the foot of the hill, the road appears to end in the water; but this is not so. The settlers have constructed a most convenient bridle path running the whole way down the eastern margin of the inlet to the sand hills near

Looking inland the scene was very beautiful. On either hand ran a long undulating line of wood-covered heights, culminating in that regularly shaped eminence Harbour Cone; while through the gap, between it and the hills above Lower Portobello, were to be seen Mount Cargill and its attendant Mihiwaka, towering over all the others in the neighborhood. By this time, however, it was necessary to begin the return march, and the sandhills and the view were reluctantly left behind. Contrary to the usual state of things, there was no fresh water near the beach, the creeks all falling into the Inlet, so a line was struck for the nearest house. On asking for water, a kind invitation to come in and have some refreshment of a more solid nature was given, and as heartily accepted, for walking in the fresh sea air is certainly a good thing to stir up the appetite. After resting a little, and having had a short talk with the settler about his prospects, the land, the roads, &c., we started off to walk up the bay side again. About halfway up point is reached where a deep bay in the Inlet is met on the other side by a corresponding bay, so that the neck between is little over half a mile wide. A track leads over through some clearings, and a very few minutes brought us in full sight of the Papanui Inlet, and its surroundings. It was intended to have gone up this side and over to Portobello by the other track, but on referring to the time, it was found that too short an interval remained between and the starting of the steamer. So we turned back to Hooper's again, but in order to save going round one of the points turned to the right so as to hit the next bay. The top of the ridge was easily got to, but getting down the opposite slope proved one of the toughest jobs the writer ever undertook. The distance was not great, quite a trifle; but the bush was so thick, so interlaced with fallen trees, and a cover all with supplejacks, which latter were exceedingly plentiful, that progress onward was simply impossible. It was only by creeping, climbing, squeezing, and cutting his way with the tomahawk that locomotion could be effected. More time was lost in crossing through this piece of brush than in walking the whole way up, and the sight of the clear water of the bay and the bridle-path were very welcome after the delay. So much time was lost by this detour, that it became necessary to use all possible speed in order to reach Portobello before the steamer started; the tomahawk was put in requisition to

margin of the inlet to the sea. The Ocean beach. It follows the line of the beach about high water mark, and is of course very sinuous, running into all the bays and round all the points. But this sinuosity gives a visitor a much better opportunity of observing the beautiful scenery which surrounds the Inlet than he would have had if the track had been straight. On the way down a good look out was kept for ferns, but nothing very rare or new was got. Some fine specimens of adiantum, asplenium, ionaria, and others were gathered, however, as well as some rather odd-looking mosses. At the last bay before reaching the sandhills, the road strikes straight across, the engineer seeming to have thought the chord better than the arc in this instance. It was well that the tide had fallen somewhat before this point was reached, as the strong wind had driven the water over the track in several places, and it had just fallen far enough to allow of a dry passage across. This last bit of the track was very rough, and the writer was not at all sorry when he left the path for the grassy hills, over which he soon made his way to the beach, proceeding downwards to tide mark. There were no shells about, the only specimen of any sort observed being an odd valve of a mactra.

The writer then retraced his steps to the top of the sandhills, from which a most magnificent view was obtained. The sun was very heavy, and breaking with tremendous force high up on the beach. To the left a long range of high cliffs ran out, ending in Cape Saunders. On these cliffs the sea was dashing with a noise like thunder, and throwing clouds of snow-white foam twenty, thirty, and even fifty feet high. A short way out from the beach is a small island, covered with turf on the sloping summit. On this island, every now and then, would dash a big wave, and the spray rose clear over the rocks and on to the grass at the top, like a cloud of steam from a boiler, or the smoke from a gun. Above the cliffs rose the high ridge of Mount Charles, 1500 feet up, and covered with thick bush to the summit. Turning to the right, and looking along the beach, the view was bounded by that most singular of all the hills in our neighbourhood—Sandy Mount. This hill is over 1000 feet high, and a large portion of its surface is covered by deposits of loose sand, which are carried about by the wind whenever it blows strong. At this time, quite a cloud of sand was flying over to the lagoon side, and adding to the already extensive surface covered by the sand hills on the beach.

the tomahawk was put in requisition to cut a supplejack with a handy crook, and by its assistance the remaining distance was soon traversed, but on arriving on the harbour side of the hill found the steamer had not arrived, nor would for about half an hour. The interval was spent in watching the effect of the wind, which had by this time increased to a strong gale, on the waters of the bay. There was a heavy choppings sea running, and every now and then the wind would drive the water before it in clouds of spray. Some smart showers of rain also fell, and most of the excursionists were driven to seek shelter, and it was amusing to see them squatting all round, on the lee sides of bushes, banks, fences, buildings, wherever there was any shelter from the bitter wind. Every one was glad when the steamer arrived, and no time was lost in getting on board.

There still remain some other districts to ramble over, particularly Sandfly and its neighbourhood; but the season is too far gone, the weather too broken, and the days too short, to warrant much being done for a few months. So, till then, &c.

April 5, 1869.



Please keep those possum, stoat and ferret reports coming in to:
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Dead or alive—we still want to know about them.

Check your OPBG Calendar for information on what those pesky possums are up to and when to reset your traps.



Recycling Depots:

For those of us living on the Otago Peninsula who do not have curb side collection of our recycling, the Dunedin City Council have provided two recycling depots. It is great to see these being used by locals and also the travelling public. For the most part people are very good at using the Yellow Lid Bins and the Bottle Bins for the right recycling. Thank you for that.

There are just a few areas that could be done better:

If your recycling is in a plastic bag, a supermarket bag or other, then please remove the recycling from the bag. Plastic Bags are not recyclable.

Please rinse out the plastic / aluminium containers that may contain food residue that could go mouldy and stink.

If the recycling bins are full, please come back next week with your recycling, when there will be room. Don't just dump your recycling by the bins.

Please break down your cardboard boxes. You can fit more in if you do this.



Things which are not recyclable:

Table lamps; Broken office chairs; Broken mirrors; defunct BBQs; Bedding; Suit Cases; Exhaust Pipes; Broken crockery; Bags of Household Rubbish. The DCC do go through the Rubbish Bags and if they find any identification as to who owns the rubbish, and they often do, then that person may be fined.

Polystyrene is NOT recyclable.

Please respect these facilities. This is all common sense really.

Many thanks.

Christine Neill – Otago Peninsula Community Board.



Hawk and Hurl Portobello Domain 19th February 10 am

Its time to have that summer clean up around your place and turn your old toys, clothes, recycling and saleable stuff into cash!

Stalls are just \$5.00 - No need to book just turn up on the day!

Share a trailer or a car with your neighbour for your rubbish and save on the DCC tipping fees.

RURAL SKIP DAYS

Portobello Domain | Sunday 19 February | 10am - 5pm
(Waste must not be left at the site outside these times)

Vegetation ONLY loads must not contain any flax, cabbage tree leaves or grass clippings, and no complete hedgerows or similar.

GENERAL WASTE

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

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

NO LIQUIDS: including oil

* The maximum size of demolition material is one metre in any direction. Material is to be clean and contain no asbestos.



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