

NEWSLETTER

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Portobello Community Inc.



ANZAC Day

will be held at the Museum grounds in Portobello at 9.30am on Wednesday 25 April.

We will be talking about significant events in 1918.

The service will be followed by morning tea in the barn at the Museum.



As this is a community event we would appreciate help with the morning tea (you will still be able to attend the service) so please get in touch with Portobello Community Inc if you are willing to help.

Phone Christine on 4780 878

If anyone in the community is willing to provide a plate for morning tea then this is also much appreciated.

This can be dropped off at the Museum Barn before the service.

We would like to encourage local community groups to be part of the service by laying a wreath on behalf of their group.

Your group may wish to lay a bunch of flowers instead.

There will be some seating available for our senior citizens and also a gazebo to sit under if the weather is wet.

The service will be on whatever the weather of course so please come prepared.

Thank you Portobello Inc and the Otago Peninsula Museum & Historical Society.



Lest We Forget



Easter's gone, Ed's gone, Summer's gone and The Tourists are nearly gone.! It's like getting your own space back after your visitors are gone aye. Brenda and I managed to catch up with a few of the activities that were going on around the place and I gotta say. Well done Dunedin, and all those involved in "turning it on:.. And of course the DCC.

Portobello Community Incorporated are proud of their achievements and are always looking at getting involved in any local community event. If you want to get involved in any shape or form don't hesitate to contact us. We meet every third Tuesday of the month at 7.30 in the Portobello Coronation Hall and all are welcome,

Congratulations to Lox Kellas on his retirement and we wish him and Sharyn a long and happy new life after his dedicated service to the NZ Police. We look forward to catching up with his replacement in the near future.

Don't forget our very important community event on the 25th April that of course being ANZAC Day. It is such a nice time to catch up and meet people with so many interesting stories and show our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to those who made it possible for all of us to live in freedom, peace and tranquillity.

If you are keen to help distribute our Newsletter we are looking for a volunteer to deliver in the Harington Point/Otakou area. Give me a call if you can help.

Wayne Cameron

Chairman—Pbo Comm Inc

LAST BEAT

My last official day of duty is the 20th of April.

I didn't know what to expect when I applied for the vacancy. I had relieved in a number of rural Southland stations and knew there were challenges in sole charge positions, however along with historical family connections and the opportunity to be a sole charge officer was too hard to resist.

One word cannot describe the experience - it's been interesting, challenging, demanding, exciting and rewarding. I've dealt with a wide range of events and situations and many interesting characters and personalities, some famous, some not so famous but fear not there will be no book.

Dealing with tragedies is always difficult as each event plays out differently but in small and tight knit communities the impact is always greater.

I am grateful for the support from many people who have stopped and assisted at crashes, volunteering for search and rescue incidents and back up when dealing with violent offenders when back up was so far away. Without that support the results would have been different.

There is not enough space in this last contribution to thank those who have helped during the past 34 years.

It has been a wonderful place to raise a family in a safe environment. Our two daughters are now living in Geraldine and London and will always have a soft spot for Portobello.

My wife Sharyn and I will remain in Portobello. I will still be involved with Coastguard and the Community Board but will not seek re-election in the next local body elections

There have been many changes in the area the station covers. The biggest impact has been the surge in eco-tourism that has made the Otago Peninsula an international destination. Traffic flows are now 10 times greater than when I started in 1984.

This has put pressure on the environment. The road widening project hopefully will alleviate some of the problems but the tourists are here to stay. I leave with the concern that the Peninsula only has a certain capacity and its critical we manage that so that it doesn't lose its unique identity and character. It's a fine balance between progress and maintaining the status quo.

I have found that I have become an historian by default. It has taken many cups of tea and home baking to achieve that status. In 1984 there was that generation that had direct links to the early pioneers that has provided a rich heritage, character and history of the Peninsula and learnt about some of the colourful characters that lived here. Unfortunately many of that generation has passed on but provided a unique insight to local history but not withstanding there are still some colourful characters about today.

The station will remain open. Applicants have been interviewed and I hope the appointment will be finalised before I finish so I can introduce my successor to the community.

Finally I am looking forward to retirement and new challenges but have no regrets for taking this posting.

It has been a pleasure to serve you. Thank you

Lox Kellas



"Kiwis in our backyard - yeah right!"

Wild Dunedin & Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Group

Coronation Hall, Portobello

Monday 23rd April

Be inspired by four members of the **Backyard Kiwi Campaign** when they tell their Kiwi conservation story with images.

Following will be a forum asking, "Can we do the same here?"

Free entry

Before the talk enjoy another Kiwi tradition – a sausage sizzle (\$2) provided by the **Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Group** at 6pm.



Go to www.wilddunedin.nz - it's free to become a **Friend of Wild Dunedin** and be the first to find out about events, competitions and discounts available during the festival – 20-25 April (school holidays).

Wild Food Webs & Fishy Feasts

Join a marine scientist at the NZ Marine Studies Centre at Portobello to find out about marine food webs - who eats what in the ocean. Discover how local sea creatures are adapted to catch their food, avoid predators and stay alive. You will see microscopic plankton, investigate the stomach contents of a squid or shark and enjoy close up viewing of a variety of sea animals in our tanks and touch pools.

The Aquarium is no longer open to the general public, so this is a unique opportunity to see some of the marine creatures that are kept at the Centre for education programmes. Choose from 3 sessions.

When: Sunday, 22 April 2018: 10.00–11.30am, 12.30–2.00pm or 3.00–4.30pm

Cost: Adults \$15, Children \$10 (Recommended for adults and children over 5 years)

Bookings essential: Book & pay online. See <http://www.otago.ac.nz/marine-studies/news/events>

Location: NZ Marine Studies Centre, 185 Hatchery Rd, Portobello, Dunedin. Ph: 03-479 5826

This is a WILD DUNEDIN FESTIVAL event. For more, see <http://www.wilddunedin.nz/>



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"As a documentary cameraman I have filmed on every continent on Earth and the Ross Sea is one of the most special places I have been to. That is why I have been fighting tooth and nail for its protection."

Peter Young, Camera/Director/Producer of "The Last Ocean"

From Passion to Protection - the story of "The Last Ocean"

What better gift could we leave our children than Earth's last truly wild ocean?

Meet filmmaker and Last Ocean campaigner **Peter Young** over wine and cheese before he presents his story of a 10 year life-changing campaign to protect the Ross Sea.

When: Tuesday 24th April 6.30pm

Where: Royal Albatross Centre, Taiaroa Head

Cost: \$20pp

Booking essential: numbers limited to 40: Ph 03 478 0499 (Bus transport available from city at \$10pp return – Booking essential: Monarch Wildlife Ph 03 477 4276)

FREE Daily screenings of feature doc **"The Last Ocean"** (88mins) on the latest and greatest video projector technology in NZ.

When: 4.15pm Friday 20 April to ANZAC Day 25 April

Where: Royal Albatross Centre, Taiaroa Head

(Special offer on Hot Chocolate & Cookie at the cafe.)

OTAGO PENINSULA TRUST

Congratulations to Dr John Jillett, who was awarded Life Membership of Otago Peninsula Trust at the March AGM. John was a Trustee 1999 - 2018 and was instrumental in setting up the Otago Peninsula Trust Education Programme, which has seen thousands of school students inspired by learning about our wildlife.

We've 13 albatross chicks this season – with 3-4 nests on view from our observatory, which is great viewing! The albatross chicks are putting on weight nicely and are around the 4-5kg mark. The Little Blue Penguins are finishing their moult and the last chicks are fledging. There are some great special deals for viewing both albatross and penguins during the Wild Dunedin Festival 20-25 April. We're running the 30 minute Albatross Express tours (\$15 Ad, \$3 child) and the half price family penguin tours during the festival. There's also an amazing film "The Last Ocean – story of a campaign to stop fishing in the Ross Sea" showing daily on our big screen plus a Pesky Pest Hunt at Glenfalloch.

Glenfalloch Restaurant has leapt to #1 on Tripadvisor as the best restaurant in Dunedin – come and try it on Thursdays, which is Local's Night with free BYO. New hours – Lunch/Coffee Weds-Sun 9.30am-3.30pm. Dinner Thu/Fri/Sat from 5.30pm

Cheers Sophie

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Quarantine Island Kamau Taurua News

It was lovely to host several Peninsula groups on the Island recently - children from Portobello Kindy, Musselburgh School, Bayfield High School, Macandrew Bay Cubs, along with others from the wider Dunedin and Otago community. Exploring the rocky shore, swimming, kayaking, playing, learning about the Island's history and ecology, surveying bird and skinks, controlling weeds, and helping with native seedling revegetation were some of the activities. Volunteers also helped bring over timber for lining the east wall of the Married Quarters and began the daunting task of repainting the exterior.



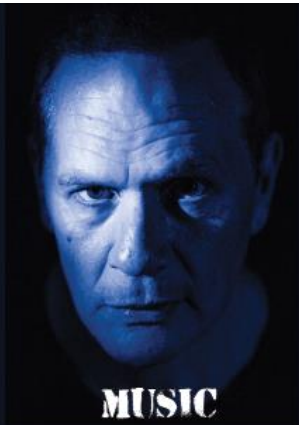
Weed control is a key focus on the Island – every bit as important as controlling animal pests. Four QIKT Community members attended the first national Weed Management workshop (offered through the Department of Conservation, with QEII funding). QIKT Community members realised we are relatively lucky- we don't have some of the really nasty weeds that are out there. Of course they could arrive on the wind or via bird poo, so we need to be vigilant, and support the weed control efforts by our neighbours on the Peninsula and West Harbour. We have several weed control days planned for April and May, including a complimentary overnight stay for volunteers, so check the quarantineisland.org.nz website for details.

AN ILLIAD

by Lisa Peterson
& Denis O'Hare

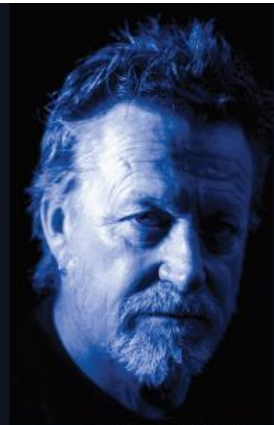
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A COMMUNITY INVITATION

ON THE 20TH APRIL 2018 SENIOR CONSTABLE LOX KELLAS SERVES HIS LAST SHIFT AS OUR POLICEMAN. ACTUALLY HE IS TAKING THE WHOLE BLOODY WEEK OFF SO WON'T BE DOING ANY SERVICE AT ALL – LOL.....

In recognition of this long awaited and well rumoured day, Lox has been summonsed to appear before the recently appointed **LEoLB** panel (Local Experts of Larrikin Behaviour) to answer to a number of matters that remain unsolved in our community. You are invited to witness this hearing in the public gallery of:

Coronation Hall

Friday 20th April 2018

16:00 (4pm folks)

A plate would be appreciated as we know Lox won't pay for anything...



News from the Otago Peninsula Community Board

So by now we should have recovered from the many visitors we have had for the Ed Sheeran experience. It's been a fantastic thing for the city and the atmosphere it created was exciting and energising. The local weather played ball over the Easter Break and it played its part in the enjoyment of many who visited the area.

Portobello Road - The City Council have advised that the widening of the road will begin in April between Broad Bay and Portobello. This is a very welcome announcement that will no doubt please many in those areas. It seems to have taken an age, but at long last we're on track. More announcements will be made soon on the project timeline.

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 April start to these works. Thank you to all the landowners who have been so patient.

Public Buses

The ongoing debate with the Otago Regional Council over school pupils getting the public bus continues. While the bus stop issue for Bayfield pupils has been resolved temporarily, the battle over route changes and timetabling continues. The Otago Peninsula deserves better service from public transport provided by the Otago Regional Council. However, we are not the only community that are not having the appropriate service delivered in the community.

It's not about asking for special treatment, but asking for what is fair and reasonable to get our kids to school, people to work and our elderly to essential services. I urge all of the community to continue writing to the Regional Council and requesting that the service improve. There are also petitions at Macandrew Bay and Portobello stores or you can sign online at <https://www.change.org/p/otago-regional-council-otago-peninsula-bus-service>



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. By now you should have received information in the mail over the Plan and the submission process. I urge everybody in the community to say something about what you think we need in our community and our city. Whether it's the need for better foot-paths, roading, public parks **please have your say**. On that note with the funding issues around the road widening project the community needs to send a message to the City Council that this project must continue for the benefit of our community. If you have any enquiries talk to your Board.

Te Rauone Reserve – I'm pleased to say that the City Council have committed funding to upgrade the reserve over the next three years in tandem with the Port Otago project. This commitment goes a long way to seeing this project over the line for the Otakou and Harington Point Community. For the reserve development there will be an opportunity for community input as part of the project design and I will be facilitating that very soon. This is very exciting for the area.

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/>

If you have any issues that you would like to raise or discuss please don't hesitate to contact myself or your local Board member

Paul Pope

Otago Peninsula Community Board Chairman

paul.peninsula@xtra.co.nz

(03) 4780630 or 0274668446



Coronation Hall

Treasurer

We are seeking someone to serve as Treasurer on the Coronation Hall Committee. Can you help?
Please phone Wayne on 4780 424



Do you have a little spare time on your hands?
We are looking for a volunteer to deliver our bi-monthly Newsletter in the Otakou/Harington Point area.
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OR

Sunday 22nd April 2018

Where

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Cost \$30.00 per adult and \$15.00 per child



Coastguard News:

Welcome to Mac and Sam who have joined us as volunteers.

Training is going well and this happens every Tuesday night.

We had Cam Third from the Surf Life Saving Otago come to our last meeting to thank the Coastguard for helping out as a safety vessel with their training which involved using their IRB's on a run down the coast to Taieri Mouth. The Coastguard and Surf Life Saving hope to work closer together with their training.

If you are keen to join up then check out our Dunedin website or email dunedin.admin@coastguard.nz.

Still some nice weather coming up before Winter is upon us so stay safe out there and think about what you need to check up on before heading out on the water.



Broad Bay Ukelele Group

Would you like to join a fun light-hearted group of uke players and singers?

Come and learn or dust off your ukes and join in.

Great for raising the spirits!!

We meet on Mondays 1830 - 1930hrs.

Times can be adjusted if it suits more people.

Please phone/txt Ruth 4780261/ 0274780322

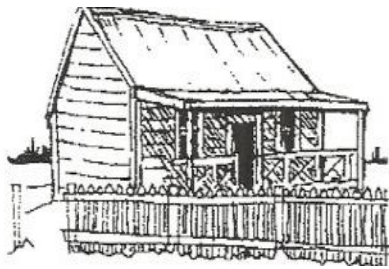


Peninsula Medical Centre

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OTAGO PENINSULA MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

17 Harington Point Road, Portobello, Dunedin 9014

Museum News

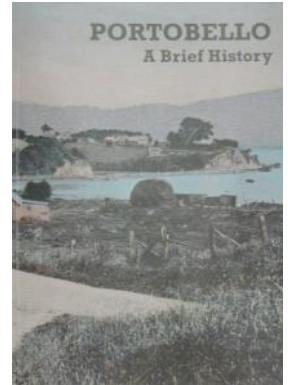
Welcome to Ness who has volunteered for our Sunday Roster at the Museum. We have one long term volunteer who has stood down because of illness so we are asking if there is anyone out in the community who would like to take their place. Spread out over the year a volunteer will usually do two Sundays from 12.30 -3.30pm. Send the museum an email - theotagopeninsulamuseum@gmail.com if you are keen to help.

Our book "Portobello – A Brief History" is still available from the shop or Museum for \$25 or send us an email.

There have been some working bees on the Museum grounds lately and it is looking very tidy. We look forward to the back entranceway being gravelled as it was getting quite muddy when it is wet.

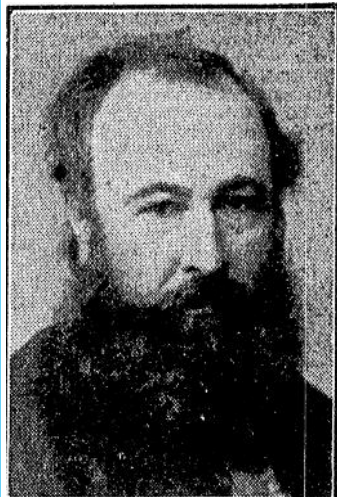
ANZAC Day is coming up on 25th April 9.30am at the Museum.
Thanks to Linley for putting fresh wood chips around the memorial rock.

This year Margot Deveraux will be one of our speakers. Her family name was Densem (Densem Street in Portobello). Captain John Densem arrived in Otago from Melbourne in the schooner "Pilot" in 1861. He worked in the coastal trade before being appointed Master of the ferry "Peninsula" which belonged to the Harbour Ferry Company. He eventually purchased the ferry, running her between Port Chalmers and Dunedin on the Peninsula side of the harbour. He later became Master of the steamer "Mountaineer" on Lake Wakatipu. John Densem is buried in the Port Chalmers Cemetery.



The Gwyn family of Broad Bay

James and Elizabeth Gwyn and their daughter Elizabeth arrived on the ship "Nourmahal" in 1858. 12 more children were to follow – all born in Broad Bay. Some of these children married into Peninsula families – Christopher and George married into the Leith family from Otakou, Alice to the Grainger family from Broad Bay, Sarah to the Clearwater family from Broad Bay and Rosina married into the Bayne family. When James arrived in Broad Bay his work consisted of sawing and clearing the bush. He had a spell digging at Gabriel's Gully and Munroe's gold fields but the results were not very encouraging. Returning to Broad Bay he commenced market gardening, which at that time did remarkably well. Frequent trips in a small rowing boat were made to Dunedin, in all weather, to sell his produce.



Before coming to New Zealand James was involved in the Crimean War (1854-56) where he worked in construction of the railway between Balaclava and the trenches. From this he had a very acute form of rheumatism which rendered him an invalid up to the time of his death in 1882. When the Post Office was established in Broad Bay about 1872 he was appointed Postmaster, a position which he held till he passed away. When in fair health he always took his share in Road Board, School Committee and other public work. James and Elizabeth are both buried in the Broad Bay Cemetery.

Portobello Library News



At our recent Annual General Meeting, Edna Stevenson, was voted in as our new President. Special thanks to Bruce Callister our outgoing President who did many years in the role. Bruce remains on the Committee and we will see him at the next meeting in February 2019!

A reminder that the Library is open each Thursday from 11am – 1pm.
Our Librarian is Dot and she will be very keen to show you around.

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

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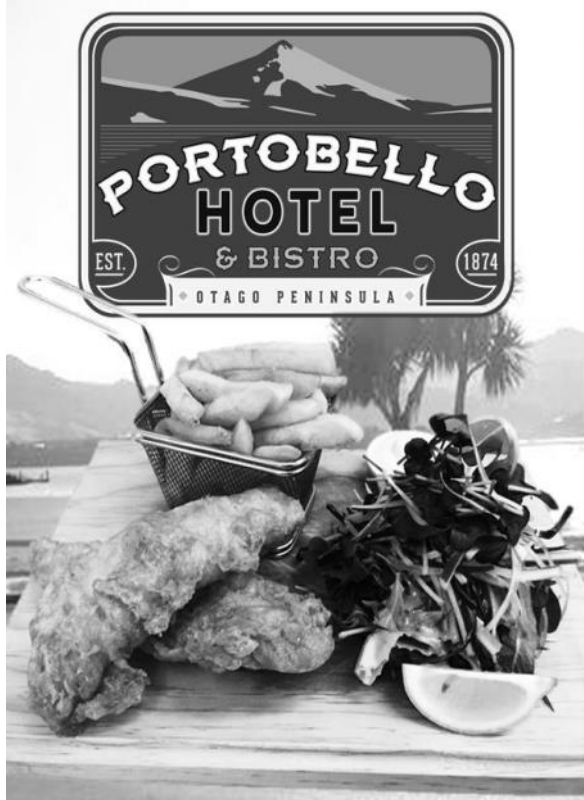
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We are pleased to welcome our new
Volunteer Coordinator, Kate Tanner to the
Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Group.

Kate has a lot of experience in working with
volunteers and has been working for DOC for
the past few years. If you are interested in
becoming a volunteer or are an existing volunteer

Kate would like to hear from you.

She can be contacted at volunteers@opbg.nz
or call / text her on 021 0237 5970.

She is really looking forward to
working with you all toward a
Pest-Free Peninsula



Our thanks to Lorna Hayward
for delivering our
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and to Brian Cameron for
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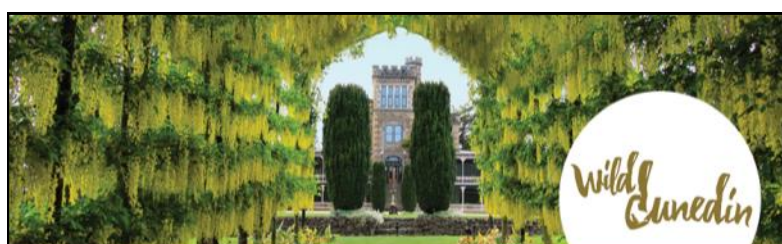
Phew! That was our busiest Easter ever; thanks Ed and everyone we talked to had a great time too. We didn't expect to still be here so if anyone has the passion to run a lovely little café or know someone who might, come and see us, now would be a good time to take the reins as we head into the cooler months.

Since it will be a bit quieter, from April 9th we will be opening at 9am

It's astounding the number of plastic bags we collect and recycle every week. The world seems to be drowning in plastic and particularly the single use plastic bag. It's great to see several of the supermarkets and the Warehouse all have bins to collect them. Plastic straws are also a problem; in USA alone 500 million straws are used every single day. A straw is used for around twenty minutes, which is an astonishingly quick lifespan for an item that will be on the planet forever. At Penguin Café we now use paper straws and dispose of them in the recycling bin. See what you can do to reduce your plastic waste.

We look forward to seeing you from;

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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

Come and join us.

This February, Otago University hosted the Annual Meeting/Workshop of the NZ Phylogenomics Research group, held once again at the Coronation Hall in Portobello. This was the 22nd annual meeting of this group of scientists. Our annual meetings are held each February at different venues around New Zealand. Following the 2015 meeting in Portobello, the participants requested a return to this attractive venue.

Phylogenomics is the science of interpreting the genomic heritage in DNA and protein sequences. This inter-disciplinary research links together scientists from Biology, Genomics and Biochemistry, with those from Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science. These week-long annual workshops allow the scientists from these different areas to meet together to discuss their findings and plan future collaborations.

Although originally designed just for the NZ researchers, our meetings regularly attract international participants. This year 41 scientists attended, mostly from NZ universities and CRIs, but included 18 overseas researchers, from Germany, Switzerland, Israel, US, China, Japan and Australia.

Although much of the discussion was on methodology, there were also reports on topical genomics research, such as the Kauri die-back fungus, the influence of poultry production and trade on the spread of avian influenza, bacterial transmission dynamics between hospitals and communities, and the relationship between languages and genetics in Vanuatu.

The participants thank Wayne Cameron and the Hall Committee for their efforts in maintaining this excellent facility in our community, and recommend the Hall as an ideal venue for similar small-group research meetings. The facilities and location, together with the catering from the Penguin Café, proved very attractive to us all.

Mike Hendy,
Dept Mathematics and Statistics,
Otago University



STOP AGM and Talk

This will be a talk, illustrated with Rod Morris's stunning photographs, that will make you look with new eyes at our seashore.

When: Thursday 26th April, 7pm AGM, 7.30pm talk
Where: Broad Bay Community Centre Hall, Clearwater St
What: The talk is entitled 'Strangers on the Shore' - meeting Otago Harbour's Intertidal Inhabitants.



Peninsula residents, Marine Biologist and teacher Sally Carson, and 'land loving' naturalist and stunning Photographer Rod Morris, have joined forces to talk about the fascinating intertidal creatures featured in their new book **Collins Field Guide to the New Zealand Seashore**.

Sally Carson knows our seashore very well as she has been teaching children for 20 years, and is Director of the NZ Marine Studies Centre on Otago Harbour at Portobello. This guide has been a labour of love for both of them, now, four years after first starting the project they talk about what they found, particularly around the harbour coastline. If you enjoy fossicking around harbour shores, this talk promises to give you a deeper appreciation of the extraordinary world of the intertidal zone.. Come along and hear them talk about everything from Ice cream cone worms, Sea hares and Ghost shrimps to barnacles, paua, and seaweed chips! Did you know our seaweeds are highly nutritious and all are edible if collected from an unpolluted place. There is something for everyone in this fascinating talk.



**The Portobello Indoor Recreation Club
will be open on Sunday 25th March 2018 at the Coronation Hall
starting 7.00pm for Badminton games.**

This is a good chance for friends and family to give badminton a go.

We do ask that players be from High School age.

We have a nightly fee to cover Hall hire and equipment.

Adults: \$2.00 per night, High School/ University students: \$1.00

After three nights playing you can join the club following an annual subscription.

If you have any questions, please contact Geoff Sheridan on 03 4780 688





Term 1 has been an action packed term of learning at Portobello School. Children have been involved in many great classroom programmes and activities.

A highlight of Term 1 was our overnight Noho Marae visit to Otakou Marae. Manawhenua children and families welcomed our school onto the Marae. Roles of Kaikaranga and Whaikorero were performed superbly by children. Sleep areas were set up and then children enjoyed learning about the process involved in preparing and cooking a Hangi. While girls learnt poi, boys learnt Taiaha and Haka. This was followed by a waiata session with all children. Children also enjoyed a waka technology challenge, a walk to Wellers Rock learning about the history of the area and flora and fauna and watching cruise ships go past the window. A large number of parents and siblings joined our school to share Hangi food in the evening. This overnight stay would not have been possible without the amazing support we received from our school community and Otakou Marae.

Children enjoyed participating in Beach Ed at St Kilda Beach and have made great progress during a block of swimming lessons in Term 1. These skills were evident at our school swimming sports held the end of March. During Term 1 all children have participated in cricket and hockey skills sessions with visiting coaches and a number of children have represented our school in the Dunedin Rippa Rugby competition.

In March our school participated in Walk n Wheel Week. Children and parents met daily at Coronation Hall and walked, biked or scooted to school and senior students created a track for children with wheels to use on the court area.

We recently held a Family/Whanau Maths evening which was a great evening of sharing how maths I taught at school today and how parents can support maths learning at home.

A group of children also represented our school at the Ed Uke Ate Ukelele Jam in the Octagon.

On Friday's our Enviro Group have worked with Mrs Agnew to complete a number of projects within our school including gardening, cooking with food grown at school and caring for our tree reserve.

To find out more about our great school or to organise a visit please contact our school office by phoning 478 0605 or email office@portobello.school.nz



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Dunedin Market Report

The Dunedin market continues along a strong and steady path. Well presented homes are finding good interest quickly, and we are still faced with a shortage of homes to suit ready buyers, particularly in the sub \$500,000 range.

In February the median value was \$370,870 and median days on the market 36. March has been very busy and although the stats are not out at the time of writing this report, we believe the median value will show an increase, while median days on the market will likely be more around 26-30 days.

The Peninsula Market

We all know what a beautiful part of Dunedin this is, and the market is aware of that too! Over the last 3 months there have been a total of 12 residential house sales at a

median value of \$425,625, and 2 residential section sales at a median value of \$74,000.

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ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE *from Olly's pen*

A casual walk in the morning is always good for the soul. And the dawn sky has been a spectacular red with an orange tinge lately – so awesome to see. While some countries are plagued by war, mass shootings, protests, political upheavals, starvation and poverty we have beautiful undisturbed scenery to share and enjoy. Having picked up hitch hikers determined to see the penguins and the albatrosses made me more aware of the lengths that people of all ages, experiences, back grounds and from different countries go to, to come out to the peninsula. We see camper vans galore pass by our house every day especially during the summer season – people who gladly pay to enjoy what we take for granted. Take the home of the Happy Hens for instance. It's well known now due to the energy and enthusiasm of its creator Yvonne Sutherland and it has a Worldwide Cult following. And then there's the New Zealand Greenstone & Art shop where we have pounamu Carvings by Ben Tiaka, Ewan Duff, Jennifer Duff, Moana Wesely and Peter Tucker. There's also ceramic sculpture and wood turning by John Burke, Don McDonald, Wayne Cameron and Janine Weir. And add to that paintings by Ewan McGregor and Hine Forsyth - all gifted people who are locals – wow! The shop is rated as excellent scoring 100% in its reviews on the Trip Advisor website. The tourists say it was one of the best shopping experiences in their travels around the country! Another wow! Trip Advisor is a large USA Tour Company with branches worldwide.

It's so peaceful around here creative spirits thrive. Celebrity Ed Sheeran took a break in-between concerts, to enjoy our peaceful atmosphere.

On the topic of Peace – in association with the National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies Seminar Series 2018 at Otago University, I'm delivering a Public Talk entitled **'Exploring the Māori Indigenous Philosophy of Peace'** in the St David Seminar Room 3, Tuesday 24 April, 5.30 – 6.30pm. It unravels the symbolic languages of wise Elders across different tribes. Perhaps I'll see you there.



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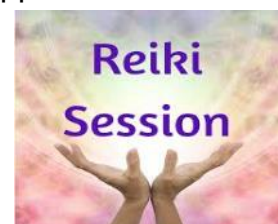
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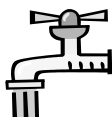
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Yellow Lid Bins: What Should NOT GO IN

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Blue Bins: What Should Not Go In

Crockery Glass Kitchen Ware Broken Mirrors

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Christine Neill OPCB



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

Portobello Library, Coronation Hall - Every Thursday 11am - 1pm

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

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