

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2017

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Portobello Community Inc.



Photos from our 2017 projects



Opening of the Heritage Trail highlighting some of our historic buildings



Larking around in the mud was loads of fun for all ages at the Portobello Paddock Pursuit



People are loving the colourful new flower boxes outside the Coronation Hall and local businesses



Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas
and a happy and prosperous 2018



Tena Koutou everyone,

Well the festive season is all but upon us. The big guy in the red suit will be starting to plan his ventures and the children will be starting to get excited. Trees will be getting put up and decorations arranged.

It is a time of joy for many and sadness for others for many reasons. Stress can play a big part in things going wrong for people at this time of the year and we can find ourselves doing things we would usually not think of doing. So with this in mind look out for one another

The work parties and festive celebrations will start from about now so I remind everyone to watch out for your workmates and colleagues. Alcohol is one of the major drivers of crime and victimisation. Be responsible and plan your trip home well in advance. Don't push the limits when it comes to driving home, even if you have only had a couple of drinks. It's not worth the risk and as we know the consequences for many can be devastating. **DON'T BE THAT STATISTIC OR CAUSE SOMEONE ELSE TO BE!**

There has recently been a few thefts in the area and unfortunately around this time of year they tend to increase because some people think it's ok to take others property. They do so usually because they need some Xmas spending money. Be vigilant and keep an eye out on yours and your neighbour's property. If you're heading away for a break let people around you know so they can clear your letterbox and generally keep an eye out for anything that may be out of the ordinary.

As I have said before if something doesn't seem right to you it probably isn't. Trust your gut feeling.

The school pool at MacAndrew Bay has been broken into a few times over past few weeks. If anyone has any information about who may be doing this then please contact me or Bernadette at the school. Nothing is being taken and it appears to be happening in the weekends.

The boys and girls in blue will be out and about over the holiday period so please share a thought for them as they continue to do some great work in keeping us all safe.

Finally I was honoured to be invited to the Fire Brigades honours night last Saturday. Thanks to Greg and the team for a wonderful night. We sometime forget to acknowledge those that volunteer to work in this capacity in the community. They are an extremely important resource and the guys and girls do a great job. Some amazing awards and achievements were acknowledged.

To you all have a wonderful Xmas and holiday if you're lucky enough to get one.

Xmas wishes

Aaron



Chairman's Corner

Another year done and dusted.

Never a dull moment on our wonderful Otago Peninsula - with floods and slips during winter and cruise ships and tourists over the summer.

There have been a large number of replacement power poles put in recently and the ultra-fast broadband network is also being installed so lots going on.

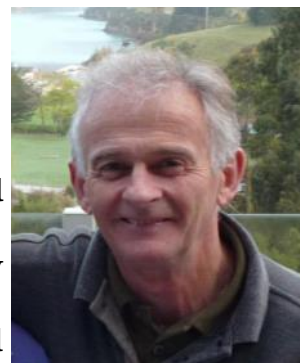
The wonderful weather has been welcomed by all but a wee bit of rain would also be rather nice. The gardeners among us are very busy both planting and harvesting — especially hoping those new spuds are ready for Christmas dinner.

A massive thank you to all the Committee members of Portobello Community Inc—Christine Neill, Sandra Clearwater, Richard Steentjes, Peter Dulgar, Davinia Thornley, Ruth Seeney, Geoff Sheridan, Rachael Bergersen, Brenda Cameron, Paul Pope, Lyn Sheridan and Michael Lascarides and to all the very important band fringe volunteers who support our group. We can all be very proud of our achievements this year (see front page) and we look forward to another successful year in 2018.

If anyone wants to help or support Portobello Community Inc in any way then please contact any Committee member and you will be very welcome.

Have a great Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Wayne Cameron
Chairman—Pbo Comm Inc



TE RAUONE BEACH COAST CARE COMMITTEE UPDATE – 27 November 2017

Hi Everyone,

The information below summarises a busy series of meetings since our last update in September. While we all have been frustrated with the lack of progress on this project there is no doubt that the latest series of meetings with Port Otago and the Dunedin City Council have been a great deal more productive.

Port Otago Meeting

The TRBCCC met with Port Otago representatives Kevin Winders(CEO) and Sean Bolt on the 10 October to discuss the latest Beca report. In summary, the report recommended that 3 groynes be placed in front of the Reserve spaced evenly between Northern and Southern ends. Each groyne would be around 70m in length giving beach protection from the waves caused by the Southerly and Northerly winds as well as the ship wake. Sand would then be placed onto the area in front of the Reserve to provide a continuous beach. Included in the plan was the possibility of a Pocket Beach north of the Reserve, as this would provide another important area for community use. Both Kevin and Sean answered a number of questions put to them by the Committee, which gave us a clear understanding of the full report.

Community Meeting

On Monday 23 October, a Community Meeting was held to discuss the Beca Report. Around 60 people attended where a presentation was made by the TRBCCC followed by many questions together with a constructive discussion.

Main points raised were:

Positive changes made by Port Otago in terms of their "Statement of Corporate Intent"

The Community were heartened to see on the Port Otago website that in addition to their changes to their Statement of Corporate Intent is the following clause: "Work with the Community to complete a beach renourishment project of Te Rauone Beach by June 2018."

Concern was expressed at the rapid rate of erosion of the beach in front of the Reserve.

Community cost will remain at \$300,000 even though the cost of project has risen significantly.

The Community was in general supportive of the Beca Report.

Further Meetings with Port Otago and the DCC

Following the Community Meeting the TRBCCC met with Port Otago to provide feedback. Kevin Winders and Sean Bolt again received the questions positively and explained their position. They are well aware of the Community's expectations and frustrations, but are also strongly of the view that they need to follow Beca's recommendations. A meeting was then held with representatives of TRBCCC and Sue Bidrose, the CEO of the Dunedin City Council. This was in terms of bringing Sue up to date with progress on the project, but also to look at a significant upgrade of the Reserve particularly in the area where the beach will be re-nourished. Sue was receptive of our approach so a further meeting was organised on site at Te Rauone Beach on Wednesday 22 November. Those attending were Kevin Winders (PO), Sue Bidrose (DCC), Paul Pope (OPCB) and representatives of the TRBCCC. It was agreed that considering that a new beach is to be developed at significant cost, then the Reserve should be upgraded so we have a complete package – a wonderful recreational area together with a sheltered and safe beach. This was discussed at length by those present with Sue agreeing to ask the Parks and Reserves to draw up a draft plan. The OPCB would then put together a submission to be included in the Long Term Plan for consideration by the Dunedin City Councillors. As we all know this area is becoming more popular for locals, for Dunedin and Otago visitors and of course for the many tourists that visit this beautiful part of Otago. If developed to its full potential this would become a destination point for people to visit, utilise and enjoy.

Kevin Winders – CEO Port Otago

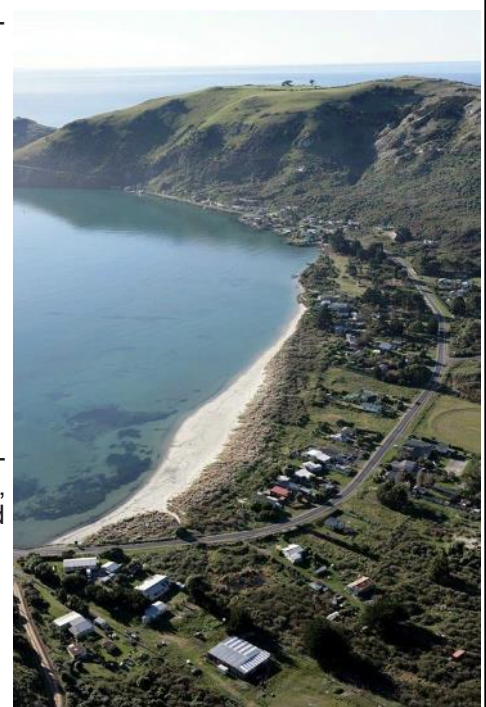
Kia Ora

"Work continues on progressing the Te Rauone Beach project and I have appreciated and enjoyed Des, Graeme and others bringing me up to speed on the history and the opportunity in front of us.

On Wednesday 22nd November Sue Bidrose (CEO of DCC) and I met community leaders at Te Rauone Beach to provide an update on the Beca design process and discuss development options for the reserve. The focus to date has been the design of possible groyne structures to build a new beach, but without access and the right amenities, the new beach wouldn't be much of a benefit to the wider community. The reserve is a significant piece of land that is underutilised and has the potential to be a great asset for locals and visitors, probably the best place in the harbour to get an up close view of a container or cruise ship going by. So we are working on a plan that delivers an overall outcome, beach, groynes and amenities.

We had good engagement from community leaders and I think we are making progress in getting everyone aligned on the next steps for this project. In saying that, next steps involves finalising the Beca design, agreeing on the funding model and getting resource consent for the final plan, which won't be a quick process, so expect this sometime in 2018."

Te Rauone Beach Coast Care Committee



STOP News

Tree planting

STOP offers attractive gift certificates for those who wish to either plant a tree themselves or have STOP plant their tree and maintain it for three years in a public space on the Hereweka Harbour Cone Block. At \$15 each, these make a great gift for that person who has everything or for someone who needs to offset their carbon credits. Easily posted too! Lately people have chosen to purchase a tree to commemorate a new addition to the family and as well, several new citizens have planted the kowhais they have been gifted at their citizenship ceremony.



Working bees over the holidays

STOP will continue to hold the regular working bees on Tues and Thurs at 9.30am - 12.30am and on Sundays 10am – 1pm in December and January, mostly at Smiths Creek at the end of Bacon St. The trees planted over the last few years need releasing regularly and there is work to do to encourage natural regeneration on land adjacent to existing mature bush. Make a date during your holidays to assist with this satisfying work. There will also be two unusual PLANTING days on Sat30th and Sunday 31st Dec if you are staying home.

Contact person: Text Lala, 027 8756 020 or email stopincsoc@gmail.com



Bridie, cutting weed mats

Otakou Golf Club

P.O Box 1232 Dunedin
Email: otakougolf@paradise.net.nz



The recent lovely spell of fine weather is a far cry from the very heavy rainfall on July 21st, which caused many slips and saturated our course for a long period. There was a massive amount of pumping, predominantly by Miles Notman, that improved the situation to some extent, but in the end, the water was virtually coming back to meet him. Over four months later and the course is looking great again! The greens especially, have been getting big “raps” from members of our so called elite clubs. The club champs, now contested in October have been and gone. The winners were; Glen Spiers (senior) John Geary (Intermediate) Terry Moffat (Junior) There were a couple of highlights recently as well. Peter “Sticky” Stechman fresh from a trip to the U.K and Switzerland recorded a Nett 59 (Gross score minus handicap) Rumours of course were rife as to how he managed this, including the benefits of Swiss cow’s milk (many oldies may remember Finnish track athlete Lasse Viren, reputedly drinking reindeer milk on his way to several gold medals) “Sticky’s” movements are being monitored closely. Graeme Carr achieved another hole on one for himself on No. 13 par 3 at Chisholm Park, so congrats to Graeme. New members always welcome at our club so don’t hesitate to call in or contact us. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone!

Holiday on Quarantine Island Kamau Taurua?

The island is a great place to have a relaxing getaway with family and friends. Not far to travel, inexpensive and no crowds! We have accommodation vouchers if you're looking for gift ideas.

We also have a number of projects we'd love volunteers' help with in January, including building a fence (with warratahs), weed control (rope skills an advantage!), painting/maintenance, releasing and watering seedlings. We can offer accommodation in the Lodge if you'd like to stay overnight to make a significant contribution to these projects, and can sometimes help with the boat fare, thanks to a grant from Weedbusters. While we'll appreciate your labour, we'll insist you take time to relax too!

For more information and to keep in the loop, join the Quarantine Island Community Facebook page, contact us on quarantineisland@gmail.com or check out our website quarantineisland.org.nz

Thanks to all our many supporters and volunteers in 2017!

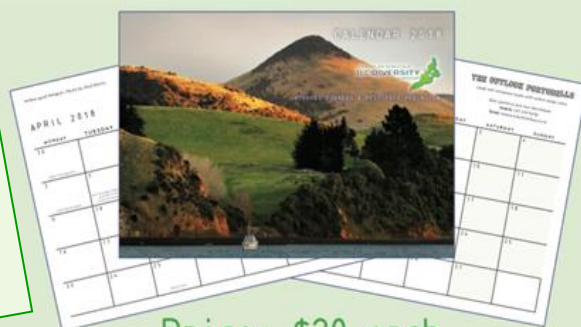


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Summer has arrived and our big winter operation is well and truly winding up. Our hard working team of Operations Manager Bruce Kyle and assistants Frank Pepers and Sol Wogan plus the guys from DM Holdings persevered through very tough conditions over the winter months in taking out over 1000 possums from the Sandymount and Sandfly Bay areas.

Now that the focus has to return to other areas, Bruce is concerned that the network of access tracks that were established to set up bait stations and traps will disappear again under blackberry, bracken and Muehlenbeckia vines.

We are looking for 1 or 2 local volunteers, who would be willing to dedicate something like ½ day per fortnight to help maintain the tracks and keep them clear from encroaching vegetation.

If this something you would consider please contact us: opbg11@gmail.com



Boating Safety Code - Know Before You Go - 5 simple rules to help you stay safe:

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

1. Life Jackets

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

2. Skipper Responsibility

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

3. Communications

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

4. Marine Weather

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

5. Avoid Alcohol

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

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

You should not expect good mobile phone coverage in remote areas. For emergency communications a marine VHF radio is recommended. Use channel 16 for emergencies.



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Sweet Cissely seed water, absolutely delish. During day time I need something quick to re energize myself , fancy that, the brain says keep going the body answer bugger that, so here is a very quick and easy boost me up; a light broth plus a quick dinner - chicken with new potatoes and green bean in creamy spicy apple jelly sauce.

Have a fantastic end of year festivities. My wish for you this year is get healthy. Health is your wealth.

Bon appetite,

Dany

GARDENER EXPRESS BOOSTER

500ml boiling water
handful of top of carrot (yes just the green and very small root, perfect when you thin them) 2 branches parsley,
5 or 6 chives, beetroot leave and one spud diced very small, boil all for 5 minutes, add salt, pepper and one or teaspoon of soya

SWEET CICELY DRINK

Make one litre. a dessertspoon of cicely seed (Myrrhis odorata, 3 slices of lemon pour hot water cool it , put in the fridge and bingo instant sweet drink (cissely seed are very sweet).

I am able to share some seed for people who would like some for next season and I know where to get more seeds to share

CHICKEN HARICOTS WITH CREAMY APPLE JELLY SAUCE

Saute your chicken breast halfway in butter , add your precook "al dente" haricots to the pan (*50ml of cream per person per breast for 1/2 teaspoon of apple jelly*) pour cream and jelly, half teaspoon of chilli put back the chicken breast reduce the heat. it's done when the cream is nice and thick.
Serve with new potato.



Portobello Bowling Club Inc

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We are holding a twilight Bowling Competition - open to all & sundry - you do not have to be a bowler.

It is a pairs Competition – Every Thursday Night starting at 5.30pm

Weather has been good so far this Season with only 1 game lost to the weather

Our second Monthly Tournament is being held on 17th December – usually a well attended event

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For Sale



Portobello 228 Harington Pt Road
\$240,000

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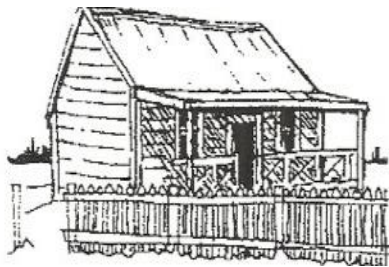
Lower Portobello
319/321 Harington Point Road



Harwood 42 Tidewater Drive



Portobello 2 Treetop Drive



OTAGO PENINSULA MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

17 Harington Point Road, Portobello, Dunedin 9014

Museum News

Thanks to our volunteers throughout the year who opened on a Sunday for the public to visit. We are very grateful for your help. Thanks also to Robert and Geoff and your team of helpers who delivered sheep manure as part of our fundraising.

Holiday Season in Portobello in the old days – (a couple of examples from the Otago Witness newspaper).

1886 – The Maori Kaik Races were held on Boxing Day.

1897 – The Christmas Shooting matches took place at the Hoopers Inlet Range, Portobello on Christmas Day.

1924 – The Broad Bay Boating Club hosted their annual regatta on New Years Day.

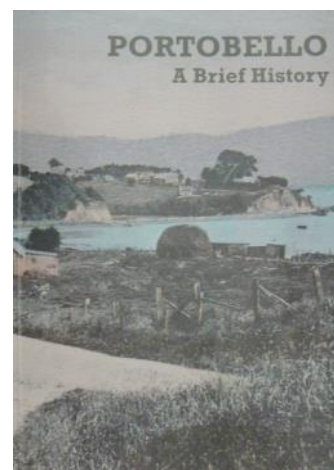
Popular ferry excursions over this time were made taking Dunedin folk to various Peninsula settlements for picnics



Our book "Portobello – A Brief History"
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Museum for \$25.

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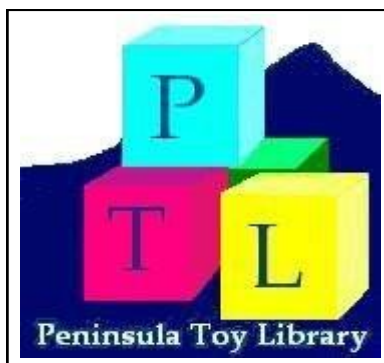
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Portobello Library News

Last day for the library is Thursday 21 December 2017 and
opening again on Thursday 25 January 2018.

Many thanks to Dot, our Librarian, and her helpers throughout the year.
Enjoy your Christmas reading.



'Peninsula Toy Library'

is open every second Sunday of the month 10 am - 12 noon.

New members always welcome.

Come and visit us and have a look around.

We are located in the Portobello Domain Hall.

Any enquiries phone or email

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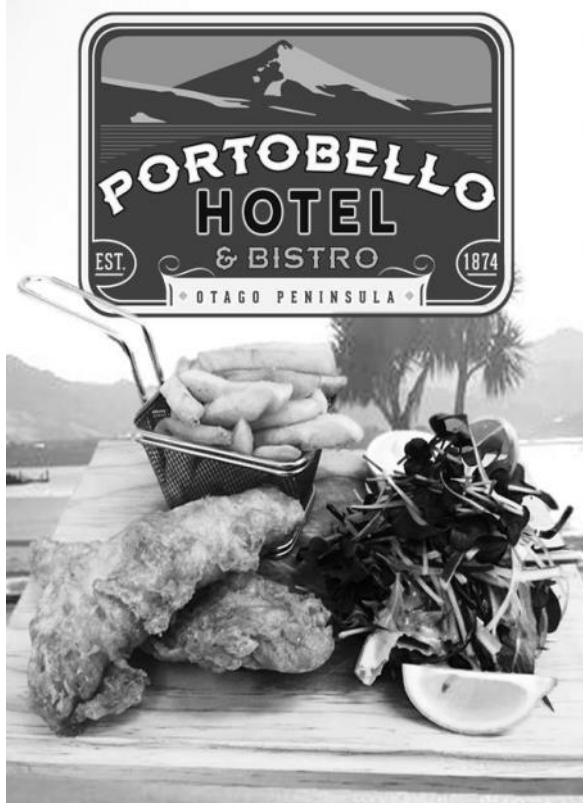
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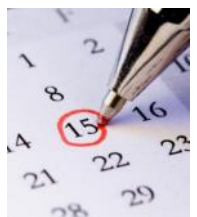
As Jackie Clearwater will be stepping
down at the end of the year - we are
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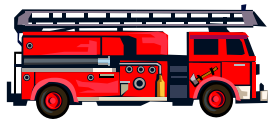


**Jackie on
4780 508**

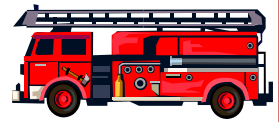


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Portobello Volunteer Fire Brigade



Fire Ban

Due to the recent dry spell there is a fire ban on as of the start of December. Fires by Permit only

Open Day

Sunday 14 January Portobello Fire Station is having an open day. With fire safety in mind. A talk on fire safety around the home. The importance of smoke alarms. You will be shown how to put small fires out safely. And how to use a fire extinguisher. And you will have the chance to use a fire extinguisher. Then look around the fire station you might like to become a member we have two vacancies to fill so if you live within the Broad Bay ,Portobello, Harwood areas. Of reasonable fitness and would like to support your local community please come along.

Chief Fire Officer
Greg Dickson

ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE from Olly's Pen

Isn't it amazing what our eyes and mind take in. Our wonderful neighbours Geoff and Ruth took us paddling in the harbour to wave to the Celebrity Solstice crew and passengers. Theraze and I had never experienced paddling in a kayak before so, I for one, was not that comfortable being out there -on the water - in a wee paddle boat - heading toward a somewhat monstrous cruiser which was travelling pretty fast.

Theraze was in a double canoe with an experienced paddler whereas I was on my own!!! I didn't get too close to the ship but still, sitting in the water looking up at it and seeing the people waving at us was really something – and rather daunting I have to say. However I waved back. They weren't to know that I was new at this sort of thing.

After it passed, we kept our canoes facing the wakes and once they were gone we turned around and faced the shore. I sat there and took it all in. Our house looked so small. And what struck me was, I could see the settlement – from Roughies wharf right around to the end of Harington Point where the road goes up to the Royal Albatross Centre and Natures Wonders. I could even see the road leading up to Penguin Place. Now where else in the world can you experience seeing the bird life, the seals, the yellow eyed and blue penguins all in one place! The views from up on the High Road are spectacular to say the least.

Aren't we goddamn lucky to be living here! The US media network CNN International named the Otago Peninsula one of the ten most romantic places in the world to propose marriage. According to the NZ Harington Point media network, ME, that is so true. The wee church at our Otakou marae would be a wonderful place to confirm those vows and do the deed. Crikeys we've got the motels, the 1908 restaurant, the Hotel, the best ice creams on the peninsula, the Penguin Cafe', the Museum and of course the General Store and the Fish 'n' Chip shop. We've even got a camp site with a fabulous laundry.

So there we have it - everything's here! Once I get the hang of getting in and out of the kayak, I'm paddling out on the water again.

On a calm sunny day, paradise looks even better than great!
Merry Xmas All!



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First of all we would like to thank all our staff for keeping the
Café running smoothly while we were away. We had a lovely
time in Philadelphia at our Daughter's wedding and return re-
freshed for a busy few months ahead.

If you are an accommodation provider we can provide you
with a menu for your guests, we open at 8am for breakfast.
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sad to see Lisa go but welcome to our new recruit Isla.

With the busyness of the year, our thoughts turn to our children with the holiday season approaching. In the new year we will see this government investing in children and in families, increasing working for families, extending paid parental leave and bringing back the family benefit in the form of the Best Start package. The new Families' Package will see 70 per cent of families with children better off.

In 2018, I will emphasise the importance of regional development for Dunedin and Dunedin's significance nationally. This is of course on top of my role as a constituent MP which will continue through my office.

I, with all my colleagues, are in touch with the issues which are important for New Zealanders, and we are putting people at the heart of every decision we make. This Government will protect the environment, create more jobs and lift the incomes of families to reduce child poverty, while running surpluses and paying down debt. Clearly the global issue around climate change presents a challenge and an opportunity for all our coastal communities.

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Our unified team is bringing fresh ideas to solving the problems that New Zealand is facing – and in our first 100 days, we're already delivering meaningful change. This Government represents a truer reflection of our society with the focus being on finding common ground to move this country forward beyond the three years. A country fit for purpose for all New Zealanders.

Your local MP

Please contact me if you think you need assistance or advice.

I (or my office) will be able to assist and advocate for you.

I represent all the communities in Dunedin South, from the tip of the Otago Peninsula to the Taieri River, holding clinics on the Peninsula every 2-3 months. Please make contact.

My caravan clinic will be outside the Store from 11am to 1pm this Saturday 9 December.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone of the Peninsula a safe and happy Christmas.

Clare Curran

My electorate office

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Happy Hens wins title

Congratulations to Yvonne Sutherland of Happy Hens for being named the Web Genius Business Hero for 2017.

The Business Hero Awards are run by national web marketing firm Web Genius with entry open to clients around the country.

Finalists this year were from Auckland, Tauranga, Kapiti Coast, Wellington and Dunedin from a variety of business types.

The judges were impressed with Happy Hens and its founder, Yvonne Sutherland, since she started the business from home in 1984.

The Happy Hens store at Portobello has become a tourist destination, visited by cruise ship passengers, tour buses and independent travellers as well as locals. Yet another feather in the cap of our beautiful Peninsula.





News from the Otago Peninsula Community Board

Summer has finally arrived and the recent hot days and warm evenings have been a wonderful treat as we prepare for the Christmas season. The Otago Peninsula Community Board has had a busy year with ongoing projects and community consultation throughout the region. We have had some setbacks and trials such as the floods and slips this year, but we have come through them well and the community has been strong and resilient.

Te Rauone – Edna Stevenson and I attended a very useful meeting with DCC Chief Executive Sue Bidrose and Port Otago Chief Executive Kevin Winders along with members of the Te Rauone group. It was refreshingly positive and a frank exchange that bodes well for the future of the beach and the development of the reserve. Our Board continues to be totally committed to supporting the community over this issue.

Portobello Road - The City Council have advised that the tenders for the widening project are in and realistically we'll be looking at a 2018 start for the project. The Board will keep you posted for further updates.

Portobello Township – The widening project will include changes to the main street of Portobello around the hotel, store and garage. A recent meeting with business owners was a very useful one and gave the Council plenty to consider over these changes. I'm hopeful that they will listen to our concerns and adjust the programme accordingly.

Tidewater Drive and Otakou Flooding – The Council have recognised that there is a need for work on these areas and have presented plans for both sites. There is to be further discussion with the Tidewater Drive residents, but at this stage it is likely we will see a February start to these works. Thank you to all the landowners who have been so patient.

Long Term Plan – Over the year the Board have undertaken considerable consultation to gauge the needs of the community so that it can be built into the City Council's ten year plan for 2018-2028. That process begins in the next few weeks. **I ask all residents to engage with this process and have a say in the future of the area. More information in 2018.**

Biodiversity Forum – For the first time the Community Board undertook a biodiversity forum to look at what is going on in the community and how the Board can help in highlighting the needs of groups and agencies. This was a very useful process and one that the Board will continue annually.

Facebook Please take the opportunity to use it if you can and share information with your friends, neighbours and whanau. <https://www.facebook.com/pencomboard/>

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

Paul Pope, Chairman
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 Photograph the Aurora from Hoopers Inlet
 Explore the tunnels near Taiaroa Head
 Take a walk with your sweetheart
 to Lovers Leap
 Go fishing at the Portobello jetty
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Peninsula Playcentre Re-licensed!

After three years of running as a playgroup, our membership made the decision to relicense as a playcentre. We were lucky to have whānau who willingly contributed their time and a variety of different skills and talents to the process.

Tasks included updating our learning resources and environment, organising fundraisers, community days and working bees. It was a big (HUGE) job but when the day came for our appraisal, we were all in high spirits. These were lifted further when we were informed that we had gained our licensing.

Peninsula Playcentre has now begun a new chapter and we intend to keep our momentum going. It was fantastic to see our membership come together to achieve a significant milestone for our centre and for the education of our tamariki. We are grateful for the different contributions and positive feedback from the Portobello community and we look forward to seeing what we can do in the coming year.

Lastly, on behalf of the Peninsula Playcentre membership I would like to thank Job Rustenhoven for his commitment to keeping somewhere special in Portobello for children to play, learn and flourish.

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Peninsula Property focus

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Dunedin Market Report

In what could best be described as a counter-point to much of the country, the property market in Dunedin continues along a strong and steady path. The only thing holding it back is a limited supply of available homes for sale. The overall mood in the town following the general election is one of optimism given the commitment to invest in infrastructure such as a new hospital. Other policy announcements such as free tertiary education are also seen as a positive for Dunedin, with the University of Otago being such an important employer. This is helping to offset any negativity around the upcoming closure of the Cadbury factory.

The main drivers for continued growth in the local property market remain unchanged. First home buyers remain very active, utilising KiwiSaver funds to enter the property ladder.

The LVR policy around investment property remains in place. We have seen a slight decrease in the number of active investment buyers, this is more driven by uncertainty in their own local markets than a lack of confidence in Dunedin.



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Mortgage interest rates remain low and stable, affordability to borrow and buy remains high.

So while all these factors remain in place, we believe we will see increased pressure on the median value, now sitting at \$380,000 up from \$340,000 a year ago and consistently short times on the market with the median days around 20 – 23 every month this year.

We are seeing Auction campaigns working well. Several of our latest auctions have been brought forward due to acceptable pre-auction offers, yet still delivering competitive bidding - resulting in a sale price above the Vendor's pre-auction acceptable level.

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OTAGO PENINSULA TRUST ENTERPRISES UPDATE

Royal Albatross Centre.

We're looking forward to a fantastic season, though a bit concerned about the heat! It's egg laying and incubation time. So far 33 eggs, 2 broken. 6 in incubator. 30 eggs candled - 29 fertile. Great viewing - albatross party time as adolescents courting, skycalling, flying. Nests in view of observatory. Keep an eye on the Royalcam live webcam, its due to be shifted onto a new nest soon.

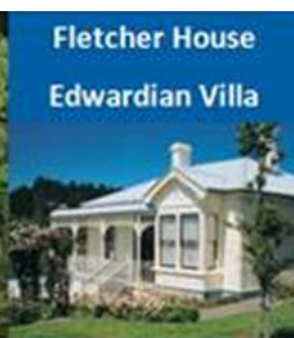


Brand new 3.3 metre high tour room screen (That's the length of albatross wingspan) and \$100k+ projector. The Centre has been refurbished over the quiet season and is looking fresh. Tours every half hour. Pre-booking urged, we've been full some days!

The penguin viewing at Blue Penguins Pukekura has been wonderful – the still nights are great for them. 150-200 penguins seen each night. Chicks fledging. Latest stats: 291 eggs laid, (2 eggs each). 175 chicks hatched, 485 penguins transpondered – helps us ID penguins, very exciting to find that the chick of the two penguins killed in July's slip has come back!

Otago Peninsula Trust has opened a New InfoZone to showcase our work and attractions. Come see us: 52 Stuart St (ODT building), Weekdays 9am-5pm

Glenfalloch Restaurant is really busy – so make sure you book if you are heading that way. Locals Night Thursday| Free BYO. Trust the Chef Menu 476 1006. Closed 26 Dec- 2 January Public Holidays Holidays. Trust operations are closed Christmas Day, but open all other days.



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I have been an Occupational Therapist for over 10 years and moved to Macandrew Bay three years ago.

So far my occupational therapy journey has taken me to various parts of New Zealand; Nelson, Wellington, Kaikoura, and abroad to Ireland. I have enjoyed working in a variety of paediatric community settings as well as a special needs school.

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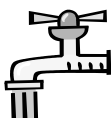
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