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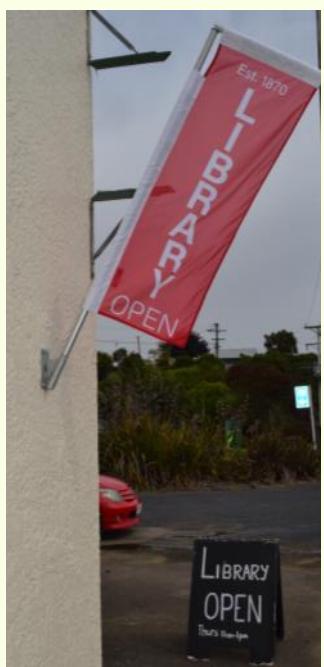
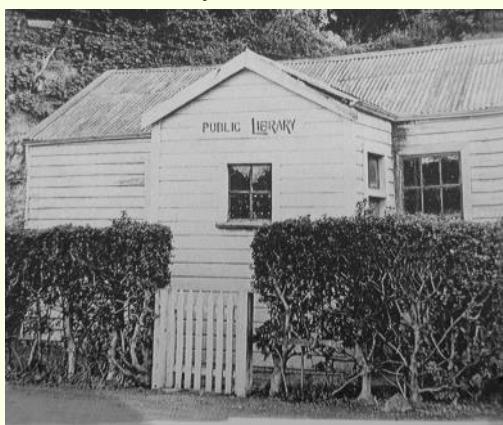
CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF THE PORTOBELLO PUBLIC LIBRARY

This year the Portobello Library celebrates 150 years. What a great achievement that it is still going strong.

The community is invited to an afternoon tea in the
Portobello Coronation Hall on Saturday 22 February from 2 - 4pm
to celebrate this momentous event.

So come along and visit the library, read about its history, check out some of the books that were published the same year as the Library was established and join us for a cuppa and a cake - which Mrs Wendy Morris will cut. Wendy was the Librarian from 1980 until 2010.

Attached to this newsletter is a bookmark (thanks to the Peninsula Community Board for funding this). On the bookmark there is a small building just to the left of the Portobello Hall that was the second library from 1918 till 1971.



Become a Library member - just \$5 to join then no charge from then on except for 20 cents each book you take out.

Library is open each Thursday from 11am-1pm in the Portobello Coronation Hall.

Library Annual General Meeting
Coronation Hall Kitchen 7pm Monday 17 February
All welcome



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Chairman's Corner

Just heard - Summer has been officially cancelled for this year. Now looking for a nice Autumn. Not a lot to report on. Hopefully the community notice board will be up and running soon.

Portobello was certainly noticeably busy with The Masters Games competitors and visitors enjoying their time in Dunedin with a lot staying

on and touring around the area. Congratulations to all of you who took part and had a win. We are sorry to see both Integrated Health Otago and Knox Podiatry leave Portobello after so many years of service to our community. Jim and Deb and Bex and Ian, thank you. If anyone, or business, is interested in hiring the prime location at the front of the Coronation Hall just give us a call on 4780 424. ANZAC Day is fast approaching. If you have anything relevant to this day please don't hesitate in getting hold of us.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Waitangi celebrations at the Marae this year with another spectacular success and congratulations to you all.

Remember, we really appreciate receiving items for the local newsletter so if you have special things happening in your lives, why not share these with us all.

Wayne Cameron Chairman—Pbo Comm Inc

Tena Koutou everyone

Well we are over a month into the New Year already. I hope you are all rested and have had an awesome break with your whanau over the holidays.

My focus this month is going to be on speed, especially around the roadworks. I sadly observed 2 cars pass me a week or so ago in a 30kmph area. I obviously wasn't in my truck. I would estimate they were going 60+kmph. This is very disappointing and the two people have been spoken to. This is really not good enough. Be aware that if you exceed a posted speed limit by double then you will be automatically suspended from driving for 28 days and possibly have a court appearance. I say again, please slow down and be patient.

On a crime note I am pleased to be able to tell you that a person (not local) has been arrested for the burglary at the Mac Bay Yacht club late last year. They are also being charged with the theft of a cell phone from a Farm Ute in Camp Road at the same time.

Most of you will be aware that recently a couple of people thought it was a good idea to set fire to the gorse at the gun emplacements at the heads. This idiotic behaviour could have had serious ramifications for this beautiful area.

Sometimes I wonder what people are thinking. I must say a big "**WELL DONE**" to the guys and gals at the Brigade for their amazing work in getting this potential disaster under control. I keep saying it "**You guys are amazing**".

There was a burglary in Geary Street at the end of January. 2 nail guns were stolen. If anyone has any information about this please contact me. I will say again, if you see anything that seems odd or not quite right please get in touch. With this in mind please remember to close up at night, this means garages, sheds and the likes. Burglars are usually opportunistic. If we take away the easy opportunity then we can prevent this type of crime. Crims need a location, tangible item and opportunity to exercise their trade. If we take away one they are stuck.

There have been several complaints made about Ritchie's and tourist buses on the high road and the obvious lack of space this provides for other road users. I have contacted Ritchie's to have a discussion around this and hope to speak with them soon. Unfortunately it is not illegal for these buses to use the road. It's obviously not an ideal situation and I really don't see a solution but will have a korero with them to see if anything can be done to help alleviate any potential danger.

On Thursday last I assisted the wonderful team at the Otakou Marae with Waitangi Day. I must say they put on an awesome event and it was very well attended. Everyone leaving had a wide smile on their face and the weather thankfully held out. Thanks Michelle and team for allowing me to assist on this very important and significant day in Aotearoa's history.

I'm joining the Golf Club and look forward to meeting some of the members that I haven't met yet. I think the trees have a bit to worry about because I feel as though I may be spending a bit of time amongst them. Golf ball manufacturers love the likes of me coming on board I am sure.

Nga mihi

Aaron





News from the Otago Peninsula Community Board

Happy New Year to you all. It hasn't been the summer to remember so far. We've run the full gamut of weather on the Peninsula lately. From typhoon-like rain, gale-force winds and brilliant sunshine. Its hard to know what to expect next.

Waitangi Day – It was a great pleasure to be at Otakou for the Waitangi Day celebrations recently. As a national day this is our opportunity to get together and celebrate all that is different and interesting about living in New Zealand. Its also a wonderful occasion to be part of history and of our area and our country. What stood out for me was the many

cultural organisations that participated and the many visitors from around the globe who were at the marae.

My congratulations and thanks to Te Runaka Otakou for your hospitality and hard work on a wonderful day.

Firewood Fundraising – Just a reminder that there is still wood from the removal of the trees along Portobello Road available for fundraising projects by the community. The wood is open to any group raising funds for an appropriate cause. Groups will be required to take all responsibility for the health and safety of their volunteers and all equipment and vehicles. If you'd like to raise funds from the firewood for a local project or group please get in contact with myself or Lox Kellas from the Community Board.

Peninsula Connection - Portobello Township – There will be a public drop-in session regarding the plans for the Portobello township on **Thursday 12th March 4.00pm – 8.30pm**. This will be an opportunity for residents to see plans for the area themselves and make any comments about those plans. Please take the time to come along and have your say.

Peninsula Connection Road Works – With the announcement that the City Council intends to begin the Broad Bay to Company Bay section of Portobello Road the Board has received a number of enquiries about travel times and delays. Its understandable and the Board sympathises over these issues. All Board members like everyone in the community must use the road to get to town for work, school and supplies. Fulton Hogan have provided the following timeframes for the community.

Broad Bay to Company Bay will be starting up with bulk fill from around 17th February with one lane traffic from the Company Bay end.

Road sealing is hopefully taking place next week from Vauxhall - Glenfalloch over a four-day period, weather dependent.

Up until early April there will be at least two sets of traffic lights between Vauxhall and Glenfalloch and one set between Broad Bay and Company Bay.

From May/June there will only one set of lights between Vauxhall and Glenfalloch as there will be truck and trailer units needing to reverse into the site so disruption will be lower than over the past few weeks.

Fulton Hogan and their site staff will be prioritising Peninsula – City traffic during the early morning and the opposite late afternoon wherever possible, plus public transport. This is to improve wait times and ensure people get to work and school on time.

The Turnbulls Bay wall project should be completed in the next 2-3 weeks.

It's not perfect and your patience as a community has been exceptional while the project continues. Please be safe while this project continues.

2020 Annual Plan – I've made the first of a number of submissions to the City Council on behalf of the community. The focus has been on better road, footpaths, drainage and public facilities. The Board will be running a series of meetings with the community between now and the end of March to hear more about what you want in your area. One of my biggest concerns is the proposal to raise electricity prices by \$500/year. That does not bode well for many people in our community. It is also important that you as individuals, families and groups tell the council what you want and I encourage you all to engage in this process. Please come and meet with us at:

Pukehiki Hall 14th February, 7.00pm
Harwood Hall, 17th March, 7.00pm

Macandrew Bay Hall, 18th February, 7.00pm
Otakou marae, 25th March, 7.00pm



The Star – For those of you in the community who don't have The Star Community Newspaper delivered you can now read it online every week by downloading The Star App. It's a really useful opportunity to read more about what's going on. Download it at <https://www.thestar.co.nz/apps/>

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

[\(paul.peninsula@xtra.co.nz\)](mailto:paul.peninsula@xtra.co.nz) (03) 4780630 or 0274668446

Community Board News - Harwood Report

The Otago Peninsula community Board has been busy in Harwood. Harwood Park Playground will be undergoing an upgrade within the next 6 months.

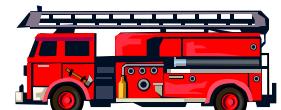
- The rubber safety surface under the seesaws will be replaced with new bark soft fall.
 - The rubber safety surface under the swing set will be replaced with new bark soft fall and scuff pads.
 - The community board is working with the Harwood Hall to establish the Hall as an incorporated society. This ensures they will receive a \$5000 grant once they meet all the governance requirements.
 - The Otago Peninsula Community Board will be holding public meetings during the month of March where you are invited to come along and give your thoughts and ideas about your community. There will be a community meeting on **Tuesday 17th March at 7.00pm** at the Harwood Hall.
- Please come and share any queries you may have.

If you have any thing you would like to discuss with me please call on 0276033451 or cherylmayneill@yahoo.com

Board Member	Assigned District	Roles	Projects
Paul Pope	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peninsula• Tomahawk	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair• All District Representation• All District Forums• 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Te Rauone• Wellers Rock• Tomahawk Facilities• Tomahawk Lagoon• Runaka Liaison• Public Transport
Hoani Langsbury	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Harington Point• Otakou	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deputy Chair• District Representation• Annual District Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual Tourism Forum• Runaka Liaison
Edna Stevenson	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Macandrew Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• District Representation• Annual District Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Te Rauone• Wellers Rock• Tomahawk Facilities• Rural Roads• Emergency Response• Otago Harbour Matters• Harington Pt Project• Scholarships• Schools Programme• Back Bays Recycling• Keep Dunedin Beautiful• Rural Cell-phone Coverage• Annual Biodiversity Forum• Harington Pt Project
Lox Kellas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Back Bays• Highcliff	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• District Representation• Annual District Forum	
Cheryl Neill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Harwood	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• District Representation• Annual District Forum	
Graham McArthur	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Broad Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• District Representation• Annual District Forum	

Portobello Volunteer Fire Brigade

Fire Safety



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,

1/ If there are others in the house shout ,FIRE,FIRE,FIRE

2/ Get Down, Get Low, Get Out, FAST.

3/ Get on your hands and knees and crawl low and fast to escape smoke. Heat and smoke rise so its easier to breathe and see at ground level

4/ if you can close doors behind you to stop the fire spreading.

5/ Call 111 immediately either from a mobile phone or a neighbour's house

6/ Once out stay out

7/ Meet at the planned meeting place. Somewhere safely away from the house

What you need to tell the Fire Service when you call 111

1/ House number

2/ Street Name

3/ Nearest Intersection

4/ Suburb and City

5/ Rural Address property Identification (RAPID) number if you have one

Keep your access way clear

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. There are also issues with no clear pathways to water resource.

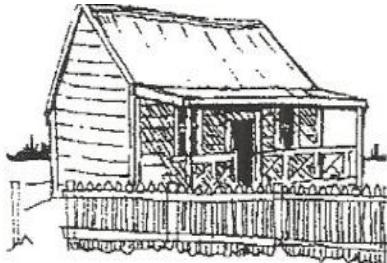
In an emergency its critical our fire appliances and crew can get to you as soon as possible.

Greg Dickson

Chief Fire Officer

If you see smoke or fire call 111





OTAGO PENINSULA MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

17 Harington Point Road, Portobello, Dunedin 9014

Museum News

In December we had a lovely bbq to thank our Tuesday volunteer helpers and also a visit by the Scattered Seeds team from the Dunedin Public Library. We have joined this group to share some of our photos. So far 23 groups are part of Scattered Seeds

The aim of the Scattered Seeds project is to collect the memories, mementos and stories of the people – individuals, whanau/hapu, ethnic groups and cultures – fruits of the seeds scattered on the four winds from all over the world, that have landed here, taken root and come to call Dunedin home.

Tuesday working bees have started again with plenty of odd jobs to be done. Thanks again to our dedicated helpers and also to those folk who have volunteered to help with cruise ship passenger visits. The new February Sunday roster is out so you will receive one very soon if you have volunteered for this. We welcome Tom Churchill this year to our roster.

The Museum is always keen to get copies of family trees that can be held at the Museum for years to come and be a record that family members can access if they have lost contact with family who once lived here. Many overseas visitors who have old family connections call in for information. If we have not been given any info then we can't help them.

With the 150th Library celebrations coming up we would like to recognise several early Librarians.

Thomas Tily was the first headmaster at Portobello School and was also the first Librarian, the Library being set up at the school. Mr Tily was Librarian from 1872 until 1874. On leaving his school position he took up farming at Hoopers Inlet and later retired to Dunedin. He died in 1905 aged 80 and is buried in the Southern Cemetery alongside his wife Euphemia.

James Barton was another long term Librarian from 1882 till 1906. Mr Barton was also the school headmaster. Locals referred to him as the "runaway sailor" - a British seaman who had jumped ship in New Zealand and embarked on a career as a teacher.

Mr Barton died in 1916 aged 73 and is buried in the Andersons Bay Cemetery alongside his wife Helen.

Jessie Murray was Librarian from 1929 until 1980. A remarkable time volunteering as Librarian. Jessie was a local girl from the Seaton family. She also played the organ at the Presbyterian Church for many years. Jessie died in 1989 aged 98 years.

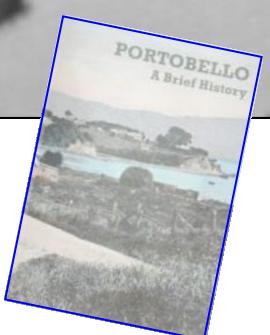
John Kerr was 40 years as the Library Treasurer. Mr Kerr arrived in Port Chalmers on the ship Jura in 1858. By 1860 he had established himself in Wickliffe Bay as a farmer. He was appointed a JP in 1879 and in 1880 he was Manager of the Portobello Cemetery along with being involved in many other local organisations. He died at Wickliffe Bay in 1930 aged 97. He is buried in the Portobello Cemetery.



A very early photo of Coronation Hall with the little Public Library beside it.

Our book Portobello, a brief History is still selling well. If you'd like a copy they are available from the Portobello Store or the Museum at a cost of \$25.

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



Coastguard News

December was a busy month for Coastguard members with some callouts and a big effort in selling the national Coastguard raffle. We had a weekend at Mitre 10 and a weekend at Bunnings which were a great success.

Thanks also to Tony at the Portobello Hotel who had tickets for sale as well.



Training continues on a weekly basis. We are planning on having an opening day at the Boat Harbour, Magnet Street, Dunedin sometime so keep a lookout on our website. If you want more info on boating or want to know about joining the Coastguard then take a look at the Coastguard Dunedin website.



Quarantine Island Kamau Taurua Community News

"I can't tell you what passion I have for the Island, it's wild beauty, location, environment and history. It was a joyful and productive time for me and I thank you once again." This is what Jo St Baker, one of our visiting artists, had to say about the week she spent on the Island recently. Being able to host several artists at different times over the last couple of months has been a great pleasure for the QIKT Community. Lynn Taylor, as well as experimenting with her own processes and materials, generously offered a cyanotype printing workshop, which had us experimenting with seaweed, flora, and found objects to create our own beautiful works of art. Casual visitors also has the chance to try art activities if they were lucky to be there at the same time as Lynn. Now, Eli Joseph is on the island, developing a contemporary production about Archibald Baxter, making use of the Married Quarters to visualise aerial movements, and the creative space the island gives us.



Other special visitors in the new year were some Syrian mums and children, enjoying a summer holiday. Although the southerlies blasted one side of the island, the beach by the jetty is very sheltered and everyone had fun kayaking, rowing, and swimming. "This is the first time I have been out of Dunedin since arriving here four years ago" said one mum. The QIKTC Council try to set aside some funding each year to cover the costs of boat transfers for visitors who face financial or other hardship, in keeping with our desire for social justice.

Of course our regular volunteers and WOOfers are much appreciated too, and the everyday tasks of looking after new plantings, controlling weeds, picking up rubbish that has washed up on the beaches, continued, alongside welcoming visitors and catching up on overdue maintenance.

Volunteers Needed!

We are always looking for people to help with planting, releasing, weed control, biodiversity and predator monitoring, looking after other visitors, maintenance, newsletters, website maintenance etc. Some 'jobs' require very little strength, fitness or time; others are perfect for those who love a challenge! Please let us know if you can help, what you would like to help with and what days are best for you. It might be only once and doesn't need to be ongoing. Any little bit helps. Please also let us know if you have particular expertise or ideas.

There is something for everyone on QIKT! From relaxing and recharging in solitude and peaceful surroundings, to learning about Island history and experiencing what makes the Island so special.

Saturday 29th February

Open Day-volunteer, relax or explore, or all three!

Saturday 28th March

Open Day-volunteer, relax or explore, or all three!

We host an Open Day on the last weekend of each month. Just a short boat ride from Back Beach, Port Chalmers, or Portobello by arrangement, and we can help with carpooling. All are welcome! We organise the boat transport so let us know in advance if you're coming, and if you'd like to stay overnight. Further details on our website quarantineisland.org.nz or by contacting the island Keeper at quarantineisland@gmail.com or Ph: 03-478-0874

Peninsula Playcentre

It's a new year and we are all looking forward to some warm weather so we can make the most of our outdoors environment. This term Peninsula Playcentre kids will be looking at Staying Safe. This will focus not only on being safe at playcentre but also when we walk to the book bus and play on our bikes.

Are you at home with a pre-school aged child? Why not come down to Peninsula Playcentre? It's a great way to meet other families in our community.

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Find us on Facebook @peninsulaplaycentre.



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Playcentre 

"Whānau tupu ngātahi – families growing together"



Term 1 is underway and we are looking forward to a great term of learning together. Students in all classes are currently establishing routines for the term and getting to know each other.

On the sporting front many of our students have expressed an interest in playing Rippa Rugby and Futsal and we are now preparing for the start of these competitions. Next week our whole school will be taking part in a day

of Beach Education at St Kilda surf club. This will be followed by a day of water safety education in our local environment of Portobello, where students will learn how to safely swim in and around Portobello. Senior students will be taking part in cycle skills in upcoming weeks to further develop their cycle skills and all students will be taking part in Walk n Wheel Week.

We were very fortunate to be able to offer subsidised keys to the school pool this summer and as a result many locals have used our great facility which we are very pleased about. Now that we are back at school we have started twice weekly swimming lessons. We are looking forward to school swimming sports mid March.

In 2020 we will continue to work with local community groups to extend relationships with our community. Many students in our school performed at Te Tiriti o Waitangi Festival at Ōtākou Marae on Waitangi Day. It was great to be part of this festival and share such a great day with our community. The Portobello Library is 150 years old in February and we are looking forward to learning more about this and participating in celebrations.

In 2020 Mrs Agnew will again lead Enviro within our school. We are currently planning projects within the school and the wider community for 2020.

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

Local Hall Hire Contacts

Coronation Hall, Portobello - Wayne Cameron - 4780 424
Scott Hall, Harwood - Chris Helm - 4780 120
Hoopers Inlet Hall - Jackie Clearwater - 4780 508

Peninsula Medical Centre

12 Allans Beach Road,
Portobello.
4780 880



Wild Dunedin Festival 17 – 23 April

There's a lot happening on the Peninsula during this year's Wild Dunedin festival with events for all ages during the April school holidays – 17-23 April. This year there's a focus on rewilding.

Save the date Monday 20 April 6.30pm when **Post Possum . . . Yeah, Right!** will be held at the Coronation Hall in Portobello. This event will feature celebrated broadcaster Alison Ballance, a former Portobello resident, local wildlife photographer Rod Morris, and other experts discussing planting natives and predator control leading to the reintroduction of wildlife such as South Island Robins to the Peninsula.

The always popular Wild Food Dinner will be held at Glenfalloch, Wild Food Webs and Fishy Feasts and a Seaweed Workshop at the Marine Studies Centre, and you can catch the Port to Port Ferry from Portobello to Quarantine Island for their Rewilding Open Day.

Larnach Castle is running a Native Plant Detective activity throughout the school holidays, with prizes, and free entry for children. The Royal Albatross Centre is putting on express tours at a bargain price, Blue Penguins Pukekura will have excellent family deals, and Penguin Place and Monarch Wildlife Cruises are offering discounts for their tours. This is a great time to visit these local wildlife attractions, when tourism is winding down.

Many other wild activities will be available at Oronui Ecosanctuary, Sinclair Wetland, Otago Museum, Toitū, Tomahawk Lagoon, Ribbonwood Nursery, Huriawa Peninsula, NHNZ, Dunedin Public Library and the Art Gallery. And special guest Suzy Cato and local musicians will be celebrating nature through music and song.

A special surprise is in store for Otago Peninsula residents at this year's Festival.

For all Festival information, and to become a friend and have early access to the online programme and preferential bookings, visit www.wilddunedin.nz. And you can follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



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a donation

ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE from Olly's pen

Kia ora Everyone – what a time we've been having with the weather aye – good for the garden and our water tank. We're still eating potatoes out of the our wee garden and we've got more to go plus cabbages and loads of silver beet and a few lettuces left.

Some of my friends have just joined up with the Golf Club. However, I'm looking for a tennis club to link up with. If you know of one let me know. The older I get the more I realise the importance of good quality health and the part food plays. I used to run a lot when I was younger but shin splints put paid to that so now all I do is shuffle jog - which I call shogging. Now that we've completed fixing up our place I'm back to shogging. I'm going to the rowing club in town where they've got a great gym and a whole lot of rowing machines and I'm having a field day there I tell you. Soon I'll be up and at 'em as they say. Since I gave up running it's taken a helluva lot to get back into the level of fitness I used to have again. I've only run one marathon but I've played lots of sports – rugby, tennis, karate, judo, volley ball, table tennis, badminton most of them at regional level. My coaches told me I don't have the killer instinct to get me up to national level – but I'm happy with what I've achieved.

All the same – good health and good relationships has always been my number one priority and I feel so blessed to be here in Harington Point Rd a few minutes from our lovely township of Portobello. It's paradise as far as I'm concerned. So here's good health to you all!



CLOSURE OF PORTOBELLO CLINIC

It is with much sadness and after much deliberation we have decided that the 26th February session will be our last in Portobello.

We have been providing Podiatry services to the Peninsula residents since January 2014. In recent years we have noticed a decrease in patient numbers and increase of operation costs and the service is simply no longer sustainable.

We are very grateful for those loyal supporters. Our clinics in Balclutha, Lawrence and Mosgiel are not affected and you are welcome to be seen at any of these locations.

Thank you for your support over the last six years -

Rebecca, Ian and the team at Knox Podiatry

Should you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us on 034781030



Silly stuff from Mr Google

I don't mean to brag but I finished my 14-day diet in 3 hours and 20 minutes.

A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.

Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When I was young, I had to walk 9 feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel, then walk 9 feet through shag carpet back to my couch.

I ate salad for dinner! Mostly croutons & tomato sauce. Well, really just one big, round crouton covered with tomato sauce and cheese. Ok. so it was a pizza.

I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web.



Interest free loans:

The Moray Foundation Trust is an interest free loan charity that loans up to \$5,000.00 dollars to families and individuals for health, welfare, education and budget balancing through debt consolidation. The Foundation has been established since 1993; Each small re-payment from our clients' has gone into the pocket of another over the last 24 years. Creating the incredible circumstance that the foundation has loaned over 1 million in Otago; this amount is purely from the small initial seed funding that we still have invested.

To be eligible for a loan you must: work with a Budget Adviser for a referral, be committed to debt repayment, be able to make payments required and stay working with the Budget Advisory Service for the duration of loan repayment.

So if you feel that this is the solution for your circumstances, please make an appointment to register with a Budget Advisory Service today.

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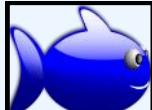
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- Take a walk with your sweetheart to Lovers Leap
- Go fishing at the Portobello jetty
- Explore our heritage at the local Museum
- Visit our local cemetery
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Otago Peninsula Trust Update

Kia ora from Otago Peninsula Trust

Thanks for working with us – we really appreciate your support!



Eight Tip Top Tips

1. We launched our Otago Peninsula Wild Experiences Frontline Host Handbook which has lots of Otago Peninsula information including albatross and penguin breeding cycles, peninsula attractions hours etc last year and had heaps of requests from accommodation and visitor hosts (let the Trust know if you want a hard copy for your team). We also have a booklet available for guest rooms for BnBs etc – also let us know if you want some for your guest rooms - sophie@albatross.org.nz

2. **How's albatross viewing?** 24 chicks hatched so far (31 fertile eggs) – and more coming as you read this! We've four nests with chicks in view of our observatory, including the Royalcam chick - viewing has been great. The Royalcam has been greatly improved with support from Cornell BirdCams and the quality is amazing – make sure you check out the new Royalcam star hatched 31 January.

3. **What HAVE the penguins been doing?** Great viewing, there are still chicks around too. I was lucky enough to see one poor parent completely mobbed by its scruffy fluffballs wanting a feed when I did the tour last week. Over 80 penguins seem scuttling in and a superbly magical sunset. Photos below

4. **Busy? So are we!!** Don't let visitors miss out! Pre-booking tours is important as it's a busy month! We've been turning people away for some tour times – who've driven all the way out without booking.

5. **Hungry?** Make sure you book **Glenfalloch Restaurant** – still Dunedin's #1 on Tripadvisor. Bookings essential 03 4761006. Still spaces for Valentines Lunch...

6. **Need peninsula/albatross/penguin/Tiki Tour brochures?** - [Email me](#) or text 022 601 2778

7. **Does your team have quick easy advice on how to view wildlife?** I've personally seen some disturbing incidents such as sealions getting hassled by people extremely close and red-billed gull fledglings run over in our carpark. Please help your guests understand how to interact with wildlife – we have the Dunedin Wildlife Care Code. <https://www.dunedinnz.com/visit/see-and-do/wildlife/dunedin-wildlife-care-code>

8. **Need a break? It's been a busy few weeks!** Come have a refreshing stroll through Glenfalloch Garden where the pohutakawa are out in flower. Hear the native birds sing, listen to the burble of Russell Creek, meet a 1000 year old Matai, enjoy the beautiful lush surrounds and let your stress melt away! Open from 9am – dusk.

Pukekura Panorama – credit early riser Chris McCormack, Operations Manager Royal Albatross Centre



Pilots Beach Blue Penguins Pukekura Panorama – credit late nighter Sophie Barker



You might have noticed what appears to be red staining in the harbour's water recently. Or perhaps you've noticed the droppings of the gulls has turned pink and is smellier than usual. Munida, otherwise known as Squat Lobster has come into the harbour again this summer. Although it appears to 'stain' the water red, in fact what you are seeing are thousands of tiny squat lobsters in swarms in the harbour. Seen individually these little crustaceans look just like miniature lobsters. Munida is affected by the tides, so it is swept around with the currents and washes up on beaches. That's where the gulls can get them, hence their pink poo. When collected in a bucket from the harbour, the red animals appear to change colour in a few minutes, to a lighter shade of pink. Its more than just gull feed. It feeds whales, birds, fish and much more. It's very near the bottom of the food chain which makes it a very important food source that kicks things off for summer, feeding for our local wildlife.

Munida Gregaria is the scientific name. They are found mostly on the east coast of NZ, subantarctic waters and all the way around to South America. They grow no larger than 3cm.

In the post larval stage, which is when we see them, they are about a third of that size.

Take a moment to have a closer look at the Munida next time you see that distinctive red stain along the waters edge this summer.



*Rachel McGregor,
Port To Port Cruises and Wildlife Tours*

STOP News

Save The Otago Peninsula (STOP) Inc Soc has regular volunteer working bees on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday starting at 9.30am. Two to three and a half hours **duration**. (On Tuesday and Sunday meet at the far end of Bacon St in Turnbulls Bay.) Activities include planting and maintenance of seedlings, weed control and track maintenance.



Fitness required – you need to be able to walk across an uneven paddock. Tasks tailored to your level. If you can garden then you can assist. Gloves and all **tools** and **morning tea** provided. **Transport subsidy** for students and pensioners. (Bus or car)

Dogs welcome in the fenced area.

Currently there is some boardwalk and step construction work. The Conservation Volunteers have built a set of steps leading up to the 2018 plantings. Largely funded by Calder Stewart added to some posts from Fulton Hogan, these easy accessways are already proving popular both with independent walkers and dog walkers, opening up more of the revegetation areas and leading to stunning views.

For more information contact Lala:

Email <stopincsoc@gmail.com>,
Mobile (text only) 027 8756 020



Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Group

Seasons Greetings. 2020 may be the year of the rat, but we plan to make it a difficult one for possums on the Peninsula! At this time of year the possums will be eating blackberry, orchard fruits, grasses, fungi and crunchy critters, like insects and snails. If you notice that a possum is eating fruit from your garden please report a possum at possums@opbg.nz or through the OPBG website (predatorfreepeninsula.nz) and we will help you catch it. Over the next few months the young possums (joeys) that have been riding on their mother's back will be leaving to make a new life for themselves, possibly in your back yard.

Most recently OPBG has concentrated possum control on the outer Peninsula between Papanui and Hoopers Inlets, especially in possum habitat on and around Mount Charles to Varleys Hill, near Sheppards road. Bait stations were placed in these areas in December and initially filled with non-toxic baits to get the possums used to the stations. These were later filled with toxic bait and what bait the possums hadn't eaten was removed in early February.

Trampling of tracks by volunteers at Sandymount in October last year and more recent track clearing in February have kept tracks clear of plants and maintained access to bait stations. The volunteer Guardians Group has been trapping possums nearer Dunedin. They have now caught over 300 possums and are doing a great job stopping them from moving back onto the Peninsula.

Mike Stuart has recently joined the OPBG as a Community Co-ordinator for the Otago Peninsula. Mike will be engaging with the Peninsula community to support volunteers toward helping us get rid of possums. This will start with a **Trapping workshop at the Scott Hall, Harwood at 2pm Saturday, March 21**. You are encouraged to come along to hear about what we do and see if you would like to be involved. The workshop is not only about trapping, but covers other activities that support our work such as detecting possums, recording bird numbers and monitoring the recovery of the forest. So, please come along. It would be great to meet you.

Keep those possum reports coming in.

Dead or alive, please let us know.

Email: Brenda at

possums@opbg.nz





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The March funding round for contestable grants for waste minimisation small projects and community initiatives is now open.

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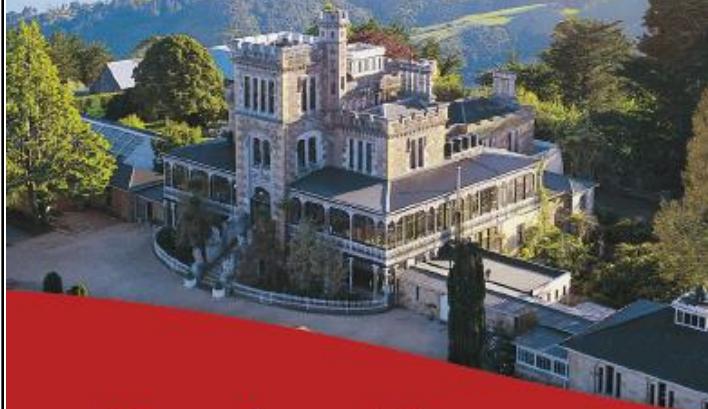


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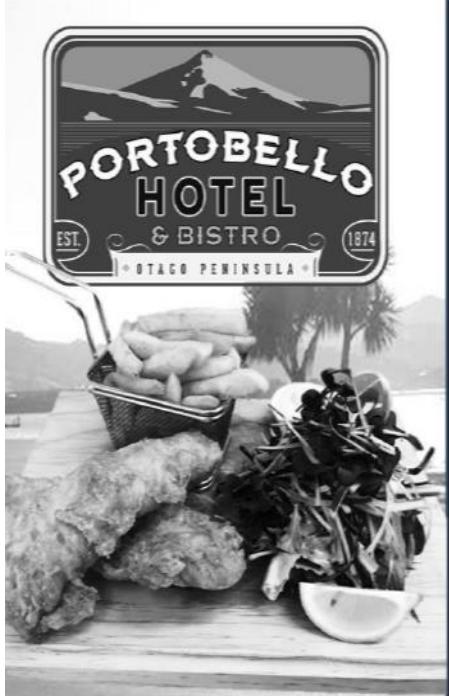
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Our Toy Library is open every Sunday morning from 10:30 - 12:30
At the Domain Pavillion,
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MP for Dunedin South



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Investing in growth

By Hon Clare Curran

MP for Dunedin South

An investment of \$1.69m into the Peninsula schools cluster due to recent boosts to infrastructure budgets will see schools invest locally in building companies and tradies to fix leaking roofs and windows and do other repair and building work.

Infrastructure: it's one of those things that we often notice only when it isn't working. Whether that be our road or rail networks for travel and transportation, school classrooms for teaching our kids, or hospitals for when we're sick.

After years of neglect, investment in our infrastructure is long overdue. Government has launched the New Zealand Upgrade Programme – the largest investment in our infrastructure in a generation. Through this programme, we're investing \$12 billion into rail, roads, public transport, hospitals, and schools, helping to future-proof our country against long-term challenges such as climate change. This programme will create job opportunities throughout the country and will have a significant economic impact.

We already announced the first part of this programme last year, with cash injections of up to \$400,000 to almost every state school in the country. For Dunedin schools, this means \$10.14m in extra funding, so that your children will be learning in modern, healthy classrooms. Schools will finally be able to catch up on essential maintenance such as roof replacements and classroom upgrades.

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<i>Musselburgh</i>	\$126,819
<i>Portobello</i>	\$50,000
<i>Tahuna Intermediate</i>	\$400,000
<i>Tainui</i>	\$216,819
TOTAL	\$1,693,337

- Peninsula cluster school infrastructure spending

The next stage of our programme, focuses on roads, rail, and hospitals. Part of this includes investment in public transport, cycle ways and pedestrian spaces to make our transport network cleaner and more accessible. This dovetails with the Government's decision last year to provide \$20m in funding to reopen Hillside Workshops. By upgrading our railways, we're ensuring our rail networks can carry more freight, taking more trucks off the road and making it safer for you.

As Dunedinites, we know the toll that an underfunded health system has on local communities. That's why we announced the rebuild of a central-city Dunedin Hospital, and why we're investing even more in rebuilding and upgrading hospitals and health facilities throughout New Zealand. Everyone should have access to the best possible healthcare services.

The New Zealand Upgrade Programme is just one of the ways our Government is tackling the long-term challenges facing our country. It will take time to rebuild our infrastructure after nine years of neglect, but we're getting on with it.

If you'd like to find out more about the New Zealand Upgrade Programme, including more specific projects, head to: www.labour.org.nz/nzup

If you would like to find out more about the new school infrastructure funding, including how much your local school is receiving, visit: www.labour.org.nz/schools-funding-2019

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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

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

Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Group - Trapping Workshop - Harwood Hall Saturday 21st March at 2pm

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