

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2020

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Portobello Community Inc.



Portobello Community Inc are once again holding their very popular

Winter Market Day

Coronation Hall

Portobello



Sunday 9th August 2020 - 10am - 2:30pm

Stallholders with Crafts, Clothing, Food, Books, Jewellery, and lots more. Food Trucks with a selection of scrumptious food. Face painting, hair braiding & relaxing massages.

Local fire & rescue service with displays and information.

As not all stalls have eftpos, please have plenty of change in your pockets



Entertainment for the kids with Jonathan Usher the magician and some talented local artists singing and playing for you. Plus our Monster Hamper raffle and much more.





Chairman's Corner

Looking forward to a big day on Sunday at our Winter Market. Hopefully the weather will behave itself but I'm sure it will be nice and warm inside. We have been able to secure the council sheds as well (Happy Hens) so there will be plenty of room for our stallholders. The end of an era for Yvonne and her crew and we wish her well in the future. It's great to see Port To Port still going strong through these tough times and I'm sure Rachel appreciates all your support. Great to see 1908 opening on Mondays to fill a gap in our community so drop in for some lunch or a coffee. The Portobello Coronation Hall Society has funded a new air conditioner for the hall kitchen as well as some new lighting. Part of a project of slowly pulling the old building into the 21st Century. Hopefully it won't be too long before the main hall will have new lighting and a new heating system and can be enjoyed by all sorts of community groups.

Wayne Cameron - Pbo Comm Inc Chair

Tena Koutou everyone

Winter is well underway and we are already into August. So far we have had it pretty good given there have not been too many frosts and the weather has been quite mild at times, if not quite warm. Just a friendly reminder about driving in winter conditions. Please take that extra time and care when travelling especially on those mornings when there has been a frost or rain. Thankfully not too many thus far. Ice and wet conditions play a big part in traffic crashes around this time of the year but with a little bit of patience and some good defensive driving you do not need to be the next crash that I attend.

School's been back for a few weeks now so again a wee reminder about always keeping an eye out for our little ones when passing the schools. Those pressure point times of 8.45am – 9.15am and 2.45pm – 3.15pm are really important.

We have had a slight surge in boy racers coming out our way recently. They travel in numbers and for the most part abide by the rules. However there are always a few that don't. If you see any unsavoury driving or use of a motor vehicle please call it in. The best avenue is *555. If I'm not working a town car will come out and give these guys and girls a rev up (did you see what I did there!!). Thanks to two of our locals doing this last Sunday we were able to catch up to three of them and several reminders (tickets) were issued. It is not OK to come out here and pass dangerously, speed and generally drive like an idiot.

My traffic focus for the coming weeks is going to be seatbelts and cell phones. Just giving you all a heads up. Crime wise things are tracking fairly well (although any crime is one too many). One disturbing incident happened in Harwood a few weeks ago. Someone thought it was a good idea to place a gas bottle hose into the breathing holes of a houses foundations and turn it on causing the house to fill with gas. Thankfully the occupants are all ok but this type of behaviour could have had devastating consequences. Enquiries are still continuing around this. **If you have any information about this incident please come and see me. I assure you that confidentiality will be well preserved.**

Oh and my police sign from on the front fence was stolen about 6 weeks ago. I have since located it on a property in Andersons Bay – the wind wasn't that strong on that night in question. I have lifted some fingerprints from it and await the results with anticipation.

It's the Winter Market day on Sunday the 9th at Coronation Hall so I hope the weather holds out and the day is a huge success. I will be out and about so come up and introduce yourself if I haven't met you already. After 2 years down here I don't even think I have scratch the surface so it would be good to meet you.

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

Until next time (summer), take care

Aaron





News from the Otago Peninsula Community Board

Peninsula Connection – Official Opening – The City Council and the Community Board will be hosting the official opening of the Vauxhall to Macandrew Bay section of Portobello Road on September 5th. There will be a range of events and activities so please come along and enjoy the completion of this project.

Board Meeting & Funding Applications – The Community Board is to meet on Thursday August 6th 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.

It's nice to see the mornings and evenings getting a little lighter lately. What a welcome reminder that we will eventually come out of the gloom and cold of winter. I personally can't wait to see things warm up and spend some much-needed time in the garden.

Happy Hens & The Sutherland Family - I just want to take this opportunity to offer the Board's condolences to Yvonne and the family over the recent passing of John. It would have been a tumultuous time for Yvonne and the family as she looks to wind down the iconic Happy Hens business from its site after 34 years of operation. The business has been a globally recognised part of the unique Portobello and Peninsula experience and it will be missed. To Yvonne and all of the Sutherland family best wishes and good luck with future of the Happy Hens brand.



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.

Te Rauone Project – Congratulations to the Te Rauone Beach-care Group for successfully achieving its funding target with a \$180,000 grant from the Otago Community Trust. This is a huge achievement and puts the beach project within grasp. Other important developments coming to Te Rauone will be the development of new carparking for the reserve, the implementation of the artistic entry way and completion of the boundary fencing with the next 4-6 weeks.

Peninsula Connection Project, Broad Bay – There has been a lot of concern from locals about the plans for the Broad Bay Beach Reserve in light of the road widening project. Let me reiterate at this stage nothing is set in stone and the Council have been asked by the Board to look at all of the options. There also will be further opportunity for the community to engage with the Council in late August.

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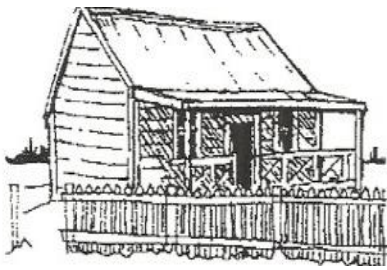
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Facebook - Please take the opportunity to use it if you can and share information with your friends, neighbours and whanau. <https://www.facebook.com/pencomboard/>

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



OTAGO PENINSULA MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

17 Harington Point Road, Portobello, Dunedin 9014

Museum News

We recently held our Annual General Meeting at the Museum. Thanks to all those who came along to support us. After the meeting Warren took folk down to the Barn and showed them what the Tuesday volunteers have been doing. Everyone seemed very impressed. Also shown were some items donated to the Museum (by the Taylor family from Sandymount), some of which were two black bonnets and a hand made jacket that belonged to Mrs Taylor who arrived in New Zealand in 1865.

Richard Good has been one of our Sunday volunteers for some years. Richard has recently resigned and we thank him and wish him well. There is now a vacancy if anyone is interested in joining our team. We have upgraded our photocopier to take A3 size paper. If you are keen to make a donation for our old one then please get in touch: theotagopeninsulamuseum@gmail.com

The Museum encourages families to leave a copy of their family tree at the Museum. It is really helpful when visitors come looking for family info and we are able to help them - as has been the case twice this past week. Don't think it is not important - it really is important and will be more so in the years to come.

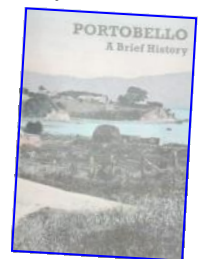
Taylor Family of Sandymount

Jessie McDavid/Devitt was born in 1848 in Musselburgh, Scotland. She arrived in Port almers in 1865 on the ship *Ēsmok*. In 1866 she married Duncan Taylor at Knox Church. Duncan Taylor had arrived on the ship *Pladda* in 1860.

Duncan and Jessie farmed at Sandymount bringing up their family there. Duncan died in 1883 and Jessie was to stay on the farm until her death in 1957 aged 92. Two sons ran a dairy farm at Otakou for some years until 1910. Jessie and Duncan are buried in the Andersons Bay Cemetery. Descendants of the Taylor family still farm at Sandymount.

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



Portobello Public Library:

Our local Library is open every Thursday 11am-1pm in the Portobello Hall. Pop along and meet our Librarian Dot and get yourself out a good book or two to read over the Winter months. \$5 for a family to join then after that no charge. 20 cents to take out a book with no set date for returning it. New books are regularly added to the shelves.



The Coastguard vessel has been situated at the Otago Yacht Club Marina recently. There was an Open Day held last weekend with some new members signing up. Our Annual General Meeting will be held at the Portobello Fire Station at 7pm on Tuesday 8 September.



Quarantine Island Kamau Taurua Community News

In early July, we farewelled our wonderful Keeper, Dries van Den Broeck and his whanau, Nadjedja, Noah and Lucia. We also welcomed our new Keeper, Meghan Hughes, and her whanau, Gareth, Arlo and Zoe who are settling in well to island life. Meghan is already getting stuck in with hosting visitors and groups staying in the Lodge, and on our recent Open Day, with help from QI/KT Community members.

We celebrated the 90th birthday of long-time Community member, Lyndall Hancock, who has been involved since the 1960's and continues to join our Open Days when she is able. Lyndall wrote the book "Quarantine Island/Kamau Taurua- A Short History", and has contributed so much, is an abundant source of historical knowledge, and is an inspiration.

We have returned to a new normal and hosted a number of schools and groups who have spent a few hours, or one or two nights stay, on the island exploring, learning about the islands history, relaxing, and kayaking, as well as helping with our biodiversity project, weed control, and planting native seedlings. Visitors have included Otago University Unicrew Vounteers, Otago Girls High School international students, North East Valley Baptist Church holiday programme, Koputai Kids holiday programme, and Pukekohe High School students, all the way from Auckland!

We have a number of volunteer opportunities currently to assist us with weed control and leading groups. Let us know if you might be interested. Training will be provided.

If you'd like to be a regular volunteer, see our website quarantineisland.org.nz, you can add your name and email to subscribe to our monthly e-newsletter to learn about news and opportunities, or join our Facebook Public Group *Quarantine Island Kamau Taurua Community*, or contact the island Keeper (Resident Manager) on 03-478-0874 or email quarantineisland@gmail.com.

If you'd like to visit, 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. All details on our website or contact the island Keeper to book.

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 8th August- Weed Control

Sunday 9th August- Weed Control

Keen to help but not available on 8th or 9th? Please contact us!

Saturday 29th August- Open Day

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

Saturday 26th September- 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



Peninsula Medical Centre

12 Allans Beach Road,
Portobello.
4780 880



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

Portobello Volunteer Fire Brigade

Vacancy

The brigade has a Vacancy for a fire 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) you are most welcome to attend any of our Wednesday night practices commencing at 7pm.

Quiz Night

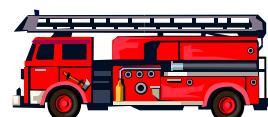
Our regular annual quiz night has been cancelled due to covid 19 and the hard hit our sponsors have taken. We thank them for their support and wish them a good recovery. We will hold our next quiz night next year and would like to thank all the community for their support over the years.

Winter Safety

Extension cords are for temporary use only and should not be used as a permanent extension of your homes wiring
Always use a fireguard or spark-guard with open fires
Never throw rubbish into fireplace particularly batteries and aerosol cans
Ashes can take up to five days to cool always empty ashes into a metal bin before disposal

Greg Dickson

Chief Fire Officer



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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peninsula@playcentre.org.nz
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Playcentre

"Whānau tupu ngātahi – families growing together"



Students and staff have returned from school holidays refreshed and ready for a great term of learning. Students have enjoyed working on artworks for the Peninsula Art Exhibition that is being held this week at Bayfield High School. Students are enjoying classroom learning as part of our STEAM cluster 2040 Project which will be showcased at Otago Polytechnic on 4 and 5 September. Teachers and students have been reflecting on Term 1 and 2 learning and mid year reports are being shared with families next week. These will be followed by three way interviews at school to reflect on progress made in Term 1 and 2 and look ahead to Term 3 and 4 learning.

Term 3 is a busy term of physical activity at Portobello School. A number of students are representing our school in netball and basketball, playing in combined teams with Macandrew Bay School. Students in all classes have been involved in hockey coaching sessions and all students are training for our school cross country in mid August. We hope that some of our runners will then represent our school at the Ariki Cup.

Year 7 and 8 students are currently fundraising for Stewart Island Camp in November. They will be running a sausage sizzle at the Portobello Winter Market and are currently selling tickets for a grocery hamper.

We have recently made some great additions to our learning resources thanks to grants from the Otago Community Trust and the Bendigo Valley Foundation. These include a VR headset, a Large TV for Junior Whanau, Apple TV's for bluetooth casting, 5 new chromebooks, noise reducing earmuffs, class lego sets, Pasifika library books, sandpit toys and pool matting. We are very excited about these new additions to our teaching and learning.

Monday Mollmawk 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



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Missing out on the local news?



Read the Portobello Community newsletter online!

Go to;

www.portobello.org.nz

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



WE ARE STILL HOPING SOMEONE MIGHT VOLUNTEER TO DELIVER OUR NEWSLETTER IN THE OTAKOU/HARINGTON POINT AREA - (once every 2 months)

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



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Ferry Timetable April 1st-September 30th 2020

Most weekends and on demand

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Departs:

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Portobello 1:15pm 3:15pm

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Family private bubble- Harbour Tours- 25 mins duration

Family of 2 adults and 3 children \$72 Add extra Adults \$24, Children \$12 each.

Minimum numbers may apply

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community use.

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please phone

Christine on 4780 878
All we ask for is a donation

ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE from Olly's pen

Aren't we so lucky to live in paradise – away from the clamour of traffic and densely populated areas. We've got it all – space, fresh air and dear friendships – people we know and meet with regularly.

Over the Covid 19 lock down period I read a lot more than usual. Theraze and I love to chat away sharing our thoughts and feelings about local as well as global politics and current news. I've had a whole series of Readers Digest books and realised there were some that I'd actually never got around to reading – collections of condensed novels. I had a ball. I also have a couple of books by Bruce Lipton, a man I much admire, a cellular biologist, and I began re-reading his well known book "The Biology of Beliefs" - his first attempt at writing. It sold over 300,000 in its first edition.

The section I decided to re-read was the chapter on Conscious Parenting. I'd glided over it previously in a hurry to get to the biological material where he writes about the environmental signals that trigger the many cells that respond accordingly thus demonstrating that genes do not completely determine our lives. There are many things we can change – ourselves. As I was reading, I realised I should have taken more time to do so because it contained absolute gems of information – all studied by other distinguished scientists about how we can actually eliminate all sorts of problems including illnesses through consciously parenting while the child is in the womb. This is where the peace talks can take place. I was shocked at the fact that I'd missed that. The implications are huge. I'll provide more details in the next newsletter - I'm a bit late getting this one in.

Chat again soon.



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AND

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**There will be featured Lunch time talks by prominent Peninsula people
Including**

**Ian Griffen; Margaret Barker; James Higham; Rachel McGregor;
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Look for details in the Star and ODT

OpenArts thanks

**DCC; Fulton Hogan; Portobello Hotel; Larnach Castle; Port to Port;
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The Monarch; Natures Wonders; Jan's Dolls; Mitre10 Mega.**

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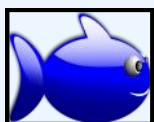
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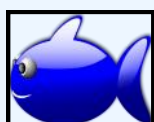
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12 things to do Portobello area Bucket List

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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

**Volunteer with a local organisation
- they need your help.**

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Term 3 classes in progress but casuals still welcome

\$125 for the term (10 weeks)

\$15 casual rate - come and give it a go

Penny Ph. 027 464 9180 pennykershaw@gmail.com

Peninsula Plumbers

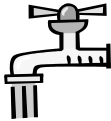
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the things
that weigh you down.**

An Eclectic Mix

Local artists Rod Eales, Jude Ansbacher, Anneloes Douglas, Trevor Douglas and Fiona Stirling are having an exhibition of paintings, drawings and photographs at the Macandrew Bay Hall. There will be an interesting variety of styles, subject matter and mediums that reflect 5 very different approaches and responses to life in Dunedin.

Featured in this eclectic mix are some well loved parts of the Otago Peninsula, including Yellow Head at Broad Bay, the Inlet and photographs of Harbour Cone. Come and celebrate LOCAL, and talk to the artists.

Macandrew Bay Hall from Saturday 19th - Sunday 27th September 10.00am - 4.00pm



Otago Peninsula Trust Update

The Trust has been relieved and grateful to be the recipient of a STAPP Strategic Tourism Asset Protection Programme announced last week for the Royal Albatross Centre. This is fantastic as it enables us to continue to operate our world class attraction for everyone to enjoy.

Here's a few reasons why...

The Royal Albatross Centre is a key strategic asset for Otago. The facility with its heritage of 53 years building iconic status as a landmark attraction with associated legacy of capability and Intellectual property performs manifold important roles:

- 1: An iconic world-unique tourism attraction that plays a critical role in the regional tourism economy with the centre hosting around 160,000 visitors annually of which 80% are international
- 2: An employer, talent nurturer and expertise builder with 76 direct employees at peak season and a significant employment effect on other businesses which include the Royal Albatross Centre in their tours.
- 3: An economic enabler central to the \$170-\$200 million Dunedin ecotourism industry. One of New Zealand's pioneer ecotourism enterprises since 1967, promoting Dunedin as the Wildlife Capital of New Zealand.
- 4: A centre of excellence for conservation, ecotourism and education with free access to educational displays and subsidising over 1000 students annually to education programmes helping create the next generation of conservation champions.
- 5: The main revenue generator to support the work of Otago Peninsula Trust, New Zealand's first private charitable conservation trust since 1967 with an annual turnover of approximately \$4.5 million
- 6: A conservation partner to DOC enabling care for albatross through financial and human resource support resulting in increased colony sustainability and record fledgling numbers.
- 7: A leader of sustainable ecotourism promoting and facilitating improved environmental processes including, visitor information, plastic free initiatives, a Wildlife Care Code and managed wildlife access.
- 8: A generous charity providing an umbrella for fledgling organisations, involved in volunteer boards, hosting community events, donating over \$20,000 of product annually for fundraising initiatives.
- 9: A important storyteller with a commitment to sharing Dunedin's environmental, historical and cultural stories with locals and visitors. Kaitiaki of 53 years of albatross and local expertise IP archives and institutional knowledge
- 10: A key partner to Tourism New Zealand supplying stories, hosting and free product valued at nearly \$20k annually to enable \$17.7 million EAV since 2015, resulting in New Zealand's recognition as a wildlife viewing destination.

ROYAL ALBATROSS CENTRE

Thanks so much everyone for supporting us, we so appreciate your aroha and visits! We're offering Mates' Rates deals until September 30 and our Sunday Roast is becoming even more famous. The albatross chicks are becoming very hefty, with the biggest last week at over 11kg.

BLUE PENGUINS PUKEKURA

Eggsciting news for the penguins as there has been a flurry of egg laying with around 50 pairs incubating eggs. We've a half price family deal, and its a great time to visit as tours are usually around 5.30pm, very family friendly.

GLENFALLOCH GARDEN

Come along and celebrate Spring. Every day we see new sparks of Spring including magnolias, rhododendrons, hellebores and a small drift of early blossom. Its a great place to come and relax away from the stress of every day life.

A bit of magic... Starburst on #Royalcam



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Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Group

Possum control continues to concentrate on the northern areas of the peninsula. Toxins are still being used, but a network of self-setting traps is being established to help mop up the survivors. OPBG staff and volunteers are also setting up trap lines about Portobello to prevent possums from spreading back into intensively controlled areas. A trapping workshop was held recently at Harwood. A big thank you to those who attended.

Female possums have given birth over winter and most now have a joey in their pouch. Joeys will remain there until spring, when they start to spend more time riding on their mothers back.

Over August-October possums will be eating Kowhai, Pohutukawa, Oak, Pine, Eucalyptus, Willow and Poplar. Citrus and roses are also on the menu and spring brings the added temptation of bird's eggs and chicks.

As spring will soon be upon us, we especially need your help to detect and catch possums before they get the chance to chow down on those bird's eggs and chicks. So keep those possum reports coming in at possums@opbg.nz and, if you want to get involved in our work, please contact us through the OPBG website (predatorfreepeninsula.nz).

Keep those possum reports coming in.
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HOOPERS INLET HALL



Hoopers Inlet Hall AGM

Thursday 20th August 7:30pm

at the hall, Allans Beach Road, Hoopers Inlet



STOP

Smith's Creek Revegetation Project

Regular planting bees continue Tuesday and Sunday starting at 10am at the end of Bacon Street.

Contact Lala: text 027 8756 020 or email

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Office Administrator - (part-time)

A vacancy for the Office Administrator position has become available at Portobello School.

The position is part-time, 20 hours per week, term time only. Approximate starting date mid-late September 2020

Please contact the Principal, Mel Jewiss, at Portobello School for further information.
Please email CV (including names and contact numbers of 2 referees) and a covering letter by 5pm Thursday, 27 August to principal@portobello.school.nz



Portobello's new dance school

After Covid this is great way to get in shape and have fun dancing bringing our community together

Become part of our dance school at Coronation Hall in Portobello where we have classes for

Kids – teens - adults - dance fitness – couples
styles of classes are - jazz – hip hop – contemporary - Latin - Zumba style and more

Our timetable run on school terms, classes will only run if 5 +students are enrolled

Wednesday 6:30-7:30 are our main fitness classes
For timetable for other classes please contact me

For more info about class, contact
Joshua 022 4668308 or 028 418 0609

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As part of the annual Dine Dunedin festival the Portobello Hotel is holding a special Red & Rum event; August 20th, from 6pm.

Travel back in time for a unique experience at the historic Portobello Hotel & Bistro. Just like back in the day, begin your journey to the peninsula via a special "ferry" trip - leaving from the harbour basin. The Albatross Express, captained by Dunedin's own "penguin dun-dee" Perry Reid of Natures Wonders, will transport you down the harbour, with two viewing decks to experience the beautiful scenery.

Arriving at the Portobello jetty, a short bus trip will complete your journey to the Portobello Hotel & Bistro. On arrival at the hotel choose a red wine or rum cocktail and settle in for a specially created set menu of classic kiwi dishes with modern twists. The hotel has made available its rum and red wine collection to complement your experience and we have secured the Lion Nathan spirit ambassador as our guest bartender to create unique rum cocktails for the evening.

Throughout the evening you'll be entertained with anecdotes of debauchery, misfortune and historical tales about the hotel and surrounding area, retold by some of the pub's special local characters. Safe transport home will be supplied at the end of the evening via the comfort of coaches provided by Natures Wonders.

Residents on the Peninsula are welcome to board the Albatross Express when it departs for town at the Portobello jetty. Just request this when purchasing your ticket.

\$135 per person

Tickets available from the Portobello Hotel & Bistro or call 03 478 0759.



WASTE MINIMISATION GRANTS

The September funding round for contestable grants for waste minimisation small projects and community initiatives is opening soon.

Applications are open to any idea, project, initiative or event that encourages, promotes or administers waste minimisation activities in Dunedin.

Small grants (available all year round) – applications up to \$500

Community projects and initiatives – up to \$5,000. Now open for applications. Closes 5pm Friday 25 September.

Application forms are available at www.dunedin.govt.nz/wmf or contact the Waste Minimisation Officer for further information on 03 477 4000.



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The new viewing platform at Sandymount has a stunning view out over Allans Beach, Hoopers Inlet and beyond.



Love beautiful Otago Peninsula



Taking a walk round the lower slopes of Harbour Cone gives wonderful views, this one looking over Portobello



Peninsula Property focus

with James Lamb your local agent.



Dunedin Market Update from James

As reported last month the Dunedin market has rebounded well from the Covid lockdown period. In fact, activity over the last few weeks has been very strong for this time of year. Probably due to pent up demand, but also due to the fact nobody is travelling overseas for winter holidays so they are here making decisions on real estate. All of the demand is fuelled further by record low interest rates. It is now possible to fix at 2.55% for 1 year, and all the mortgage brokers are advising to fix for 1 year only as rates should fall further! This will continue to put further pressure on Dunedin real estate values so my advice for anyone thinking of buying is do it now! For those looking to sell there has never been a better time. The Dunedin median value for July has not been released at the time of writing, but for June it rose back to \$510,000.

What is Your Home Worth in this Market?

I find many of my clients are confused as to where the market value of their home now sits. You could be surprised, and I'm always happy to provide a no obligation appraisal, even if that's just for your records and interest. It doesn't take long, and I look forward to hearing from anyone interested in this service, or interested in selling now to take advantage of this very active market.

Peninsula Perfection - 37 Frances Street, Broad Bay
Deadline Sale 10 August 2020 at 4.00pm (Unless sold Prior). Fabulous opportunity to own an immaculately presented, tranquil home in the heart of the Otago Peninsula. Whether a permanent residence or weekend getaway, this is a very special place to call home.



Selling in Winter

We all know that properties on the Peninsula shine in the winter, as most face north and catch excellent sunshine. There continues to be a real shortage of homes for sale in Dunedin to suit the multitudes looking so with limited choice, now could be the best time to bring your home to the market for sale. Particularly if it sits well for the sun – even better if it offers harbour views! My advice is to present it in the best possible fashion. Clean out the spouting, weed the garden, and waterblast any areas of the home that might have collected a little moss over the cold months.

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DIARY DATES TO NOTE

- 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
- Spring Fling Dance - Coronation Hall - Saturday 5th September - 7pm till late
- Hoopers Inlet Hall AGM - Thursday 20th August 7:30pm at the Hall
- Coastguard AGM - Portobello Fire Station - Tuesday 8 September 7pm

TACKLING PEST PLANTS

If you notice a mass of shrivelled, brown foliage, please don't think someone has done a mass chemical spray. It will be the pest plant banana passion fruit, that has been killed either by grubbing out the root or by cutting the base of the stem and applying a herbicide gel to the cut stump. The foliage browns off and is left to die and is soon hidden by the growth of the supporting tree.

Photo 1 shows banana passion fruit vine growing over kanuka

Photo 2 taken 3 weeks later shows dying vine

Banana passion fruit, originally introduced to New Zealand from South America, is a vigorous, evergreen climber which can completely smother trees. The ripe yellow fruits may contain over 200 seeds, which are spread by birds, possums and rodents. The vine occurs in many parts of the Peninsula, but not all. By targeting the outlying infestations it is hoped to prevent further spread and gradually reduce its distribution.

A group of local residents have regular working bees on Friday mornings to SWAT (which stands for Seek Weeds And Terminate) pest plants.

If you would like to know more please contact:

Marcia Dale imaginarycrayfish@gmail.com

Moiria Parker moiraparker3@gmail.com



PORTOBELLO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Harington Point Road, Portobello

6 th Sept	10.00am	Family Church Service
20 th Sept	10.00am	Family Church Service incl Communion
4 th Oct	10.00am	Family Church Service
18 th Oct	10.00am	Study Group "The Return Of The Prodigal Son"
1 st Nov	10.00am	Family Church Service
15 th Nov	10.00am	Study Group "The Return Of The Prodigal Son"

A warm welcome is extended to all residents and visitors to join our warm and inviting church on the hill in Portobello.



Age Concern Otago Falls Prevention Programme *For men and women 65+*

Steady As You Go[®] held at Portobello Bowling Club
Strength & balance exercise class - Mondays 10 am

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

All welcome