

NEWSLETTER

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Portobello Community Inc.



Fuel sales return to Portobello



The first load of fuel being delivered to Portobello Motors earlier in May.

After an absence of at least 15 years, fuel is again pumping in Portobello.

Locals followed with great interest the installation of new pumps and a new above-ground diesel tank. With a slick new paint job the garage is looking great, and minutes after the pumps went online, people were filling up.

Fuel is available 24/7 from the unmanned Card Payment system and is proving extremely popular with locals and visitors alike.

91, 95 and Diesel are all available.

So, no more heading into town just to get some fuel for the mower or the boat, just call into the local garage and fill up.



DIARY DATES TO NOTE

Rural Skip Day – Portobello Domain – Sunday 18th June 10am – 4pm

Portobello Community Inc – AGM – Tues 20 June 7:30pm at the Portobello Hotel

Otago Peninsula Museum – AGM – Monday 31st July 7pm at the Museum

Badminton – Every Sunday evening 7pm – 9pm Coronation Hall

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

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

Tai Chi – Every Monday & Thursday 1:30pm Portobello Bowling Club

Portobello Library, Coronation Hall - Every Monday night 6 – 7:15pm and Thursday 11am - 1pm

Otago Peninsula Museum – open every Sunday 12:30pm – 3:30pm

We wish to thank all those who helped to set up for our local ANZAC Day commemoration at the Museum, those who took part or volunteered on the day and to all those who came along. Guest Speaker Hoani Langsbury gave a very moving account of his family's war history, a copy of which is below.

In two local communities, in two continents half a world away from each other, are two memorials reminding us of the ultimate sacrifice, of 2 brothers, for their respective Countries.

On the memorial in the Market Square in Wallingford, England, is the name Private Charles Langsbury, a member of the Royal Berkshire Regiment, and causality of World War One.

On the wall memorial in Tamatea, at Otakou Marae is the name S A G Langsbury - Sidney Arthur George, Able Seaman, and causality of World War Two.

This is the story of my family's sacrifice, specifically my grandfather, who died when he was on active service for his adopted country, New Zealand, having found himself here after WW1.

Sidney was born in the quaint English village of Wallingford, Berkshire on the 28 August 1898.

At the age of 15 years he joined the Royal Navy as a 2nd Class Boy. He was posted on the HMS Powerful until he was transferred to the Battleship HMS Conquer in October 1914, shortly after the outbreak of the First World War. According to his early naval records, he is described as being 5 foot 7 1/2 inches tall, with fair hair and complexion, and blue eyes.

In May 1916 at 18 years of age, he found himself amidst the largest naval battle of the war - the Battle of Jutland, fought between the British Royal Navy's Grand Fleet, and the Imperial German Navy's High Seas Fleet, and it changed the course of the First World War.

With some 250 ships and over 100,000 men, it was the largest battle of the war fought at sea, and has now become known as the largest surface battle in naval history due to the sheer number of battleships and battlecruisers engaged.

At its conclusion 14 British and 11 German ships had been sunk, with great loss of life.

Both sides claimed victory, however even though the British lost more ships and twice as many sailors, they succeeded in containing the German Fleet.

After surviving through the war Sidney remained in the Royal Navy eventually visiting New Zealand while on board the HMS Dunedin. Later, the HMS Dunedin was to be involved in her own tragedy when in November 1941, she was torpedoed in the south Atlantic with more than 400 of her crew lost.

It was some time after his arrival in Dunedin in 1924, that Sidney met my grandmother Roimata Karetai. Apparently they wanted to marry, but Roimata's father, would not allow it – although she was the youngest child of a large family, she was from a chiefly line.

They waited until after this death, and married in 1932 at the Church at Otakou.

Sydney took leave from the Navy and enjoyed life on land, fully involving himself in the local community here on the Peninsula, and living down at the kaik, and around Central Otago with his young family.

In August 1940, he was called up to serve again, and transferred to the NZ Royal Navy where he was eventually posted to the HMNZS Breeze in October 1942.

The Breeze was part of a mobile flotilla of minesweepers required after the discovery of minefields laid by the Germans in and around New Zealand waters.

HMS Breeze was based out of Wellington and it was here on the 9 April 1943 that my grandfather was found drowned in the harbour. No one quite knows what happened, but he had been on shore the night before attending a local meeting of the Royal Order of Buffaloes of which he was a senior member of the Dunedin branch.

To me it seems such a tragic loss, having already survived so much. But no more than what many other families were experiencing at this time.

My father who was only a young boy of 7, has strong memories of hearing the news from his sister of the death of his father, and attending his tangi at Otakou.

Like so many of his generation, he grew up with only vague memories of his father, but proud never the less, of the part he had played in ensuring we have never had to experience the horror of war. He is buried in the urupa next to my grandmother, and his headstone prominently displays an anchor, symbolic of his life dedicated to the Navy.

So here we are today – a further 3 generations on, in the same community, surrounded by familiar old families, pausing this ANZAC day to reflect, and remember, those that have gone before us – I'm proud to say that their service and sacrifice was not in vain - Lest We Forget.

On Monday evening the 15th of May 2017 Nicki Topliss and I attended the Trust Power Community Awards at the Toitu Otago Early Settlers Museum. The Dunedin City Council also support this occasion. Nicki had put in an entry for the Heritage and Environment Category. The following was read out;

‘ Winner of the Heritage and Environment category goes to a group of volunteers making Portobello a great place to live. Congratulations to the Portobello Community Incorporated.

It's clear to see that this group of volunteers are hugely passionate about their community! They work hard to

co-ordinate activities and programmes to enhance Portobello as a great place to live, work and visit, and acknowledge the heritage of the Portobello area.

It seems like they do it all! From the bi-monthly newsletter, community garden maintenance and market days to phone book fundraisers, hawk and hurl rubbish days and clean up days. Any funds they raise they put back into the community, either to special projects or to local groups such as the Portobello Volunteer Fire Brigade, Broad Bay Boating Club and the Peninsula Toy Library.

At Christmas time these volunteers co-ordinated a community get together to sing Christmas carols, followed by afternoon tea. The whole community is invited to attend, with volunteers making it easy for elderly members of the community by collecting them and dropping them home afterwards.

These volunteers are at the heart and soul of their community, and it is a pleasure to recognise those efforts here this evening. Congratulations’

I thanked Trust Power and the Dunedin City Council for the award and said that whilst there were only two of us, there were a lot of other people who gave of their skills for the community. It truly was amazing to see all the people who were present, representing many organizations that do all sorts of things voluntarily in and around the Dunedin area. There is an awful lot goes on that hardly anyone knows about.

Portobello Community Inc. is working towards setting up an Heritage Walk, starting around at the jetty and working to the Otago Peninsula Museum area. Relative Heritage buildings will have information about them that people can read. If you are interested in being involved with Portobello Community Inc. then please come along to the **Annual General Meeting** to be held at the Portobello Hotel on June the 20th at 7.30 pm.

Christine Neill



Trust Power Technology Strategy & Service Manager Matt van Deventer, Christine Neill, Nicki Topliss, Mayor Dave Cull

Portobello Community Inc.



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Integrated Health Otago would like to welcome Nick Hoskin and David Chapman of Xceed Fitness to our Portobello clinic. Their one on one training and group fitness sessions will be a great adjunct to what is already on offer in our community.

Need help to start an exercise programme?

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

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Have you got a Donkey? Are you fundraising?

Otago Peninsula Trust is planning a Glenfalloch Gala Day for our 50th anniversary. In the spirit of Glenfalloch in days gone past we are looking for a Donkey for Donkey rides (or just petting), musicians, entertainers, yacht races... and we'd love our locals to be involved. There's also the opportunity for free fundraising stalls for local schools and groups. The Gala will be held on Sunday 15th October.

Please contact glenda@albatross.org.nz 4761775 if you'd like to get involved in this fun celebratory event. Glenfalloch Restaurant leapt up to #8 of Dunedin restaurants in Dunedin! Thanks so much for your support of this partnership. The restaurant is closed 5-30 June for a break – it'll be open again for Locals night Thursdays as well as the usual Fri/Sat 5pm for Dinner and Thu-Mon 9.30-3.30 for the daily café.

Are you 50 this year? For anyone turning 50 in 2017 we're offering special deals across all the Trust attractions and partnerships including 50% off Royal Albatross Centre Tours, Blue Penguins Pukekura, Fletcher House entry, Glenfalloch Green Bike Hire and Otago Peninsula Trust membership, free bubbly deals when 50th birthday parties are booked at Glenfalloch Restaurant, plus other pop-up specials during the year.

Royal Albatross Centre – it's a wonderful time to visit the albatross chicks – they're about 7-10+ kilos each. Blue Penguins Pukekura – an excellent time to take the kids over winter, tours are very early evening so they don't have to stay up too late.

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*Bulldozing at Royal Albatross
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Portobello Marine Lab

Construction

Our new teaching lab project is now only a few weeks away from finishing and we expect to open for teaching at the start of Semester Two. We are just about done with heavy vehicles trundling up and down the road, but I still want to remind people to please take care when walking along the University owned section of the road and keep dogs under control. Peak vehicle traffic times are 8.15—8.45 and 16.30-17.15. Your walk may be more enjoyable if you avoid those times - especially with the poor visibility at these times on short winter days.



Quarantine Island/Kamau Taurua

We are very lucky to have people offering their skills, time and talents to the Island's 'Community Council.' Over the last few months young people from Otago Polytechnic/Malcum Trust's Farmhand programme have helped with repairing fences, organising the tool-shed, and improving the tracks. Forest and Bird organised a team of volunteers to tackle some of the boxthorn - a tug-of-war challenge that's not over yet! Scientists have been helping us develop resources for our citizen science biodiversity monitoring project. It feels so good to experience this generosity.

The Lodge is much quieter now that winter's approaching, but it's still a wonderful place to stay overnight. It's cosy to sit around the fire in the evening, talking or playing board games, then get out during the day, enjoying the wonderful views and being far away from all the tasks and distractions that wait for us at home! The various boat taxi options give visitors much more flexibility these days. School holidays are coming up, so consider coming over with friends or family for an island get away.

If you want to receive regular updates about open days or other events, join the Quarantine Island Community on Facebook or our email list. More details on our website quarantineisland.org.nz



BELLA'S MATERIAL SALE



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BLUES at BELLAMYS Macandrew Bay

The following was taken from the Portobello School Prize giving list and published in the December Otago Witness 1998.

How things have changed.

Most Popular Pupil.—Nellie Barton, on the votes of the pupils taken by ballot.

Prize for the Smallest Girl in the School—Bella Cormack.

Prize for the smallest boy, awarded to Fergie Neilson, to the girl a little bigger than the smallest, awarded to Lena Garchow.

Certificates of Attendance.—One first-class and two second.

Special prizes were presented by Messrs Whitcombe and Tombs and Mrs A. Lewis.

WANTED

Garage or sheltered and covered space to store a vehicle in Portobello.

The space needs to be able to accommodate a vehicle which is approximately 6 metres long, 2.5 metres wide and 3.5 metres tall.

If you can help, please phone Tessa or Adelle on 479 5826

Update on the harbour ferry.

We have begun talking with an interested party regarding running the ferry. This will hopefully result in the commencement of some sort of weekend sailings. Time frame is this coming season but there are still a few hurdles to jump.

The society still looking for a secretary which would make the operation happen sooner. Contact the Otago Harbour Ferry Inc. By email,

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Visit our Facebook page for further info

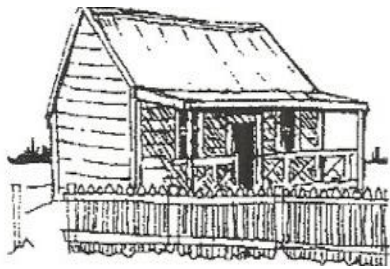


Local Hall Hire Contacts

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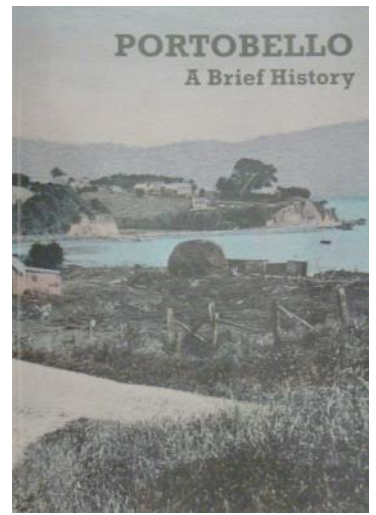
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OTAGO PENINSULA MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

17 Harington Point Road, Portobello, Dunedin 9014



Museum News

Our book "Portobello – A Brief History" has been selling really well and we will be looking at having more copies printed. It is still available at the local Store for \$25.

Many thanks to the Kilwinning Peninsula Lodge 696 who have kindly donated \$300 towards the gun restoration.

We have had a good couple of working bees recently to tidy the grounds and clean out the spoutings. Thanks to members who were able to help plus our good neighbour Geoff. We still potter away every Tuesday morning with odd jobs such as cataloguing and building jobs. The ANZAC Day service went very well at the Museum and local support is very strong. Thanks to all those involved.



Recently we had a visit from ancestors of the Leslie family. Captain Leslie arrived here in 1861 and lived on Harbour Cone. There were 2 Leslie farms on Harbour Cone, one around the back where William Leslie Junior lived and William Senior lived just below Highcliff Road, south of where the Bacon Street track comes out. This spot was also the site of the Harbour Cone Cheese Factory which was on land leased by Captain Leslie. This was burnt down after several years when a severe fire raced up from Broad Bay. Captain Leslie Junior died in 1894 aged 76 and is buried in the Portobello Cemetery, alongside his wife. Jacqueline Leslie was delighted that we had a book on William Leslie and that she was able to contact the family member in Dunedin who wrote the book. Jacqueline and her husband came over from Melbourne and her brother Edward Leslie had come from London.

Please consider having a copy of your family tree at the Museum. In future years someone (such as Jacqueline did) may just come by and want to know about their ancestors – not just those who came in the 1840s but till now and in the future.

**Our AGM will be held on
Monday 31 July 7pm at the Museum.**

Mark it on your calendar.

Come along and hear what we have been up to over the past year.
There is no pressure to be on the Committee but new members would be most welcome.

Library News



EXTENDED HOURS FOR LIBRARY AT CORONATION HALL, PORTOBELLO

As a trial the library will be opening on a **Monday night from 5.30-7pm. This will start on Monday 12 May.** We will still be open as usual from 11am – 1pm every Thursday.

New shelving has been purchased and what a difference it has made. Come along and check it out
Many thanks to Dot (our Librarian) , Richard and Lenore for your input into this.

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It's been 7 years since we bought Portobello Coffee shop and changed the name to Penguin Café, thus creating more of a destination than just serving passing trade. We have decided its time for younger bones to take the helm so Penguin Café is now on the market. We will miss all our lovely regulars but perhaps we will join you on the other side of the counter and enjoy a great coffee with friends without having to jump up and serve another customer.

We've already had a few inquiries so with a bit of luck we might be up and away with our new Gold Cards by the end of winter.

We look forward to seeing you soon (you might like to try Alice's new peppermint slice, its selling well so hurry on down before it all goes.)

All the very best and take care on those icy roads.

Peter, Ceinwen

And thank you to our staff; Alice, Brittany, Cherie, Clare, Holly, Jeannie, Sharen.

Peninsula Medical Centre

A friendly reminder to all our
patients that the flu vaccines
are available.



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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 with your sweetheart to Lovers Leap
Go fishing at the Portobello jetty
Explore our heritage at the local Museum
Visit our local cemetery
Paddle over to Pudding Island

Volunteer with a local organisation

Badminton

We play on a Sunday night 7—9pm at the Coronation Hall.

Rackets are available for use.

Keep a lookout on the community noticeboard at the shop or
give Geoff a ring on 4780-688 for more information.

We'd really like to have some new members to join our great Club.

Table tennis is also available to play.



ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE - from Olly's pen.

My goodness we've got talent here on the Peninsula!

I went to a book launch recently and there was just enough room in the University Book shop to fit everyone in. 'Through the Lonesome Darkness' is Paddy Richardson's seventh novel. She lives with musician husband Jim in Broad Bay. *The story begins in Blackball on the West Coast, pre-World War I and involves three youngsters; Pansy, Clem and Otto. Life has an idyllic surface with a far from idyllic underside for youngsters in this out of the way mining town. As the War approaches, the harsh realities become apparent. Just because you are smart and motivated there is no certainty that you can advance yourself in this world if you are a girl and the daughter of a coal miner. But for boys it's a different story, especially if you know how to tunnel. And afterwards the boys return home, broken and still in shock expecting to be greeted with open hearts and minds. But like Clem, who's had an artificial leg fitted – the bravery doesn't make it look attractive to the girls. And even though you've gone and done your bit for the country and those who didn't are called cowards – they're the ones with jobs. They're physically, emotionally and mentally still in tact.*

It's a helluva good read. Paddy's done a great job. She educates, informs and entertains you along the way about life, about war and about power, hopelessness and the art of coping through the eyes of three west coast kids from Blackball.



Peninsula Plumbers

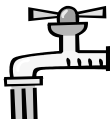
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*Closing Day was held on 01st April - a good turnout - good weather - Men beat Ladies in the Annual Competition -
Hi Jacks was incorporated into Closing Day and went off without a hitch - congratulations to the winners
We visited Karitane on 09th April - good numbers - good weather - but we lost the Trophy
Our first Pot Luck Tea was held on 13th May - we had a reasonable crowd - good food – next one to be held in July
We are looking for New Members for the 2017 / 2018 Season - if you are interested in becoming involved with our
Club, Socially or as a Bowler, please feel free to give us call you would be most welcome*

The second year of our 'themed' show which is now an Annual event on our
Art Calendar.

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News from the Otago Peninsula Community Board

It's dark and cold with winter weather and conditions upon us. The safest place is to be by the fire. Winter has fallen upon us!

Portobello Road – The Peninsula Connection

By now the community will be aware that the Dunedin City Council has revised the budget estimates for



the safety improvements on Portobello/Harington Point Road. The original estimates did not cover the real cost of the project and there is now a shortfall of \$13.5 million. While the news was surprising and probably caused some anxiety in the community, the City Council still intends to continue with the project. It's important that the community remain conscious that the shortfall in funding the project will need to be found in the City Council's Long Term Plan. This process will begin in December 2017 with deliberations in 2018. It is important that the community remain vocal and vigilant over its desire to see this project completed. The Board will keep you updated as information comes to hand.

The Community Board have now been briefed that once the tender is let the existing work should begin around October 2017. There has been no decision about which area will be started first. What the Board can confirm is that the Council's first choice of design shown to the community on the 6th December 2016 is to be the design for project. I recommend to everyone that they continue 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 Road, further work will be undertaken beginning around June/July to repair the slips on the road since the June 2015 floods. This is essential to the community for safety and to ensure an alternative route is available.

Condolences to Nic Hedley's Whanau

On behalf of the Board I must pass on my condolences to the whanau of Nic Hedley after her tragic loss recently. I would also like to pass on our thanks to all of the people in the community and marae for the support you gave the family and police during a very difficult time.

Peninsula Playgrounds

The Board has received notice of four issues with playground equipment on the Peninsula which will require the removal (some have already been undertaken) from reserves. These include: Latham Park Slide, Frances Street Swings, Broad Bay Beach Boat and the climbing frame at Macandrew Bay. These items should be replaced before the end of the 2017 financial year.

Latham Park Tree Pruning

I was contacted recently over pruning of trees and shrubs at Latham Park. I immediately contacted the Council and asked for the work to cease until a better explanation was made. The Council will be repairing the work around the park entrance with new planting.

Broadband and Mobile Coverage

Fellow Board member Hoani Langsbury and I have met with the Digital Office and DCC staff to push the case for the Peninsula to receive better Broadband and Mobile coverage. We desperately need to have this infrastructure upgraded for the benefit of business and the community. We will continue to push this as we deem it important for our area.

Emergency Response Plan

In the coming months the Board will be working on an Emergency Response Plan for the entire Peninsula. Residents will receive a copy of this plan once it is finished early in 2018.

Funding

I'm pleased to announce funding was granted by the Board for the following:

\$320.00 for the Broad Bay Newsletter

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. If you have any enquiries please feel free to contact me.

Paul Pope - Otago Peninsula Community Board Chairman

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The earliest mention of cycling on Portobello Road is February 1883. The road toll was introduced by the Portobello Road Board in 1888 to offset its maintenance and development costs. The toll was universally unpopular and prohibitive. Cyclists were charged 5 shillings for the round trip, a significant sum in that period. Peninsula residents petitioned Prime Minister Richard Seddon in 1891 to have the toll reduced. By 1896 the toll was reduced to sixpence on Sundays for cyclists. In 1897 a deputation of cyclists requested a further reduction but the Road Board requested that fences should be put up on dangerous corners! By May 1903 the cycling toll was reduced to sixpence return and in 1904 it was set at thruppence. In 1907 the first automobile on Portobello Road caused a sensation. Motor cars were banned by bylaw until a local referendum was held in 1913 to allow them on the road.

teenth century. I would suggest to some of our dashing young wheelmen that they take their machines through in pieces; or, better still, go over in the steamer Kate to Portobello, ride up to the tollkeeper, ask tenderly after the health of his wife and family, and then depart in peace on their homeward journey. Who's on for the joke? Please leave name and address with the "Demon" of the Witness office, who will be most happy to assist in the arrangements.

The Portobello Road toll was a hot topic for cyclists and Peninsula locals from 1888. Here the newly created cycling editor for the Otago Witness "Demon" asks cyclists who are prepared to try and avoid the toll and tease the toll keeper.

CYCLING.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT.

QUERY.—The rule of the road holds on the Portobello road in all cases except the case of a bicycle meeting a vehicle.

ANSWER.—In this case the by-law of the Portobello Road Board ordains that on coming within 20 yards of any horse drawing any vehicle and approaching him the bicyclist shall dismount and draw to the side of the road nearest the Otago Harbour, and there come to a standstill until such horse shall have passed by to a distance of at least 10 yards. This is the only case touched by the by-law.

The Peninsula Road Board feared that cyclists would startle horses so designed the 1899 bylaw.



The original header used for the Otago Witness Cycling Page in the 1890's.



The Portobello Road Toll in the late 1890's. A family lived on the site in a house that was built over the water.

Cycling on Portobello Road 1890-1913

Seaside Gardens, Coastal Plants & Salty Soil

by Shelley (Dirty Deeds Gardening Services)

Gardening on the Peninsula can be challenging - coastal plants have to be able to stand up to strong winds as well as salty soil and spray. And that's asking for a lot, so we're going to talk about some of the toughest coastal plants that I know of.

Because these plants for salty soil are so dependable, they are good choices for any seaside garden, even dry or windy hill top gardens!

After choosing the right plants, there are some tricks that will help your plants adapt to their new situation and perhaps even allow other more usual garden plants to be planted in future.

If the site permits, it is useful to plant shelter to act as a barrier between the adverse conditions (wind, salt spray etc) and your garden, taking care not to plant out your view!

Strong staking and a breathable, permeable membrane (weedmat) of any type you choose will help hold plants against the wind until they get established. Strategically placed rocks or stone mulch on the bases of the plants will help minimise wind rock also.

Mulch and supplementing the soil at planting time are the keys to the best success with your plants, especially if you are trying to garden on sandy or clay soils. Adding compost to the planting hole will give the plants an extra chance of survival as will regular watering until established.

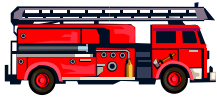
You can use seaweed as mulch, but you may need to wash it prior to use to remove an excess salt. Pine needles can also be good but check that your plants can handle the acid conditions that pine needles can create. Oat husk is excellent and cheap and is less likely to blow around than pea straw.

If you need help with planning, just give me a shout...always happy to help and good luck!

A few (bulletproof) suggestions for planting (salt, wind and frost tolerant):

GRASSES, FLOWERS and SHRUBS:

Acaena (bidibidi) Arthropodium (Rengarenga) Astelia Brachyglottis Carex spp Coprosma (low growing or karamu) Corokia Dodonea (akeake) Gazania Griselinia littoralis Hebe (Blue Gem, chathamica, elliptica, speciosa and stricta (koromiko) Libertia Linum Pseudopanax Sedum Senecio



Portobello Volunteer Fire Brigade

Chimney Time

Winter is here. Its a good time to get your chimney/flue swept in preparation for the winter months.

Safety Note

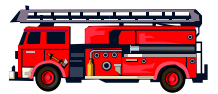
After kitchen fires, fires involving heating and drying are the next most common reason the fire service is called out. Remember the heater-metre rule-always keep furniture, curtains, clothes and children at least one metre away from heaters and fireplaces.

Don't store objects on top of your heating appliance.

Vacancy

The brigade has a vacancy for a day time person if you can help, please call **Greg Dickson Chief Fire Office on 0274 356 389**

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Peninsula Property focus

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Market Reoprt

The Dunedin market had a quiet month in April for volume of sales. However the pressure was still on from active buyers with median time on the market of just 20 days. This pressure also saw the median price rise to \$350,000. So I can conclude that now is a very good time to come to the market, while there are less competing listings, but still good buyer activity. The opportunity exists to achieve a premium price for your home if you are thinking of selling.

Harcourts and Our Community

Did you know that a part of every sale goes to The Harcourts Foundation? The foundation has raised over \$4.7 million dollars so far, in order to help thousands of charities across the country. We're very proud to be part of this and in addition to that we support a number of organisations and events right here in Otago. Our main sponsorship is with Otago Rugby, and extends across supporting and nurturing good sportsmanship in junior clubs. We also support Otago cricket, and a number of junior cricket, netball and rugby teams across Otago through supply of equipment and clothing.



Harcourts have been a sponsor of the Taieri Gorge Rail Walk now for nine years. As the walk convenor for the Dunedin South Lions Club I am very proud to say that this year's walk raised \$16,437 for Presbyterian Support Otago - Youth Buddy Programme.

Even closer to our home on the Peninsula I'm going to be supporting the Portobello Volunteer Fire brigade as a sponsor of a new annual dine and dance ball. More information to come on this event, but if you would like a night out with great food and entertainment, mark July 29th on your calendar now!

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Tena koutou katoa –
Warm greetings everyone.

What's been up at Portobello School?



A day out... We had a fabulous day to conclude our Takaroa topic. All our students made fishing gear of one kind or another - lines, nets, spears... and we all headed off down Tily Street and went fishing. Many of our parents and whanau joined us and we had a very special time together. The fish were quite safe!

Seniors...

7,8...9 recently took our senior students to the theatre and to visit the SPCA. We may now have some budding vets amongst us. This term 7,8...9 has included Robotics and Sign Language. We now look forward to a series of Science, Technology & Maths visitors.



What else have we been up to at Portobello School? <http://whatsupatportobello.blogspot.co.nz/>

Gardening Extremes on the Peninsula - Leisa Browne, Landscape Designer.

I'm loving Peninsula living, coastal walks, fantastic views, everyone's got a cheery wave. However to create a thriving garden here is going to be challenging. So you're not alone if you're struggling to establish a garden on the Peninsula and you may be wondering what to do next.

Think long term how you want to use the areas. On my acre I needed to reduce the maintenance. I've decided to have less flower garden and more productive gardens. The rest is now small paddocks so the sheep can take care of it. Even the front lawn is now a paddock and I can throw away the lawn mower!

Start with structure: retain to reduce erosion, create temporary windbreaks with-screens of sturdy posts and tough nylon. Plant layers of fast growing shelter plants like Flaxes, Lucerne trees, Coprosmas, Pittosporums etc. Look around your neighborhood and see what's growing well. NZ natives are the easiest to grow, and low cost. Also try Mediterranean and desert loving plants, they take the great extremes we have here. Think Lavender, Rosemary, Olive, Myrtle, Bay, Sage, Spurge, Sedum etc.

Using broad shrubs to reduce the weeds and fill larger areas is more effective and economical. Ngaio, Pittosporum, Red Matipo, Rata, Peppertree, Wineberry, Coprosma. In a few years you will have shelter & bird-song instead of weeds and hard work.

Call if you need advice, Leisa 0274156555. Keep it simple and be realistic about how much time and effort you can spend on your garden in the future. Good luck!





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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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Clare Curran

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Local community is more important than ever

As housing, health and education are put under a microscope following Budget 2017 it is important to remember that these issues have impacts everywhere, including for our tight-knit communities on the Otago Peninsula.

Families sleeping in cars and couch surfing is something people might associate with Auckland, but it is happening right here in our city. A group of local social agencies, including the Salvation Army and Presbyterian Support, have agreed to a statement saying our local housing situation has reached crisis levels.

Access to health services is also crucial, and I was worried to hear that almost one in five primary and intermediate students are behind on their dental check-ups. This is just the latest in a long list of issues for the overstretched SDHB, and the hospital rebuild process is continuing to drag on.

Local schools like Portobello, Broad Bay and Macandrew Bay are important hubs for the community, and these schools continue to work hard to provide for their students. But all our schools are being affected by the government reducing funding and hours for staff. Teacher aides are especially important for supporting students with higher needs, but they are underpaid and overworked, as schools struggle to make do on their operational budgets.

I am always looking to hear from the community on what they think are priority local issues. I'm focused on the rebuild of Dunedin Hospital and the underfunding of our health system, the crisis of housing affordability, the neglect of our regions and the rising cost of education. If you have any thoughts on these you can always get in touch either by phone (03 455 5299) or email (Dunedin.southmp@parliament.govt.nz). You can make an appointment at my South Dunedin office or come visit me at my Portobello constituent clinic on 17 June.

Recently 7 members travelled to Christchurch to attend the funeral of Mark Whitehouse, Regional Operations Manager for Coastguard NZ Southern Region. Mark was an inspirational person who helped our Unit with operations and training over a number of years. Largely due to Mark's support Coastguard Dunedin was the first Coastguard unit in the country to implement the Marine Safety Operating System – which is now the mandatory operational structure for commercial maritime companies and Search and Rescue organisations. We also acknowledge that several members had also lost family members recently. Early May was a busy week for Coastguard with involvement in 3 Search and Rescue incidents. We always need people who would like to join Coastguard as a volunteer crew, land based supporters or general members. Our national motto is "The Charity saving Lives at Sea". Members are eligible for free of charge on-water assistance (comparable to AA Membership for boaties). Check out the Coastguard website for further info. Our local meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Portobello Fire Station rooms. We look forward to meeting you.



*At the Mole helping a small boat
Whose motor would not start*



The first Coastguard presence in NZ

In October 1861, the first recorded report of a lifeboat being used appeared in the Lyttleton Times. The first official lifeboat was ordered by the Canterbury Provincial Secretary in June 1862 and two years later it arrived and was stationed at Timaru. It served off the Canterbury coast for 20 years.

The first permanent rescue service was established at Sumner in 1898 and the Sumner Lifeboat Institute is still saving lives over 100 years later, as Coastguard Sumner Lifeboat.

Over the years, further rescue organisations were established throughout the country, all independently run by committed local volunteers. The biggest of these is Coastguard Auckland, established in 1935 and currently comprised of over 170 volunteers

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STOP News

STOP is currently co-ordinating the 2017 planting at one of the two catchment planting sites on either side of the Hereweka Harbour Cone Block. The Smiths Creek Catchment stretches from Bacon St in

Turnbulls Bay to Highcliff Road below Hereweka Harbour Cone. Working bees are every Tuesday and Sunday morning and we are always looking for more volunteers. We are particularly interested to make contact with groups that would like a day or half day planting. Contact person: Lala, lala.frazer@gmail.com or text 027 8756 020.

This year's planting - along a ridge on one of the tributaries - is a continuation of the Hereweka Harbour Cone Trust Project started in 2016 along the sides of Smiths Creek, funded under the national "Trees That Count" Scheme. Not only will the survival of each plant be monitored for the next five years, but the growth rate will also be measured to give an indication of how fast different native species grow. A significant area of the planting includes an ephemeral wetland and appropriate species have been planted there.

The trees planted by Broad Bay School will be incorporated into the project, giving them an opportunity to measure the success and growth of the plants they grew themselves. STOP also has regular working bees on other sites ranging from a DOC Scientific Reserve, to a wetland site and a dune site, as well as the bush remnants fenced off on the side of the Portobello Peninsula and the Memorial Seat in Broad Bay.

Committee meetings open to all members are held at 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of each month, at the Meeting Room behind the Broad Bay Community Centre.



Hayward College students helping with the first planting of the

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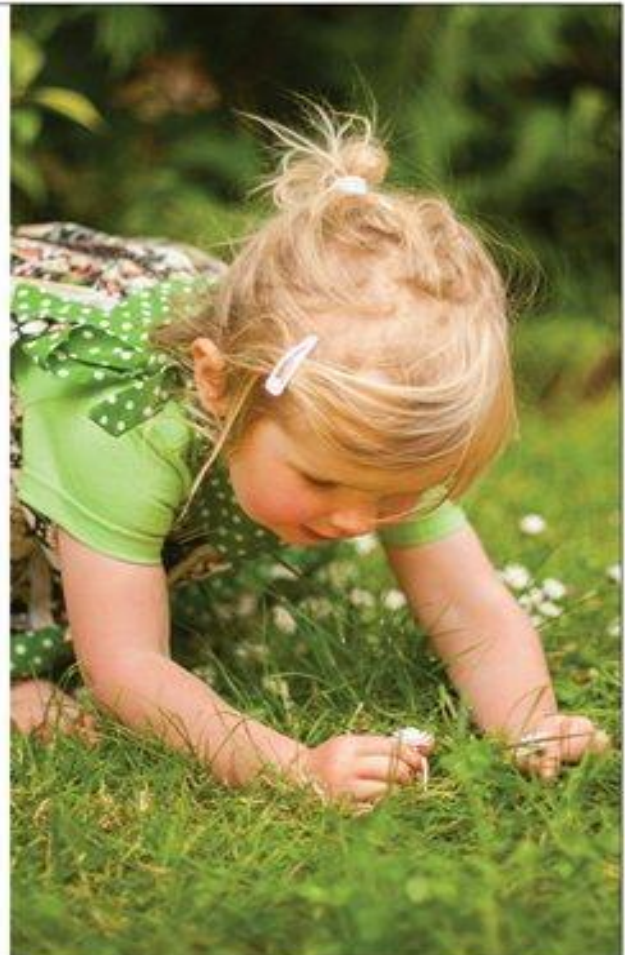
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Broad Bay 37 Frances Street

Trapping Workshop

Learn more about how to monitor and trap possums,
and other pest species, in a safe and humane way.

Join the OPBG team for a trapping workshop:

When: Saturday 17th June, 2017

Time: 2:30pm - 4:30pm

Where: Macandrew Bay Community Hall
(Cnr Greenacres St and Portobello Rd)

This is a hands-on workshop where you get the chance to learn about and try different trapping techniques needed to target possums, rats, and mustelids (ferrets, stoats and weasels). We will cover techniques to increase the likelihood of success, monitoring methods, data collection, and health and safety.

There is NO cost for this workshop. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please RSVP by Monday 12th June to opbg11@gmail.com or 021 263 0566

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Portobello Community Inc

connecting our community

Portobello Community Inc **Annual General Meeting**

Will be held on Tuesday
20 June 2017 at 7.30pm
At Portobello Hotel, Portobello.

Portobello Community Inc is a community group whose members work together to promote, and develop assets and events for residents, local workers and visitors. We work with local groups, the DCC and other community organisations to improve local amenities and inform residents. Come along to our AGM if you are interested in being part of this great little local committee.



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Email your interest to: espi10@gmail.com to enrol or call me on 4780 220 or 021 1875 057.

RURAL SKIP DAYS

Portobello Domain | Sunday, 18 June | 10am – 4pm

(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

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Meetings held every 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Coronation Hall Kitchen, 7.30pm

All welcome