

NEWSLETTER

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News from the Otago Peninsula Community Board

They say that the *“rain in Spain falls mainly upon the plain”* but it seems that it has moved quite dramatically to the Otago and Canterbury regions recently. We’ve been as dry as a chip on the Peninsula for so long that the dowsing we’ve received has been a significant change for the area.

However, it’s timely to remember that this type of weather can cause slips and road closures in the Otago Peninsula. It’s a good time to take stock of your preparedness for an emergency, road closure or other event that may

disrupt your normal life. In the meantime take care on the roads and get those water tanks full while you can.

DCC and ORC Long Term Plans – the last month has been busy for the Board as submissions are made on behalf of the community to both the City and Regional Councils. Our focus for the DCC has been around roading, drainage and footpath infrastructure to improve the lives of people living here and prepare the community for extreme weather events such as flooding. With the Regional Council we highlighted the need to continually work on animal pest control and biodiversity to ensure the support for our wildlife and the OPBG. Other issues raised with the Regional Council included the restoration of Tomahawk Lagoon and the health of the harbour for wildlife, kai and boating safety.

Otago Regional Public Transport Plan – Let’s be honest the Board and the community had to fight with the ORC a few years back to ensure we could get our kids to school properly. It was important for the Board to tell the ORC that while things have gotten better, its still not perfect. The Board’s submission focussed on the retention of the \$2 fares, getting the bus to Taiaroa Head and ensuring the service was reliable and efficient.



Peninsula Connection – With the site blessing undertaken by Edward Ellison the work on the Portobello Township of the Connection project has finally begun and I’d like to take the opportunity to thank the community for their patience. The Portobello work will come in two sections, with the reclamation work being the first stage of the work. The landscape plan shows an additional seating area which will be most welcome in such a tight space. Stage two of the Portobello works will begin next year and will include the roundabout and pathway to the school via the cutting.



News in Brief

Peninsula Connection – Opening Company Bay to Broad Bay section – Sunday 27 June, 11 am.

Cape Saunders Safety Project - New safety signage and storage for life ring at Cape Saunders

Funding from the Board for the old Happy Hens building and OPBG

Funding from the Board for Broad Bay Hall

Board Meeting & Funding Applications

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. We are here to help you and only a phone call away. Be patient and kind with your whanau and take care of your friends and neighbours in the community.

Paul Pope - Otago Peninsula Community Board Chairman

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



Chairman's Corner

This is my last blurb in this publication and after 13 or more years involvement - life goes on outside Portobello Inc. Come along to the AGM, details on the back page, and get on board and have some fun and make things happen in our areas. Brenda will no longer be doing the newsletter so this is our last one. The new committee will no doubt decide if and when it continues. PCI's new project, The Pump Park, is under way so get behind this great venture and help us get it across the line.

The next Winter Market is on July 11th and promises to be a great day. And remember the Hall is now fully heated so come along and spend a few hours and a few dollars.

Thank you to current and past committee members for all your support over the years and for all you have done for our community. And thank you to our community for your continual support of this group and for joining in the activities that are put on for you all.

'That's all folks.' See you around.



Wayne Cameron - Pbo Comm Inc Chair

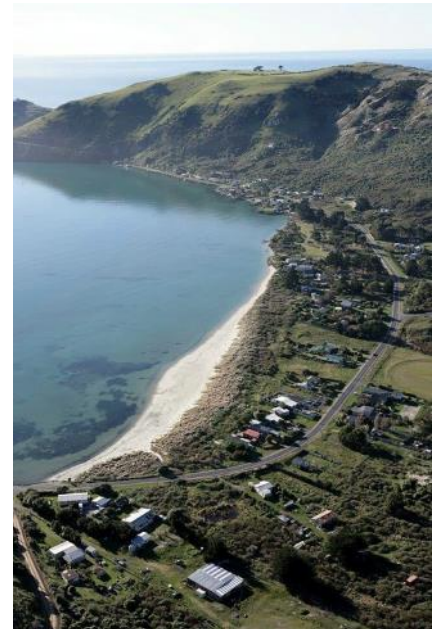
Te Rauone Beach and Reserve Project

The Working Party, which comprises of representatives from Port Otago, the Otago Peninsula Community Board, the Runaka, the Dunedin City Council and the Te Rauone Beach Coast Care Committee, continue to meet on a monthly basis to ensure the project remains on course.

Rock Groynes

The tender for the construction of the rock groynes has been released to market with a closing date of mid-June 2021. The Tender document has focussed on ensuring the contractor is aware of the environmental obligations expected from the community and imposed by the resource consent process. The evaluation of the tenders places as much weight on the environmental management and performance as it does on the price to ensure the right contractor for the job is selected. A recommendation on the appointment of the successful contractor will be made to the Port Otago Board for a decision at an early July meeting.

The successful contractor will need at least 4-6 weeks before starting on site.



Lizard Capture

An excellent lizard habitat was completed at the Te Rauone Reserve providing over 1000m² of safe space with 300 native skink-friendly plants and predator control. We hope to have information signage installed about this on site in the next two weeks.

We are waiting to hear back from the Department of Conservation on the actual capture of the lizards and how we progress from here. This has been limited by ongoing difficulties through loss of Artificial Cover Objects (ACO's) and Traps during the past two months, which has been extremely disappointing. The plan at the moment is for one more round of lizard salvage but it seems probable the Lizard Management Plan will be revised and put on hold until later in the year. It could even be targeted at specific areas. We will still likely to be operating on a 1:1 habitat disturbance/creation. Hopefully, this will not slow down other development areas on the Reserve as we have gone above and beyond from our end to complete this exercise.

In total, 29 lizards have been captured so far, some what less than the sampling indicated, which is not surprising considering the loss of ACO's and Traps.

Car Park

Fulton Hogan were contacted when the Wildlife Permit was issued and the lizard enclosure work was started. Staff from Fulton Hogan have been to the site and measured the car park area. Once we have a clearance from the Department of Conservation on the Lizard Capture, the construction of the car park will then proceed.

Te Rauone Beach and Reserve Working Party

Portobello Volunteer Fire Brigade

Why children start fires and what you can do.

Curiosity

Children may start experimenting with fire from about three to six years of age. This can be linked to an attraction to the colour, light and energy released by a flame.

Attention Seeking

Children from about six to 12 years of age. This could be to do with a change in the family situation, for example a new baby, parental separation or learning difficulties.

Peer Pressure

This can be due to difficulties with relating to their peers and low self esteem. Peer pressure can affect children from about 10 to 14 years of age.

Anger or revenge

This can be a motive for children from 8 to 14 years of age. Family and social difficulties may be a cause.

Malicious Mischief

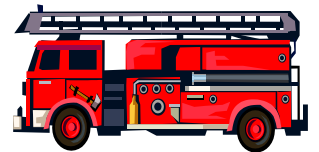
9 to 16 years of age. Family and social difficulties are a likely cause.

Younger children tend to light fires in and around the home and only rarely set out to cause damage by their fire lighting. By contrast older children are more likely to light fires away from home and may be motivated by malicious intent. **YOU MUST EXPLAIN THAT FIRE IS USED TO COOK FOOD AND HEAT THE HOME IT IS NOT A TOY.** Fire is dangerous and only for adults to use carefully (like driving a car or using a power tool). Keep all matches and lighters out of reach of very young children. A child resistant lighter is not child proof, not even for a two year old. Instruct children to hand over matches and lighters to adults when they find them. Children need to be rewarded or praised for doing this. Allow older children (8 to 10) to use fire, but only under direct supervision.

NEED HELP OR WANT TO TALK

080034734636

Greg Dickson
Chief Fire Officer



Tena Koutou everyone

Well we are well into June already as I write this it's the first day of winter.

If you haven't seen me out and about recently there is good reason. I've recently had surgery on my shoulder but am now back up and running.



Just a friendly reminder if something is happening now and is of urgency please call 111. If not so urgent then the 105 line is a good one to use. Some of you have my number and I usually answer but it has happened a couple of times recently that I haven't been working or unable to answer and the best bet would have been to call either of the numbers above. I'm not saying don't try me, but if you can't get me please call one of the other numbers, whichever is appropriate.

Winter is here although as I look out the window you wouldn't think so. I'm sure all our thoughts are with the communities up the road with all the flooding in recent days. As we dive deeper into these months, we are going to have varying road conditions to deal with. Always drive to the conditions and remember the old jingle "Drive to the conditions and if they change **REDUCE YOUR SPEED**". Give vehicles in front of you the distance they need and don't get distracted. Vehicle crashes and Traffic Incidents are on the decline, let's keep it going that way.

The roadworks is looking good at Broad Bay and reports from the workers are that most of you are travelling through this area with patience and courtesy. This is good to hear. A big thanks from them and me.

Is extremely disappointing to report that 4 people have been processed for drink driving on the Peninsula in the last few months. Absolutely no excuse for this and will be my focus over the coming weeks. Everyone knows what to do.....please do it!!

Once again if your getting firewood delivered please try and put it away out of sight as soon as possible. It's this time of year (I've learnt) that the theft of this important commodity can rear its ugly head. Out of sight is out of mind in most cases. Please be vigilant around this.

For those interested and I would seriously recommend attending, there is a presentation around Cybersecurity on at the Mac Bay Boat Club on the 8th June starting at 7.30pm. In today's society these talks can give you the ability to protect yourselves and your business in these crazy times from those whom wish to infiltrate your bank accounts and similar. I understand it is a fundraiser and at a very small cost of \$10 (payable at the door) or if you go onto the Otago Peninsula Community Board Facebook page there are online internet banking payment details.

That's all from me for now. Wrap up warm, take care of one another, stay safe and I will catch up soon.

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Aaron



Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Group

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.



Term 2 at Portobello School is well underway and students are engaged in a wide variety of learning opportunities. This term students are learning about a Journey to Mars. This STEAM learning is across curricular and encompasses learning in science, social science, maths, english and the arts.

In Term 3 our school will be taking part in a cluster exhibition sharing our learning with the wider community.

Our school recently supported the Mental Health Foundation Pink Shirt Day to Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying. A group of senior students attended the World Vision Youth Conference where they learnt about how they could take action to help our world be a better place. Students in all classes have also enjoyed learning about dog safety with DCC Dog Control Officer Roz and her dog Dust.

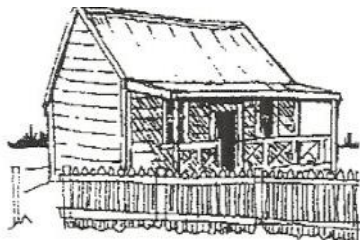
Students recently enjoyed a visit from Nugget Basketball Players. Year 7 and 8 students are currently taking part in lessons at Moana Pool. Netballers have started the Dunedin schools competition.

We recently received approval from the Bendigo Valley Foundation to purchase additional sewing machines, chromebooks, picnic tables, musical instruments and library books. We are very excited about these new additions and are looking forward to using these in our school.

We welcome community involvement in our school. If you have an interest in sewing and have some spare time on a Friday morning and would like to help learners develop skills in this area, please contact our school. We also have a lot of young students who enjoy reading books. If you have some time to spend reading to our junior students on a Friday we would also love to hear from you.

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



OTAGO PENINSULA MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

17 Harington Point Road, Portobello, Dunedin 9014

Museum News:

The Museum has been having good numbers visiting on a Sunday when we are open 12.30-3.30.

We have also opened especially as requested for a few families who were keen to visit out of these hours.

We have written about the Riddell family in the last two newsletters and we had a visit from members of this family who had come down from Christchurch to visit. They were thrilled with what we had at the Museum. They had their photo taken with portraits of Walter and Wilhelmina Riddell, their direct descendants.

The portraits had been on loan from Larnach Castle.



The Tuesday volunteer crew worked hard to have the Museum grounds and buildings looking spick and span for ANZAC Day. The Krupp Gun was also on display. This gun was once situated on the little rock formation opposite the Portobello Hall. Over time the rock has got smaller and the gun became damaged from the salt air and the wheels were in a bad state of repair. The Museum took on the task of having the wheels restored at a cost of \$4,000 with help from the Bendigo Trust and the Peninsula Kilwinning Lodge. Many thanks to you both.

**Otago Peninsula Museum and Historical Soc
Annual General Meeting
Monday 26 July at 7pm at the Museum
Supper to follow**

Mark it on your calendar

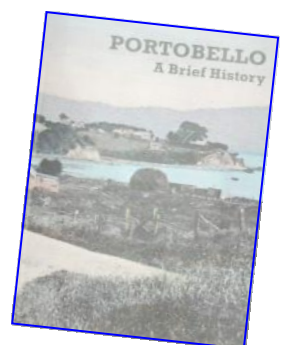
Come and hear what we have been up to over the past year.
We have a strong Committee so don't be put off coming along

The Museum is open Sundays 12.30-3.30. If you have not yet been for a visit then please pop along and check out what we have. We are just up from the Garage in Portobello.

Our popular book "Portobello. A Brief History" is still available for \$25 from the shop or the Museum

The Museum would like to thank Brenda for being a great Community Newsletter Editor and we hope to be able to continue having our news shared through this outlet.

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



From the deck....

I see the road,
On the RD
It's aged
beyond years
Of neglect
Grey, colourless,
Pitted
Pot-holed
Like the skin of the old,
the forgotten.
Corrugation
Disintegration
Devastation.
How long from A to B?
The end of the line is approaching.



Dunedin Volcano

A project to test the geo-thermal heating potential on Otago Peninsula raised lively discussion at a meeting at Portobello's Coronation Hall on May 20.

Peninsula Community Board chairman Paul Pope chaired the meeting where University of Otago geologist Dr Michael Palin outlined plans to test the viability of volcanic hot rocks on both sides of the harbour.

Dr Palin said drilling at potential sites, where the rocks were 'hot' and denser, would be carried out over two years. The test drilling would assess whether heat from the rocks could be extracted as steam and used for heating buildings.

He emphasised the need for alternative forms of heating to replace current coal and wood systems, which produced damaging carbons into the atmosphere.

Dr Palin also listened to concerns about contamination of, or interruption to, groundwater springs used by remote Peninsula residents, who did not have access to reticulated water.

He said groundwater was a potential problem for the team because, if it seeped into holes being drilled, it had the potential to cool rock and make it less viable for heating.

The team working on the project, led by Dr Marco Brenna, had not seriously considered implications of the springs being used by property owners, and Dr Palin conceded he could not fully guarantee the exploration would not affect the springs.

However, some risk would be mitigated by the location of the proposed test drill sites downstream from the springs at sea level, and by employment of a closed-circuit system of pipes to be used during drilling.

Dr Palin provided some interesting background on the geological history of the Dunedin Volcano, and his talk sparked discussion on the source of the springs on Otago Peninsula.

The meeting was the first of a series of community engagements surrounding the proposed project for which the team is seeking funding.

Portobello Library News:

The Library is open
Thursdays 11-1
Sundays 11-1

Situated in the Portobello Hall - signs out when open. Come along and get some great books out for your Winter reading.



Quarantine Island Kamau Taurua Community News

Over the past few months our island Keeper (Resident Manager), Meghan Hughes, core volunteers and Community members have been busy preparing for the new planting season, and working on ongoing weed and invasive pest control. We have transported many native seedlings, and prioritised areas for planting. We are grateful to the **D.O.C. Community Fund** and **Trees That Count** for funding the trees, and the **D.C.C. Biodiversity Fund** for helping subsidise boat transfer costs for some of our volunteers.

A large banana passionfruit was found recently, and, for the first time as far as we know, a stoat was caught in a D.O.C. 200 trap. These are reminders of the need for ongoing vigilance. It has also been exciting to see the preparation work for the new marine cable installation.

We were relieved when the rain finally made an appearance after such a long dry spell! Thankfully we had reduced numbers staying in the Lodge, but we still needed to ask guests to bring their own containers of water and to minimise their water use during their stay as much as possible, due to our water tanks being at very low levels.

Some visitors have volunteered their time including members of the NZ Quakers Young Friends who chose the island for their annual camp meeting, A group of Climate Justice activists from Dunedin and Christchurch held a regenerative retreat, and students studying at the NZ Marine Studies Centre have made the island their base, the Married Quarters was used for a Wellness Retreat and poet and writer, Iona Winter, spent a short residency on the island. The autumn bird counts were well attended, with a couple of new participants, including Otago Peninsula resident **Adrienne Mulqueen**.

Thanks to all our volunteers, who have assisted us with weed control missions, monitoring our tracking tunnels and traps, watering seedlings, and doing beach clean-ups. We also appreciate those who have helped with building maintenance, and general labouring too. A team from **Mitre 10 Mega** recently brought over donated mulch and potting mix, and helped to re-cover part of the shade house and pot up seedlings. Volunteering always occurs in combination with having fun exploring the island on foot, or by kayak, and enjoying the company of other like-minds!

Many thanks also to **Port-To-Port Cruises and Wildlife Tours**, and **East Coast Charters** who have provided boat transfers to and from the island.

Would you like to join our Volunteer Database? Complete our new *Volunteer Form* <https://forms.gle/9w9mmsbsVKP99XaX6> and here's the link to our *Volunteer Information Sheet* for some ideas of how you could help and what to expect https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YJBTWQ2nF2AU_e9qST-qnzNYPR1262i6/view?usp=drivesdk

If you'd like to visit or stay on the island, as a family group, or group of friends, or for a retreat or workshop venue, see our website quarantineisland.org.nz.

You can also subscribe to our monthly **e-newsletter** to learn about island news, events 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 haven't visited before, we host a **Community Welcome Day** (previously known as Open Day) on the last weekend of each month. Just a short boat ride from Back Beach, Port Chalmers, or Portobello by arrangement. We organise the boat transport, so let us know in advance if you're coming. Details and **registration forms** for events are on our website. Keep an eye on our Facebook page too!

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

Saturday 5th June 2021- Welcome Day (postponed from 29th May)

Volunteer, relax or explore, or all three! Booking Form on our website.

13th June 2021- Volunteer Training Day

Training day for new volunteers in beautiful surroundings, and it's fun!

You will be helping with a vital part of our ecological restoration efforts.

We'll introduce you to the island, and the ways you can help us care for the island.

Saturday 26th June 2021- Welcome Day

Volunteer, relax or explore, or all three! Overnight stay option.

Sunday 18th July- QIKTC AGM

2pm NEV Community Rooms, 262 North Road

Saturday 31st July 2021- Welcome Day

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Alice Munro

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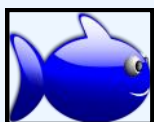
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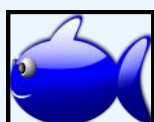
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Things to do Portobello area Bucket List

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 Taiaaroa Head
- Take a walk with your sweetheart to Lovers Leap
- Go fishing at the Portobello jetty
- Kayak to Quarantine Island
- 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 2 classes finish Monday 5th July

\$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

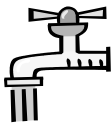
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ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE from Olly's pen

Kia ora ano Everyone – there's a tukutuku ie lattice work usually found between carvings in a Carved Maori meeting house that look like a stack of stairs moving up to the right known as poutama. They represent different parts of our human nature. Overall it is a symbol of ongoing learning - that there is no beginning and no ending to learning. One of its many understandings is the belief that progress & growth can only occur because of imbalance – that balance is merely temporary according to the age and stage of one's awareness and preparedness to learn new things. Furthermore there are always people to challenge existing knowledge out of curiosity, trials and personal experiences. And it is these individuals who push the boundaries of known knowledge that allow others to become part of a set of beliefs that bring about change. Nature also provides times that challenge us as well forcing us to look for new ways of doing, living, educating, communicating and being.

There's a constant balancing act happening every day in our world and we are an important contributor to that. Apparently sub atomic particles react to our thoughts and feelings. Whenever we feel strongly about whatever we set as goals - and provided we are clear about what it is we are wanting - the sub atomic particles which are wave frequencies break down into more denser energy finally ending up as solid physical realities. ie from thoughts to physical reality – like what is happening with the groyne and the reserve. The poutama acknowledges that, the more knowledge we accumulate as we grow the closer we get to wisdom. I love that. We think, we feel, therefore we are. This implies that we are co-creators in shaping our environment – our paradise – wow - that's worth looking into. To all those people who kept the faith through all those long periods over the years – your clarity and determination is acknowledged – many thanks!

Poutama – stairways of life. Each step represents different parts of our nature like the teacher, philosopher, musician, husband, wife, mother, father in all of us. It also represents the ages and stages we move through throughout our lives.



Save The Otago Peninsula (STOP)

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Finally, now that we have had a bit of rain, planting can start. You may wish to assist with the purchase of plants. Either a group of plants or just a single tree (\$15 each) to commemorate a family event? Come and plant it/them yourself or the regular volunteers will do it for you and look after it for 3-4 years before it becomes independent within the Future Forest at Smiths Creek, which has become an increasingly popular recreational area, particularly for those exercising their dogs.

Save The Otago Peninsula (STOP) Inc Soc regular volunteer working bees occur on Tuesday, and Sunday starting at 9.30am. Two to three and a half hours **duration**.

More volunteers always welcome.

Meet at the no exit end of Bacon St, 17km from town off Turnbolls Bay on the Otago Peninsula.

The No. 18 bus from Portobello to town will drop you off at the other end of the street.

For more information contact Lala:

Email <stopincsoc@gmail.com>

or Mobile (text only) 027 8756 020



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Olly Ohlson
Kaiko & Tohunga Mauri Hauora

The Royal Albatross Centre News

Thank you again to our wonderful community for rallying and making the school holidays such a success! Our albatross chicks are continuing to do well this season... although we did have a chick regurgitate a 9cm plastic toy pony which you might have seen in the media!

Our Mother's Day roast went down a treat and the cheese rolls were won by Paul - [congratulations!](#)

It went down so well in fact that the Sunday roast is back for the winter - purchase one and be in the weekly draw to win our freshly made cheese rolls!

Our shop has some beautiful new Merino hats and could get you all kitted out for the winter season ahead - drop by and have a look!

Don't forget that we offer 25% off our full price guided tours for locals and we would love to see you!



Situated across from the beach at Macandrew Bay on Portobello Road. Stop in for a takeaway coffee on your way to work from 7am, grab a bite from the cabinet or bring your Nan our for brunch on a Sunday. See you soon



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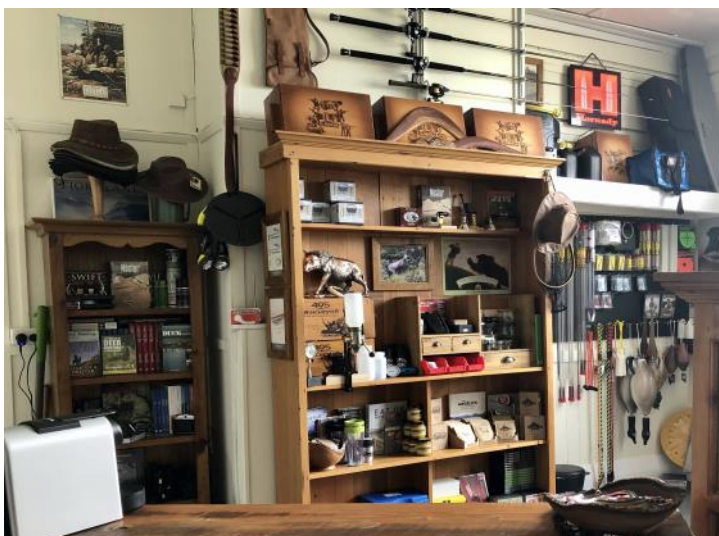


Local Hall Contacts

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OTAKOU GOLF CLUB



Brrrrr, and it isn't even winter yet!
And where is that umbrella?

But wait, in a small corner of Otakou life carries on much as before. Perhaps with the addition of a thermal or two as a concession to the weather.

Yes the golf program continues unabated with a regular series of events to test the ardent golfer through the winter months.

We have just finished the Loudon and the Wilson cup competition and we are moving on to The Presidents Trophy, The Lion Cup, The Anne Jameson Trophy and we have the ongoing Medal, Ringers & Putting series throughout the coming months. What fun!

Add to this a comfortable clubhouse with a really good wood fire (wood from our own course) and quality ales and what is there not to like.

Our club day for the main events is Sunday with a 10 am start. We also have another group starting at 9.30 on a Thursday morning. Our twilight golf evening on a Wednesday now starts at 2 pm obviously so we can complete the 9 holes before dark. Other affectionados who wish to start the weekend early have a small competition on Friday afternoon, also with a 2 pm start.

And for those who cannot get their fill from all that the course remains open for members wishing to hone their skills or for casual golfers throughout the rest of the week.

Just keep off the greens when there is frost about.

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SEEK WEEDS AND TERMINATE

S.W.A.T. (Seek Weeds And Terminate) is working to prevent the pest plant banana passion fruit, which is widespread in some areas of the Otago Peninsula, from spreading further afield and establishing at new sites.

Our method for tackling banana passion fruit vines has proved to be very effective and is described below:

1) Tracing the stem to ground level is the first step, and often takes the most time. The photo shows a member of the SWAT team holding one stem of a freshly cut banana passion fruit vine. This vine had 3 stems branching from the base and climbing high into tall kanuka trees.



2) To prevent regrowth from the base of the vine, herbicide gel is applied to the cut stump immediately after it has been cut.



3) Lastly, the site is checked after a couple of weeks, by which time leaves from the cut vine will have shrivelled and turned brown. These dead leaves soon disappear as foliage from the supporting trees grow through. However, any green banana passion fruit foliage that is still visible indicates that the job is not quite done and there is a second vine to deal with.



SWAT would like to assure residents that we do not spray herbicide onto the banana passion fruit foliage, which could affect adjacent plants and we also take care not to cut any native vines.

SWAT is group of local residents who meet for working bees on Friday mornings to tackle pest plants.

Please contact Marcia Dale on 021 485 001 or email imaginarycrayfish@gmail.com.

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Tour Guides

This is a casual position

The successful applicant must have excellent interpersonal skills a professional manner and enjoy interacting with visitors from all around the world.

Breakfast Assistant

Part time permanent position. Days and hours to be discussed

We require someone who is positive and enthusiastic to give our accommodation guests a fantastic breakfast experience.

Duties will include: setting up the continental buffet, taking and serving orders and clean up.

All applicants must have their own transport and be able to work weekends, statutory days and school holidays. If you wish to be considered for the position please submit your CV and covering letter to Amy amy@larnachcastle.co.nz before the 10th of June 2021. Applications will only be accepted in writing.

OPENARTS INC - ALMOST AN ISLAND 2021

SO HOW WAS IT?

IT WAS VERY VERY GOOD AND VERY SUCCESSFUL!

I'm sure MANY of you - hopefully ALL OF MACANDREW BAY know that, and visited the exhibition.

We always get fantastic support from the local population and the wider Peninsula - fabulous - thank you!

WE HAD JUST OVER 1400 VISITORS - THE MOST SINCE ED SHEERAN VISITED DUNEDIN BUT THIS TIME WE HAD MORE SALES, WITH 23 OF OUR ARTISTS SELLING AND 33 WORKS SOLD NOT INCLUDING THE 11 A5 WILD LIFE FUNDRAISERS. SO WE SHOULD ALL BE PROUD OF THE WORK WE PUT IN AND THE REACTION OF THE PUBLIC TO IT. VERY WELL DONE AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

THE JUDGE THIS YEAR WAS SOPHIE BARKER WHO DID A REALLY GREAT JOB AND HER SELECTIONS WERE VERY WELL RECEIVED.

THE PRIZE WINNERS WERE:

1st - VIVIEN OBERMAYER

2nd - HEATHER CHAPMAN

MERITS - HENDRICK KOCH AND ROGER WESTON

HIGHLY COMMENDED - VERONIKA MORGAN - **WHO ALSO THIS WON THE JANE HIGHAM PEOPLES PRIZE!** AND PAUL WHEELER

**WATCH OUT FOR - THE REST OF OUR 2021 ART CALENDAR
MORE DETAILS OF EACH LATER!**

**SUNDAY 4TH JULY - OUR AGM - BELLAMYS GALLERY
SUNDAY 25TH JULY - OUR ANNUAL DINNER - PORTOBELLO HOTEL**

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the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom*
Marcel Proust

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freedom of speech..."*

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The 2021 Real Estate Market

What's the best month of the year to list your property?

The property market is active again after the Christmas break, and February is likely the best month to list your property this year, says Century 21 New Zealand owner Derryn Mayne. "Those contemplating listing a property would be wiser to act sooner rather than later," Mayne said.

The realtor boss's comment comes as the Reserve Bank of New Zealand (RBNZ) reviews a public consultation on its plan to reinstate loan-to-value ratios (LVRs) this year.

Last year, the RBNZ temporarily removed LVR restrictions in response to the first COVID-19 lockdown. Lower deposit requirements have since contributed to a surge in buyers and house prices.

Experts predict it will see 20% minimum deposit requirements for owner-occupiers, and possibly even 40% for property investors. With property investors now making up around 27% of all buyers, Mayne believes putting the brakes on them will have a demonstrable impact, as has been the case in the past.

SOLD! Recent Peninsula Sales



1 St Ronans Road - Brought to the market by Kay Lucas. A beautiful garden and charming home, and great result.



1 Jane Street - Brought to the market by Gisielle Summerton. The Auction saw 38 bids and a final sale price of \$646,150!

Five years ago, when property investors were hit with a 40% deposit requirement.

It took many of them out of the market and helped cool the jets somewhat. Combined with major tenancy law changes taking effect on February 11, I think we'll soon see many Kiwis pull back from buying a residential investment property," she said.

Mayne highlighted the strong demand due to record-low interest rates and fewer properties available for sale.

One thing is definitely looking likely: February is set to be the last month that many first-home purchasers and property investors can get into the market with a smaller deposit.

Note to prospective sellers: Don't miss out on these highly motivated buyers.

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RURAL SKIP DAYS

Portobello Domain | 13 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

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2021 Community Programme at the NZ Marine Studies Centre, powered by Westpac

"Taking steps together for our future ocean"

Join us in 2021 as we take steps together for a healthier ocean by learning about what makes our coast special and how we can step up as kaitiaki for our marine environment. We'll be exploring our wet backyard, gathering information and sharing knowledge. You can check out what is coming up on our eventbrite page:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/o/nz-marine-studies-centre-26797938599> or our facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/NZMarineStudiesCentre>

Upcoming NZMSC Community Programme events:

Marine Encounters at the NZ Marine Studies Centre

20 June 10.30am - 12.00pm or 12.30pm - 2.00pm

\$15 per adult and \$10 per child

Bookings essential: <https://bit.ly/encountersmarine>

During a tour of the NZ Marine Studies Centre at Portobello, connect to your coast and meet local marine species at our touch tanks to find out what makes them special, vulnerable and resilient. We'll also get an insight into climate change research currently underway at the Portobello Marine Lab, and discover ways we can look after our coast.

Wildlife Photography – in situ with minimal disturbance

13 June 10.00am - 2.00pm

\$5 per ticket

Bookings essential: <https://bit.ly/photographywildlife>

Join wildlife photographer Adam Brook for a workshop to build on your photography skills on the shore, with minimal disturbance to wildlife. This workshop will cover some of the basics of using your camera, photo composition, and photography outdoors. Adam will show you how you can find the right subject and how to turn that into a pleasing image.

Please note: This workshop is designed to support people working with a digital camera and with an interest in using full manual controls (i.e, shutter speed, aperture etc).

HOOPERS INLET HALL



AGM

HOOPERS INLET HALL

**Thursday 22nd July
7:30pm at the Hall**

Portobello Presbyterian Church

Harington Point Road, Portobello

Church Services:

6 th June	Church Service	10.00am
20 th June	Bible Study Group	10.00am
4 th July	Church Service	10.00am
18 th July	Bible Study Group	10.00am

All are welcome to our friendly little church on Otago Peninsula



PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY INC

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.

Our current project is fundraising for the Pump Park at the Domain.

Maybe you have some fresh ideas to share that would enhance our community?

Please help this remain a viable group serving our local community.

AGM on Tuesday 15th June at 7:30pm

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 21st 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.

DIARY DATES TO NOTE

Portobello Inc - AGM - Tuesday 15 June 7:30 - Coronation Hall

Coronation Hall Society - AGM - Monday 21st June 7pm - Coronation Hall

Hoopers Inlet Hall - AGM - Thursday 22nd July 7:30pm - Hoopers Inlet Hall

Otago Peninsula Museum and Historical Society - AGM - Monday 26 July 7pm - at the Museum, Portobello

Rural Skip Day - 13th June 10am - 4pm - Portobello Domain

Badminton - Sunday nights 7pm - Coronation Hall

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

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

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

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

Portobello Library - Thursdays and Sundays 11am - 1pm - Coronation Hall

Portobello Community Inc

President: Wayne Cameron—**Treasurer:** Christine Neill — **Secretary:** Lynne Sheridan

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

Committee: Ruth Seeney, Sandra Clearwater, Richard Steentjes,

Michael Lascarides, Paul Pope, Des Hudson, Craig Newton, Stacey Kokaua-Balfour, Jamie Ledbetter

Meetings held every 3rd Tuesday of the month. Coronation Hall Kitchen, 7.00pm

All welcome