

NEWSLETTER

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Portobello Community Inc.



Be kind. Check-in on the elderly or vulnerable.

Make a difference by:
- checking-in on any elderly or vulnerable people you know
- dropping supplies to those at home sick.

Find out more at Covid19.govt.nz

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New Zealand Government

Stay home if you are sick

Wash often. Use soap. 20 seconds. Then dry.

This kills the virus by bursting its protective bubble.

Call your GP before visiting them.

Or call Healthline on 0800 358 5453.

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Well, what does one say. You can only think of times gone by like 'The Great Depression', 'The Spanish Flu epidemic.' 'World War I & II.'

I guess we are all doing what we do best and that is just coping with it as best we can.

There are so many special things happening in our community at the moment by so many special people.

It is impossible to single them out - so, thank you so much to all of you who are going out of your way in our and making a big difference especially in helping those who are less able to help themselves.

For anyone who is struggling with anything and have nowhere to turn please contact Portobello Community Inc via pbocomm.inc@gmail.com and we will endeavour to assist you where we can and put you in touch with those who can help.

A copy of this newsletter will be posted up on the Portobello Store window so while you are waiting to enter the store you can catch up on the latest and perhaps let others know who don't receive it electronically where they can view it.

Finally, if you're walking/passing by our ANZAC memorial on ANZAC Day do take a minute to remember our fallen heroes. Just practice your social distancing and don't touch anything.

Take care and see you all in better times.

Wayne Cameron Chairman—Pbo Comm Inc

Tena Koutou everyone

WELL, hasn't the world changed since I last spoke to you? With the country now well into the second week of the Alert 4 lockdown we all need to do our bit to stop the spread of this nasty thing.

I have been out and about and must say to the majority that I am impressed with the way you have taken the lockdown seriously and how you are going about your day. This is a trying time for everyone.

I have been receiving a number of calls around people coming into our area that shouldn't be. By that I mean people driving out here from Dunedin and people cycling out here from Dunedin. The message from our Prime Minister is to stay local. Some people believe that we are local to Dunedin. My interpretation is that an 18km drive or cycle is not local. I have been stopping some people and educating them around this. Education is the key here. These breaches are reported by myself and if the person is spoken to again around a breach then further consequences may be looked at.

If you see something that you believe is in breach of the self-isolation rules then please visit the police website www.105.police.govt.nz and fill in the online report. It's really simple and easy to do.

The place to go for all information that you will need is covid19@govt.nz. This comprehensively sets out the guidelines/rule about what you can and can't do. Please stick to the rules around social distancing and travelling. I have noticed and had the need to speak to a couple of people (locals) who think its ok just to go for a drive around. The website outlines exactly what is acceptable.

Please don't think for one minute that we are immune from this deadly virus, please don't have the she'll be right attitude. The quicker this thing is sorted then the quicker we can return to what will be a quite different normality.

To all of you essential workers out there a big thanks for doing what you do. I understand how hard it is to head off from your whanau and do the important job you do for the community. You are the people that are making life a bit easier for everyone and I applaud you.

Finally on a personal note some of you will be aware that last Tuesday our dishwasher decided to go on fire. Luckily Jo and the boys were at home and the damage was much less than could have been. A HUGE thanks again to our fire fighters. I have said it before and will say it again "You guys are AWESOME".

Take care of yourselves and look out for your neighbours and loved ones.

Nga mihi

Aaron





News from the Otago Peninsula Community Board

Like all of you I'm approaching my second week of lockdown. It been an anxious and confusing period as we come to grips with being housebound, working from home and shopping with a two-metre gap between other shoppers. On the upside I've been pleased at the resilience I've seen from people and the friendliness and good humour I've seen from people out on walks or waiting in line at the Portobello Store. Kindness exists in our community and its our greatest strength while we face this virus.

Water Issues – As you all realise the DCC closed the public water tap off in Portobello to stop transmission of Covid 19. I have managed with support of the Board to go from having no water available to getting supervised filling of tanks twice a week. Board members using gloves and sanitised wipes will undertake this again this week on:

Wednesday 8th April 9.00am – 4.30pm

Saturday 11th April 9.00am – 1.00pm

I'm hopeful that this service will continue in this manner over lockdown for all of those in the community who rely on this supply. If anybody needs water but is unable to utilise those days, please talk to your friends and neighbours about helping you. The same applies for any older people in the community who you know might need help.

Local Support and Assistance – If there is anyone in the community who needs assistance please contact your local Board member and they will either arrange assistance for you or point you in the right direction.

Cheryl Neill 027 603 3451 or cherylmayneill@yahoo.com

Edna Stevenson 027 478 0543 or ednastevenson1@gmail.com

Lox Kellas 027 968 0583 or lox.kellas@xtra.co.nz

Graham McArthur 021 477 009 or grahamm@southnet.co.nz

Financial help

Visit www.workandincome.govt.nz or phone 0800 559 009. Work and Income have a high number of calls and enquiries, but will respond, so please be patient.

Otago COVID-19 Welfare Helpline

An Otago COVID-19 Welfare Helpline has been established to help make sure everyone in the region receives the support they need during the Alert Level 4 lockdown.

While we continue to ask people to contact the appropriate agency for help in the first instance, anyone in Otago who needs assistance in relation to emergency food, household goods/services or other welfare-type requests can call 0800 322 4000. This Helpline number will operate daily from 7am to 7pm.

Sharing and Caring – As we enter our second week of lockdown there may be other issues that arise with you and your families that are not related just to food and supplies. Perhaps, you're feeling anxious or lonely and need to hear a friendly voice. Perhaps, you're working from home with children and need some support for education. I'm very keen to match this type of support with those who are willing to help with those who may need it. Feel free to give me a call and I'll do my best to work on this with you.

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

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

PORTOBELLO STORE

Until further notice: our Local Portobello Store hours are:

Monday to Saturday. 10am – 12pm and 3pm – 5pm

Closed Sundays

**FRESH FRUIT AND VEGES
FRESH MEAT**

Very reasonable prices

Please practice social distancing and hygiene requirements and remember only one shopper in store at any one time.

Stay safe – Portobello Store team.

Portobello Volunteer Fire Brigade

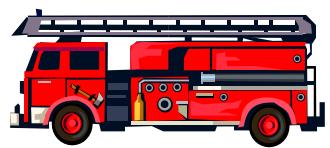
Covid-19

Portobello Volunteer Fire Brigade is committed to protecting our community and due to COVID-19 has therefore put steps in place to reduce our contact with each other and the community. We will still respond to all emergencies but we will only have 4 members on the fire appliance and all other members will remain isolated until called upon. PLEASE STAY SAFE AND STAY ISOLATED AND THINK OF OTHERS

Smoke Alarms

All of us must now be aware of the importance of having working smoke alarms in your homes. Its now the end of daylight saving so you need to check your smoke alarms and change the batteries for new ones and if your smoke alarm is 10 years old replace it with a new long life photoelectric smoke alarm.

*Greg Dickson
Chief Fire Officer*



Portobello Public Library:

What a nice afternoon we had in the Portobello Hall in February to celebrate 150 years of the opening of the Library in Portobello.

A great crowd enjoyed seeing the old committee books, well known books that were written in the 1870's, a display from Portobello School and history of the 150 years of the Library opening.

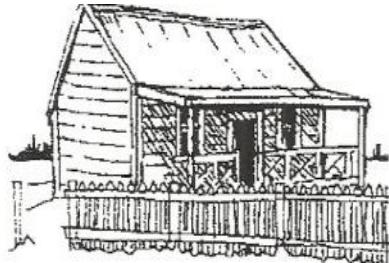
A lovely afternoon tea was had with Mrs Wendy Morris cutting the cake. Wendy Morris and Bev Sheridan were presented with a bouquet of flowers for their long dedication to the Library.

Thanks to all those who came along.



Our Librarian Dot, slices up the cake

Wendy Morris with her flowers



OTAGO PENINSULA MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

17 Harington Point Road, Portobello, Dunedin 9014

Museum News

Our Tuesday working bees came to an abrupt end. We got a lot of outside tidying up done including making the Museum more visible from down in the village. We cut back all the bamboo around the creek area so hopefully it does not grow back during this lock down.

Newlands:

'Newlands' was the 2nd house built by James Seaton. He arrived in Port Chalmers in 1848 on the immigrant ship the '*Phillip Laing*'. James settled in the Portobello area and built a basic dwelling at Weirs Line.

About 1860 he built a house in McGeorge Street (now Moss Street). This house was later known as The Retreat. With a growing family he then had a house built in Highcliff Road, which he named 'Newlands'.

Mr Seaton died of an accident in 1882 but his wife resided at 'Newlands' until her death in 1905.

Other families to live there were the Brown, Miller, Findlay and the Dick family who lived there from 1944 until the mid 1980s when the Kellas family purchased the property.

A new home was built on the property in 2018.



James Seaton's 'Newlands' farm. The steep hill on Highcliff Road can be seen on the right.

This might be a good time to compile your family tree and send the Museum a copy.

Take care everyone, and be kind to each other.

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

ANZAC Day

This year would have been 10 years since the unveiling of the memorial rock and our first ANZAC Day service in Portobello for over 50 years. Over the past 10 years we have shared many stories which have included The Dickson brothers, The Menin Gate, Alexander Aitken and his violin, WW1 Tunnels, Private Geary, WW1 centennial years history, Able Seaman Langsbury, and The Maori Battalion. This year it was hoped to feature the Merchant Navy.

WW1

The convoys of merchant seafarers kept Britain supplied, as well as fishermen who carried on as best they could despite the threat of mines and U-Boats. An estimated 14,661 merchant seafarers were killed during the first world war, after which King George V officially named the service as the Merchant Navy.

WW2

From the outbreak of war in September 1939, individual seamen could decide if they wished to sail and risk attack by German forces, or in the face of extremely high losses, if they wished to change their occupation to work ashore or otherwise enlist in the Armed Forces. Losses of shipping and their crews in 1940 and 1941 were staggering and were nearing a peak, with 779 ships sunk and 16,654 seamen killed or missing (approximately 49 percent of their crews). Fortunately for Great Britain the great majority of seamen continued to take the risk and the nation's war supplies and food continued to arrive.



Mulberry Harbour at Arromanches

Mulberry harbours were temporary portable harbours developed by the United Kingdom during the Second World War to facilitate the rapid offloading of cargo onto beaches during the Allied invasion of Normandy in June 1944. After the Allies successfully held beachheads following D-Day, two prefabricated harbours were taken in sections across the English Channel from UK with the invading army and assembled off Omaha Beach (Mulberry "A") and Gold Beach (Mulberry "B").

The Mulberry harbours were to be used until major French ports could be captured and brought back into use after repair of the inevitable sabotage by German defenders. The Mulberry B harbour at Gold Beach was used for 10 months after D-Day, and over 2.5 million men, 500,000 vehicles, and 4 million tons of supplies were landed before it was fully decommissioned. .

Listen to this song and watch the performance by writer and singer Jim Rafford about the **Shores of Normandy**. Jim was the youngest known participant in the Allied invasion of Normandy. He was the galley boy on a tug boat that accompanied the huge number of merchant ships, warships and troop landing craft for the invasion. Choose the 4.08 minutes version on YouTube.

The Shores of Normandy

In the cold grey light of the sixth of June, in the year of 44
The Empire Larch sailed out from Poole, to join with thousands more
The largest fleet the world had seen. We sailed in close array
And we set our course for Normandy, at the dawning of the day



There was not one man in all our crew but knew what lay in store
For we had waited for that day through five long years of war
We knew that many would not return but all our hearts were true
For we were bound for Normandy, where we had a job to do

Now the Empire Larch was a deep-sea tug with a crew of 33
And I was just the galley-boy on my first trip to sea
I little thought when I left home of the dreadful sights I'd see
But I came to manhood on the day that I first saw Normandy

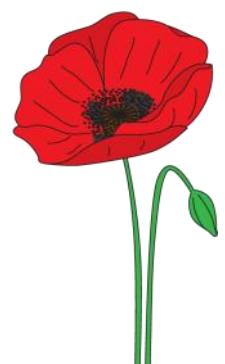


At Arromanches, off the Beach of Gold, 'neath the rockets' deadly glare
We towed our blockships into place and we built a harbour there
'Mid shot and shell we built it well as history does agree
While brave men died in the swirling tide on the shores of Normandy



For every hero's name that's known a thousand died as well
On stakes and wires their bodies hung rocked in the ocean swell
And many a mother wept that day for the sons they loved so well
Men who cracked a joke and cadged a smoke as they stormed the gates of hell

As the years pass by I can still recall the men I saw that day
Who died upon that blood-soaked sand where now sweet children play
And those of you who were unborn, who've lived in liberty
Remember those who made it so
On the shores of Normandy





STUDENT VOLUNTEER ARMY

If you saw the item on Seven Sharp earlier this week you will know that "The Student Volunteer Army" has launched a national volunteer response to support people impacted by COVID-19. This now includes a **Grocery Delivery Service** for those unable to go to the shops.

If you need help you can call their Helpline 9am - 5pm 0800 005 902

You can also visit their website sva.org.nz for more information.

You might also like to volunteer - you don't have to be a student.

A TO Z OF OTAGO PENINSULA

A is for albatross, the royals of the sky. See them at Pukekura where they breed and fly

B is for Blue Penguins Pukekura, the tiniest ones. Every evening to view them along you can come

C is for castle, NZ's only one is called Larnach. High on the hills, the views panoramic

D is for disappearing gun. Hidden from view. At Fort Taiaroa you can see it too

E is for environment, a place to treasure. Please look after our home for everyone's pleasure

F is for Fletcher House, 1909 Edwardian Villa. Of Broad Bay community a picturesque pillar

G is for Glenfalloch, a hidden jewel in our crown. With historic beaut gardens a place of renown

H is for History, uncover the stories. Leave with the memories of a place and its glories

I is for island, our peninsulas quite one. Floating haven of flora, fauna and vistas quite plum

J is for jump – we don't recommend it. Lovers Leap to be admired, not taken as ended

K is for kilns, historically processing lime. You'll find them at Sandymount, their setting sublime

L is for Lance Richdale, our seabird hero. Without him our albatross tally would be zero

M is for Marine Studies Centre, a place of learning. Armed with new knowledge for shore sides you'll be yearning

N is for night, time for a star gaze. Perhaps an aurora sure to amaze

O is for Otago Peninsula Trust, to enhance and protect. Since 1967 their mission was set

P is for Portobello, a village too sweet. Visit it and discover quite many a treat

Q is for Quarantine Island, a place to escape. Once habitation of invalids it's now pure and devoid of red tape

R is for red-billed gulls, do you know they're at risk? To them please be kind and help them leave that list

S is for seabirds, our marine avian friends. For the best viewing Albatross Centre we recommends

T is for Tiki Tour, our number one way to travel. The mysteries of our bird life your guide will unravel

U is for unknown, a sense of discovery. Explore our peninsula, for places quite lovely

V is for Victory, a ship that was beached. After a trek through Okia this site can be reached

W is for Wildlife Capital, our Dunedin it shines. All sorts of fine fauna – just follow the signs

X is for excellent, the experience you'll be notching. When you visit Otago Peninsula, the centre of birdwatching

Y is for yellow-eyed penguins, their numbers declined. When you're lucky to see them make sure you're kind

Z is for Zzzs, a great big rest. With this much to see you'll need a huge dose of zest!

Thanks to Sophie Barker for her delightful poem. If you can add to this list email sophie@albatross.org.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



Coastguard News

In early March the Coastguard members cooked a barbecue lunch for those who came with the English Car Club Rally and others who came to look at the amazing array of old cars, all parked on the Portobello Domain.

We were flat out cooking on 2 barbeques and the chips fryer was also very busy. We made about \$1,000 from selling lunches plus more to come from a donation from the Car Club.

Our special thanks to Tony and the Portobello Hotel for their generous donation of food for this. It is much appreciated Tony.

Our vessel is in Auckland at present having new pontoon bags fitted.

At this stage it is unknown when it will be back.

Please do not do any boating at present under the rules of the Government.



Quarantine Island Kamau Taurua Community News

Special announcement:

23/03/20- COVID-19: In accordance with the New Zealand government's instructions for alert level four, there will be no trips to the island organised by the Community for the next month, and the Lodge is closed for overnight bookings and day visitors. We have put a process in place for supporting Dries and his family whilst they are quarantined on the Island. Stay well, stay safe, kia kaha

In February and March we had a busy time hosting schools choosing to have a few days "camp" on the island, and hosted a QIKT Community-funded Artist Residency for two artists, Lynn Taylor and Eli Joseph, the combined Mosgiel Girl Guides, Grants Braes Brownies, Rangers and leaders, Alliance Francaise, Unicrew, ACC, and a yoga retreat, and zen meditation retreat held in the Married Quarters building. We had a good number of visitors on our February Open Day, and they enjoyed planting, watering and releasing native seedlings, exploring the island, learning about its history and ecology, and kayaking!

Our wonderful Keeper, Dries Van den Broeck, and his family, had planned to move on to new adventures in Europe in March/April, before the COVID-19 restrictions. Instead, they have remained in their 'bubble' on the island. In early March we had started, and have now extended, our advertising for a new Keeper.

If you think you might be interested in the island Keeper position, please see our website for details.

Volunteer Opportunities (when being in your bubble/cocoon is over)!

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 25th-Sunday 26th April TBC

Open Day-volunteer, relax or explore, or all three! Overnight stay possible.

April/May dates TBC- bird counts, help with 5-minute bird counts at the 9 sites on the island.

Saturday 30th-Sunday 31st May TBC

Open Day-volunteer, relax or explore, or all three! Overnight stay possible.

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



Otago Harbour Ferry

Cruises currently on hold for COVID 19.

Boatshed re-opens in spring

Portobello (to Back Beach)

Back Beach (to Portobello Wharf)

Adults: \$12 each way

Children: \$6 each way

Ferry trip takes approx. 10 minutes

(Or visit Carey's Bay or Quarantine Island)

-Other cruises we offer-

Mini Harbour Tours – Adults \$24, children \$12

Explore from Portobello to Port Chalmers and back. 25minutes duration.

Stadium Ferry-For all major events

Goes to Otago Yacht Club (Departs from Steamer Basin, outside Harbour Side Grill Restaurant restaurant.)

Save the traffic problems. See website for bookings and details

www.porttoport.co.nz 020 416 24250

DARING THEFT PORTOBELLO POST OFFICE SAFE

SUM OF £40 MISSING

The Portobello Post Office, which is situated just above the junction of the high and low roads, was broken into on Saturday night and the office safe removed. The safe was later recovered in the lupins near the Chisholm Park golf course. The door of the safe had been forced open, apparently with a sledge hammer, and about £40 in money had been taken.

Otago Daily Times, 30th Aug, 1949



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Wednesday – Sunday
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Dinner

Wednesday—Sunday
From 5pm

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or email

cafe1908@xtra.co.nz



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

ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE - from Olly's pen

Kia ora Everyone – I hope you're all safe and sound. A big heads up to Wayne, Brenda and the committee for keeping the Newsletter going. In times like these, it gives us all a greater sense of community and belonging and I, for one, feel “not so alone” even though because of my age I am confined to my property. So a huge thank you to all involved!

It's so wonderful to see how people are coping with Covid 19 (Co – for corona, vi – for virus and d19 – for dated 2019). Because the weather was so good the other day, I took my guitar outside and started singing – something which I generally do inside so I don't disturb the neighbours as my voice can get quite loud at times. But then I thought – well... the Italians did it on their balconies to brighten the atmosphere surrounding the same virus outbreak as us – so why don't I do it too – even if there's no one around to hear it. So I set myself up under our walnut tree, clipped the word sheets to my music stand - and started. After only a few minutes something strange and unexpected happened. As I was singing away to my grand audience of one - my wife Theraze; three Tui settled in the trees right above me and set up a chorus. The more I sang, the louder they became. It was phenomenal. I realised then that they were actually singing with me. It was amazing. And then our neighbours behind us clapped and cheered. They were obviously sitting outside enjoying the sun like we were. I presumed they were clapping for me. I carried on for a wee while longer until my fingers hurt. I hadn't picked up my steel stringed guitar for a while.

We are social creatures though aren't we? We all prefer to be with others or be at least connected to others – it's in our genes. Something the PM said triggered off a small phrase in my head from a poem written by William Shakespeare in his play 'Macbeth'. It's often quoted as a Witches spell. It goes like this - Double, double toil and trouble; fire burn and cauldron bubble.

In the light of everything happening at the moment – here's my spell in the same tempo:
Huddles, cuddles fends off trouble – inside your house - your home bubble.



COMMUNITY BOARD DESIGNATED AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

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
Lox Kellas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Back Bays Highcliff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District Representation Annual District Forum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural Roads Emergency Response Otago Harbour Matters Harington Pt Project
Cheryl Neill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harwood 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District Representation Annual District Forum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholarships Schools Programme Back Bays Recycling
Graham McArthur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broad Bay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District Representation Annual District Forum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep Dunedin Beautiful Rural Cell-phone Coverage Annual Biodiversity Forum Harington Pt Project

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.

www.morayfoundationtrust.org.nz

Donations always appreciated.

Moray Foundation Loans
Moray Foundation Trust

STOP News

If you live in Broad Bay or Portobello, and need exercise, the lockdown could be your chance to see the "Future Forest" that has been planted at the bottom of the Smiths Creek Catchment. From the No Exit end of Bacon St in Turnbills Bay, start along the Bacon St Track and go through the first gate on your right. Follow the mulched path. After crossing Smiths Creek you will see the Community Orchard on your left, but continue straight ahead up the valley on the path between the fence and the wetland. The bushes and trees planted by STOP volunteers over the last five years for the Hereweka Harbour Cone Trust, and marked with stakes, can be seen on either side of the track. The stakes are marked at the top with the year of planting.

You can follow that path up to its end (approx. half an hour) over the bridge and up the steps by the macrocarpa through the 2018 plantings, from where you can look across the valley to some of the 2019 plantings at the top of the slope opposite. The triangular rock formation that you can see to the left over the top gate is the Larnach Castle Quarry. Take a drink and a snack and sit and enjoy the view of Harbour Cone.

Or you can cross the boardwalk that goes across the wetland on your right, up to the lone broadleaf, and then make your way back along the ridge through the 2017 plantings and down again to rejoin the main track by the fence. If you want a real workout: after the broadleaf, you can continue up the ridge to the top fence and 2019 plantings. You will need to come back the same way till you get onto the lower part of the ridge.



Coronation Hall Portobello

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When we re-open - hours
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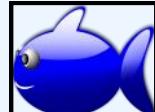
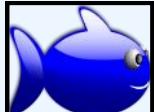
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When life gets back to normal

12 things to do

Portobello area Bucket List

How many have you ticked off?

- 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 local Heritage Walk
- Bike or walk the track to Broad Bay

Volunteer with a local organisation - they need your help.

Pilates is on hold until further notice, but do consider coming along once classes recommence. We would love to see you.



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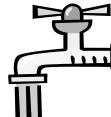
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'Your wild bubble. . .things to do in isolation'

Wild Dunedin's festival has had to be postponed until April 2021 but we would like to share stories, images and things to do while in isolation with an online publication 'Your Wild Bubble'.

We thank our festival partners for contributing activity ideas, especially for children. Stories of inspirational wild workers, films and images that capture the magic of Wild Dunedin and the natural world will replace our usual festival events. Enjoy Wild Dunedin online www.wildduneddin.nz



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Your wild bubble...

Things to do in isolation

These Takahe at Orokouhi Ecosanctuary live in a perfect bubble safe from predators.

Otago Peninsula Trust Update

We closed the Royal Albatross Centre, Glenfalloch Garden, Fletcher House and Blue Penguins Pukekura halting tours as part of the NZ Govt's measures to combat COVID-19 under the Level 4 Alert. If you need us- you can contact us on reservations@albatross.org.nz and we'll answer you as soon as we can.



PENGUINS AND ALBATROSS FIX

There's a few ways to get your albatross and penguin fix and catch up on Trust news while in isolation:

[24 hour live albatross webcam "Royalcam"](#) for Royal Reality TV!

- Follow Royal Albatross, Blue Penguins Pukekura, Glenfalloch on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter

Check out the Royal Albatross Centre Education Page for resources to keep kids occupied – while learning some fascinating albatross facts.

OTAGO PENINSULA TRUST ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19

Thank you so much to our members for their support of the Trust, which has enabled us to achieve some great accomplishments for the 2018/2019 Annual Report - link is below for the full document:

- A surplus of \$180,862
- Record 28 northern royal albatross chicks successfully fledged from Pukekura/Taiaroa Head
- 8.4% increase Royal Albatross Centre income
- 269 Little Penguin chicks fledged in the 2018 season.
- Purchased 433 Portobello Road; used for short term rental accommodation
- Media coverage 67 stories worth \$2,514,763 reaching over 18 million people
- Four TripAdvisor Certificates of Excellence awarded Royal Albatross Centre, Glenfalloch Garden, Glenfalloch Restaurant and Blue Penguins Pukekura.
- Royal Albatross Centre received TripAdvisor Hall of Fame Award
- Over \$20,000 worth of vouchers donated to help with community fundraisers
- 5000+ people attended Glenfalloch Night Garden
- Glenfalloch Garden new deck for 50th anniversary of Trust's Glenfalloch purchase
- Glenfalloch Restaurant continued to hold TripAdvisor # 1 Dunedin restaurant position
- Over 970 students from 27 schools took part in Trust Education programmes
- Dunedin Wildlife Care Code facilitated and distributed Annual Report Link <http://otagopeninsulatrust.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Otago-Peninsula-Trust-Annual-Report-2018-2019.pdf>

Something to make you smile

We're so delighted to announce this prizewinning pulchritude penguin of 1520g, bigger than the previous porky penguin prizewinner



Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Group

I am sure those possums are literally laughing at our present predicament. While we remain holed up in our dens, the possums are free to do what possums do. And at this time of year it involves making more possums!

If you have traps set up in your backyard please continue trapping, provided you can do so safely and especially since children and pets are likely to be more active about your yard at this time.

We are still interested in any reports of possum activity, so please continue to report them at possums@opbg.nz or through the OPBG website (predatorfreepeninsula.nz). We will take note and contact you when we are able to offer active support, but we are not able to provide traps or make site visits until the alert levels decrease.

At present we are preparing for renewed trapping efforts once the Covid19 restrictions are lifted. We have been numbering new traps for future deployment and are developing a strategy toward ramping up our activities as the alert levels are gradually reduced.

In the meantime, we suggest you and your family could spend your confinement connecting to the nature in your back yards, either by making bird counts <https://birdatlas.co.nz/> or by investigating what lives there <https://inaturalist.nz/>

Above all, stay safe. Look after yourselves and be kind each other.



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Unfortunately there will be no Church Services in Portobello until further notice.



- #1 IN SALES FOR MARCH 2020 -

Alice Munro

Hello to all of the Peninsula community, I hope you are settling into your new home environment, united as we try and tackle Covid 19 - we are all in this together.

What I can help with:

- Virtual appraisals - If you would like an updated market appraisal on your property, I am happy to offer this virtually for you.
- Buyer requirements - If you are looking for a property please feel free to contact and let me know what your requirements are and I will personally assist you in finding your new property.
- Please get in touch anytime - I am here to help if you are feeling worried about anything or have questions about what's going on in the property market.



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OpenArts Inc. - Is feeling Blue!

It's been at times very difficult year for so many reasons, in our country and the world scene, and particularly now with the Covid-19 virus invading our shores.

The fact that we have had to cancel two of our Exhibitions so far this year really pales into insignificance!

But hopefully, as the year moves on and if the present situation changes, we will still have some events in the world of Peninsula Art, to bring to you, and our artists and supporters will have some exhibitions to look forward to!

So - on the positive side of life - June

**A Virtual on Line exhibition –
a bit of work to be done here yet!**

Then - October.

We are in the process of organising an exhibition that will be held at the OAS galleries in the Railway station.

This is to take our work to a wider audience and to promote not just the Art of the Peninsula – but the Peninsula itself. As we move closer to the time - the first two weeks of October, we will bring you more 'refined detailed' information!

Last - of course – the end of November

We have Our Annual Art Fair!

Let's hope we will be able to make these things happen. In the meantime, stay safe, take care, look after yourselves, and your families.

Roger, Chairman, OpenArts Inc.

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I want to thank the community of Dunedin for doing the right thing: staying at home, keeping two metres from others, and checking in on your vulnerable friends, family, and neighbours. I know that you are giving up a lot, but it's for a good cause. The isolation measures taken by New Zealand has the potential to save thousands of lives. We must not lose sight of that. Everyone has to play their part.

By staying home, you're breaking the chain of transmission of COVID-19.



Clare Curran
MP for Dunedin South

Need Help?

Our office is physically closed but you can still contact us if you have a question or need help

call us on **(03) 455-5299**
visit: facebook.com/ClareCurranForDunedinSouth
or email dunedin.southmp@parliament.govt.nz

For more information on **COVID-19** go to covid19.govt.nz

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By staying home, you're denying the virus a chance to jump from one person to infect another.

By staying home, you're saving lives.

We need to break the chain of transmission if we're to slow it down and protect our health system from being overwhelmed.

People are making the most of these difficult times, and it's really heartening to see things like teddy bears in windows on my daily walk. My walk, as yours should be, is local, and doesn't involve any activity I may need to be rescued from. No hiking, and no swimming at the beach. Keep it local.

Thank you also for showing kindness to our essential workers at this time – especially those who are putting their health on the line to ensure we all have access to food, medicine, and other essential services. From doctors and nurses to police and emergency workers; from farmers and supermarket workers to transport workers and truck drivers: you all deserve our thanks and appreciation.

I understand that this may be a confusing or scary time for some of you – especially if you are vulnerable.

My office is still open (albeit digitally) to provide assistance or deal with issues.

Call **03 455 5299**, email clare.curran@parliament.govt.nz or dunedinsouth.mp@parliament.govt.nz, or visit my Facebook page facebook.com/ClareCurranForDunedinSouth

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Alert Level 4 breaches	Visit police.govt.nz/105support
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Immigration advice	Visit Immigration.govt.nz
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Both Tai Chi and Steady As You Go classes are on hold until further notice.



Age Concern Otago Falls Prevention Programme

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Click on the "Read our Newsletter" tab and catch up on all of your community news.



The recycling depot at
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is closed until further notice.



There is an Automated External Defibrillator is located outside Portobello Store

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

For 64% of cardiac arrests a bystander will perform CPR. People may show no warnings or prior symptoms and 15% survive to hospital discharge following a cardiac arrest

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Aunt Dora's Poker

Although the house was set back from the main track, if she climbed onto the woodpile at the very back corner of the yard, she could see the harbour quite well. Her chores brought her up here each day to collect wood for the range but on occasion, when the children were tucked up in their cots, she would sometimes come up here in the evening to contemplate her future.

They had only been here 2 years and although it was a hard life it was also refreshing, vibrant, friendly and full of hope for the future of the settlement.

He had picked up a job over at Port Chalmers ferrying new settlers to shore from the ships anchored in the channel. On days when there were no ships to service he would find a sheltered spot in the harbour and lower the line for cod or greenbone and get a good price for them from the hotel and boarding house keepers at the Port. They had sold the piano to buy the little boat but at least now it was paying off and the pennies were slowly building up again.

They had brought very little from 'home', just a few essentials and some things she could not bear to part with at the time - the lovely dinner set from her parents, the brass fireside set from Aunt Dora and her beloved piano.

The boat! She had to accept that it had become an essential part of their lives but she loathed it too because it was the cause of all her torment – it took him too often over the harbour where not all arriving passengers were as seemly as the Church would like. There were times she saw him sail the little boat into Port when there were no settlers to transport but he had come home telling of the interesting new people that had come ashore that day; the times she found the sickly smell of cheap perfume on his clothes; when he couldn't quite hold her eye in conversation.

Tonight the anger had risen in her like she had never felt it before and it carried her to an unknown place. She watched as the little boat sailed through The Gut then slowly made its' way into Latham Bay under an ever decreasing breeze. He was singing quietly to himself and with the sails blocking his view he could not see her quietly approaching along the muddy shoreline. She was almost alongside the boat as it slid gently to a stand-still in the shallows. And then he saw her and he did not know her.

She raised her arm to strike him down, this man she loved and hated too. With tears streaming and almost blinding her she slashed the poker at him again and again striking only canvas and hemp rope until with the final blow she smashed the poker onto the gunwale where it flew apart and she was left with just the beautiful brass handle in her hand. He pulled her to him and held her tight as she pummelled the handle into his back again and again. Then she slowly slumped in his arms as he quietly whispered, reassured, caressed, promised.

It was as like a dream or nightmare had taken her and now she was at once aware of standing in the cold muddy shallows. In her hand she saw the remains of Aunt Dora's poker and with the sudden realisation that she had been hell bent on doing serious damage to this man she loved, she hurled the poker handle far, far out into the bay.

Brenda Cameron

(This little story was first published in our November 2014 newsletter.)



DIARY DATES TO NOTE

Sorry, the only date you have at the moment is with your
'bubble'



Portobello Community Inc

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Meetings held every 3rd Tuesday of the month. Coronation Hall Kitchen, 7.30pm

All welcome