

NEWSLETTER

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Portobello Community Inc.



ANZAC Day

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

We will be talking about the history and the role of the Maori Battalion
and honouring the men from Otakou who fell in WWI and WWII

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.

Wreaths will be available to decorate.

See the staff at the Portobello Store if you want one.

Or 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 Community Inc and the
Otago Peninsula Museum & Historical Society.





Chairman's Corner

*Another tourist season coming to an end.
Always lovely to see them arrive and to see them...
I guess the best thing is that we do have a season..
Exciting times lie ahead with what's happening around
at the jetty and the final pieces coming together should
make for a top spot.*

I encourage you all to come along to our ANZAC service this year to witness the names being added to the rock. It will be a special service with a lot of local input. Pbo Comm Inc is calling on ideas as to what you would like this group of volunteers "to put on" in your community. It is getting more difficult by the day with the PC regulations which tend to stifle a lot of bright ideas.

Thank you so much to Cheryl and her Enviro group of Portobello School kids who have brightened up the 'Portobello' rocks with white paint, over in the paddock opposite the cemetery. Quite a statement now - looks great.

Wayne Cameron
Chairman—Pbo Comm Inc

Tena Koutou everyone

Well the past few weeks have changed NZ no doubt. The atrocity in Christchurch has changed the landscape of our wonderful country for ever. I am sure you all sit alongside with me in offering condolences to all of those affected by what happened that day.

My colleagues in Christchurch did an amazing job in what was a horrific, terrifying and fast moving situation. I take my hat off to them all and all of the other services who had to deal with this unprecedented event.

On the home front I have become aware that there has been a few crimes out here that have not been reported to me. I encourage anyone who has been the victim of a crime to come and see me and make a report. I need to know what is happening out here. Sometimes there is a bigger picture and the reporting of any such crime may assist us down the track. It doesn't matter how small you may think it is.

Road Safety is paramount and we all need to do our bit to ensure we get to where we are going safely. Speed still is an issue around the roadworks. If it says 30kmph or 50kmph please adhere to this. These signs are here for a reason and we need to keep the workers and other road users safe.

I am still getting regular calls from Fulton Hogan staff about crazy driving. I must say a majority of these complaints are not relating to tourists, these are either Dunedin or Peninsula vehicles.

I have noticed a lot of you sitting on the side of the road on your cell phones. Great to see.

I am pleased to say there have been no more reports of cats going missing so I am hoping my message in the last newsletter has struck a chord with someone.

For those of you who have firearms or accessories that are now banned in NZ please keep up to date with what you need to do and by when. If you're unsure pop in and we can discuss what needs to be done.

Saturday sport starts this weekend am I am looking forward to getting down to the domain and supporting our rising stars. On that note watch out for our little ones when turning up and leaving in your cars.

I had the pleasure of participating in the Hereweka Football Club open day recently. What a turn out. I am very impressed with the numbers the club has. I must say my performance in the adult v kid's match at the end was not the best (sorry Hamish).

Until next time stay safe everyone and look after one another.

Aaron



Coastguard News:



Our Coastguard unit sold over 4 times our total raffle ticket sales from last year (thanks to our day at Bunnings) and recieved from Coastguard New Zealand \$250 for being the most improved seller.

Well done and thanks to all involved.

Coastguard Dunedin had a small part to play in the recent Port Otago Open Day on March 25 at Port Chalmers. The vessel along with IRBs from the local surf lifesaving clubs, the rescue helicopter and Police Search and Rescue participated in a demonstration in the harbour basin. The scenario had a small boat with 4 people onboard flip over in the basin, a member of the crew set off an orange smoke flare to signal their distress. The rescue helicopter dropped rescue swimmers into the water to retrieve two of the crew of the distressed boat followed by two IRBs retrieving the other two other crew members from the water and transferred them onto the Coastguard vessel. The Coastguard vessel then towed the empty vessel from the scene.

If you are keen to join the Coastguard then check out the Dunedin Coastguard website.

Back in April last year, my wife Diane and I decided to have a winter vacation in Europe and take advantage of their warm and dry Northern Hemisphere summers. We planned a 23 day cruise boat tour of 11 different countries in the Mediterranean Sea and Aegean Ocean.

Just before leaving to fly to Barcelona in Spain, where our cruise ship Oosterdam was to depart from, we had a catch up with Bob & Laurel Dunn and over a “cuppa” Laurel informed us that if we are calling into Crete, that one of Portobello’s favourite sons David Seaton, was buried in the Commonwealth War cemetery in Souda Bay, the sea port of Chania, and that it would be nice to visit his grave site and pay our respects.

As a boy of 16, I used to sail my Z Class yacht at the Port Chalmers Yacht Club, and amongst the trophies we raced for were the Souda Bay and Galatas Cups.

I often wondered why these two cups were named after a sea port and a nearby town in Crete and what was the significance of that.

Having done some research when we came back from Europe, it appears that the donor of these cups was a Mr Vic Lee who had fought in the NZ 19th Battalion in Greece and Crete. He was severely wounded, losing part of his right leg in a stick bomb explosion, and won a Military Medal for bravery in action.

On his return back to NZ he joined the Port Chalmers Yacht Club, and in 1952 donated these two cups in honour of all the Kiwi soldiers who had fought and died in faraway Crete.

Private David Erwin Seaton (Davie) aged 33, the son of Robert and Mary Seaton, was killed in action on the 25 May 1941, in the early days of the Battle for Crete, when thousands of elite German paratroopers began to descend from the sky out of Gliders and aeroplanes, and started their assault on the island’s defences comprising of 2800 kiwi soldiers as well as British and Greek troops stationed on the island.

In an excerpt from the Official History of NZ in WW2, 23 Battalion, Chapter 5, Battle for Crete, “Entering from another angle, D Company had its measure of success. The leading platoon, #18 under Lieutenant Cunningham, took the hardest way of entering Galatas by going over walls and through backyards, but this was sound tactics as it enabled some heavy machine gun posts to be outflanked or overrun. When they did find themselves forced to charge up a narrow street, a machine gun held up their attack for a minute or two until Private David Seaton broke the spell by striding forward firing his Bren gun from the hip. While he kept up steady bursts, others edged round to a flank and knocked out the machine gun with grenades. Seaton was killed but the attack surged on again” David’s action, and his undoubted bravery probably saved some of the lives of his fellow soldiers during this fire fight.

Again, from official war records, more than 1700 British and Greek soldiers were killed, and 15,000 captured during the Battle for Crete. There were 671 New Zealanders among the dead, and 2180 Kiwi prisoners of war. More than 6000 German soldiers were killed or wounded, and the Luftwaffe lost more than 350 aircraft.

The Souda Bay Allied war cemetery site was established by the Australian War Grave Units after relocating burial grounds from other parts of the Island of Crete after the end of WW2, and contains over 1500 Commonwealth War Graves from WW2. It’s set in a beautiful olive grove overlooking Souda Bay, and is immaculately kept by the local council and volunteers from the surrounding area.

We spent part of a lovely sunny afternoon at the cemetery, and were moved by the beauty of the grounds, and the history that it holds in its warm earth. Lest we forget

Written By Allan Potter of Broad Bay





News from the Otago Peninsula Community Board

It's been a difficult few weeks in light of the events in Christchurch in March. People across the country have been shocked and traumatised by the senselessness of a depraved act of pure evil. In light of Christchurch we should all take stock of ourselves and our actions within the community. By this I mean being prepared to put out a hand to your neighbour, supporting people around you and being generous in spirit. It's not about the big gestures that are made now and then, but the small gestures of friendship that you make every day.

"The ultimate weakness of violence is that it is a descending spiral, begetting the very thing it seeks to destroy. Instead of diminishing evil, it multiplies it. Through violence you may murder the liar, but you cannot murder the lie, nor establish the truth. Through violence you may murder the hater, but you do not murder hate. In fact, violence merely increases hate." Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Peninsula Connection - Portobello Road – Work has progressed significantly since the last newsletter and I'm pleased to say that people have been patient and understanding while the work is underway. Please keep **May 12th** free for the official opening of Portobello – Broad Bay Section.

Annual Plan 2019 – The City Council proposes a 5% increase in rates this year and we are likely to see a 3% increase in other fees and charges this year. It's very likely that you will see a total increase in rates of around 45% over the next 9 years! For everyone who owns or rents a property that is going to hurt in some way in the future. **I urge every citizen** to engage with the Annual Plan Process and have your say on any of the issues that are raised in the plan. This is only a small part of your time and will become available in coming months.

The Board's Submission to date – I presented to Councillors last week some initial thoughts on the needs of the Peninsula Community. These included:

- Drainage, footpaths and roading infrastructure
- Rubbish, recycling, and toilet upgrades to cope with tourism
- Continued support for pest plant, animal control and biodiversity
- Roading maintenance and upgrades
- Track and recreational management, (including playgrounds).
- Completion of the Tomahawk School issues

I will have a second opportunity to present further items in a few months. **If you have anything you'd like to raise, or an issue or project you think should be highlighted** please let me know over the next month.

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 please don't hesitate to contact myself or your local Board member.

Paul Pope

Otago Peninsula Community Board Chairman

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Portobello Volunteer Fire Brigade

Delays in an emergency can be devastating

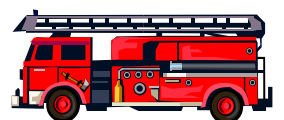
If a fire breaks out, many rural property owners face an increased risk due to their remote location and the distance from the nearest fire brigade. Even when we arrive our response can be compromised by our fire appliance not being able to gain access onto driveways due to overhanging branches or narrow gates and fence lines. There are also issues with no clear pathways to water resources on properties.

In an emergency it's critical our fire appliance and crew can get to you as soon as possible. Please ensure your mailbox number or Rapid number is clearly displayed.

Safety Note

Multi Boxes We have still seen some of these being used for the wrong purposes. Please check yours are not overloaded or showing signs of discolouring or cracking. If so **REPLACE IT**.

Greg Dickson
Chief Fire Officer





Wild Dunedin -Celebrating Nature - 70 events over one week, during April school holidays.
The following events are all local:

Every day of the festival you will find events happening on the Peninsula:

Monday 22 – (EARTH DAY)... Take a photo out in nature to win family passes to Royal Albatross and Pukekura Blue Penguin experiences.

Tuesday 23 – Pesky Pests Hunt at Glenfalloch – 10-12pm OR Penguin Place Guided Nature Ramble through forest and wetland 10am,11am,12pm

Wednesday 24 - Walking the Harbour Meadows- find out about the eelgrass community on the Harwood sandflats on a tour with Brian Stewart– 2-2.45pm

ANZAC Thursday 25 - OPBG and Wild Dunedin are hosting a special free event - 'The Kākā are Coming,Yeah Right!' at 5.30pm at Coronation Hall.

ANZAC Thursday 25 – Wild Food Dinner at Glenfalloch – first dinner already sold out – be in quick for this 5-course wild food dinner – 6-10pm

Friday 26 April - Helping Hoiho @ Penguin Place - what is it like to be a Yellow-Eyed Penguin, plus a privileged view of the Penguin Rehabilitation Centre -1.30pm

Saturday 27 April – Larnach Abuzz - A tour with **Fiona Eadie** on plants that attract bees and Robert Wardell on beekeeping, plus afternoon tea – 1-4pm

Sunday 28 April - Wild Food Webs & Fishy Feasts – ever popular kids workshops at NZ Marine Studies Centre - 12.30-2pm or 3-4.30pm

Plus generous discounts on Monarch Wildlife Cruise from Wellers Rock, Royal Albatross Express Tours, Pukekura Blue Penguins and Penguin Place.

More details online on www.wilddunedin.nz, Pick up a programme from the shop. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram & Twitter for festival updates.

The logo for Wild Dunedin NZ Festival of Nature, featuring the text 'Wild Dunedin' in a white, cursive font and 'NZ FESTIVAL OF NATURE' in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below it.

A close-up photograph of a bee on a white flower with pinkish centers. The text 'LARNACH CASTLE' is overlaid in a large, red, serif font at the top.

Larnach Abuzz

Saturday 27 April
1 - 4 PM

\$30 per person
www.larnachcastle.co.nz

Join us for a guided tour of the internationally recognised Gardens of Larnach Castle, followed by an introduction to beekeeping.

OTAGO PENINSULA TRUST UPDATE

1. **How's albatross viewing?** 29 chicks (19 female, 1 male), 3 of them on view from our observatory. Two parents are working full time on feeding the growing chicks. Lots of single albatross partying and flying.
2. **What HAVE the penguins been doing?** A couple of chicks still being fed – late fledgers. Moulters heading out to sea to fatten up.
3. **Hungry?** Glenfalloch celebrated 1 year as #1 Dunedin Restaurant on TripAdvisor in March – make sure you book 03 4761006
4. **Keen to try something different?** Glenfalloch is offering Wild Dining for the Wild Dunedin Festival. 24th sold out, extra night on 25th April
5. **Keen to go wild?** We've some great deals over the Wild Dunedin Festival
6. **Eggcited about Easter?** We've an Easter Bunny Hunt at Glenfalloch on Sun 21st. All our attractions are open Easter too.
7. **Need peninsula/albatross/penguin brochures?** Email sophie@albatross.org.nz
8. **Wonder what the Trust does?** Check out our latest Annual Report online for all the work and achievements.
www.otagopeninsulatrust.co.nz

Wild Dunedin Festival- Otago Peninsula goes Wild!

Ever wanted to see a 6kg giant albatross chick, or watch the world's smallest penguin waddle home?

Keen to learn about what sort of pests endanger our precious wildlife?

Otago Peninsula Trust presents an array of special events to encourage keen wildlife watchers during this month's Wild Dunedin Festival of Nature 22-28 April. Great deals abound for the keen nature watcher during the festival. There's daily Royal Albatross Express Tours, a 30 minute insight into Dunedin's royals, with the chance to see three giant chicks, including the Royalcam celebrity for a fraction of the usual cost. Each evening you can see the world's smallest penguins pitter-pattering home at Pilots Beach, with a special family deal.

Hear how Blue Penguins Pukekura has a project to RFID chip their whole penguin population and learn lots more about their breeding, survival rates and daily activities. Hunt for Pesky Pests in the Glenfalloch Garden and learn what you can do to help our native birds and bugs flourish.

Events from Otago Peninsula Trust – some free, others heavily discounted for the [Wild Dunedin Festival](#) 22-28 April

Royal Albatross Express Tours – 30 minutes \$15 Ad, \$3 Ch – 3 huge chicks on view. All week.

Blue Penguins Pukekura Family Special. Half price \$40. All week.

Tracking Blue Penguins Pukekura Talk FREE 25 April, 3pm

Pesky Pest Festival at Glenfalloch. Weds 24 10am - Noon

Wild Dining at Glenfalloch. Sold Out 24th – a few spots on 25th.

Easter Bunny Hunt at Glenfalloch Sunday 21 April

Come and hunt for Easter Bunnies at Glenfalloch Garden. Get the map to discover the clues and win an Easter treat!

\$3 per child - cash only

10am-2pm - Restaurant Open 9.30am-3.30pm. Bookings 03 4761006 www.glenfalloch.co.nz

Wild Dining at Glenfalloch – 25 April

Eat wildly and tantalise your tastebuds with a fabulous "Trust the Chef" wild food degustation dinner in Glenfalloch's garden setting.

Hannes Bareiter, creative chef extraordinaire, showcases inspired dishes using local wild produce. Glenfalloch is Dunedin's #1 restaurant for exciting innovative cuisine. 24th Full. 25th April 8 spaces available. Five Courses \$79 Bookings essential as places limited. 03 476 1006.

Glenfalloch Restaurant, www.glenfalloch.org.nz

OpenArts Inc

Almost an Island Exhibition 2019

Macandrew Bay Hall

April 11 – 22

Daily from 10 - 4

(Opening evening Wednesday 10th from 5:30)

A collection of Peninsula Arts

Paintings; Pottery; Photography; Ceramics;
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Come and enjoy the ambience of our Annual
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For the REBUILD PROJECT
Sunday 7th -
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Please bring donated
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1pm & 5pm
OR

Ring Ruth 0274780322 /
4780261 for collection.



OTAGO PENINSULA MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

17 Harington Point Road, Portobello, Dunedin 9014

Museum News

With the continued good weather outside work at the Museum has been very busy. The men are working well on our new Maritime section.

The photo at right shows the maritime artefacts that were recovered from the harbour at the bottom of Nicholas Street, Portobello, before the road widening.

A reminder to send us a copy of your family tree. We have family visit from all over the world to check out about their ancestors on the Peninsula and will do so for many years to come.

There have been good visitor numbers to the Museum recently, 21 on a March Sunday. Looking at our Visitors Book they come from Argentina, Chile, South Korea, Australia, USA, Denmark and Canada, UK as well as New Zealand.

Some comments are:

Fascinating display

I have Museum envy

Gorgeous wee place

Wonderful history

Very helpful information

Thanks for preserving this history

Lovely place to visit

If you have not visited us then please come along and check the Museum out. We are open each Sunday 12.30-3.30pm and it is \$2 an adult and children are free.



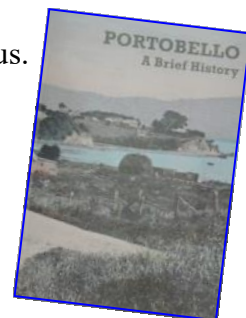
With ANZAC Day coming up later in the month here are a few newspaper articles about our returned soldiers.

April 1918 - A welcome home was given by the residents of Otakou and Taiaroa Heads on Monday to Sergeant Robertson, Gunner Burns, Private Fowler, Private E. Weir and Private R. Weir. A splendid supper was provided and a number of toasts were drunk with great enthusiasm. Mr Daniel Ellison, the oldest Maori living at Otakou, gave a speech in Maori, which was loudly applauded. He gave a graphic picture of what the boys had gone through at the front. The large audience showed its sympathy for the fallen heroes by standing up in silence for one minute.

July 1918 - An enthusiastic welcome was given to returned Maori soldiers in the Otakou Hall, visitors being present from all parts of the South Island. The proceedings commenced with songs of welcome in Maori, followed by a banquet, at which about 130 people participated. The Chief Karetai was in the chair. Hoani Parata, who recounted some of his experiences with the forces in France, and the opinion of German officers whom he met of the part taken by the British navy in breaking the spirit of the German resistance.

1931 - The ANZAC commemoration service, held at Portobello under the auspices of the local Ratepayers Association was attended by representatives of the Returned Soldiers Association. Mr W. Bennet presided, and a very able and stirring address was given by the Rev. Climie of Broad Bay. The collection in aid of the Poppy Day Fund amounted to £3 8s 9d.

Our book "Portobello - A Brief History" continues to be very popular and a great fund raiser for us. These are available from the Museum or the local dairy for \$25.



If you want to contact the Museum our email address is
theotagopeninsulamuseum@gmail.com



Library News:

We held the annual general meeting in February. Our one and only meeting for the year. Next year the Library will turn 150 so we are looking into how we can celebrate that.

There have been a lot of new books purchased so pop along and check them out.

We are open 11am-1pm on a Thursday at the Portobello Hall.

Dot, our Librarian, will be pleased to help you with anything you need.

Also we had some members of the Macandrew Bay Library come and visit which was a good chance to share our thoughts with each other and get new ideas.

Quarantine Island Kamau Taurua Community News

Our big news this month is that we won an award for the Married Quarters Building! The judges were impressed by the huge community effort that has gone into saving and restoring this category 1 historic building over the last 20 years. It felt good to be recognised at the Heritage Awards ceremony, and to receive the David Cox Memorial Award. As you know, so many people and organisations have helped; please look at our website for details of the main ones and apologies if we missed anyone out! Unlike many of the prize-winning buildings, the Married Quarters is accessible to the general public, so if you haven't seen it yet, please do! We have regular open days, or you can arrange your own visit.

Work is continuing on the building. During March, a team from Moana House has been working alongside our builder, Paul Clements, to repaint the exterior. We are impressed by the Moana House residents' determination to turn their lives around for the better, for themselves and their whanau, and the caring staff who help to make this happen. We are grateful for grants from the Otago Community Trust and Alexander Mc Millan Trust to fund this project.

Other visitors in March have included students from local school, including Musselburgh and Bayfield. We've also hosted groups from Polytech and University, as well as groups of family and friends looking for a special nearby place to spend a weekend. During their stay,

many visitors have helped with watering seedlings given the long dry period, some planting, and biodiversity monitoring. We are always looking for people who have done these activities before to help supervise other 'new' volunteers. Please let us know if you can help.



quarantineisland.org.nz

Te Rauone Beach Project

At the Public Meeting held on 22 October 2018 at Harington Point, the guest speakers Kevin Winders CEO of Port Otago Ltd, and Rachael Eaton and her team from Dunedin City Council outlined their proposals for the beach renourishment/groynes construction project, and the redevelopment of Te Rauone Reserve.

The meeting, attended by about 100 people, unanimously accepted both proposals and asked the parties to implement them as soon as possible.

The engineering design by BECA for Port Otago is now almost finalised with some minor variations.

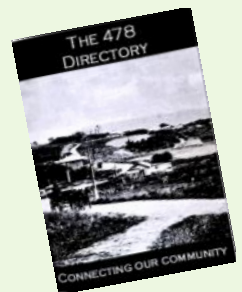
Port Otago will soon begin the consultation process with affected parties, a process more or less a repeat in part of the earlier proposal.

When discussions are completed Port Otago will then lodge the Application for Resource Consent, hopefully by July 2019.

The Te Rauone Beach Coast Care Committee expresses their thanks to the community for their continuing support.

Graeme Burns, Chairperson TRBCCC

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



Peninsula Connection construction update from Fulton Hogan:

Construction of the Peninsula Connection project at Section 8 between Turnbells Bay and Portobello is nearly complete. The grand opening will be held in early May and we will advise you of the details soon.

Construction of Section 2 between Vauxhall and Glenfalloch is well underway. Bulk fill used to widen the road and construction of the new stone wall has progressed through to Weller Street. Construction of the road pavement will be starting shortly.

Please remember to mind your speed when travelling through the site for the safety of our staff.

We wish to thank you for your ongoing patience during construction and hope to see you at the Section 8 official opening.



Otago Peninsula Massage

Katherine Cooke

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

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Deadline Sale

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(prior offers considered)



Forbury 52 Forbury Road

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- Private section, spacious internal double garage

By negotiation

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Macandrew Bay 12 Jane Street



Glenleith 381 Malvern Street



Forbury 149 Surrey Street



Ocean Grove 1 Luke Street

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Otago Harbour Ferry



BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Minimum numbers may apply

Cruises run on demand during winter.

Boatshed re-opens in spring

Winter timetable:

From April 1st to October 1st 2019

Ferry departure times-

Portobello (to Back Beach)

1:15pm 3:15pm

Back Beach (to Portobello Wharf)

12:55pm 3:00pm

Adults: \$12 each way

Children: \$6 each way

Ferry trip takes approx. 10 minutes

Carey's Bay or Quarantine Island

(By prior arrangement)

BOOKINGS BESSENTIAL

Thank you for your support so far!!

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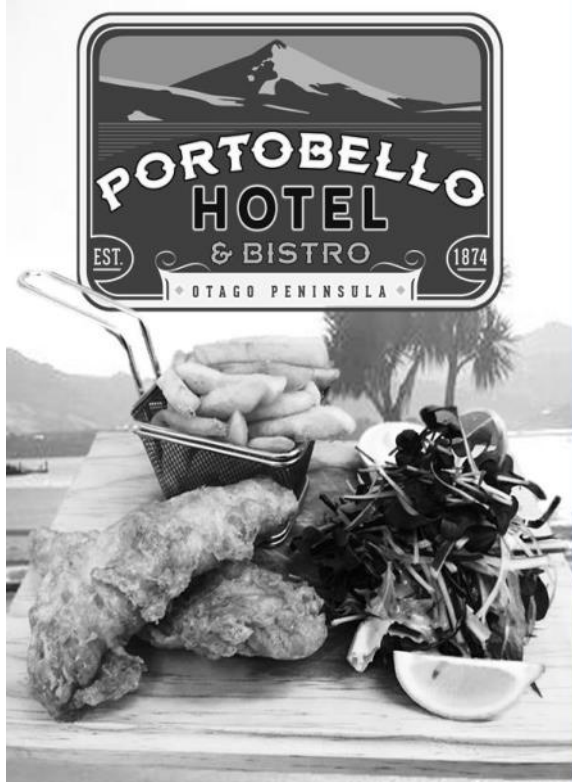
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FOR HIRE

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

OPBG – Autumn Update

The first few months of 2019 have been busy and rewarding for OPBG. Volunteer track cutting crews have managed to clear several overgrown tracks, University students have packaged up hundreds of chew cards and organised our OPBG first aid kits. We have had a volunteer leader GPS training session, held an information stall at the University's Orientation week, celebrated OPBG's volunteers with our Summer BBQ and formed an incredible partnership with Bunnings at a national level. The Guardians of the Otago Peninsula continue to hold the front line at the gateway to the Peninsula with their network of permanent trap lines threaded throughout Sector 5.

Possums are now on the move. Male possums are starting their move to find mates and juveniles are leaving their birth territories. Now is the time to put out chew cards to find them. Autumn is mating time; female possums can be carrying a back-rider from last season plus an embryo inside them. For information about trapping best practice including lures and blazes, please contact info@opbg.nz

As we gear up for our winter operations there is still much work to be done our 'Off the Beaten Track' track clearing days will continue on Tuesday's and Thursday's along with possum monitoring events which will be advertised on our FB page. If you are keen on lending a hand, please contact volunteers@opbg.nz

OPBG Events

This year we are proud to be working in collaboration with the Wild Dunedin Festival of Nature.

The first event is to be held in Portobello at the Coronation Hall entitled: ***The Kākā are Coming: Yeah Right!*** A panel of field experts will discuss the ecology of the Kākā and take a look at what it will take to get Kākā once again breeding on the Otago Peninsula. This event is child friendly with activities prior to the talks and a sausage sizzle. All welcome!

The Kākā are Coming Yeah, Right!

WILD DUNEDIN & OTAGO PENINSULA BIODIVERSITY GROUP - APRIL 25, 2019

Will the Halo effect from Orokonui Ecosanctuary mean there will soon be Kākā on the Otago Peninsula?

Find out at **Coronation Hall, Portobello** on **Thursday 25 April ANZAC** at **5.30pm** with the help of experts on Kākā from West Harbour hosted by Peter Hayden and Rod Morris. *Start the evening with an OPBG sausage sizzle at 5pm.*

Guest speakers include Elton Smith – Conservation Manager of Orokonui Ecosanctuary.

We thank Rachel McGregor of [Port to Port Cruises & Wildlife Tours](#) who will ferry the West Harbour guests over to Portobello.

Thanks also to Graham McArthur of [The Video Factory](#) for providing the video projection and sound equipment and to the Coronation Hall Committee who have for a second year given us the hall for free.

Cost: **FREE** (sausages gold coin donation please)



Come along for a relaxing musical local afternoon...

Renowned Dunedin folk singer Phil Corfield will be featuring at the Penguin Cafe in Portobello from 2pm on Sunday May 26. Phil will be singing such classics as "Portobello", "Elsie Evans" and "Blueskin Bay", together with his recent composition "Naseby", accompanied by his groupie singers.

Diarise it now and don't miss out
it will be a memorable time!
All welcome to sing along...

12 things to do **Portobello area Bucket List**

- Walk to the top of Harbour Cone
- Walk to the Pyramids and Victory Beach
- Paddle in the Pacific at Allans Beach
- Photograph the Aurora from Hoopers Inlet
- Explore the tunnels near Taiaroa Head
- Take a walk with your sweetheart
to Lovers Leap
- Go fishing at the Portobello jetty
- Explore our heritage at the local Museum
- Visit our local cemetery
- Paddle over to Pudding Island
- Follow the new Heritage Walk
- Bike or walk the new track to Broad Bay

Volunteer with a local organisation
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ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE *from Olly's pen*

Gosh we are so fortunate to live out here – in the open spaces where the air is clear and where people pretty much know one another. There's something about living on the Peninsula. I get a strong sense of local pride. 'Portobello, Harwood, Harington Point? That's too far out of town,' someone said to me the other day. But then again up at the marae some elders chuckled and told me, 'That's fine by us – we prefer to keep it that way. We don't want too many people coming out here. We like things just the way they are.' I know what they mean - even though we've only been here for five years – it seems longer than that somehow.



We've bedded the main garden down for the winter and planted more silver beet and winter greens to keep us in supply come the cold season. The rats and mice seem to be doing the same thing – rolling the walnuts from our tree into their nests inside the walls and ceilings. We really don't like sharing our space with them. So we're trying out different electronic devices to the Pestrol ones we've had. We thought the little beggars had gone for good but – now they're back. They must have got used to them. I'll let you all know how this lot works out.

We've stocked up on wood as well – some good ole dry macrocarpa which we'll mix with pine. And the weather is changing too. You can feel the Autumn just around the corner. And ole Jacko Frosto is letting us know he's right there too, waiting to have a go - in the dead hours of the early morn he sweeps and glides at the break of dawn an invasion slow and as cold as ice trying his best to nudge out the warmth but he won't succeed - why?

This is paradise.

Important update from your local member of parliament



A pay boost of \$1.20 an hour to lift the minimum wage to \$17.70, the largest increase in history.

The new adult hourly minimum wage is \$17.70 per hour. This Government believes in sharing prosperity more fairly. That's why we've increased the minimum wage by \$1.20 per hour, recognising that many New Zealand workers do need more to make do. Unemployment is low, the economy is strong, and the Government books are in good shape. Now is exactly the time to improve wages.

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment estimates that up to 209,200 people received a pay increase yesterday of up to \$48 per week. Women, young people, Māori, and Pasifika are overrepresented in minimum wage roles, and around a quarter of those earning the minimum wage are parents or guardians. This Government is committed to increasing the well-being of all New Zealanders, and steps like this make that a reality.

Rates of New Zealand Superannuation and Veterans Pension will increase by 2.6 percent, reflecting the bigger increases in wages under this Government.

New Zealand Superannuation and Veteran's Pension are paid fortnightly on a Tuesday. How much you get depends on your situation. From 1 April these rates will increase as one of several changes intended to grow the economy and improve the wellbeing of New Zealanders.

To find out exactly what you're entitled to, call Work and Income on 0800 552 002 (you'll need to have your IRD number handy) or there's the website (www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/nz-superannuation.html)

Early results from my electorate wide survey

I recently distributed a survey into 23,000 letterboxes across the Dunedin South electorate. The response rate was greater than expected. For the Peninsula the local issues relating to predator-free, sea level rise, public transport and land stability seem to be the most prominent. More broadly from the surveys looked at so far (700+), the indications are as follows. Changes that you are most aware of relate to hospital rebuild, the use of plastic bags, Pike river investigation, minimum wage increases and winter energy payments. The two areas constituents seem to have benefit most from last year have been the winter energy payments and lower GP fees. At the time of the survey in February the following issues were most concerning the electorate – changes to NZ Post / Kiwibank; Climate change; water quality; fuel prices; and, sea level rise. These are indicative so far and I will follow up with more detail soon.

Gun law reform: Why we are taking swift, decisive action:

The Government is taking action in response to the March 15 terrorist attack **to protect New Zealanders and keep us safe**. Remember why we're doing this – 50 men, women and children were killed by a terrorist wielding these military style weapons.

New Zealanders are with us:

Gun reform is widely supported – including by farming and hunting groups. Fish & Game said yesterday 'while it is quick it's the right approach'. Submissions have been pouring in and they will be considered.

What we are doing:

This legislation is straightforward – we are banning all military style semi-automatics and assault rifles that are designed to kill people to make our country a safer place.

There are two stages to these reforms.

The first stage is the ban on military style semi-automatics and assault rifles. These are only designed for one thing. They are killing machines.

Stage two will consider matters in more depth and that will be subject to a longer public hearings process, if people feel we've got something wrong with this change or we've left something out.

Response to those who suggest the process is too fast

We need gun reform now, any move to slow down the process is a move to stop it.

New Zealanders have made their expectations **clear** that they want guns out of their communities as soon as possible.

Gun buy-back

Details of the buyback will be confirmed shortly but Police are already collecting bank account details from people who are taking part in the gun amnesty (via the online form on the Police website) and they are well placed to begin paying compensation once details are confirmed and buy-back begins.

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Robbie Johnston recently visited our school and shared his amazing Olympic story with us. He challenged students to have a dream, make a plan to achieve their dream and work hard to be the very best person they can be.

During the term we have also enjoyed some valuable activities outside our school. All students enjoyed visiting Quarantine Island earlier this term. Senior students stayed overnight on the island and had a great time learning about the history of the island, visiting the cave, clearing around native plantings and jumping off the jetty. All students also enjoyed an overnight experience at Otakou Marae at the end of March. Many whanau joined us for dinner and some whanau stayed the night which was a lot of fun. During our stay children enjoyed visiting Wellers Rock, creating a school waka and individual hoe (paddles), visiting the Whare Karakia and Urupa and playing on the great new playground. We ended our stay with an assembly at the Marae.

Term 1 has been a busy sporting term at our school. Year 1-6 students have taken part in regular swimming sessions and all students demonstrated their swimming skills at our recent Swimming Sports. All students participated in Walk n Wheel week and a large group of students walked from Coronation Hall to school each day. Josh, Jahli and Kotomiyo represented our school at the Dunedin Schools Triathlon and placed 2nd, gaining entry to the upcoming Otago Triathlon. A group of students have also enjoyed participating in the Dunedin Futsal and Rippa Rugby competitions.



Our Enviro Group continues to work on projects within and beyond our school. This has recently included the repainting of the PORTOBELLO rocks on the hill behind the museum. This group were very excited to be awarded a Countdown Growing for Good grant recently which will enable them to undertake a Tree Reserve Regeneration project and grow seedlings to be planted at the Marae. Our Year 7 and 8 students have recently worked with the Peninsula Biodiversity Group to clear tracks at Te Rauone Beach.

During Term 1 we have also held a Back to School Barbeque and a Spud in a Bucket Harvest day. These events provided valuable opportunities for whanau, staff and the wider community to spend time together and further build relationships. Our school community has also been busy selling hot cross buns and are holding a Car Boot Sale at Harwood Hall this Saturday 6th April from 11am. We hope you can join us at this fun event.

To find out more about our great school or to organise a visit please contact our school office by phoning 4780605 or e-mail office@portobello.school.nz

Portobello School students touch precious pounamu while they learn about the history of the Whare Karakia during their recent stay at Otakou Marae



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Portobello Community Inc. are considering putting in an application with the Dunedin City Council for a dog park to be located in the Portobello community area. This space could provide a safe place for peninsula dogs to run and play, while their owners socialise. It also works to protect our local wildlife.

Have you ever wished you could take your dog somewhere off-lead and not have to worry about what he/she might be getting up to? Want the chance to meet other dog owners in the area? And the chance to let Fido run and run...and run--safely? Well, PBO Inc. would like to hear from you: what are your thoughts? Where might such a park be located? How big should the dog park be? Suggestions for fundraising ventures are also welcome. Email us.



The Portobello Indoor Recreation Club Our 2019 season has begun 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



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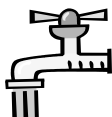
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Annual subscription is \$370.00 (less \$30 if paid early) with any new members getting \$100 discount for their first season. Other types of membership are available to suit individual needs Please come and check things out we will make you feel very welcome.



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STOP News

Smiths Creek

The phenomenal growth this year means that releasing of the trees planted from 2016 onwards is particularly urgent so that they continue to get enough light and don't have the grass competing with them. More volunteers always welcome.



Working bees

Regular half day working bees continue every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday - 9.30am to 12.30. See the STOP Facebook Page (Save The Otago Peninsula - STOP- Inc Soc).

For details or email STOP stopincsoc@gmail.com or contact Lala Frazer (Ph 478 0339, Text 027 8756 020).

International Polytech students releasing trees from the long grass at Smiths Creek



PORTOBELLO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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We are still open. We meet on the first three Sundays of each month at 10 am. An up-to-date notice is always displayed on the window. On the first Sunday of each month Jane Cox leads worship. On the second Sunday we all take part. On the third Sunday a visiting minister leads us and on the last Sunday we visit other churches. When there is a fifth Sunday we go to Pukehiki Community Church.

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The Bowling Season, for our Club, came to an end last weekend with Closing Day on Saturday 30th March.

We had one of our best turnouts for many years.

Our February & March Tournaments were a success with fine weather for both events. Interclub Competitions are finished - we did not do so well in the 2nd half of the Season with Teams finishing about mid field. The Thursday Twilight Competition is also finished & weather played a huge part this year - a few cancelled nights.

Our renovation programme is underway with the green being grooved on Tuesday 02nd April.

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 call - you would be most welcome



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Enjoying Summer at Peninsula Playcentre

Kia ora kotou, has anyone else noticed the cooler mornings and the shorter days? After a long summer, it seems autumn is finally setting in. At the playcentre we were really lucky to have the warm weather over term 1. We have some active little people who enjoy being outside.

Our learning theme at Playcentre for term 1 was Te Wai Ora. We focused on how lucky we are to live in such a healthy water/coast environment. For our families, it is so important to us that our tamariki learn about caring for our environment to safeguard it for future generations. We would like to extend our thanks to the Junior Whānau for hosting our visit to Portobello school. Kia ora!

If you are interested in bringing your children or grandchildren to the playcentre, feel free to drop in any time we are open (Monday or Wednesday 9.30-12.30). We offer a space for children to play and caregivers to have a cup of coffee. Ka kite!



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DIARY DATES TO NOTE

ANZAC Service - Otago Peninsula Museum - Portobello - Thursday 25 April at 9:30am

Wild Dunedin - Celebrating Nature. Various locations from 22nd - 28th April

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

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

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

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

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

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