

NEWSLETTER

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*Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas
and a happy and prosperous 2019*

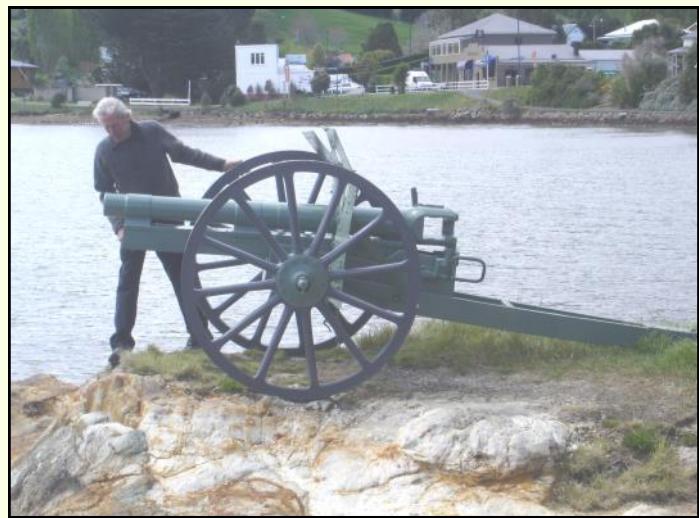


If you are new to Portobello and were wondering why there is an old military cannon painted on the cabinet beside the hall then the following notes should explain.

This mural, painted by local artist Alice MacLaurin, was one of Portobello Community Inc's projects for the year.

The 1909 75mm Krupp field gun was one of many which were brought back to NZ as trophies and distributed around the country after the First World War. It is understood the gun was originally placed at the small roadside rock outcrop across from Portobello Coronation Hall in the early 1920s. (This outcrop was then somewhat larger than it is today.)

So, 'The cannon' was an integral part of the local scenery for over 50 years until it was removed for repair a number of years ago. The gun is at present at the Otago Peninsula Historical Society Museum.



It is the end of an era with the demolition of the old Portobello Boating Club boat shed.

We're looking forward to a new/larger shed and concrete ramp to future proof the club for many years to come.





Chairman's Corner

Portobello Community Inc have purchased a defibrillator from St John and this will be kept at Portobello Store. Next time you are in the store note it's location in case you are put into an unexpected emergency. Don't be afraid to use this equipment as it is very easy to do so, it talks to you, and you can not hurt anybody if you use it. You can visit this video website and have a look at how to use it. <https://www.stjohn.org.nz/First-Aid/AED/>

We also have a mannequin that is available to use to practice CPR on. This comes with a video and you are very welcome to borrow this from the Portobello Store. Just return it as you found it. Congratulations to all those firemen and first response members who will be celebrating various achievements this weekend. We all appreciate you immensely. Although it has been a relatively quiet year for Portobello Inc there seems to be a lot happening around Portobello. My thanks goes to all the committee members and our volunteers who have put in a lot of their time during the year. I look forward to working with you all again next year. Merry Christmas and do have safe and happy holidays.

Wayne Cameron
Chairman—Pbo Comm Inc

News from the Otago Peninsula Community Board



Summer has finally arrived, but not with the hot days and warm evenings we might expect 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 had come through them well and the community has been strong and resilient.

Te Rauone – The Board and community finally has a plan for the reserve and this was presented to the community at Labour weekend. Port Otago now have to work on the consent for the beach restoration aspect of the project. While it has been a long time coming, the community and the Te Rauone Beachcare Committee have remained committed to the project and this has finally succeeded.

Portobello Road -The widening project continues with the Broad Bay to Portobello section on track to be completed in April 2019. The new section from Glenfalloch to Vauxhall has also been started with and this is estimated to take 18 months. I want to say thanks to the community has been very patient in the face of major disruptions and traffic delays

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 2019.**

Portobello School Pool - I'm pleased to say that Portobello School was successful with its funding application to the Board for a new chemical dosing unit.

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.

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

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Otago Peninsula Community Board Chairman
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OTAGO PENINSULA TRUST ENTERPRISES UPDATE

Royal Albatross Centre.

How's the albatross viewing? It's amazing! 51 eggs so far and expecting a boom season. We're a bit concerned about the hot Summer forecast, let's hope for some cooler weather! We are close Christmas day and open 10.15am daily – best to tell your visitors to prebook as its gets very busy at this time of the year!



Blue Penguins Pukekura are still in the midst of the breeding season, with some keen parents already on their second clutch of eggs. Viewing has been fantastic as parents come regularly back to feed chick or take over incubation duties. This is a must book as tour numbers are limited

Glenfalloch Restaurant. The restaurant is extremely full now until Christmas, with just a few spaces available on 20, 21 & 22 December. The Christmas closure is 26th December, reopening on 3 January. Glenfalloch is still the top restaurant on Tripadvisor and Hannes won the Farm to Fork challenge at the recent Home and Living show – thanks so much for all your support helping the restaurant succeed!

Glenfalloch Events – we've a fun family event in the new year. "Old School Fun and Games" Jan 14-20, 45mins of fun and games. Max 12 per session with first session 10am and hourly start times with the last one being 3pm start. Ages 5-12

Membership Opportunity. Win!

Keen to become a member of the Trust? We've a promotion on till December 20th. By joining you'll receive a family pass to the Royal Albatross, Blue Penguins Pukekura and the chance to conservation trust. Watch your mailbox for a flyer or join via otagopeninsulatrust.co.nz to win dinner for two at Glenfalloch. Members also receive special deals, discounts, functions and newsletters – plus the chance to help NZ's first charitable

Hope everyone has a happy and safe festive season.

Tena Koutou everyone

With Xmas knocking on the door this will be the last newsletter for the year. What a year it has been for my family and I. So many changes (good changes mind) and it's a time to reflect on the year.

There will be good memories/achievements for a lot of you and unfortunately some not so good ones for others. Look after those people who have had a rough time.

I personally believe it's a time to take stock on what's important in life. Put a line under certain things and look forward to the New Year ahead.

I continue to urge everyone to be patient with the ongoing roadworks. Give yourself an extra 10-15 minutes to get to where you want to be. I am still receiving complaints about dangerous overtaking manoeuvres and impatient drivers.

Crime wise we are pretty good. There's been a bit of tagging around the area in recent weeks. If you see anything please contact police immediately and obtain any car registrations or descriptions of the taggers. Also a hot water cylinder was taken a while ago from Harington Point.

With Xmas parties starting a friendly reminder that the best type of alcohol to drink when driving is NO ALCOHOL.

Make those arrangements to have a sober driver it's not that hard. Don't run the gauntlet as we all know the consequences. I will be working over the Xmas and New Year period so look forward to catching up with some of you for a chat and maybe some left over Pavlova.

The Police have a new call centre set up which helps us sole charge police who are not in the office all the time. If you ring 0209 and I'm out and about you will be transferred to this centre. They take a message, put you through to my cell or send me an e-mail. I will always endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

If you are heading away for the holidays make arrangement for someone to clear your mail, make your house look occupied, gummies at the front door, lights on a timer etc. Our burglars are always on the lookout for houses that look unoccupied. Let's not afford them the opportunity to invade your safe place.

I will unfortunately not be doing the can appeal on Thursday, I have some mandatory training that I can't miss and it goes until 9pm that day. Sorry but can't be helped. Town will be providing someone.

Until next year look out for one another and have a wonderful and safe festive season.

Nga Mihi



Aaron



Coastguard News:



Welcome to our new recruits, it is great to have you join our group.

Recently the Coastguard acted as support vessel for the Surf Life Saving Club's exercise up the coast from Taieri Mouth to Tomahawk Beach. We took the vessel down by road and launched at Taieri Mouth with no problems experienced. These events are excellent as part of our training as well as supporting SLS.

We have our annual raffles to sell and there are some great boat prizes as well as other prizes. Please support us by buying a raffle. Locally they will be available at the Portobello Hotel. We will also have one of the boat prizes on display (and raffle tickets for sale) at Bunnings on Saturday 22 December and at Mitre 10 on Sunday 23 December and Monday morning of the 24 December. Many thanks to Bunnings and Mitre 10 for supporting Coastguard.

We do have a Facebook page now so check out Dunedin Coastguard. If you want to be involved then give our President, John, a ring on 4780-389.

Check out the Coastguard website for lots of info on safe boating over the Summer holiday period - or anytime in fact.

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.

For Rent 3 bedroom cottage

Excellent harbour and port views

Established garden.

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No pets or smoking.

Harwood/ Otakou

Long term lease from 10th February 2018

Text Janine to view: 021 08501539



Portobello Library

Last day Thurs 20 Dec - reopens Thurs 24 Jan 2019

There have been 2 handrails positioned by the step into the Hall passageway which makes for easier access for our older citizens to get into the Hall and Library. Thanks to the Hall Committee and the DCC for getting this done.

Thank you to our Librarian, Dot, and her helpers throughout the year who have opened the Library and purchased new books. There have been some new members sign up and they have been surprised just how many great books there are in the Library.

Pop along and check it out.

Library is open 11am-1pm on Thursdays at the Coronation Hall.





OTAGO PENINSULA MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

17 Harington Point Road, Portobello, Dunedin 9014

Museum News:

We have had a visit from 4 members of the Taieri Historical Museum which is situated at Outram. It is nice to share ideas and they were certainly impressed with what we have and what we do. There has been a lot of work going on at the Museum each Tuesday morning with changes being made down in the Barn area and outside. Thanks to Kevin and Aaron for steam cleaning the exhibits that hadn't been cleaned for many, many years. We also have some interesting chats at morning tea time with a banquet of food as well. Thanks to all those who bring along something. Thanks to Tom, Ally and Laurie who have been helping out on a Tuesday as well.



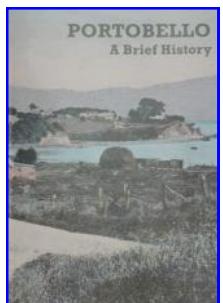
*At left and right -
busy at the working bees.*



Special thanks to our volunteer helpers on our Sunday roster throughout the year.

We are open over the Christmas holidays as well on Sundays 12.30-3.30pm so pop along and have a look around. At any time the exhibits in the grounds are always open for people to check out. Allan Steel of Waikouaiti has put together an interesting booklet on the Peninsula Buses and given it to the Museum. The booklet is also on a DVD and we have some available for sale at \$20 each. Contact us if you are keen to buy one.

Also our popular book *Portobello, A Brief History* is available at the shop for \$25.



William Robertson and family of Sandfly Bay

William Robertson was born in Perthshire, Scotland, in 1812. He was alive throughout the reign of 5 British Monarchs - George III, George IV, William IV, Victoria and Edward VII. As a young man he went to Canada to obtain work but soon returned to Perthshire. He was a qualified Stonemason and built bridges and culverts. In 1860 he came to New Zealand on the sailing ship *Silistria* with his wife and children. On arrival William and several of his sons set out for the goldfields at Gabriels Gully. Later he purchased a considerable tract of land (600 acres) at Sandfly Bay on the Otago Peninsula where he settled. He cut the estate up into small farms and leased them out. At Sandfly Bay he set up a flax mill, damming up one of the creeks on his property to make a reservoir to turn a 14 ft diameter overshot wheel. The whole family worked on the milling, scutching and washing of the flax. The eldest son, John, took part in the Sandymount lime works and the flax schemes and was a volunteer in the Portobello Rifles.

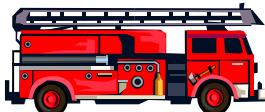
Their second son, William, was active in getting the Creameries started, the third son, Lamond was a member of the Peninsula Rifles and a farmer at Highcliff and the youngest son, Millar, went to Melbourne and worked on the cable trams before returning to the Peninsula to farm.

As well as the 4 sons there were 6 daughters. Annie and Agnes never married, Mary married Paul Renton, Jessie, but we have no record of the other 2 girls. Mrs Robertson died in 1884 and William in 1901 (aged 89) and they were both buried in the Sandfly Bay area.

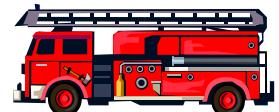
Lamond Robertson



The Museum have obtained the memorial crosses, representing our fallen Peninsula WW1 Soldiers, that were among those displayed in the Queens Gardens over the Armistice 100 year commemorations.



Portobello Volunteer Fire Brigade



Keep safe this Christmas

Its that time of year again and here are some reminders about keeping you and your tree safe.

- 1/ Remember your lights have been stored away in there box since last Christmas. Check the lights carefully before placing them on the tree. If any of the wires are frayed or broken, throw them out and buy a new set of lights.
- 2/ Test the lights before you place on the tree. Once installed you should be able to turn the lights on and off without having to crawl under the tree.
- 3/ Never leave the tree lights on overnight or when your leaving the house.

What to do in a fire

If the worst should happen, and there is a fire in your house, at the first sign of fire

- * If there are others in the house, shout, Fire, Fire, Fire
- * Get down, Get Low, get Out-Fast
- * Get on your hands and knees and crawl low and fast to escape smoke. Heat and smoke rise so it is easier to breathe and to see at ground level.
- * If you can close doors behind you to stop the fire spreading.
- * Always keep your keys in the door deadlocks when you are at home. People have died in fires because their doors have been deadlocked with the keys kept elsewhere and they couldn't get out.
- * Call 111 immediately either from a mobile phone or a neighbours house.
- * Meet at the planned meeting place-somewhere safely away from the house.
- * If you can't get out of the house, close the door of the room you are in and put a towel under it to stop the smoke coming in, go to the window and yell Fire, Fire, Fire. Wait to be rescued.

What you need to tell the fire Service

When you call 111 you need to give the following information to help us find the fire

- * House number
- * Street name
- * Nearest Intersection
- * Suburb and City
- * Rural Address Property Identification (RAPID) number if you have one.

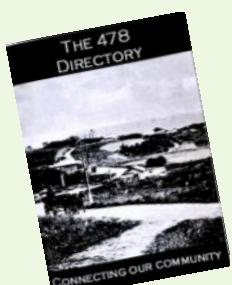
Greg Dickson
Chief Fire Officer



The last two months have seen some very special events on the Island. At Labour Weekend we celebrated 60 years of the QIKT Community's connection with the Island (initially as the St Martin Island Community). It was lovely to share memories and hear what's special to people about the Island and Community - in song, poetry, and through recollections of special moments and people. How amazing to be able to hold the celebration inside the restored Married Quarters building (1873)! Thanks to our builder, Paul Clements, and all the funding organisations and wonderful volunteers who have helped us make this an actuality! In mid-November, our barndance attracted many first time visitors to the Island. Folk band, Catgut and Steel, were a resounding success and there was lots of laughter as dancers tried to follow Mike Moroney calling out the moves. A great mix of young, older, and in-between, all keen to be on the dance floor. The Island has seen a steady stream of visitors, from school to walking groups over the last couple of months. You may have noticed a helicopter making trips to the island. Aurora are conducting test drills at the sites where they intend to replace the pylons.

December begins with a week-long Zen silent meditation session. January is a relatively quiet time, so if you are looking for something special to do, with the adventure of a boat ride to get there, consider an island holiday. We have beautiful gift vouchers available, if you'd like to treat someone else. And if you'd like a 'working holiday', that's also an option! QIKTC members regularly come over to care for the seedlings, help with weed and pest control, and to relax! Further details at quarantineisland.org.nz

If you need a copy of the latest 478 Local Phone Book, they are available from Portobello Store for only \$10



Several of our more senior citizens have turned 90 this year and we would like to wish them all the best for 2019.



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- Spacious one bedroom, self-contained apartment
- Outstanding opportunity in the heart of Portobello

\$519,000

Section For Sale



Lower Portobello 228 Harington Point Road

- 1150m² block of land in a stunning harbourside position
- A wonderful place to build your dream home
- Architect-drawn plans are available, to show what could be built here

\$240,000

Recent Sales



Company Bay 572 Portobello Road



Concord 86 Mulford Street



North East Valley 1 Frame Street

Otago Harbour Ferry



Daily departure times:

Portobello Wharf (to Back Beach)

12:45pm 3:15pm

6:15 pm (bookings required)

Back Beach (to Portobello Wharf)

9:30 am (bookings preferred)

12:55pm 3:25pm

Adults: \$10 Children: \$5

Ferry trip takes approx. 10 minutes

Carey's Bay or Quarantine Island

Prior bookings required

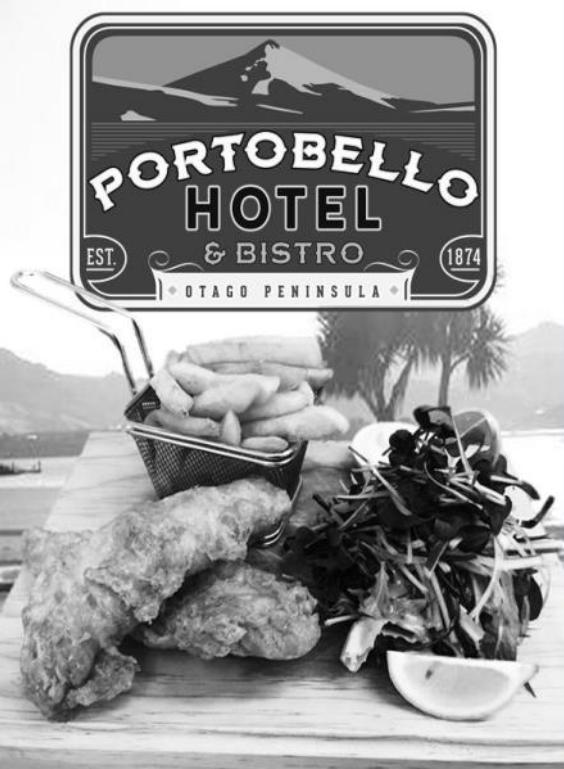
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FOR HIRE

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

If you wish to use these at an event please phone Christine on 4780 878 All we ask for is a donation



Broad Bay Boating Club

Otago Peninsula

2019 Calendar



Please support our Broad Bay Boating Club rebuild project



There are five stages to develop the Broad Bay Boating Club facilities as we undertake the necessary rebuild: new timber jetty & wharf platform, changing rooms, showers and new toilets, a new clubroom upstairs, a new multi-purpose meeting/training room with kitchen facilities and reconfigured and enlarged boat storage area. We will be celebrating the Club's 100th anniversary in 2023 and our goal is to have the new facility completed in time to mark this exciting milestone. The Club is now undertaking a wide range of fundraising activities and we would welcome your support. Contact us via email: broadbayboatingclub@gmail.com

Please help & make a donation to 03 0903 0384295 001

As you may or may not know, the Broad Bay Boat Club is doing a huge funding drive for the rebuild of the current old clubhouse which we want to have finished in 5 years. It's a long haul but it will be a wonderful asset to the peninsula as it will be the only harbourside facility with outdoor space available not only to boaters of all kinds but to community groups.

Please support us by buying our calendar for \$20 or you may like to donate on our Give a Little page.

Thankyou from the BBBC.

Contacts: Ruth 0274780322
Brian 021511201



This last month has been very stressful as we were put between a rock and a hard place over the sale of our café, but I am pleased to say that we have worked through it and have found a lovely local couple who will be taking over very shortly.

We won't go into any more detail for fear of jeopardizing the deal. (Fingers crossed and touching the wooden table)

We would like to thank all those who have supported us over the years and we hope to meet you on your side of the counter now. For all those who have not been to the café in the last 8 years to sample our delicious pies, tasty cakes, cheesy scones and those absolutely delightful friands we make every Sunday then time is running out. But safe to say the new owners will be carrying on the tradition of great food as we are leaving all the recipes and they will also bring new ones for you to try out.

We would also like to thank all our wonderful staff that we have had the pleasure of working alongside. Everyone has contributed in some way to the success of the café.

Abigail, Alice, Amy, Arihana, Bridget, Brittany, Cherie, Christine, Clare, Connagh, Ellie, Ena, Holly, Holly, Isla, Jan, Jeanie, Jessie, Jill, Jonathon, Karen, Katherine, Keryn, Lisa, Lydia, Moana, Nic, Paula, Ruth, Sandra, Sequoia, Sharen, Simone, Sue, Tabitha, Thelma.

It's been a blast

Peter and Ceinwen.



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We have attached the last of the Portobello Historic Trail signs at 1908. The 1908 Cafe was originally a private house, post office, morgue and tea rooms. Included on the sign is a picture of the Whiti te ra dairy from the 1930s. Thank you to Pauline and Barry for permission to attach the site to their building.

Join now for the first term of 2019!

Pilates at Portobello



5.45pm-6.45pm Mondays @ Portobello Hall

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Come along and join our relaxed and fun movement class

Everyone is welcome, most conditions/pain/injuries can be worked with so please call/email me if you wish to consider joining.

ENROLL NOW!!

Classes start for Term One on Monday 28th January

\$120 for the term \$15 casual rate

Penny Ph. 027 464 9180 pennykershaw@gmail.com

ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE from Olly's pen.

Wow! Xmas is almost upon us again. As a Teacher, Counselor and Parent, I can honestly say that Xmas is anything but a time to be jolly and happy. It's so full of stress – shopping for presents for the Kids, taking out the artificial xmas tree or buying one (a pine tree which sheds its leaves all over the place when you dismantle it), getting party stuff for the tree as well as the main dining table, planning the meals, tarting up the house and/or getting ready to go somewhere else like the in-law's place or some other whānau member's home to celebrate there too. There's a lot to do before, during and after the due date. And what for? I'm not religious. A whole lot of us organise Xmas to suit ourselves and we have a damn good time of it – kids, parents and teenagers alike.

I reckon we should remove the religious aspect of it and call it Kinday(©) as in a special day to be kind to kin. In so saying, this time 'round, we're off to a Cuzzie's wee farm out at Raincliff near Timaru – 35 of us. Save for the wee ones, we've got jobs to do and everything's been arranged like who does what, when and where leading up to, during and after Kinday(©). Last year's gathering was fantastically, fabulously enjoyable – in Wanaka. We laughed, shared stories and experiences, played games indoor and outdoor. Every time we learn more interesting things about one another. Being together brings us a lot closer. I like that. Family is important aye.

So however and wherever you choose to celebrate this day – have a nice one.



A VERY BIG THANK YOU
to the dedicated VOLUNTEERS
who deliver our Newsletter



Keep those possum reports coming in.
Dead or alive, let us know.
Email: Brenda at our new address

possums@opbg.nz



OPBG – Portobello Newsletter contribution – December 2018

As another productive year comes to an end, OPBG is extremely grateful for all volunteer input – we simply could not have achieved what we have on the Otago Peninsula without the help and support we have received. Some think we are all about killing possums, but that is only a small part of what we do! Track clearing, biodiversity monitoring, pest monitoring, weed whacking and much more all contribute toward the enhancement, rejuvenation and reparation of our awesomely biodiverse Otago Peninsula.

We have a busy Summer season coming up and with that invite expressions of interest for any or all the activities listed in the schedule below. We have other involvement opportunities too so if you are unable to make any of the dates below, contact us and we will find a task which matches your skills and interests!

OPBG Summer Schedule 2019

Date	Time	Location	Activity
Tuesday 15 January	9am – 4pm	Sandymount	Track Cutting
Thursday 17 January	9am – 4pm	Sandymount	Track Cutting
Tuesday 22 January	9am – 4pm	Allan's Beach / Okia Reserve	Possum Monitoring
Thursday 24 January	9am – 4pm	Te Rauone	Track Clearing
Thursday 31 January	9am – 4pm	Sandymount	Track Clearing
Tuesday 5 February	9am – 4pm	Allan's Beach / Okia Reserve	Possum Trapping (if required)
Thursday 21 February	10am – 2pm	University of Otago	Orientation Week – OPBG expo stand volunteers required!

Transport available

Check out our website <https://www.predatorfreepeninsula.nz/>

Join us on FB <https://www.facebook.com/predatorfreepeninsula/>

Contact us direct volunteers@opbg.nz



DECEMBER 2018

Peninsula Property **focus** **Harcourts**



with Jason Whitehead of Harcourts Dunedin

Dunedin Market Report

The Dunedin property market has bounced into spring with a surge in sales volume, dwelling sales increased to 215 in October 2018 compared to 195 the previous year. Median dwelling price followed suit by climbing to \$430,500 from \$380,000 in October 2017.

There continues to be pressure on the property market as demand remains at a steady high, exceeding supply and driven by low interest rates, increasing population and the presence of both first home buyers and investors.

Dunedin City Council have launched their Second Generation District Plan, and it would appear the council are determined to preserve the space, appearance and

natural beauty of the Otago Peninsula which will please most locals. New residential zones have been added to the fringes of the city. Development of inner city apartments, mixed use commercial/residential buildings and conversion of heritage building will be encouraged under the plan.

In time this new plan may ease the housing shortage in Dunedin, but it will be some years before new areas can be subdivided and developed. In the meantime we have a new hospital build looming, continued infrastructure development from Otago University, further growth in the tourism market with record cruise ship visits, and continued growth in employment. The future looks very strong for Dunedin residential property values.



259 Portobello Road - \$550,000

Enjoy the ever changing views of the harbour from the supersized deck. The home features 4 bedrooms and 2 living areas, a rumpus room and kitchenette downstairs.

Kay Lucas & Ashley Braam



78 Stepney Avenue - Sold By Kay Lucas & Ashley Braam

This charming home offered front row harbour views. Congratulations to our sellers and lucky new owners!



Marae with Ewan and Moana. Our performance group Parihaumia also performed to a group of MSD workers at the Marae.

Students enjoyed some hands on science learning in the 'Lab in a Box' classroom that was on site for a week. Students also created name tags using a 3D printer that we loaned for a period of time. Classes have been learning how to stand strong in Kia Kaha learning with Constable Gwen and all students participated in the national Shakeout. We were also lucky enough to visit the Cross Family Farm to further our knowledge of a working farm.

Year 7 and 8 students have had a busy term with a visit to St John's to learn about their role in our community and regular visits to the Portobello Bowling Club to learn how to bowl. This was followed by a very exciting camp at Stewart Island. Camp began with a day tour through the Catlins to Bluff. Students visited Nugget Point Lighthouse, the Gypsy Caravan in Papatowai and McLean's Falls. This was followed by a wonderful unplanned overnight stay at Te Rau Aroha Marae in Bluff due to our ferry cancellation. The following day students experienced a very rough crossing to the island. Students stayed at the backpackers, visited the local museum and went kiwi spotting. The weather improved and students enjoyed a great walk on the Rakiura Track to Port William Hut for the night. The next day students caught blue cod on a fishing charter, visited Ulva Island and attended a DOC information session. On the last day of camp students checked traps on Ackers Track with Willy from Sircet, enjoyed a picnic at the waterfront and travelled back to Dunedin.

During Term 4 all children have participated in football sessions with visiting coaches and a number of children have represented our school in the Dunedin Futsal and Rippa Rugby competitions. All students took part in the Peninsula Athletics and a number of students achieved success at the South Zone Athletics Day. Our school pool opened for the season on December 1st. We were pleased to be granted money from the Bendigo Valley Foundation and the Peninsula Community Board which enabled us to install a new dosing system.

Our Enviro Group have had a busy term with Mrs Agnew. This has included a comprehensive reflection of Enviro at Portobello School. We were awarded Silver Status again and are now working towards achieving Green Gold Status in the future. A group of students attended an Enviro Water Hui with other Dunedin schools and a working bee was held to complete many maintenance projects around the school. It was great to see so many families at this event.

To find out more about our great school or to organise a visit please contact our school office by phoning 4780 605

Term 4 has been an action packed term of learning at Portobello School. Children have been involved in a wide variety of interesting programmes and activities inside and outside the classroom.

All students took part in Te Wiki o Toi Maori, creating some beautiful artworks and making Manu Aute Kites at the



Year 7 and 8 walk the Rakiura Track to Port William Hut

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We've also extended free doctors' visits to all children under the age of 14, meaning a further 56,000 young New Zealanders will be eligible for free GP visits and prescriptions.

That's great news for families here in Dunedin South. I'm really proud of this policy, because I know the difference it will make for many people here in the electorate. It's building on the work we've already done to make sure everyone can access high quality healthcare, no matter where they live in New Zealand.

Over 60's booklet – A guide to services in your community

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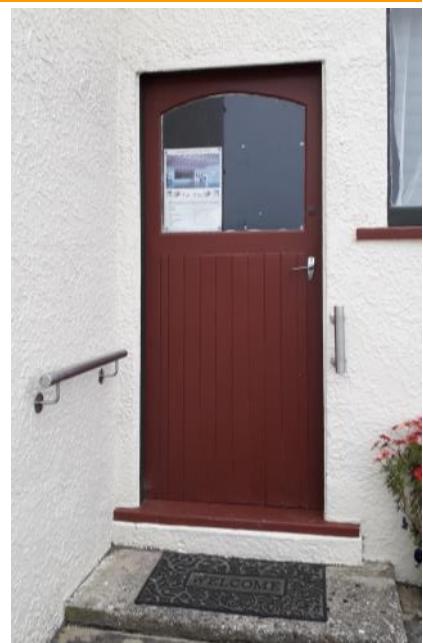
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The front door to Coronation Hall is now sporting handrails on either side. This should make for much easier access into the hall for our more senior library users. Thanks to the Hall Committee and the DCC for arranging to have these fitted.



With the summer holidays just around the corner and our tourist season about to get underway we should all be keen to show off our surroundings looking the best.

If you're out walking either on the roads or on our local tracks, carry a plastic bag in your pocket and if you spot some litter, pick it up.

Check the road verges outside your house - there is always rubbish being blown around by the wind.



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Our Season is off to one of the worst ever - weather wise - we have lost our first two Monthly Tournaments - Interclub Competition has been interrupted - our Twilight Competition has also been affected - but hey it can only get better - right?

Our next Monthly Tournament is to be held on Sunday 16th December starting at 10.30am

We are holding a barbecue on Saturday 08th December - starting at 4.00pm - all Members (Social & Full) welcome - Club supplying food

We are always looking for New Members for our Club - if you are interested in joining, Socially or as a Bowler, please feel free to give us a call - you would be most welcome

Now located at Portobello Store

Each year more than **2,000** New Zealanders will suffer a **cardiac arrest** outside of hospital

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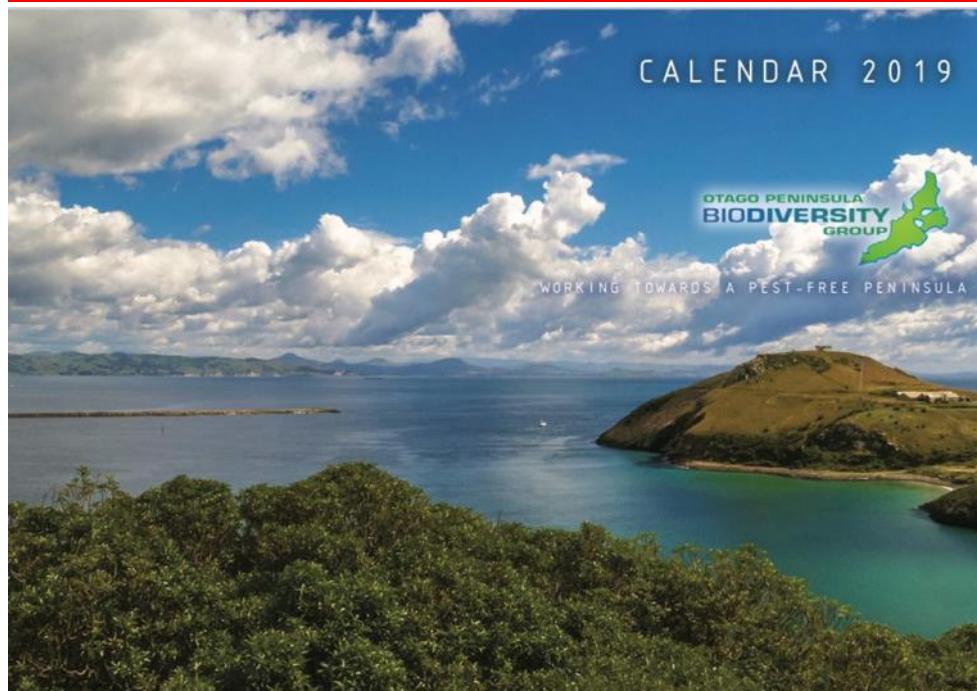
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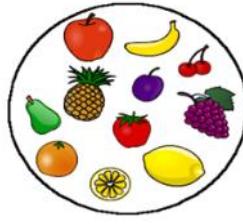
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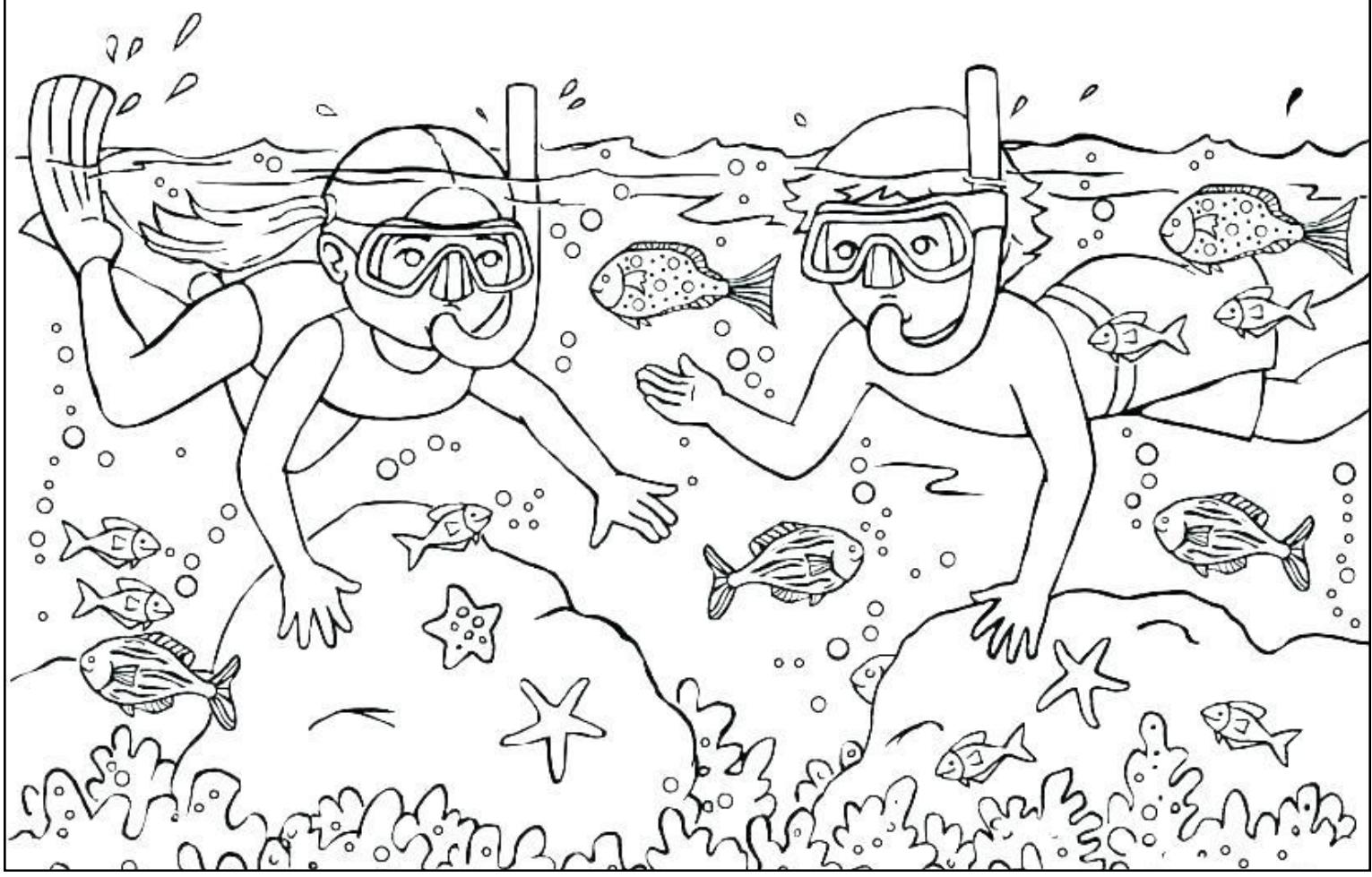
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Some pictures for the children to colour in over the holidays.



Something for us all to think about . . . Some folk may not have read this before.

Yesterday after shopping in our local supermarket, I was in the queue at the Check Out, and heard when the young cashier suggested to the much older lady that she should bring her own grocery bags, because plastic bags are not good for the environment.

The woman apologised to the young girl & then sighed, "We didn't have this 'green thing' back in my days." The young clerk responded, "That's our problem today. You folk didn't do enough to save our environment for future generations."

The older lady said "Ahh yes you're right -- our generation didn't have the "green thing" in its day." She sighed then continued:

Back then, we returned milk bottles, lemonade bottles & beer bottles to the shops. The shops then sent them back to the plant to be washed, sterilized & refilled, so those same bottles were used over & over, thus REALLY were recycled. But we didn't have the "green thing" back in our day.

Grocery stores put our groceries into brown paper bags that we reused for numerous things. Most memorable was the use of brown paper bags as book covers for our school books. This was to ensure that public property (the books provided for our use by the school) were not defaced by our scribblings. Then we were able to personalise our books on their brown paper bag/covers. But, too bad we didn't do the "green thing" back then.

I remember how we walked up stairs because we didn't have an escalator in every store or office building; walked to the grocery store & didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go 200 yards.

... But she was right. We didn't have the "green thing" in our day.

Back then we washed the baby's nappies because we didn't have the throw away kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy-gobbling machine burning up 220 volts. Wind & solar power really did dry our clothes back in our days. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. . . . But that young lady is right; we didn't have the "green thing" back in our day.

Back then we had one radio, in the house -- not a TV in every room. And if anyone did own a TV, it had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of a football pitch. When cooking we blended & stirred by hand coz we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us. When we packaged a fragile item to send by post, we used layers of old newspapers to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap. Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity. . . . she's right; we didn't have the "green thing" back then.

We drank from a tap or fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, & we replaced the razor blade in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull. But we didn't have the "green thing" back then. Back then, people took the bus & kids rode bikes to school or walked instead of turning their mothers into a 24-hour taxi service in the family's expensive car or van, which cost what a whole house did before the "green thing" ..

Oh and we had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 23,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest leisure park.

... But it so sad this current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the "green thing" back then? . . .

... So comments like this can easily p. . . . us off - especially from a smart ass who can't make change without the cash register telling them how much to give.



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CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Pukehiki Community Church

Sunday 16th December at 7pm



DIARY DATES TO NOTE

Christmas carols at the Catholic Church Broad Bay - Tuesday 11th December starting at 7pm
Christmas carols at the Historic Church up at Pukehiki - Sunday 16th December starting at 7pm

Christmas carols at the Portobello Church - December 24th Christmas Eve - 7pm

Mass will be celebrated at the Catholic Church Broad Bay on Christmas Day starting at 9:30am

Pilates - Every Monday from 5:45pm - 6:45pm. Coronation Hall

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

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