

# NEWSLETTER

## AUGUST 2017

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Portobello Community Inc.



We welcome Aaron Smith to our community.  
Aaron we hope you enjoy your time here on our beautiful Otago Peninsula

Kia ora everyone,

Let me introduce myself. My name is Aaron Smith and I have the absolute pleasure of filling in down here on the Peninsula as your policeman for a few months whilst Mr Kellas is on the mend. A bit about myself - I have been in the NZ Police for 23 years and have worked in many different places throughout New Zealand from South Auckland, Fielding, Palmerston North to Otaki and am currently on the Neighbourhood Policing Team based in South Dunedin.

I was born and bred in Owaka in the Catlins so the family and I have moved back to where my roots are well and truly entrenched. I have been back in Dunedin for nearly 10 years.

When this goes to print I will have been here for a few weeks and will have already met many of you and I must say to those people a big thank you for making me feel so welcome. I have a strong passion for community policing and hope this will become apparent in any dealings that we may have together.

Feel free to pop into the station if you have any questions or concerns that I can help you with or leave a message on the station phone (03)4780 209, and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

If the police car is parked at the station I will be here, but just to let you know I am not a sit behind the desk type of guy and will be more than likely out and about in your wonderful community.

If I am not here please use the phone by the front door to call our Communication Centre and they can contact me to come and see you if I am able at the time.

Of course if it is an emergency please call 111 immediately.

I will be travelling down each day from Dunedin and will be working some weekends over the next few months.

So if you see me around please stop and say "Hello".

tēnā koutou

*Senior Constable Aaron Smith*



### **DIARY DATES TO NOTE**

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

Coastguard AGM – Tuesday 8th August at 7:30 at Fire Brigade Base

Hoopers Inlet Hall AGM – Portobello Hotel, Wed 16th August at 7:30. All welcome

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



A large group of current and past Peninsula Pony Club members and associates, and friends and family gathered at the Domain recently for the unveiling of a memorial seat for Mrs Rei Owens. Rei was a dedicated mentor and played an invaluable role at Pony Club in Portobello for 53 years. The seat was unveiled by Rei's husband Ray after a traditional blessing was given by Edward Ellison.



### FAREWELL TO PORTOBELLO!!

After 6 very busy, successful and very enjoyable seasons at **Portobello Motel** we are sad to say goodbye. We are sure the new owners, Jo and Gregg, will carry on giving quality service and attention to their guests. No doubt Portobello will give them and their family a warm welcome and all the businesses will continue to support them as they will support the businesses.

One of the many nice things we found about running the motel was that the Hotel, 1908, Penguin Café the Store and Ric's Galley all gave great service to our guests and we were very happy to recommend them.

We are off to Warrington to our little farm to do some of the things we came to New Zealand for – a little livestock, some veggies, some house renovation – so not exactly retirement!!

We will be back to visit family but for the immediate future we are going to the UK to see family and friends there. So cheerio from us—*Sue and Keith Rhodes*

### ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE from Olly's pen.

Having come from a Broadcast and Teaching background I can't help but notice how young people these days don't watch much TV. They prefer to be on their tablets or cellphones or whatever piece of technology they've got their hands on. Socialising is different nowadays – it's online. Personally I don't think it's wrong – it's just different. My folks didn't like it when I saved up my money and bought a pink three quarter draped coat with leopard skin lapels, stove pipe pants, lime green socks and black slip-on-shoes with leopard skin quarters. My hair was brushed through with lots of Bryle Cream and twirled in the front like Elvis Presley's. I was smokin' hot - a teddy boy, which was all the rage back then. Times have changed - and so must we. Do we have a choice?

I see that rugby and basketball are not as popular as they once were – that doesn't surprise me. The young ones don't want to get concussed or injured when all they want to do is enjoy themselves – like they should. So who decided that winning proves you are really somebody? And that coming second shows that you're nothing but a loser? Who invented that? Yet that's the culture and environment we adults are bringing our children up in. Who decided that a hero is defined because they can kill and fight better than the bad guy when we know perfectly well that both of them are not what we want our children to be like. Yet our kids can't wait to get the latest installment of the next game which generally involves killing and extreme violence.

And we wonder why bullying in schools is on the increase. A machine can't talk or think for itself – but we can. That's the beauty about paradise aye – we actually shape it by what we think, say and do.

We're in charge – our choice!





## *Presidents Page*

Welcome to our August edition of the Portobello Community Incorporated newsletter. Our 44th Edition. Following our recent AGM it's time to farewell one of our members and welcome two others and mention the changes on our committee. It's sad to say our farewells to Sue Rhodes who has been an active member of PCI since 2014. Now that their motels have sold they are going off-shore to enjoy their twilight years in Karitane. Thank you Sue and hope to see you around whenever you come over this way.



A warm welcome to Michael Lascarides who recently moved to Portobello—we look forward to working with you. Also to Brenda Cameron who has joined us as editor of this newsletter. It is great to retain Racheal Bergersen who resides in Broad Bay now but retains her connection to Portobello. Welcome to you all.

It's time to farewell Paul Pope as President of Pbo Inc— he has worked tirelessly over the years, but we are fortunate to retain Paul on our committee. Both Paul and Christine Neil are on the Otago Peninsula Community Board (Paul as Chairman) so it is very important to retain that invaluable link to our Community Board. You can find the full list of our committee on page 23 of this newsletter.

Term three at Portobello School sees the introduction of our new principal Mel Jewiss. Mel comes from 17 years experience at Pine Hill School and we welcome her into our community. Also welcome to Jo and Gregg at the Portobello Motels. We wish you well in your new roles.

Most of you would have seen the great new paint job on our Coronation Hall and with the new kitchen inside this is the 'must venue' for your next event. There are already two weddings booked so keep it in mind if you have something coming up.

We welcome any feedback, suggestions and ideas and you may have. Our next newsletter should include more of the exciting things coming up in Portobello that the committee are working on. Our thoughts go out to all of you who have been impacted by last weeks storm.

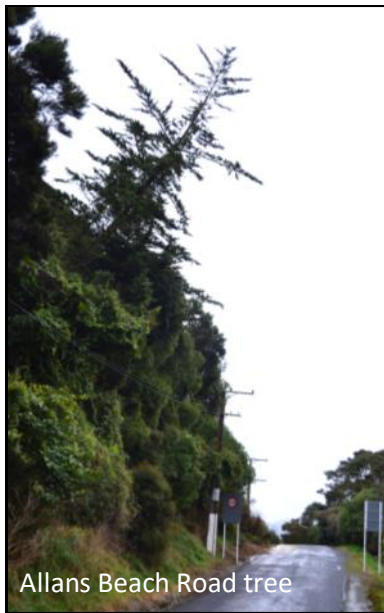
Grateful thanks to all those local folk who got out on the end of a shovel or a spade to clear drains, on their dozer or digger to clear roadways or their chainsaw to clear up fallen trees. It is very much appreciated that such initiative comes to the fore in such storm events.

Stay warm and dry and rememeber—Highcliff Road is closed for now.

Wayne Cameron  
President—Pbo Comm Inc







Allans Beach Road tree



High tide where Allans Beach Road meets Hoopers Inlet



Pumping floodwater from Tidewater Drive

Large chunk out of Pudding Island



Seal slumping below Portobello School



Slump and flooding by Coronation Hall

Water gouges out the edge of the road



*Storm damage*



Watery clay pours across Harington Point Road



Leith Walk track is completely blocked by a large slip on the Hoopers Inlet side.



**Sarah Irvine**, our Project Manager, is leaving her position with OPBG and we would like to say a big thank you for the energy, enthusiasm and skill that she brought to the job. We will miss her and wish her well for her future plans. We certainly hope that she will continue her interest in our work.



Our new Project Manager is **Ursula Ellenberg**, who is already transitioning into her new role and will take up the position from August. Ursula has recently returned from Melbourne where she has worked for several years as a lecturer in the Department of Ecology, Environment and Evolution at La Trobe University. Much of her field research was based on the Otago Peninsula. We are looking forward to having her onboard.

### Winter Operation

This winter, OPBG is undertaking a major possum control operation in the Sandymount/ Sandfly Bay/Boulder Beach area. However, it is vital to also keep up the trapping pressure in other parts of the Peninsula.

Bruce Kyle, Operations Manager, is very pleased with reports from Peninsula residents of a total of 381 possums caught in Timms traps, and another 14 shot, during the first half of 2017. That's a great effort, so our thanks to everyone who has contributed.

Nailing up chew cards is an easy way to find out if you have a possum lurking in your backyard and winter is the time when possums are hungry and trapping is likely to be more successful. For residents with young children who do not wish to use a Timms trap on their property, OPBG has a few live capture cage traps to loan. We will collect the cage with any possum caught.



Please contact OPBG email – [opbg11@gmail.com](mailto:opbg11@gmail.com) - if you would like to set some chew cards and/or the loan of a Timms or cage trap.

### Otago Peninsula Trust Enterprises Update

As we write this (26<sup>th</sup> July) the Royal Albatross Centre and Blue Penguins Pukekura are closed due to road conditions after the deluge last weekend. We're working hard to re-open the road, centre and tours – please keep an eye on our social media to keep up to date. We're working with DOC for animal welfare, a couple of Little Penguins died in the large slip at Pilots Beach when their nest box was engulfed, the albatross chicks were fine with 5 needing to be supplementary fed.

A special thanks to John from Wheels over Water (027 681 4778), who got the DOC and Trust staff to Pukekura on Tuesday to check on the wildlife. A great water taxi service on the Otago Harbour!

#### Glenfalloch Night Garden September

Glenfalloch will glow with golden light as installations and sculptures are showcased in our splendid garden setting. Join us for a truly magical event to celebrate Otago Peninsula Trust's 50th birthday. 27,28,29 September. Gold Coin Donation.

Did you get married at Glenfalloch?

Have photos? Kept your dress?

Can you help us please? We're having a wedding display at our Glenfalloch Gala Day in October to celebrate our Trust's 50th anniversary. We'd love your wedding photos to share and, even better, wedding dresses to display.

Please email photos preferably over 1MB to [glenda@albatross.org.nz](mailto:glenda@albatross.org.nz) or call 476 1775



*Bulldozing at Royal Albatross Colony in 1971—preparing to open colony tours in 1972*





# Pilates Classes

*with Penny*

Portobello Coronation Hall  
Mondays 6 -7pm



**Everyone welcome**  
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Feel free to contact me for information, or just turn up  
(*please arrive 10 mins early on your first class to go over the basics*)

**Penny 0274 649180**  
Email: [pennykershaw@gmail.com](mailto:pennykershaw@gmail.com)

**We are very fortunate to have some dedicated instructors offering various fitness classes here in Portobello.**

**From gentle to more advanced programmes.**

**Don't sit at home over winter - get motivated - get involved - get a little fitter and a little healthier — and have some fun as well**

*“ Just do it ”*



**Age Concern Otago**  
**Falls Prevention Programme**  
*For men and women 65+*

## Portobello Bowling Club

Steady As You Go<sup>©</sup>

Strength & balance exercise class - Mondays 10 am

Tai Chi Classes - Mondays & Thursdays 1.30 pm

**Enquires: Margaret Dando 477-1040 Ext 702**





# Otago Peninsula Massage

## Katherine Cooke

Katherine is a very experienced therapist who has treated hundreds of people from all walks of life. She is passionate about helping people become pain free through massage therapy and will work with you to achieve your mobility goals.

### SERVICES

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## STOP News

Four volunteers from Save The Otago Peninsula (STOP) Inc have been working Thursday mornings at the Memorial Seat, (also known as The Slip Site), in Broad Bay between Camp Rd and King George St continuing their war on weeds on the slope which was planted up by STOP. If you have not visited the seat, or walked the loop track, do take the opportunity to explore this delightful scenic lookout with glimpses of Yellowhead. Dogs are welcome. The 2017 planting on one of the valleys of the Smiths Creek Catchment on Hereweka Harbour Cone is almost complete despite some cancellations of the working bees on Tuesday and Sunday mornings due to the weather. However, there is always more to do and we welcome volunteers. Most of the plants remaining to be planted are being purchased from donations given in memory of Gill Caradoc-Davies. On Sunday morning, 30 July, there will be a Memorial Planting of trees purchased with donations made at Ken Mason's funeral.

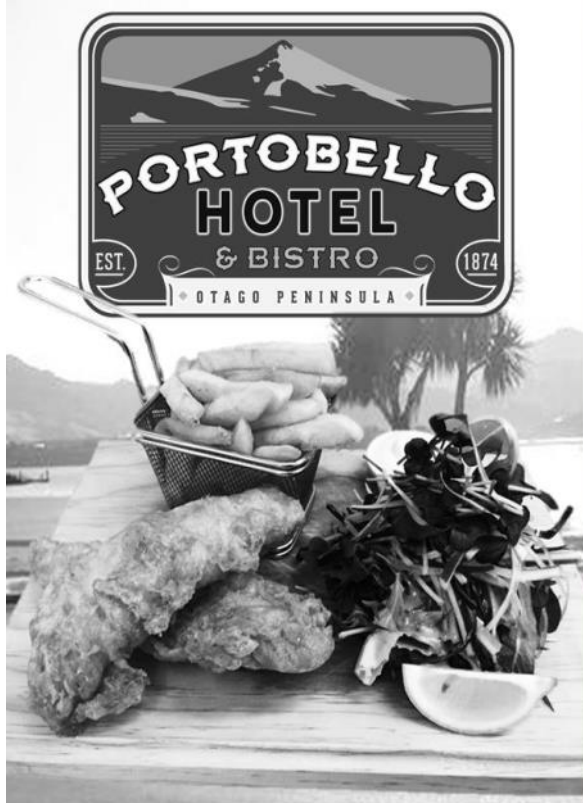
All welcome. Gumboots recommended to cross the wetland. Meet at 10am at the end of Bacon St.

STOP also has irregular 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 edge of the Portobello Peninsula.

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.

Contact: Email <[stopincsoc@gmail.com](mailto:stopincsoc@gmail.com)> or contact Lala by email [lala.frazer@gmail.com](mailto:lala.frazer@gmail.com) or text 027 8756 020





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### **FOR HIRE**

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have 2 x 20L Water Urns  
which are available for  
community use.

If you wish to use these at an event  
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All we ask for is  
a donation

## **NZ Greenstone & Art**

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## **IS YOUR GARDEN OVERGROWN OR NEEDING SOME ATTENTION?**

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Thanks to Jo and friends at  
Warehouse Stationery,  
South Dunedin for the great  
printing they do for us.  
**PLEASE SUPPORT THEM**





# **PORTOBELLO BOWLING CLUB INC**

INTERESTED IN TRYING SOMETHING DIFFERENT?

HOW ABOUT LAWN BOWLS - - A GAME SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

COMPETITIVE - SOCIAL YOUR CHOICE - NO PRESSURE  
WE HAVE SOCIAL NIGHTS ON THURSDAYS & SUNDAYS - 4.30PM TIL 7.00PM

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS AVAILABLE - FULL PLAYING OR SOCIAL  
FULL PLAYING MEMBERSHIP \$110.00 - SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP \$20.00

COME ON DOWN TO PORTOBELLO BOWLING CLUB AND GIVE IT A GO

WE WANT YOU TO COME AND JOIN US AND PLAY YOUR PART IN MAKING PORTOBELLO BOWLING CLUB A MAJOR  
PART OF THE PORTOBELLO SCENE

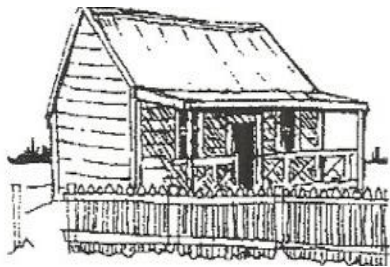
Portobello Bowling Club has been in existence since 1935 and in the last few years Membership has been slowly declining – with a little bit of help from our Local Community we can reverse this trend – so come along and give Lawn Bowls a go – if you only want to play Socially, no problems, but if you would like to play Competitively no problems - your choice



A large slip on Highcliff Road

## **Local Hall Hire Contacts**

Coronation Hall, Portobello - Wayne Cameron - 4780 424  
Scott Hall, Harwood - Lucinda Redshaw - 4780 629  
Hoopers Inlet Hall - Jackie Clearwater - 4780 508



## OTAGO PENINSULA MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

17 Harington Point Road, Portobello, Dunedin 9014

### Museum News

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**7pm Monday 31 July 2017  
Held at the Museum**

**Come along and hear what we have been up to over the past year.**

**Supper to follow**

We hope you can come along to our AGM.

There is no pressure to be on the Committee but welcome anyone who would like to join us or you may consider being on our Sunday opening roster.

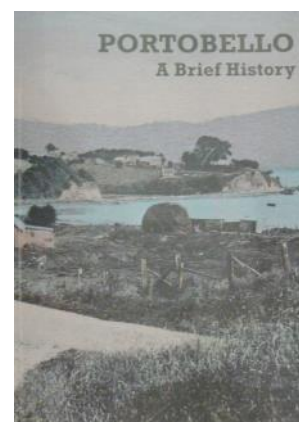
If you are interested see one of the Committee,

email us on [theotagopeninsulamuseum@gmail.com](mailto:theotagopeninsulamuseum@gmail.com) or ring Warren on 4780-255.

We have been working away each Tuesday morning at the Museum, extending the roof over the bus and it is planned to extend the concrete in this area so it goes to the barn door. It is quite a wet area so drainage is planned to be improved as well.

We have ordered another 150 copies of our book "Portobello – A Brief History".

These are selling very well and are available at the shop for \$25 each.



**Podiatry session held at Portobello Bowling Club every six weeks**

**Appointments available from 9am to 3pm**

**Phone 03 4781030 for appointments**

**Access via the kitchen door on Sherwood Street**

**Next session 9<sup>th</sup> August and then approx 20<sup>th</sup> September**



Please keep those possum, stoat and ferret reports coming in to:

[brenda.wayne@xtra.co.nz](mailto:brenda.wayne@xtra.co.nz)

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.



### Library News



**PORTOBELLO LIBRARY – Coronation Hall**

**Opening hours – Monday 5pm – 7pm**

**Thursday 11am – 1pm**





# Ric's Galley Takeaways

Award winning takeaways available  
5 evenings per week from 5pm

*May open sometimes on Monday and Tuesday*

A choice of five varieties of fish every night  
with local favourites, Cod, Monk, Tarakihi,  
Elephant and Sole

*Fresh Blue Cod available some weekends*

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Unique Latham Bay Burgers—choice of  
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*eftpos available*



We do seem to use a lot of bananas at Penguin Café. Both our incredibly popular Hummingbird cake and Penguin Pikelets use bananas as well as our homemade muesli and fruity porridge. I felt sure there was more to be

done with the wasted banana skin than just slip on it so I googled it and found a list of over 20. They can polish your shoes, clean your teeth and your silver, cure warts, acne and haemorrhoid, remove splinters and soothe bruises, dry skin and itchy bug bites even the boiled peel can be used as a tonic for depression. The list goes on but what I really liked was this website for some amazing banana art <http://www.boredpanda.com/banana-art-stephan-brusche/>

So lets have a competition, bring your banana creation to the café and the best one could win Penguin Pikelets with extra banana, bacon and cream or any breakfast dish of your choice. Runners up win a slice of Hummingbird cake. Bring them to the Penguin Café by 4pm Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup> winners will be announced that evening.

Good luck from all of us at Penguin Café  
Peter, Ceinwen, Alice, Brittany, Cherie, Clare, Jeannie.  
By the way the sale of the café is still progressing but nothing to report as yet.



## 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**

## Peninsula Medical Centre

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



12 Allans Beach Road

4780 880



## 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.





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Go to;

[www.portobello.org.nz](http://www.portobello.org.nz)

Click on the "Read our Newsletter"  
tab and catch up on all of your  
community news.



## Peninsula Plumbers

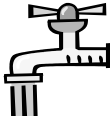
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IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE PORTOBELLO AREA -

**Welcome to the Neighborhood!**







## ***Portobello Bowling Club Inc***

Situated 5 Sherwood Street. New Members always welcome  
Bar & Kitchen facilities for all types of Functions - Full size Billiard Table  
Contact Secretary Brian Cameron 4780 816 for further information  
*Social Evenings on Thursday's & Sunday's - 4pm to 7pm - Social Membership \$20.00*

*We are well into our off Season renovations  
Green was drilled - fertiliser, disease & weed control programmes well advanced  
Our second Pot Luck Tea was held on 08<sup>th</sup> July - we had a reasonable crowd - good food  
next one to be held in September - more info closer to the date  
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*

## **News from the Portobello Marine Lab**

You will have seen in the newspaper that the new teaching laboratory is now complete and in use for Marine Science classes. We have had several enquiries about whether this means it is open to the public - but the answer is no - access to the Lab and Centre is only for pre-booked marine education programmes. At some stage there will be an opportunity for locals to come to an open day to see the new teaching facilities, but the date has not yet been decided ... watch this space!

The recent rain storm brought down several slips along Hatchery Road, and until they are cleared there is no vehicle access to the Portobello Marine Lab and Studies Centre. Staff and students who work, carry out research and attend classes at the Lab are being ferried in by boat.

There is also at least one major slip on the Millennium Reserve headland track just along from the Marine Lab car park. The slip is close to the start of the track, making it impassable. (See photo below)



Yet another slip on Hatchery Road



## **Rose Help & Garden Advice is just around the corner.**

*Professional & Experienced Winter Rose Pruning*

- *Growing Healthy Roses Advice*
- *Spraying / Fertilising / Clippings Removed*
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*Winter Pruning starts in July. Limited times are available so book early.*



**Call or Text me on 0274 156555 Portobello**

**Leisa Browne | Landscape Design | Amenity Horticulture Lev4**



## News from the Otago Peninsula Community Board

Kia ora tatou. As I write this update the last few days of flooding and landslips have been a real test of resilience for the Peninsula community. We are now in recovery mode and it is going to take a few weeks for things to get back to normal. I'd like to thank everyone in the community for showing that in a crisis we pull together and look after our friends and neighbours. Peninsula people have a really strong community spirit and last weekend really showed that.

### Flooding, Slips and Recovery

The community are often critical of the Dunedin City Council and its performance, but the Council have done a great job at keeping the roads open and getting people to school and back to work. We are still going to have some delays and I'd ask everyone to be patient and be particularly careful while the roads are being cleared and tidied up. We've got a lot of heavy trucks and machinery on the road at the moment so let's keep safe. If you have any queries about the recovery process don't hesitate to contact your Board members, ring the Council contact number 4774000 or you can use the following website:-

<http://www.dunedin.govt.nz/council-online/public-notice/public-notice/flood-recovery-information>.

### Portobello Road – The Peninsula Connection

In the last newsletter I let people know that the project would begin around October 2017. There was to be a public session for the community to look at the design unfortunately due to the floods that had to be cancelled. The session will be undertaken again at a date to be advised. You'll see in the newsletter a cross section of the proposed layout that will be used across the whole Peninsula. It will mean the new section between Weir Road and Harwood will be changed and the barriers moved back from the edge of the road.

### Highcliff Road

For those living in the back bays and Highcliff Road, the repairs to the Highcliff has meant a period of closure. I know that this has been a massive inconvenience and I applaud your patience. I'm advised that despite the slips work has begun on site this week to get the project moving again. Like all locals, I want this project finished as quickly as possible so that the disruptions are decreased for people living in the area.

### 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 over coming months. The Council are also going to improve the levels of the Portobello Playground to remove some of the ponding we see on the site after heavy rain.

### Communication and Meetings

The next Community Board meeting will be held at the Portobello Bowling on Thursday August 24<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am, the community are welcome. I would also invite residents who have issues over flooding, roading or any other matter to come and speak at the public forum. I have already raised with Council the need for permanent solutions at Tidewater Drive and Otakou.

The Board is using Facebook for 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**

**paul.peninsula@xtra.co.nz**

**(03) 4780630 or 0274668446**

**Community Open Day - Sunday 13 August, 2pm @ Playcentre (30 Harington Pt Rd)**

Fruit Tree Planting for community garden

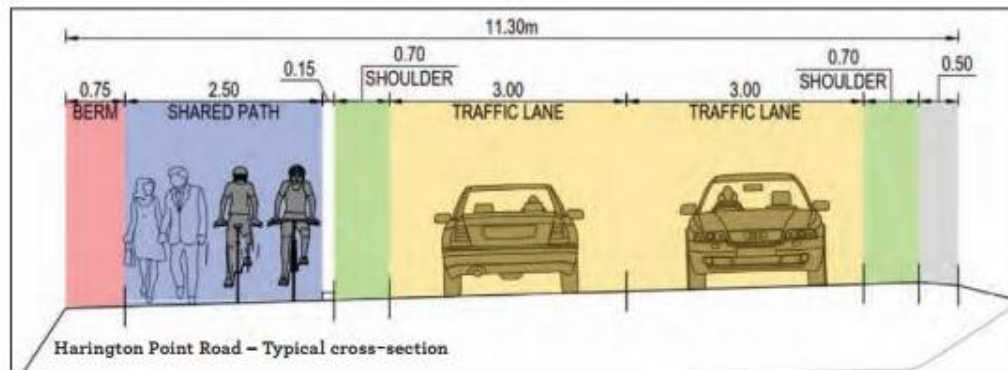
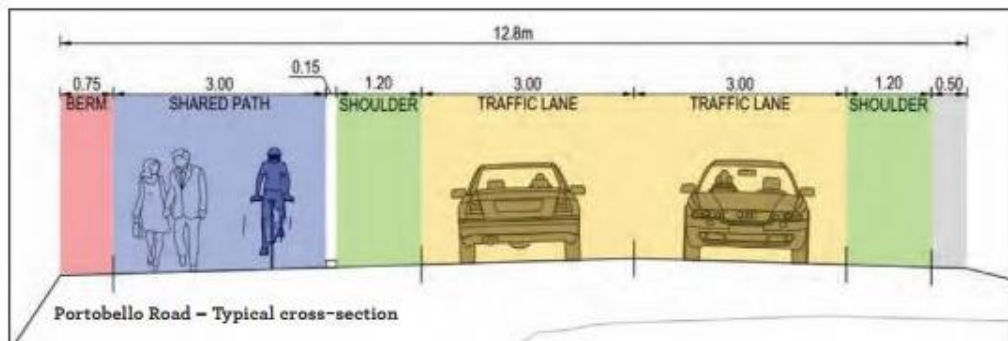
Working bee for bike tracks

Potluck afternoon tea - please bring some kai to share!

Fun for all ages, everyone welcome

Great excuse to get to know people in the community





**Harrington Point Road - Beyond Portobello**, where there is less traffic, the shared path will generally be slightly narrower at 2.5m wide, with 0.7m wide shoulders and 3m wide traffic lanes.

We'll need to vary this design in places to accommodate local topography and constraints like rock outcrops.

#### Bus bays

All bus stops along the route will have new bus bays set off the road. We'll also put up signs to encourage slow drivers to pull over so other drivers can pass them.

#### Crossings

Many people talked about the need to get across the road safely. The new design includes safe crossing points at key locations.

#### Cross-section design

The feedback received was very helpful in completing the design for the sections along the harbour edge. As well as considering comments from local residents and our first open day, we consulted with SPOKES and the NZ Transport Agency on the design.

We selected the shared path option as it will provide the best solution for all road users within the limited space available.

**Portobello Road - On Portobello Road**, where there is more traffic, the shared path will generally be 3m wide, with shoulders at least 1.2m wide and traffic lanes at least 3m wide.

#### Concrete separators

You told us the concrete separators have unforgiving edges and make it hard for vehicles to pull over. We've changed the separator design for new parts of the route and will also replace the existing separators.

#### Beach access

The design has steps to allow easy access to beaches at several points along the route. You'll be able to see these on the plans at the open day.

#### How to find out more and give feedback

You can find out more at [www.dunedin.govt.nz/peninsulaconnection](http://www.dunedin.govt.nz/peninsulaconnection).

If you have any questions or would like to give us feedback on the project, please phone us on 03 477 4000, email [peninsula.connection@dcc.govt.nz](mailto:peninsula.connection@dcc.govt.nz) or fill out the form on the website.



### Wild weather raises ongoing issues for the Peninsula

Firstly a big thank you to the Peninsula Community Board led by Paul Pope and Otakou Marae who fronted the immediate response effort over the weekend's wild and wet event for those who live on the Otago Peninsula. I flew over the peninsula on Sunday afternoon in a helicopter with DCC and Otago Regional Council reps as part of an assessment of all flood damage from Henley and the Taieri through to Taiaroa head and was confronted with the significant land instability issues on the peninsula and slips blocking the high road and the road north of Harwood. I'm aware that there are communities still affected and some homes remain unable to be re-occupied. Some slips will take days if not weeks to clear. Access along the high road, which was already restricted has been affected. Tidewater Drive is an area of particular concern. There are ongoing questions about core infrastructure and the impact on tourism and other businesses need to be assessed.

It's a relief that since the 2015 flooding which affected South Dunedin and parts of the peninsula our local Civil Defence response has improved markedly and the response as a whole to the recent rain was good.

Behind the scenes at Parliament in Wellington I have approached Civil Defence Minister Nathan Guy about a relief package for Dunedin and have been working as part of a cross party group looking into Civil Defence and Emergency at the national level. After the Kaikōura earthquake and tsunami warning last November, it became apparent that serious work needs to be done to resolve the issues with Civil Defence decision-making and responsiveness during an emergency. After pushing this issue for many months I think some progress is finally being made.

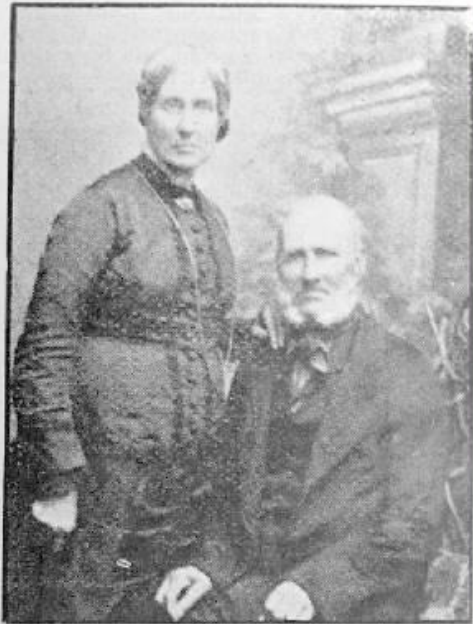
The themes of our discussion have focused on the confusion between local/central authorities in an emergency, the need for more training and capability, and communication pressures. All of these are contributing to problems with the Civil Defence structure nationally and locally. The goodwill of volunteers filling sandbags can only carry so far when residents are confused by poor communication. Peninsula residents can be assured that their concerns will be heard and acted upon.

Pictured with Stephen Woodhead (ORC Chair) Peter Bodecker (ORC CEO) and Sue Bidrose (DCC CEO)

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## ROBERTSON FAMILIES



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**Thomas and Janet Robertson** arrived in New Zealand on the first immigrant ship the *Philip Laing* in 1848. Also on the ship were their children Thomas, James, Janet, Elizabeth, Margaret, Agnes and Euphemia. **Thomas** lived to the great age of 98 on the Peninsula. He opened a quarry at Anderson's Bay, and brought the stone across the harbour in a punt; with his son James he built the school and other buildings with this stone; afterward he quarried at Forbury Road, and discovered lime at Burnside. He also farmed on the Peninsula till his death.

His daughter Janet married **Octavius Harwood** at Otakou in 1848 and another daughter Elizabeth married **Richard Driver** in 1849.

Richard was the first Pilot in Otago Harbour. They had 11 children. Richard Driver was born in Bristol in 1812. At aged 14 he went to sea on whaling ships which took him to the Pacific. He landed in Otago in 1839 as Second Mate on an American vessel called *The John and Edward*. Richard married Motoitoti and they had 3 daughters who were all born at Murdering Beach. Motoitoti died in 1846.

The 3 daughters married Europeans and descendants from these marriages were the Tirikatene whanau and the writer Keri Hulme. Richard and Elizabeth died in 1897 and are buried in Purakanui – where they had lived from 1860.

**William and Catherine Robertson** arrived in New Zealand on the ship *Silestria* in 1860. William was a successful pioneer farmer and his second son, William, was active in getting the creameries started, but his greatest enterprises were industrial rather than agricultural. The family farmed at Sandfly Bay and there he set up a flax mill, damming up one of the creeks on his property to make a reservoir to turn a 14ft diameter overshot wheel. He made the wheel, the driving pulleys and the framework himself. The whole family worked on the milling, scutching and washing of the flax.

## CANCELLATION

Peninsula Connection Open Day planned for Wednesday, 26 July at Macandrew Bay has been cancelled due to flood-related repairs and clean up. The open day will be rescheduled soon so we can show people the updated design plans for the Peninsula Connection road safety project.

More information is available at [www.dunedin.govt.nz/peninsulaconnection](http://www.dunedin.govt.nz/peninsulaconnection).

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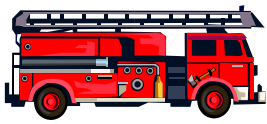
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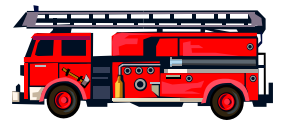
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## Portobello Volunteer Fire Brigade



On July 1 the New Zealand Fire Service amalgamated with the Nation Rural Fire Authority to become Fire emergency New Zealand. Which means our role as fire firefighters will not change but we will be recognised for all special service emergencies. Examples , Hazardous Chemicals, Flooding, Motor Vehicle accident, Search and rescue, First Aid.

As of the last 12 months the Portobello Volunteers have been turned out to 68 Calls 47 of which were medical. So over the years our role has changed dramatically.

### Quiz Night

Our regular quiz night will be held at the Portobello Coronation Hall on  
Saturday 30th of September commencing at 7.30pm.  
A flyer will soon be sent around the area as a reminder.

*Greg Dickson*  
*Chief Fire Officer*



## Coastguard News



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 7.30pm Tuesday 8 August 2017**  
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Firstly, I hope the heavy rains last week didn't cause too much grief for you. We certainly saw a number of slips on Portobello Road and of course the flooding across the road in MacAndrew Bay was pretty deep. But when you look around our region, we didn't fare too badly on the Peninsula. Apart from that storm and the one a week earlier, we have had a pretty mild winter.

On the real estate front the market is still very hot and active. Buyers are waiting for the right homes and any new listings are getting a lot of attention. This is continuing the upward pressure on our median sale price which has now reached \$360,000. The median days on the market stretched out to 25, but this is still fast by national standards.

The media has been reporting on a market slow-down, but remember they concentrate a lot of their reporting on the Auckland market. Our Dunedin market is very different, and although we have seen a reduction in the number of listings for sale, the demand remains high. This is an excellent time to sell and achieve a great price for your home.

As you can see, I've been busy and I urgently need new listings to satisfy waiting buyers. So for a no obligation appraisal from me and New Zealand's Most Trusted Real Estate Company please get in touch now. Spring is just round the corner.



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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?*

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# Playcentre

Whānau tupu ngātahi - Families growing together



The Peninsula Playcentre in Portobello needs your help!

This coming Monday we are having a fundraising quiz at the 'Kensington' in town, see the details below. We urgently need your support, please book your tickets ASAP!

We are also having a special Community Open Day at our centre on Sunday 13 August, and we would love as many locals as possible to come out and support us - and not just families with little kids, we'd like to know who is out there in the local community that might be willing to donate any skills, experience, cups of tea or helping hands to support keeping our doors open this year. We are a dedicated, but sleep deprived, bunch of parents who want to preserve our special spot on top of the hill for generations to come, but we really need your help to make that happen.

Our future has been uncertain since we lost our official 'Playcentre' status after numbers declined to only a handful of children a few years ago. Local families made a commitment to keep the Playcentre open. We've worked hard, and have more than tripled the number of children enrolled since then.

But now we need to relicense with the Ministry of Education as a fully certified Playcentre, or else we have to close our doors permanently at the end of this year. Our families have put in a huge effort, undertaking lots of special training required for the license, applying for grants to replace equipment and cover our bills. But now we need even more money for a big **one-off fee** to get the license itself. We've already raised nearly 50% of this cost, but we need a little more help to get over the finish line.

So get a team of 4-6 people together and come to our quiz on Monday, or make your friends in town go, or if you're feeling generous you can even make a direct donation! But beyond that, what we really need is to know that we have wider community advocates out there.

So we're having a **Community Open Day on 13 August**, and we're planning on sharing food with you and using it as a great excuse to get to know neighbours, plant fruit trees for a community garden and hopefully lay down new gravel paths for the kids to ride bikes on. We've been awarded a Sustainable Dunedin City grant to help out with the cost for the day. Please come support us, introduce yourself and bring a plate of food to share. We'll bring the sausages.

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## Playcentre Kensington Quiz Night - THIS COMING MONDAY!

Quiz at The Kensington, this Monday 31st July from 7pm.

We are trying to organise as many teams as we can.

It's going to be an amazing night out - heaps of fun, loads of amazing raffle prizes, and great company!

Please buy a ticket at the Portobello Deli for only \$5 per person, and make up a team or 4-6 people.

Or if you are on Facebook, check out the event listing on the Peninsula Playcentre page.

P.S. we will happily accept donations if you can't get to this Quiz but would love to support our efforts! - include a reference!

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