

NEWSLETTER

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Portobello Community Inc.



Portobello Community Inc needs your help



With some of our long serving committee members having decided it is time to stand aside there is a danger that this group (and with it this Newsletter) may fold. To this end we are looking for keen community minded people who are prepared to join us and give some time and input into this long-standing community group. Some of our amazing projects have been:- Heritage walk information plaques. The bluestone kerbing and period streetlights in the village centre. Winter Market Days and Paddock Pursuits. Organising local clean-up days. ANZAC Day arrangements. The pirate ship at Latham Park playground. Major fundraising to enable our wonderful new jetty to be built. Maybe you have some fresh ideas to share that would enhance our community?

Please help this remain a viable group serving our local area

and come along to our

AGM on Tuesday 23rd June at 7pm

at Portobello Coronation Hall

The Portobello Coronation Hall Society

is also looking for some new committee members to help keep the management of this great community venue ticking along.

**Their AGM is being held on Monday 22nd June at 7pm
at Coronation Hall**

So, two worthy community group Annual General Meetings to come along to and help continue the work of those long serving folk who are standing down.

Portobello Community Inc.



Chairman's Corner

Winter is here and our Winter Market Day is back. Put August 9th in your diary and spread the word. We welcome all stall holders, entertainers, foodies and everyone in our community. We will make it as warm in the hall as possible, so come along and have a great day out.

As you see on the front page there are some rumblings afoot with Portobello Community Inc. It's time to change the guard and keep the momentum going. I've had 12 years, and will keep going if necessary, but would love to see some others step up and take charge. There's no better experience than becoming a volunteer. It opens up mighty opportunities and gives one a real purpose in life and extra skills that appear out of nowhere. So come along to the AGM, stand up for your community and have some fun along the way.....

Portobello Community Incorporated has an outstanding history with many community projects undertaken over the years by many past and present members,. It would be a sad day to see it all come to an end.....

Great to see another new business open in Portobello at the Coronation Hall. Go check them out. You will be pleasantly surprised and a very warm welcome to Rod & Gun.

Be careful on the Winter roads, get out and support your local businesses, enjoy level one and see you all at the Winter Market Day.

Wayne Cameron - Pbo Comm Inc Chair

Tena Koutou everyone

My Bubble, Social Distancing and Alert Levels are new words we are all familiar with I'm sure given the past couple of months. Tuning into the 1pm press conference has probably been a big part of your lives for the past couple of months. I certainly have been very interested in watching.

Well our world has changed for sure and as I type this we are in good shape. 1 case active and over two weeks of no new cases. To the families of the 22 people who have passed because of this thing my deepest and heartfelt condolences go out to you all.

I have been out and about over this time and must say to the majority of you that I am impressed with the way you have taken the lockdown seriously and how you were going about your day. This has been a trying time for everyone and I must thank you all for knuckling down and doing what was needed. It has certainly made my job easier than it could have been. I have heard some cringe stories from other parts of our country.

I have been advised that there is a lot of talk on social media about the driving, speeding on our roads. The theme is that the roads are not being policed. Well I can assure you I am doing my best in respect of this. Since I have been told of the discussion I decided to get out there are have a really good look.

What we must remember now is there is no complaining about tourists. This past week I have made it my focus to look at speed and to be honest I am not impressed. For the 4 days I worked last week I have issued 5 speeding tickets. Ranging from 15kmph to 37kmph over the posted limit. This ranges from an \$80 ticket to \$260 ticket. There is no excuse for this. It disappoints me immensely. We cannot blame any tourist for this. Those big round (Red/White) signs with a large number in the middle actually mean something.

I have continuously harped on about speeding in my previous articles and from now on I have my limits and if you decide to go over these then please expect to be paying some of your hard earned money.

To the Portobello Store staff, Jack at the garage and Tony and Sarah thanks for doing what you have done during the Alert Levels and being there for the community. It was greatly appreciated.

To all of the 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.

Let's hope for a decision to go to Alert Level 1 this week. Fingers crossed.

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

Kia Kaha to one and all

Aaron





News from the Otago Peninsula Community Board

Like everyone in the community we are awaiting official change to level two. To be honest with you all, it can't come soon enough as businesses and whanau come to grips with what has happened to all of us during the Covid-19 pandemic. Life under lockdown on the Otago Peninsula was both a pleasure and a trial at the same time. Having extended whanau time, catching up on household projects and exercising were common activities and pleasures. The flip side though, was isolation, uncertainty, job losses and anxiety about the future. The community will look back on this period as one of the strangest ones in our community for many years. One positive for me was how the community and our essential services responded to the pandemic. Local people caring for one another, where acts of kindness were common were touching and revealed a genuine spirit of caring in our area.

To all of the essential workers in our community can I pass on my thanks on behalf of the Otago Peninsula Community Board to you all for your dedication and hard work during this period.

Post Covid Forum - Our reliance on the global tourism market has been significantly altered as international travel remains closed. Therefore, our operators and businesses need to reposition themselves in the New Zealand and regional travel context. Just how easy that will be given the predictions around unemployment and the availability of discretionary spending remains to be seen. However, I'm heartened to see attractions like Larnach Castle, the Albatross Centre and others reopen their doors. As we move forward into recovery, the pandemic has provided an opportunity for the Otago Peninsula to look at what its future might be. That includes the tourism industry, other small businesses, our artists, runaka, biodiversity and, really everyone that calls this area home.

The Board has recently begun having discussions about the future and what our area might aspire to as we recover from the pandemic. The Otago Peninsula could actually set its own course using its own aspirations and goals to benefit business, the community and the environment. Over coming weeks the Board intends to develop a forum that will allow everyone to give us their vision for recovery and beyond. Its an exciting and daunting challenge, but a necessary one if we are to preserve the values we cherish and build on the spirit that lockdown has demonstrated.

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

Sharing and Caring – As we look to resume our everyday lives 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.

Flat Fee Bus Fares – The Otago Regional Council is seeking feedback on the proposal to have flat fee bus fares. This is a great initiative for our community to support and you need to take one minute to say you support it. This initiative will replace zones with a single flat fare of \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children between 5 and 18 years old using the upcoming Bee Card, and \$3 with cash. Please share and make your voice count. Go to <https://yoursay.orc.govt.nz/flatfare>

Te Rauone Project – The consent for the beach restoration project is currently publicly notified and the community have the opportunity to show their support for this project by submitting on the consent to the Otago Regional Council. The playground development is also progressing with announcements to be made on the carparking and entranceway artwork to be made very shortly. A lot of credit to the Coastcare Committee for their constructive hard work over this project.

Portobello Road Temporay Closure - Part of Portobello Rd will be closed at night next week so a stormwater culvert can be put in. Portobello Road will be closed between Marne Street and Castlewood Road from 7pm to 6am for a minimum of three nights between Sunday 7 June and Friday 12 June. There will be a detour via Highcliff Rd, Camp Road and Castlewood Road. There will be no private vehicle access through the worksite. Access will be maintained to side roads and resident driveways and for emergency vehicles and cyclists while this work is being done. The Council is taking this opportunity to complete the installation of the culvert before the road is sealed. The dates of the closure are weather dependent.

[Buses will be available during the closure, check the ORC timetable for details.](#)



Board Meeting & Funding Applications – The Community are due for its first meeting since lockdown on June 18th, 10.00am at the Portobello Bowling Club. Just a reminder that we still have funding for community projects and welcome people to the meetings and public forum. If you'd like to raise any issue through the public forum please contact me and I can add you to the agenda.

Facebook - Please take the opportunity to use it if you can and share information with your friends, neighbours and whanau.
<https://www.facebook.com/pencomboard/>

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

Paul Pope - Otago Peninsula Community Board Chairman

paul.peninsula@xtra.co.nz (03) 4780630 or 0274668446

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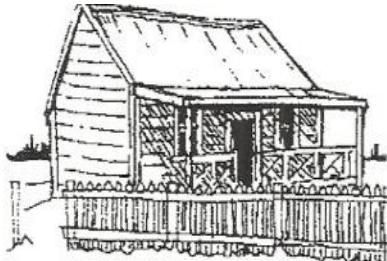
DELIVERY PERSON WANTED

We are looking for a volunteer to deliver our Newsletter in the Otakou area.

This run begins at Gills Corner on Harington Point Road and finishes at the bottom of the hill at Harington Point.

If you can assist us, please phone 4780 424 or pbocomm.inc@gmail.com





OTAGO PENINSULA MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

17 Harington Point Road, Portobello, Dunedin 9014

Museum News

SUPPORT LOCAL - The Museum is up and running again after the Lock Down. Don't forget do something local and visit your Museum. We would love to see you. \$2 for an adult and children are free. Opening time is 12.30pm to 3.30pm Sundays. Thanks to our volunteers for your ongoing support on opening the Museum on Sundays.

Our interrupted Tuesday working bees have not commenced yet but not far away.

There is always an interesting pioneer family to write about and this time it is about **John Bayne**. John was born in Perthshire, Scotland in 1854. He came to New Zealand with his parents Peter and Margaret Bayne and 3 brothers and 2 sisters, landing in Port Chalmers in 1856 on the ship *Sir Edward Paget*.

The family lived at Company Bay. John, having left school and had various occupations then married while on a visit to Australia. His wife Margaret arrived from Australia in the ship S.S. Rotomahana in 1879. (The Rotomahana was the first merchant ship built of mild steel, fitted with bilge keels and in her day the fastest ship in Australasian waters.

She was launched in 1879 for the Union Steam Ship Company and registered in Dunedin). On his return to New Zealand John settled at the Kaik where he was engaged in farming. An 1897 map of the Peninsula rural subdivisions shows that John Bayne farmed 100 acres behind a Maori Reserve. In the Otakou School Centennial Booklet there were 15 Bayne children that attended the school between 1890 and 1909.

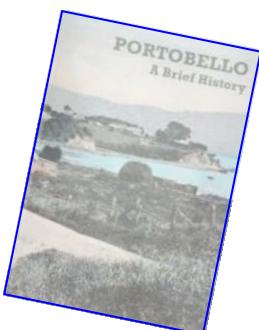
John took a keen and active interest in the affairs of the district. He was a member of the Peninsula A and P Society, the Portobello Road Board and the Otakou School. In 1921 the lease had expired on his farm and a clearing sale was held, selling dairy cows, horses and implements.

He moved to Owaka to be with his son and died aged 91 years in 1945.

John Bayne



Sir Edward Paget



Museum Annual General Meeting

Monday 27 July 2020 at 7pm at the Museum, Portobello

All welcome with supper to follow

Come along and hear what we have been up to over the past year.

Our book **Portobello, a Brief History** is still selling well.
Copies 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

Library News:

The Library is now open again so pop in on a Thursday between 11am and 1pm at the Coronation Hall, Portobello. There is a great assortment of books for everyone and new books are purchased regularly. Just \$5 a family then no yearly fee from then on.
Books cost 20 cents to take out.



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Coastguard News

Our Coastguard vessel has now returned after being in Auckland to have two new pontoon bags fitted.

The Coronavirus upset plans to have her back earlier but now she is back the members are enjoying their training again with sea trials to check out the new pontoons.

If you are interested in being a volunteer with Coastguard then check out the Coastguard Dunedin website for more information. Our monthly meetings are held at 7.30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at the Portobello Fire Station rooms in Hereweka Street, Portobello.

The vessel at the harbour viaduct in Dunedin on a calm and beautiful Dunedin day.



Quarantine Island Kamau Taurua Community News

We are starting to get back to our usual activities, under Alert Level 2, and have welcomed the return of a few visitors and volunteers to the island in the past few weeks.

Weed control, planting and caring for native seedlings, are both high up on our priorities, and we have some **working bees** coming up if you are keen to take part.

The Lodge is now open for small group bookings for those choosing an **overnight stay** or a **holiday/break or retreat for family, friends or work colleagues**.

Day visitors are also welcome and we ask that you follow our guidelines whilst others are staying in the Lodge. See our website for details about the restrictions, and we will update these in keeping with the Government's guidelines.

Volunteer Opportunities!

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.

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.

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.

Sunday 14th June- Weed Control working bee

Keen to help but not available on 14th? Please contact us!

Sunday 21st June- QIKT Community AGM

All welcome! Venue TBC; email: secretary.quarantineisland@gmail.com

Saturday 27th June- Open Day

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

Further details on our website quarantineisland.org.nz or by contacting the island Keeper at quarantineisland@gmail.com or ph 03-478-0874



Portobello Volunteer Fire Brigade

Covid 19

It's great we are now looking at level one. Its been a hard three month for many of us.

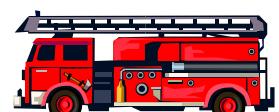
The brigade was committed to protecting the community . We will be back to normal when in level one it will be good to get some training under way again. And we thank the community for all their letters and calls of support .

Vacancy

The Brigade has a vacancy for day time person. Interested persons will need to live within the Broad Bay, Portobello, Harwood areas. If you are of reasonable fitness and would like to support your local community please get in contact with Chief Fire Officer Greg Dickson (0274356389 or 4780755) you are most welcome to attend any of our Wednesday night practices commencing at 7pm

Greg Dickson

Chief Fire Officer



If you see smoke or fire call 111



Peninsula Playcentre

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. We are open Monday and Wednesday 9.30am-12.30pm. Find us on Facebook @peninsulaplaycentre.



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Portobello School.

It is great to be back at school after an extended time away due to COVID 19. Students and whanau worked closely with teachers during lockdown to continue learning in the home and it was great to hear about the wide variety of different learning that was undertaken.

We welcomed 11 new students and their families to our school upon our return. It is great to see our students being so welcoming of new students. Skateboarding is the current craze and many students are bringing boards to school each day. All classes are working hard to improve their skipping skills and many students can be spotted practising hard during breaks.

Junior Whanau and Room 3 students are visiting the rocky shore as part of their science learning and are looking forward to seeing the creatures they have been learning about. Room 4 students will soon be walking Harbour Cone as part of their learning about our local area. We hope the weather is good to us for these activities!

Students across the school continue to enjoy spending time in the tree reserve. Lunchtime play involves hut building and the use of pinecones as currency. Junior children visit the reserve with teachers and particularly love playing a game called Bounty Hunter.

Monday Mollymawk visits for 4 year olds continue this term with a group of 4 year olds currently visiting in preparation for starting school later this year. Come along with your 4 year old from 9-10am each Monday to be part of this programme.

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





During the recent Covid-19 Lockdown, many of us mere mortals managed to keep ourselves occupied by various activities including projects around the house, cutting back trees and shrubs around our gardens, and a little bit of local exercise out and about (still in our bubbles).

Two community good sorts from Solar Terrace in Broad Bay took it a stage further than this, and combined some ideas of their own by creating a little bit of magic at the end of their street.

Grant Brewer and Russell Partel have built and installed a new and improved public bench seat, a very colourful Lilliput Library, (no books yet) and Grant has planted out the surrounding area with some wonderful native shrubs. (See photo attached)

Thanks you guys from all us locals for your efforts. Sometimes it's these sorts of acts of real community spirit that defines a great place to live.

Allan Potter, Broad Bay

ANZAC Day was a quiet affair in Portobello this year but it was nice to see the NZ flag flying at the Museum and some wreaths laid at the Memorial Rock.

It was also warming to see the effort people went to with their wonderful displays of 'paddock poppies'.



Port To Port Cruises & Wildlife Tours

Ferry Timetable April 1st-September 30th 2020

Most weekends and on demand

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Departs:

Back Beach 12:55pm 3:00pm

Portobello 1:15pm 3:15pm

Adults \$12, Children \$6 each way

Bikes \$5-\$10 each

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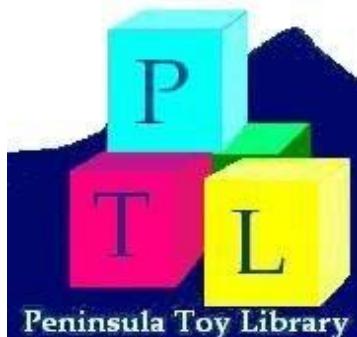
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Family of 2 adults and 3 children \$72 *Add extra Adults*

\$24, Children \$12 each.

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ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE from Olly's pen

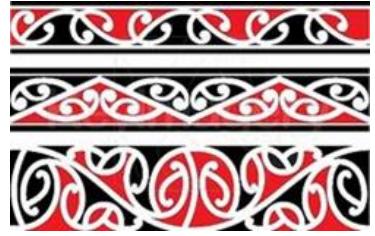
Kia ora Everyone – I hope you're all still safe and well. Talking about 'well' we're looking at putting a well in our place. When I planted the trees along the fence line of our driveway I noticed that the water table wasn't far down – less than half a metre. One of the people who used to live here many years ago paid us a visit and told us about a well he'd put in up the back of the property. The owner after him must have filled it in. It didn't take me long to find it and I dug down a metre and wullah – the water started seeping in. Even when the tide's out it remains the same level so it can't be tidal therefore it shouldn't be salt water. We want to use it for the flower and shrub gardens – to save our tap water which comes off the roof. I was going to give up on it because I'd have to dig down another metre or two to make it worth while but our neighbour Geoff Greer, who's a builder, talked us into carrying on with it. He's going to do the rest of the digging and loves the idea of building a wishing well with rock sides, a mock winch with a rope complete with a cute wooden bucket at the end of it. It's a work in progress.

I've been reading a bit more than usual too and that's been great. So far I've gone through thirteen Readers Digest condensed books and some Kindle e-books from Amazon. I've downloaded sixty three of them so far and have read 40 of them since the lock down – mostly about the workings of the mind – a topic I love. The more I read the more I realize that there's more to read and to understand; but of course learning is endless isn't it. We've also been lucky enough to be included on my daughter's Netflix site. And that's been great as well. There are some quite good movies there – although we had to really search to find decent ones.

It's so nice to be able to go out now and meet others isn't it? It won't be long before we're back to normal or should I say *our new normal*. I love that we are being encouraged to support our own businesses and it's so appropriate that I do a huge mihi to our Portobello businesses – every one of them. Let's all get behind them aye.



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Te Rauone Beach Project

On the 9 December 2019, a significant milestone was reached with this project, when Port Otago submitted the resource consent document to the Otago Regional Council and the Dunedin City Council to construct three groynes and deposit sand to re-instate Te Rauone Beach. Since then, work has been undertaken on reviewing that document by various parties, to get us to the stage where the resource consent was publically notified on the 16 May, 2020. Those people who were interested in submitting a submission had 20 working days to do so, concluding on the 12 June.

Our committee have been proactive in canvassing the local and wider community and have been pleased with the response. We received submissions from overseas, from throughout the country in addition to many coming from the local and wider community. By the time you receive this newsletter we would have expected to have lodged around 300 individual submissions all in support of the project. It is hard to describe how passionate people are about this project and when you read the submissions it is clear that the people have made their feelings known.

Here is an example from a member of a family that have been coming to this area since the 1960's:

“Te Rauone Beach holds a special place in my heart having grown up there at our family crib. Holidays were spent playing on the beach, building sand castles, running races, boating, swimming and many other activities. My Dad's family also grew up at a crib at Harington Point and I can only hope that the beach will remain so that my children can continue to enjoy, and my children's children will also one day experience this special place on earth. I have travelled all over the world and the Otago Peninsula is a unique paradise that must be preserved. The opportunity to preserve, restore and even further develop the area, to provide outdoor experiences for more Otago locals is something that absolutely must happen. I urge you to prioritise and invest in this project for the benefit of New Zealanders today, and generations to come.”

The Reserve Development has not progressed as quickly as we would have liked partly due to Covid-19. We were hoping for the car park to have been completed by Easter, however I am now pleased to report that the contractor is ready to go once the required preparation is completed by the DCC.

The broad specifications for the entrance way are in place and we expect some progress in this area at our next working party meeting on the 15 June.

May I take this opportunity of thanking the community for the incredible support we have received for this project. As I stated earlier the Te Rauone Beach Coast Care Committee have been absolutely delighted with the response to the submission process – we now await on the outcome.

Des Smith
On behalf of the TRBCCC



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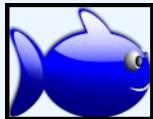
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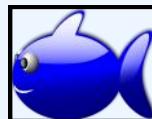
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- Walk to the Pyramids and Victory Beach
- Paddle in the Pacific at Allans Beach
- Photograph the Aurora from Hoopers Inlet
- Explore the tunnels near Taiaroa Head
- Take a walk with your sweetheart to Lovers Leap
- Go fishing at the Portobello jetty
- 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

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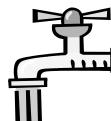
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Time to go local

By Hon Clare Curran, MP for Dunedin South

We're four weeks into COVID-19 Alert Level 2 and, for many of us, weekends are starting to feel distinct from weekdays again. Going hard and early has put us in a good position. Now we just need to continue the level of vigilance that got us here. We are still in a pandemic, and cases continue to grow overseas, but many aspects of life in New Zealand can and should feel more normal. We are likely to be in Level 1 soon. We have done extraordinarily well as a country but let's not lose that advantage.

We all want to get our economy moving again safely. At the end of May, the Government eased Alert Level 2 restrictions further, allowing gatherings of up to 100 people. The Prime Minister also mapped out a possible path to Alert Level 1. Cabinet will review Level 2 settings again on 8 June.

No matter how fast we open up the economy though, there will still be tough times ahead for many. That's why the Government is investing in jobs and support for businesses to keep Kiwis in work, as well as training to help people shift jobs if needed. We're also providing extra financial support for New Zealanders who lose their job because of COVID-19.

One way you might be able to help get our economy moving again is by visiting a corner of New Zealand you've never been to before. How long has it been since you visited the Albatross Colony? Larnach's Castle? A bite to eat at a café? Maybe it's time for you to finally try the Monarch Cruise you've always wanted to experience.

Local tourism and hospitality operators made big sacrifices for us during lockdown. Now's our chance to repay them if we can; with a welcome adventure for the family, and a lifeline for local businesses. Let's make the most of the winter weekends ahead and try exploring our own backyard.

Your Representative



Labour

Authorised by Hon Clare Curran, 132 Heide Road, Dunedin

Otago Peninsula Trust Update

It's been a challenging couple of months as Otago Peninsula Trust pivots to new beginnings post Covid 19 lockdown. 96% of the business at the Royal Albatross Centre was outside Dunedin, so losing that income has made a huge change to our organisation. We've introduced new locals price tours, bubble tours and changed our opening hours. We'd really appreciate your supporting local - please come and visit, support our cafe and gift shop - its YOUR local! We've been very grateful to our out-of-town visitors whose entrance fees have enabled us to build world-class attractions, now its your chance to come and see what the world's been flocking to see.... The 24 albatross chicks are all growing beautifully, happy and healthy. Its a fabulous time to see these 8kg beauties. Did you know the inaugural World Albatross Day is June 19th?

Plan A is for Albatross, fat fluffy white chicks Weight 8 kilo or close to – grown on a squid mix

Plan B is watching Blue Penguins waddling home As evening to shore from the sea that they roam

Plan P is our fab Otago Peninsula Check out our online map to guide and discover*

A Quick update for you as we've changed a few things...

1. **Weekend Specials – Local's Tours ½ price, Sunday Roast Lunch, 20% off Gift Shop**
2. **Albatross Centre open hours now 10.15am weekends, 12.30pm weekdays**
3. **New Albatross products! Locals' half price tours | Private Tours**
4. **All Open = Royal Albatross Centre, Blue Penguins Pukekura and Glenfalloch Garden, Fletcher House**
Limited Places left on tours. Bookings recommended 034780499 reservations@albatross.org.nz

Royal Albatross Centre + Fort Taiaroa

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Tours, Cafe, Gift Shop - Open Weekdays from 12.30pm, 10.15am Saturday/Sunday First Tour 1.00pm. Last Tour 3.00pm
Bookings reservations@albatross.org.nz Phone 034780499

- **New - Local's Half Price Albatross Tour 1.00pm, 1.30pm, 2.00pm 2.30pm** \$25 Adults, \$10 Child, \$50 Family (2+3) 45 Minute tour
- **New Locals' Half Price Unique Tour** 1.00pm or 3.30pm or on demand. \$30 Adult, \$15 Child Family \$75 65 minute tour includes Royal Albatross viewing + Fort
- **Classic Albatross Tour 3.00pm** \$52 Adult, \$15 Child 60 minutes
- **Unique Albatross including Fort Taiaroa 3.00pm** \$62 Adult, \$20 Child 90 minutes
- **New - Private Albatross Tour** \$200 for 1-4 people 55 minutes in Observatory with own guide **Mornings on demand/ 3pm Wednesdays** .
- **New - Private Unique Tour** \$300 for 1-4 people 55 minutes in Observatory with own guide plus Fort tour **Mornings on demand/ 3pm Wednesdays**
- **Fort Taiaroa Tour 4.00pm** \$26 Adult, \$10 Child
- **Cafe Specials.** Sunday Roasts - please book. Cheese Rolls for your freezer! Albatross Shortbread

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STOP News

It was great during the last couple of months to see more people become familiar with the Hereweka Harbour Cone Block and the Broad Bay Slip Site. Some walked to the top of Harbour Cone for the first time and many others took the signposted “**Future Forest Walk**” (through the first gate off the bottom of the Bacon St Track) and were astonished by the extensive native revegetation project being undertaken by STOP volunteers since 2014 in the Smiths Creek Catchment.



Save The Otago Peninsula (STOP) Inc Soc has permission to restart their regular volunteer working bees on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday. (See the special conditions below.) During winter, the start time will move to 10am. Two to three and a half hours **duration**. Because of Lockdown we are behind on this year’s programme and seek as many new volunteers as possible.
(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.

Transport subsidy for students and pensioners. (Bus or car)

Dogs welcome in the fenced area.

Special conditions to keep everyone safe from Covid 19.

- * Gloves and all **tools** can be provided but they must only be used by one person and must be washed/disinfected after use or kept by that person for the duration. Most people wear their own gardening gloves already.
- * Social distancing of 2 metres will be observed with groups not exceeding ten in any one area.
- * From now on, sorry, but you need to bring your own morning tea!!!
- * Contact details will continue to be collected – but for contact tracing if needed, as well as safety.
- * Please, don’t come if you are at all unwell

For more information contact Lala:

Email <stopincsoc@gmail.com>,

Mobile (text only) 027 8756 020

Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Group

After a challenging time for everyone in lockdown, OPBG is resuming possum control on the Otago Peninsula. Contractors will begin prefeeding bait stations in the northern areas of the peninsula in early June and putting toxin in them by early July. OPBG staff kept themselves busy during lockdown filming videos on the backyard deployment of possum traps and updating a Fact Pack containing information about OPBG activities over the 2020-2021 period. This new information is available through the Resources tab on the OPBG website. A big thank you to the backyard trappers who caught a majority of the 57 possums caught in Lockdown over April.

Now that we are in autumn, the possums have ceased roaming around looking for mates and are hunkering down for winter and to bear their young. Over May-July possums are known to eat Tutu, Mahoe/Whiteywood, Kanuka, Macrocarpa and Pine, as well as grasses, clover and invertebrates. Food will become scarce over the next few months, which makes it a great time to detect and trap possums. If you want to place chew cards to detect possums, or a trap to catch one in your backyard please contact us through the OPBG website (predatorfreepeninsula.nz).

Now that possum numbers have been reduced to low levels in some regions of the peninsula, each possum caught or sighted really counts, so we encourage you to keep reporting possums at possums@opbg.nz.

Keep those possum reports coming in.

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Lockdown legend

Young Dan O'Brien from Company Bay was out sharing his piping skills over lockdown. Dan, assisted by his Mum Pam, offered to come and play his bagpipes for people having birthdays or other special occasions. Here he is entertaining Shirley Parsons on the occasion of her 92nd birthday in April. Thanks so much Dan and Pam for your community spirit and generosity. We hear you were kept very busy and brought great joy to many people.

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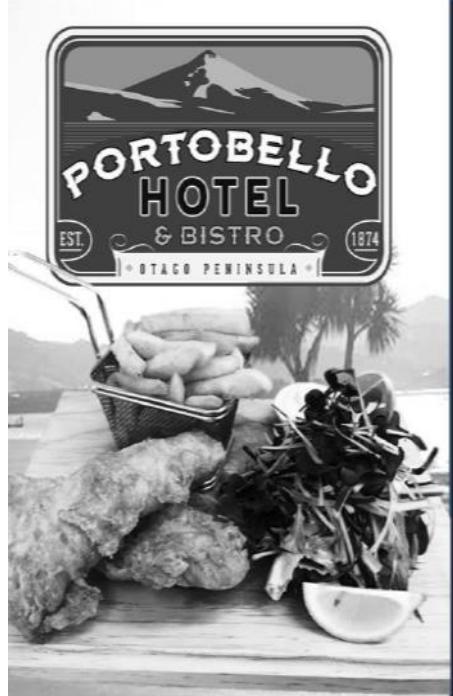
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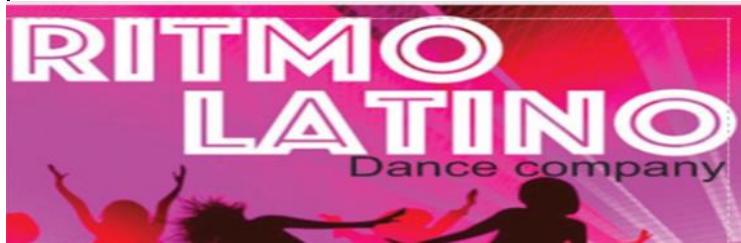
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Fogo Island - where on this big flat earth is that??

I was thinking moose were a myth, like the Moa in NZ or the Jump Bear in Australia, they are a made up beast to scare tourists. (I didn't really think this but was wondering why we hadn't seen one yet) Newfoundland, is a small island but has some 250,000 moose and people were saying 'oh you'll surely see a Moose up there'. But then we saw them!! One was awkwardly walking down the verge towards the road and the other standing proudly atop it looking out into the distance. It would have made a great photo but we were past them in such a flash. They were big but not as big as some of the road signs suggest, I don't doubt that they do get huge, big enough to total a car in fact but these 2 were probably young males, they could have done plenty of damage had we hit them though! They were beautiful, dark brown with impressive furry antlers. Apparently they are a bit silly and just wander about anywhere. You just have to be so careful. We saw in our rear view mirrors that they had made it onto the road so the traffic had to stop.



We arrived at the small ferry terminal in Farewell and joined the queues of cars, RV's and lorries waiting to board. The ferry left just after 6pm and after a relatively calm hour's journey we had arrived in Stag Harbour. We drove 25 minutes to Fogo on the north side of the Island and found the Brimstone Head RV park and after paying the very nice man \$15 we settled in for the night. The RV park is located at Banks Cove, the impressive Brimstone Head towers above the cove on one side and on the other side is a smaller headland separating the cove from the next bay. There are showers, toilets, a stage, various snack bars (closed during our stay), a playground and the local Lions club at the top of the park. There is a festival held in the Park in mid August so I image all the extra amenities are here for that. It's a beautiful spot. We watched an amazing sunset on the beach before having some dinner. It was great to be back cooking on our camping stove, I really enjoy it for some reason, I think it takes me back to my childhood and Mum cooking on her wee stove when out tramping.

After breakfast we hiked up Brimstone Heads. The trail starts at the RV park and heads up into a grassy, boggy plain via a series boardwalks before you hit the steep stairs leading up the cliff. The views as you climb the headland are stunning and you can see bays, islands and sea for miles. Once up the stairs you walk over the moss covered rocks out to the very tip of the headland where there is a large wooden viewing platform. Brimstone Heads is believed to be one of the 'corners of the world' by the Flat Earth Society and when standing up there, looking out to the vast expanse of Iceberg Alley in the North Atlantic Ocean, I can see where they are coming from. We met some people up here from Southern Newfoundland. Everyone we have met has been so friendly. The man who runs the RV park who's wife may be a distant relative of Fergus, The French/Canadian man travelling around Newfoundland in his car with all the stickers who we also met on the Ferry back to NF, the lady from London, Ontario and her 2 dogs, who we met again at the Museum. They all asked about our accents and our trip and were happy to give us any travel advice and knowledge they had gained.

We then went to visit Bleak House Museum which is one of the original homes on the Island. It was built for the Slade family who ran a shipping company in the area. We had a guided tour of the house from a local lad with a strange accent. I also asked him a lot of questions about the Island and growing up on it. From what I gather most people graduate high school, go away to university and never return. Quite sad really but typical in such remote locations. We wandered through the old house following the tour guide while he told us about the rooms and their contents, much of which was original. He was only about 20 I'd say but he did a good job.

We next headed over to Tilting for a look around then on to Joe Batts Arm, another of the Island's larger villages on the North side. It's named after a crew member of Captain Cook and is now famous for its very modern and very expensive Inn. Not my cup of tea as it sticks out like a sore thumb but it has provided the town with lots of jobs so the locals are happy. On the entrance to the Joe Batts Point Trail we met a lovely local lady who came out to get her little fluffy white dog that had run out to greet us. We spoke for quite a while about life on the island and our travels before heading off on the stony path towards the point. The trail meanders along the coast past vegie patches, ponds, geological dig sites, little bays, streams and at one point a huge black box of an artists residence. These are common on the island and have been popular for tourists and artists alike. We saw 3 on our travels around. They are all modern, boxy and all accessed by walking trails. We passed a little green hut and over the next ridge we found the trail end and the large, green, iron bird sculpture that marks the end. We lay on the large, warm flat rocks below the sculpture and enjoyed the surroundings. The return journey didn't feel as long and we were lucky to see the local heard of Caribou grazing. They were smaller than I thought they would be, a lot smaller than Elk but they may have been young males. We returned to the camp for dinner, and watched another stunning sunset before retiring to bed.



from Leigh McAlpine's travel journal.

Peninsula Property **focus**

with James Lamb your local agent.



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Dunedin Market Update

Many are wondering just what our local market is doing post the Covid 19 Lockdown. If you were to believe most of the property commentators and predictions on TV you could be excused for thinking the worst. The truth so far is quite the opposite. We've been very busy, with strong sales activity across all price ranges, from entry level to executive homes. In most cases we have seen multi offers on listings, with sales prices the same as we would have expected before the lockdown period. Buyer demand remains strong, with a shortage of available homes to suit. And with exceptionally low interest rates the market remains very active.

If you are thinking of selling, or even just a passing curiosity as to where your home may sit in our current market, give James a call. He can provide you with a detailed market appraisal, and if you are ready to sell, provide you with the very best plan for the sale of your home. Harcourts has been voted New Zealand's Most Trusted real estate company in New Zealand for the 8th year in a row, and James looks forward to talking with you soon.



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Portobello Domain | Sunday, 14 June | 10am – 4pm

This is a cash only collection.

(Waste must not be left at the site outside these times)

Vegetation ONLY loads must **not** contain any flax, cabbage tree leaves or grass clippings, and no complete hedgerows or similar.

GENERAL WASTE

NO LARGE ITEMS: i.e. engines, metals, tanks, metal drums, whiteware, demolition materials*, or large items of vegetation

NO UNACCEPTABLE WASTE: i.e. hazardous waste, animal remedies, herbicides, medicines, medical waste, gas bottles, wire, asbestos or petrol tanks

NO LIQUIDS: including oil

** The maximum size of demolition material is one metre in any direction. Material is to be clean and contain no asbestos.*

Fees apply. See website for details.



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Steady As You Go[©]

held at Portobello Bowling Club

Strength & balance exercise class - Mondays 10 am

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Portobello Community Inc are once again holding their

Winter Market Day

Coronation Hall

Portobello

Sunday 9th August

10am - 2:30pm

Local Crafts & Stalls - Live entertainment - Food Galore

Kids Entertainment - Monster Hamper Raffle

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“Winter Series”

Sunday 21 st June	10.30am	Study Group – “The Return Of Prodigal Son”
Sunday 5 th July	10.30am	Church Service Jane Cox
Sunday 19 th July	10.30am	Study Group – “The Return of Prodigal Son”
Sunday 2 nd August	10.30am	Church Service Jane Cox
Sunday 16 th August	10.30am	Study Group – “The Return Of Prodigal Son”



Come and join a small group of people on any of the above Sundays during our Winter Series where we look into Henri Nouwen’s spiritual adventure after a chance encounter with a reproduction of Rembrandt’s The Return of the Prodigal Son. You will find the Church next to the Cemetery in Portobello, all visitors welcome

DIARY DATES TO NOTE

Coronation Hall AGM - Monday 22nd June 7pm - Coronation Hall
Portobello Community Inc AGM - Tuesday 23rd June 7pm - Coronation Hall
Otago Peninsula Museum AGM - Monday 27 July 7pm - at the Museum
Pilates - Every Monday from 5:45pm - 6:45pm. Coronation Hall
Steady As You Go - Every Monday 10am. - Portobello Bowling Club
Tai Chi - Every Thursday 1:30pm Portobello Bowling Club
Otago Peninsula Museum - open every Sunday 12:30pm - 3:30pm
Winter Market Day - August 9th - Coronation Hall and surrounds

Portobello Community Inc

President: Wayne Cameron — **Treasurer:** Christine Neill — **Secretary:** Nicki Topliss

Newsletter Editor: Brenda Cameron — **Deputy Chair:** Geoff Sheridan

Committee: Ruth Seeney, Davinia Thornley, Sandra Clearwater, Richard Steentjes,
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Meetings held every 3rd Tuesday of the month. Coronation Hall Kitchen, 7.30pm
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