

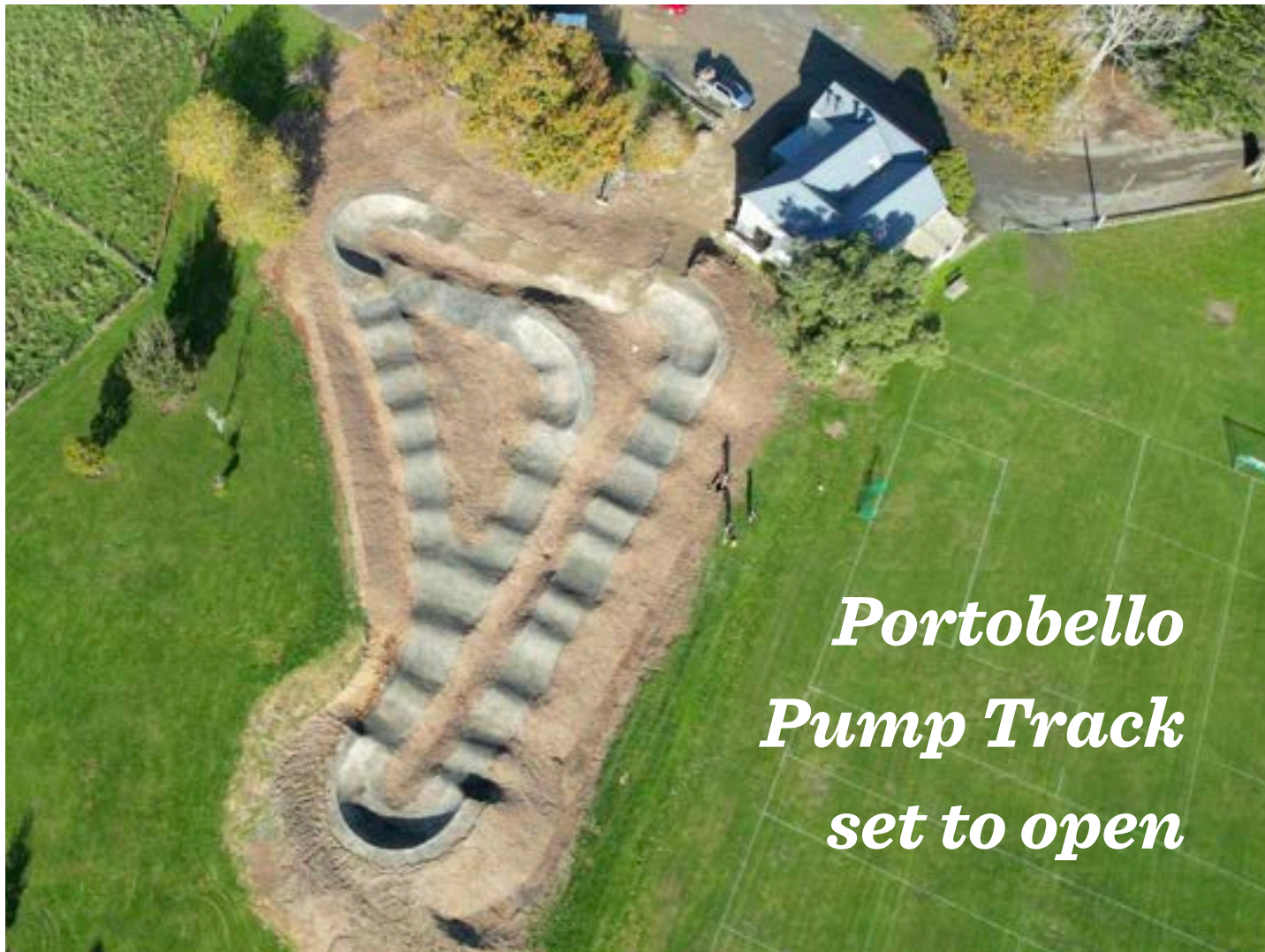
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# portobello news

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OUR HOME BY THE OTAGO HARBOUR

JUNE 2023



## *Portobello Pump Track set to open*

ALMOST COMPLETED! – The culmination of three years of fundraising by the Portobello community, our new Pump Track at the Portobello Domain on Allans Beach Road is almost ready to go. Major construction is completed, and we're just giving the landscaping a chance to settle in before "opening for business". More photos and article inside. (Aerial photo by Aidan Dickson)

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**ATTENTION! YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY**



## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS (AGM)**

are a perfect time to get involved and help Portobello thrive

**Portobello  
Community Inc**  
**20 June**

**Coronation  
Hall Board**  
**26 June**

**Peninsula  
Museum**  
**27 July**

See back cover for details

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# Portobello Community Inc. Update

## CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Kia orana!

Well, it definitely feels like winter's on its way. I hope everyone is staying warm.

We recently had our ANZAC commemoration event. I would like to thank the people who contributed including Laurel and the team at the Otago Peninsula Museum, everyone who helped Sandra with the morning tea, Paul Pope for agreeing to host, Michael Lascarides for providing sound technician services and Isaac, Ida and Joseph for helping with the pack up at the end.

Kā mihi must go to Hoani Langsbury who, as circumstance would have it, agreed to read the Ode with very little notice. A special mention goes to our Volunteer Fire Service for their important role both in our community as first responders in emergency events as well as the time they give to attend our ANZAC event.

We want to thank Hope and Sons for printing our programmes free of charge. Due to the rising costs of printing (like everything else), they will not be able to continue this service. However, we want to acknowledge their years of contribution and support to our community event.

Lastly, I want to acknowledge Rosa and Doreen for their speech. It was wonderful to see young women from our community contributing to the event. I hope the inclusion of our young people in our ANZAC event is something we can continue as it demonstrates the value of commemorating our history for present generations.

Thank you everyone.

Meitaki ra,

*Stacey Kokaua*

## WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

With our upcoming Annual General Meeting just a few days away, now is a perfect time to turn up and help Portobello Community Inc grow.

We've had a very successful year with the completion of the Pump Track, a number of Market Days, regular publication of this newsletter, and our recent change in status to a charitable organisation (which expands our fundraising possibilities). However, our committee members are currently stretched a bit thin making it all happen, often working around family, work, and other volunteer commitments.

But, as we've seen at our recent Pump Track planting bees, many hands make light work. **Every additional person who turns up to share the load helps us immensely.**

To that end, we hope to see you at the AGM on **Tuesday 20 June, 7:30pm at Coronation Hall**. All are welcome!

## portobello community inc.

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# Otago Peninsula Community Board News

Kia ora tātou,

It hasn't been our typical winter with some warmer days of late that may lull us into a false sense of security. While the warm weather is always welcome at this time of year. One can't help but think there may be some terrible surprises lurking around the corner. It's always a good time to make a mental note about firewood, electricity payments and that extra pair of woollens you may need.

## DCC ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSION 2023

Once again, the OPCB has presented its case to the Dunedin City Council Annual Plan for 2023. Our focus has been on getting things finished and infrastructure that protects and serves the community in the long term. Below is a summary of some of the key issues raised with the City Council.

### Peninsula Connection

- Complete the Portobello boardwalk as passed in Council in 2022.
- Connect Portobello School to already completed section towards Harwood (400m)
- Undertake the Ōtākou Fisheries Wharf section as a matter of urgency for the community
- Review parking areas on the Peninsula Connection to improve accessibility by members of the disabled community.

### Community Resilience

- Undertake the Ōtākou Fisheries Wharf section of road widening as a matter of urgency for the community before the road deteriorates any further and the marae, community and essential businesses are cut off.
- Develop a plan for the improvement and protection of roads in the "Back Bays" at Papanui and Hooper's Inlet to protect them from inundation
- Rebuild and improve the sea wall at Tidewater Drive in Harwood to protect the community from storm and inundation events.
- Prepare and implement a programme of suitable street drainage and footpaths to ensure the community is able to cope in high rainfall events.
- Develop a comprehensive ecological approach to the management of Portobello Road in terms of re-planting, tree removal and weed control that assists in stabilising the road and its environs for the future.



### Road Safety and Transport

- Undertake the Ōtākou Fisheries Wharf section as a matter of urgency for the community
  - Connect Portobello School to already completed section towards Harwood (400m)
  - Develop the beach reserve at Macandrew Bay to remove the bottleneck between the completed connection areas.
  - Complete road safety improvements for Tomahawk for the benefits of the community and in light of an additional 80 new houses being built in the area.

- Develop a comprehensive ecological approach to the management of Portobello Road in terms of re-planting, tree removal and weed control that assists in stabilising the road and its environs for the future.
- Complete road safety improvements for Pukehiki for the benefits of the community
- Prepare and implement a programme of suitable street footpaths to ensure the community can safely access areas of their community, for e.g., Beaconsfield Rd, Grieg St and Luss Road.

### Recreation, Public Facilities and Landscape

- Invest in the Otago Peninsula Tracks network to allow the creation of a world class visitor attraction not met by current maintenance or the new Track Strategy
- Invest in the planting of 100,000 trees over 10 years for habitat creation to offset negative effects of the carbon emissions associated with cruise ships and other tourist activity.
- Invest in the redevelopment of new separate public toilets at Macandrew Bay Beach.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

- Congratulations to the team at Portobello Community Inc for the construction of the new pump track.
- Thanks to Portobello Community inc for their organisation of the recent winter market.
- "Nearly there" award to Fulton Hogan for getting closer to finishing the roadworks at Broad Bay.
- The Caselberg Trust is calling for entries for the 2023 Caselberg Trust International Poetry Competition which opens from 1 June until 31 July 2023.



## BOARD MEETING

Our next Community Board meeting is on 22nd June 2023 10:00 am at the Portobello Bowling Club. The last three years seem to have flown by and there has never been a dull moment. We have tackled many issues on behalf of the community and while not everything has fallen our way, we have worked hard to represent you to the best of our ability. That work will continue.

## FACEBOOK

Please take the opportunity to use it if you can and share information with your friends, neighbours and whānau. <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 whānau and take care of your friends and neighbours in the community.

— Paul Pope, Otago Peninsula Community Board Chairman

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## Portobello Police Station

Tēnā koutou everyone

Now I'm not going to get into the cycle v pedestrian debate regarding my next comments but it's a bit of food for thought. I have had a couple of people contact me recently who ride bikes safely, are all lit up and have bells on the shared path. They raised a concern about not being able to see walkers or joggers after it gets dark. They report that on occasion they have nearly hit people out for their stroll because they just couldn't see them. With it getting dark much earlier I would encourage all walkers or runners to perhaps contemplate wearing some high vis or even a head lamp or similar. I would hate for someone to be hit because they couldn't be seen. These are the considerate cyclists, and they say it with genuine concern.

Great to see the new Pump Track finished at the Domain. What a great asset for our community. I'm sure our kids and maybe not-so-kids will have endless enjoyment for a long time to come. I'm sure you'll all join me in thanking all of those that were behind it and made it happen. Let's look after and respect it to ensure its longevity.

The new round-a-about is now done. I like it, I think it and all of the new improvements down in the village will enhance road and pedestrian safety. Take a look at the road code if you're not entirely sure when to and when not to indicate upon entering and leaving the big circle. It has certainly slowed traffic through the village – well most of the time!

A trailer was taken from Marion Street since my last article. This is unfortunately a common trend all over New Zealand. They are easy to take and easy to register in another name, so they basically disappear off the face of the earth. If you have one, try and ensure it is out of sight from the road or if

that isn't an option look at some type of lock for the tow bar. There are some good ones that are a good deterrent.

And with winter upon us, another reminder is to try and get your firewood delivered to a place that cannot be seen from the road or stack it away quickly, so it is not there for the firewood thieves to help themselves to. It's an easy commodity to steal and not a cheap one to lose.

Remember if something is happening now and requires immediate police attendance, call 111. If something has already happened and is not so urgent, call 105 to make a report.

### Poem Time

*The Otago Peninsula, winding and steep  
Speed limits lowered, no need to beep  
Drive with caution, keep it slow  
Safety first, the way to go  
The winding road may tempt, and tease  
But now we must take turns with ease  
No need to rush, no need to hurry  
The new speed limit, no need to worry  
So, take it slow, and take it steady  
No need for speed, no need for deadly  
Enjoy the ride, take in the view  
Arrive safely, and carry on anew*

Until next time, take care of each other and remember my door is always open for advice or just for a cuppa and a chat.

— Sr. Constable Aaron Smith



# Portobello Volunteer Fire Brigade

Well with days getting shorter and the temperatures dropping it looks like we are heading towards winter. The change of seasons brings different challenges with fire safety.

## Home heating

A lot of our houses are heated by log burners and a few still have open fires. It's a good idea to get chimneys cleaned annually and prior to winter is ideal. Most chimney sweeps will advise you if there is any maintenance required as well.

## Firewood

Dry firewood is essential to stop your chimney from becoming blocked with creosote, which is the major cause of chimney fires. You also use a lot less wood to heat your home so try to stack your wood under cover with good ventilation.

## Fire Season

The Otago Peninsula is now in an Open fire season, which means a permit is not required for outdoor fires, but you still need to do this safely.

If you are unsure, please go to the website [WWW.checkitsalright.nz](http://WWW.checkitsalright.nz)

## Quiz night

After a couple of years break, the brigade is going to be running our annual quiz in the Coronation Hall, Portobello.

The date hasn't been finalised yet but we're looking at the end of September.

If anyone would like to donate any prizes, please contact Kellie 027 726-6212.

## Smoke Alarms

Daylight saving finished last month and that means time to check your smoke alarms. Please make sure that your alarms have a new battery in them, and they are less than 10 years old. Fire and Emergency recommends long life photoelectric smoke alarms.

At the recent Waitangi Celebrations at Ōtākou, the brigade had quite a few enquiries about smoke alarms. We are now carrying out free home safety visits and smoke alarm installations.

If you are unsure, want some advice or would like a free home fire safety visit please give either Greg or myself a call.

CFO Jamie Ramsay 027 481-3075

DCFO Greg Dickson 0210 226-5233

## New recruits

The brigade has recently taken on 3 new recruits - Scott, Mark and Lou. They have been putting a lot of effort into their training and are now booked on their 7 day practical course. I would like to pass on my thanks to the rest of the brigade (especially Iain) for all their help and guidance getting the recruits ready for their course.

Stay safe out there and if you see fire or smoke that you are unsure about, call 111..

— Jamie Ramsay, Chief Fire Officer, Portobello Volunteer Fire Brigade



# Portobello School

## New students

We have welcomed four new students to our kura. Eva, Ava, Sonny and Manaia have settled well into Junior Whānau. Kia ora and welcome.

## ANZAC day

We had senior students present their wonderful original ANZAC poems at the service on ANZAC day.

## Space for Kindy and School parents

The prefab room that is currently being used for playgroup two days a week is open Monday to Friday for whānau to use between the 2:30 Kindy pick up and the 3pm school

pick up. This space is available in any weather for all whānau but especially when it is wet or cold!

## Pink Shirt Day

Portobello School took part in Pink Shirt Day on Friday 19 May. Pink Shirt Day works to reduce bullying by celebrating diversity in all its forms and supporting schools, workplaces and communities to be safe, supportive, welcoming and inclusive for everyone. We raised nearly \$100 for the cause!

## Building work

The posts for the new retaining wall are concreted in and the wall is now being built. The new playground swing is now complete! We are looking forward to trying it out.



### Regular Kindy visits by Room 4 students

With the Kindy moving in next door, Portobello School and Kindy are now in a great position to further strengthen their relationship. A selection of Room 4 students will

be spending a little part of their Tuesday mornings with the tamariki at the Kindy. This involves them taking a book or two over and reading with the pre-school children as well as interacting with them and developing the tuakana/teina relationship between the Kindy and School. Only two students per week go to the Kindy which makes this an exclusive honour. Our students are very excited about it!

### Milo Mornings

These remain popular and a selection of students are now pretty well versed in the art of making the perfect Milo. Money raised from this weekly event is going towards the Year 5/6 camp at the end of Term 3.

### Art with Kirsten from Toitu and the Dunedin Public Art Gallery

Kirsten Parkinson who we worked with last term at Toitu, came to Portobello School on Friday 9th June to work with classes on creating some fabulous art work. We loved having her work with us.

— Tom Hobbs, Acting Principal

## Otago Peninsula Museum

We are grateful to the Otago Peninsula Community Board who gave the Museum \$1,000 towards the printing of our book **Otago Peninsula - Then and Now**. We also had more copies printed of our book **Portobello - A Brief History**. There will be a book launch, and more photos that did not make the book on display, when we organise this - we will let you know.

Both books will be \$30 each. A great reminder of how the Peninsula looked in earlier years with a comparison to how it looks now. A book in another 25 to

50 years will be even more interesting as then there would be 3 photos of change. A book for every Peninsula home.

Our Annual General Meeting will be 7pm on Monday 24 July 2023 at the Museum. Mark it on your calendar and come along and hear what the Museum members have been up to.

Our Tuesday working bees are still very active. There was rather a large attendance recently and the smoko room was chokka.



OTAGO PENINSULA MUSEUM  
& HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

17 Harrington Point Road, Portobello, Dunedin 9014

We have been given a lovely photographic album from the Grainger family who lived in the Highcliff area. Thomas and Margaret Grainger arrived from Scotland in 1849 on the ship Larkins. Funny name for a ship - however the figurehead (which is the oldest known figurehead in Australia) is kept at the Albany Museum in Western Australia. The ship was used as a coal hulk in Albany from 1853 till she was scrapped in 1876. Thomas and Margaret had 8 children, many of them marrying into other local families.

If you have any information on your family that you would like the Museum to have a copy of then please get in touch. It is important for future generations to come to the Museum for information, especially if they have lost touch with family members. Many overseas folk contact us about their families but if we have not been given the information then of course we can't help.

Our email is [theotagopeninsulamuseum@gmail.com](mailto:theotagopeninsulamuseum@gmail.com)

We are open Sundays 12.30-3.30. For other times you can

*100 years ago this month...*

*£900 got you quite  
a bit of real estate.*

*Otago Daily Times, 10 May 1923  
(via Papers Past)*

**P**ORTOBELLO: For Exchange, 9-roomed Residence, electric light, h. and c.; motor garage, fowl runs, workshop, good garden and paddock, all in beautiful order. Price £900. Owner will \*sell outright or exchange for town property or mortgages. Fol. 1483

## STOP (Save The Otago Peninsula)

Studies have shown that native trees were better able to withstand the strong winds and heavy rains brought by Cyclone Gabrielle compared to non-native trees. One of the main reasons for the resilience of native trees is their root system. Native trees have adapted to New Zealand's often unstable terrain, and their roots are well-suited to anchor them firmly in place, even during strong winds. In contrast, many non-native trees have shallow root systems that are ill-suited to withstand the forces of nature. Apart from the fruit trees in the Community Orchard, all the planting at Smiths Creek "Future Forest" are natives that are known to grow on the Otago Peninsula.

Volunteers have now begun planting this season's trees, 1,000 of which have been donated by Trees That Count to mark the FIFA Women's World Cup later this year. There is a great view of the harbour from the planting site. We plan to have a public planting day closer to the games.



We are thrilled to also have a generous donation from both the Otago Community Trust and the Otago Regional Council's Eco-Fund towards the cost of the Smiths Creek Catchment Revegetation Project.

Regular working bees with any necessary tools provided, meet at the end of Bacon St in Turnbulls Bay (the next bay past Broad Bay) every Tuesday and Sunday at 9.30am.

If you have a special birthday or anniversary coming up this year and would like to donate some trees to commemorate it (or invite your friends to contribute a tree), ask for information on how to do this.

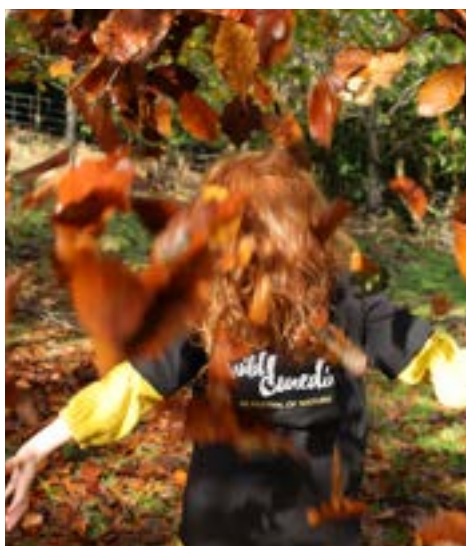
Email [stopincsoc@gmail.com](mailto:stopincsoc@gmail.com) or text (only) Lala 027 8756 020.

## Wild Dunedin Festival a success

Wild Dunedin's Festival this autumn was our most successful yet with 24,000 people attending events all over the city.

We would like to thank the local Peninsula people who freely gave their time for the Portobello Wild Fun Day at the Hall. This was a change from our usual evening discussion with a day for all ages and a number of activities celebrating our unique nature on Otago Peninsula.

A big thank you to Kitty Brown who guided the toi whenua workshops (earth painting), Louise Ashton and the Yellow Eyed Penguin Trust Nursery for her most popular native seed gathering workshops, Paula Cross from OPBG for the two guided nature walks, NZ Sea Lion Trust, and Moira Parker and the SWAT team for identifying good and bad vines. It was great having the Marine Studies Centre touch tank in the Hall thanks to sponsorship from Harbour Fish.



It was wonderful to see all these groups together and catching up with each other. While there were visitors from the city, most of the audience were locals. This is something Wild Dunedin wants to encourage – local engagement, not just a city Festival.

Thank you to Portobello Inc for your support of this event.

We are already planning our 9th NZ Festival of Nature with a weather theme from 19-28th April 2024 over the school holidays.

If you have any ideas for an event to be included in the 2024 Wild Fun Day at Portobello please let me know by email [info@wilddunedin.nz](mailto:info@wilddunedin.nz) or phone me on 021478061 to discuss.

If your event idea connects to our weather theme all good, but it's not absolutely necessary. The only requirement is that the activity is connected with nature.

— Jeannie Hayden, Festival Director – Wild Dunedin



# Portobello Domain Pump Track nears completion

After years of community fundraising, we're delighted to announce that the Portobello Domain Pump Track has become a reality, providing a safe and fun place for kids of all ages and abilities to ride, scoot, skate, and wheel.

We would like to make the following mentions of thanks:

First of all, thanks to the Peninsula community for showing up to all our fundraising events, planting bees, and to help work on the track.

Major funders: **The Lion Foundation, The Lotteries Community Fund, Otago Community Trust, and Alexander Macmillan Trust.**

Community Supporters: Portobello and Broad Bay Schools and Kindergarten, Peninsula Community Board, Mountain Bike Otago and Te Rūnaka o Ōtākou.

Plant donations: Paul Pope and the Otago Corrections Facility, Tomahawk Smaills Beachcare Trust, Stella and Rob, Penny Dickson, and Ruth Seeney.

Thanks to Terry and Pete from Landshapes for all the help with the track build, landscaping and material supply.

And thanks to all the riders for coming down to give it a go and staying off the grass

— *Kitty Brown & Dan Parker, project organisers*



**MAKING IT HAPPEN** – Project organiser Dan Parker (center) with track builders extraordinaire Chris and Adam of Empire of Dirt.



Thanks to Aidan Dickson for these wonderful aerial photos. Pump Track is visible here at lower right.





**BUSY BEES** – Thanks to all of our lovely volunteers and plant donors at our recent Planting Bee. Many hands made light work of planting native trees and grasses, building access paths, replacing fences, improving drainage, and seeding the dirt banks with grass.





# Quarantine Island/Kamau Taurua Community Inc.

Kia ora koutou,

It has been a busy couple of months on the motu with many day visitors and groups choosing to stay overnight in the Lodge enjoying some 'island time'. The autumnal rain continued especially good for the island's native seedlings and our water tanks. The bush, shore and seabirds have continued to be busy keeping warm and fed, and the pūkeko youngsters and their parents seem to be here to stay!

The sad news is that our wonderful Keeper (Resident Manager), Liv Taylor-Peebles, has left for new and exciting opportunities in Te Anau. We have wished Liv well, and have greatly appreciated all her mahi, energy and friendship over the past year, adding a youthful face to the QI/KT Community, and an awesome kaitiaki to all our visitors, and the heihei, sheep and ducks! Over the next month or so we will have reliever/s until we advertise for a more permanent Keeper, as we continue work on upgrading the Keeper's Cottage and other necessary maintenance.

As well as students taking part in the Marine Studies Centre residential programme, there were a number of school groups across Dunedin and Otago region who held camps including Logan Park High School Physical Education Year 13 students, who came to the motu on rafts! Alliance Francaise enjoyed a French immersion weekend, WEEtreat returned for another women's wellness retreat and a few other groups enjoyed celebrating a birthday or family reunion. University of Otago students from Salmond College, Caroline Freeman College and PILSA (Pacific Island Law Students' Association) enjoyed a welcome break from study, connecting with one another, whilst helping us with various projects.

During the second part of the Easter school holidays, the QI/KT Community took part in the Wild Dunedin Ōtepoti Mohoao, thanks to Liv's talents and mahi for making this event happen! Tēnā koe te Whenua, Dear Earth, - Letters to

the Land provided a unique way to connect and share the meaning of whenua whilst exploring the motu. Writing stations were placed around the motu giving visitors the opportunity to write a letter, a poem or draw a picture, and then post via the letterbox in front of the Married Quarters, or take it home. Posted letters were then displayed in the Married Quarters building to inspire others. You can still see some of the 'letters' displayed in the Married Quarters building. Liv had also been working with Janina Nakajima Castro, a Science Communication postgraduate/Masters student at the University of Otago, and a birder from the Philippines, for her Internship paper focussing on QI/KT education resources.

We've held a number of mahi volunteer days and our Welcome Days have all been enjoyed by new visitors and regular volunteers/Community members. Mahi has included planting and caring for seedlings,

releasing, weed control, monitoring predator traps and tracking tunnels, bird counts, skink surveys, and leading groups, improvements to the Keeper's Cottage and other building maintenance, and replacing more jetty timber decking. Thanks to all our volunteers and Community members for their efforts on and off the island over the last few months.

On our Welcome Day held on 29th April and 27th May a number of newbies enjoyed a first time island visit, learning about the history of the island and the QI/KT Community, and joined in with our biodiversity project with the last autumn bird counts and the first of this year's planting season, as well as weed control and caring for seedlings, and maintenance.

We still have a small number of copies left of the revised reprint of Lyndall Hancock's book Quarantine Island/Kamau Taurua (St Martin

Island)- A Short History. If you are interested in buying your own copy at \$35 each, please contact [secretary.quarantineisland@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.quarantineisland@gmail.com)

We are grateful to The Sargood Bequest and Otago Peninsula Community Board for funding for jetty decking



timber, Otago Regional Council ECOFund, and Rotary Club of Dunedin South for funds to help us to continue our regeneration project involving the wider community, Port Otago for installing a new jetty ladder, Lottery Otago/Southland Community Fund for contributing to funds towards the Keepers salary, and Port-To-Port Cruises and Wildlife Tours, East Coast Charters and Otago Water Taxis & Tours who have provided boat transfers. Thanks also to Paul Clements for his continued mahi and management of the Keepers Cottage upgrade, to Patsy Mason for her funding application mahi, and Adrienne Dearnley for her treasurer mahi.

Would you like to join our Volunteer Database? Complete our Volunteer Form [here](#) and read our Volunteer Information Sheet [here](#) for some ideas of how you could help and what to expect.

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](http://quarantineisland.org.nz) for details.

You can also subscribe to our monthly e-newsletter to learn about island news, events and volunteer opportunities, or follow our Facebook page Quarantine Island Kamau Taurua (Quarantine Island) and/or Facebook Group QI/KT Community Group, or contact the island Keeper (Resident Manager) on 03-478-0874 or email [quarantineisland@gmail.com](mailto:quarantineisland@gmail.com).

If you haven't visited before, we host a Community Welcome Day on the last weekend of each month. Just a

short boat ride from Back Beach, Port Chalmers, or Portobello by arrangement. We organise boat transport. Details and registration forms for events are on our website or Facebook page.

There is something for everyone on Kamautaurua/Quarantine Island. 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.

Mahi volunteer days in June - to be confirmed 10th/11th June & 17th/18th June & possible weekday options.

Volunteer, weed control, planting and caring for native seedlings, and other mahi.

Boat subsidies available for those helping with our biodiversity project.

There is something for everyone on Kamau Taurua/Quarantine Island. From relaxing and recharging in solitude amongst peaceful surroundings, to learning about island history and ecology, volunteering, and experiencing what makes the island so special.

Saturday 24th June 2023- Welcome Day & Big winter clean!

Saturday 29th July 2023- Welcome Day

Volunteer, relax or explore, or all three! Come for the day or stay overnight!

## Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Group

### Possums on the run...

Recently we received publicity in the Otago Daily Times regarding the Te Rauone bandit possum and trying to track down this very elusive possum. The bandit is still on the run with just a few others within a large sector of the Peninsula. The possum was last seen on a trail camera, walking past a trap, on April the 14th.

Our milestone is to be possum free from Portobello to the Headland and over to the inlets by 30th July 2023 and we know we are very close. The next milestone is to be possum free over the whole Peninsula by September 2024. We have

been intensively trapping closer to town with great success at lowering numbers. Thank you to all the landowners who

continue to be very supportive and helpful in allowing us to continue with the big goal of eradication. We would like to keep working with our community to achieve eradication and continue to benefit from increased native birdlife and healthy native vegetation.



Our annual Spotlight on Possum event is coming up.... If you see or hear a possum, please get in touch.

— Paula Cross, Community Coordinator  
([peninsula@opbg.nz](mailto:peninsula@opbg.nz) • ph 021 242 4944)



# Otakou Golf Club

Dear Golfers and Friends.

I recall that the last writings from your scribe concerned our cricket match as much as golf. Sorry, but I am going to digress again: this time concerning Cross Country Running. Ōtākou Golf Club have agreed to accommodate Athletics Otago for one of their prestigious races on our golf course.

What !! Sacrilege, I hear you say. But wait, I will tell you more.

Saturday 24 June the golf course will be closed from midday for the whole afternoon for the running of their Edmond Cup which is a team event and has been run for over a century, since 1907 in fact, at a variety of courses around Dunedin including Chisholm and Wingatui. It covers all age groups from under 8's to Seniors and Masters - both men and women.

Essentially, the running route will follow the perimeter of our golf course into some of the places we do not want to go. Good luck with the gorse lads. Apparently the rougher it is the better they like it so those hilly bits in and out of trees will suit them down to the ground. The runners will be



nowhere near any of our greens. But golf balls and runners do not mix so there will be no golf after midday on that Saturday. Saturday golfers should start earlier, or play 9 holes, but either way - be off the golf course by noon. A bumper crowd is expected and parking will be at a premium.

Hope the weather holds.

Why do this? Well there is a fee involved but you may have noticed that Ōtākou and Harington Point with the completion of Te Rauone Beach reserve and playground are becoming destinations along the Peninsula and Ōtākou Golf Course could become another. We may hopefully entice new members to our club. Go to the new

beach, the Marae or the Albatross Centre and have a game of golf during your time here. We are making improvements to the course which will make it more attractive. Indeed we hope to have details of a new irrigation scheme to present to you in the next issue. And then it will be 'fund raising' a-gogo.

Meanwhile, continue to come down and join in our regular golf competitions, you know it makes sense.

*Hit'em Straight!*

## Another Day In Paradise—from Olly's Pen

Wow! Have I had a busy time lately. First of all, I've been invited to be a storyteller at the Winter Festival where I'll be telling two stories – The Matariki Legend, which I'll present inside the First Church. I'm thinking that I may sing part of the story as well (I probably will). The other story will be my version of Maui and the Sun which I have to do outside the church because it involves aerial performers. I've already been filmed for that story. If you're going to see the Winter Fest, you'll see my face up in the trees telling the story of how Maui tamed the Sun. Thank goodness I won't have to physically be outside – yay!

A film crew from Maata Waka came to our house and did some drone shots of me walking along the boardwalk and into our home. The interview was about the impact I had on the public, especially Māori, because I spoke in Te reo Māori and was the first Māori presenter with his own program. And of course there was a huge impact on the hard of hearing community when I signed off my After

School program with "Keep cool, 'til After School". Not long after that interview, which was all in Te reo Māori, TVNZ sent a crew to interview me as part of a program about "What's Happened to ???". It's going to be aired along with the 6 o'clock News sometime in June.

I am really grateful, and I'm sure many others are as well, for the way our local Ōtākou marae offers us opportunities to meet others in the community with the added bonus of being kept up-to-date with the latest happenings via guest speakers! Ngā mihi mana nui ki a koutou mā.

And finally – I was asked by the interviewer for TVNZ, "What words of encouragement would I give to children today?". I didn't have to think about that for long, I replied; "Stay curious. Don't let anyone take your curiosity away from you". I recommend that, to everyone – even in our wonderful piece of paradise.

— Olly Ohlson

# Portobello Presbyterian Church

## Programme of 2023 Church Services

*10am unless otherwise noted*

18th June – TBA – Study Group

9th July – Jane Cox – Church Svc

23rd July – TBA – Study Group

6th August – Jane Cox – Church Svc

20th August – TBA – Study Group –

3rd September – Jane Cox – Church Svc

17th September – TBA – Communion

1st October – Jane Cox – Church Svc

15th October – TBA – Study Group

5th November – Jane Cox – Church Svc

19th November – TBA – Study Group

3rd December – TBA – Communion

17th December – Jane Cox – Church Svc

24th December – 19.00pm – Jane Cox – Xmas Carol Singing

## NZ Penguin Initiative

Are there little penguins in your neighbourhood, or your favourite beach? Would you be interested in looking after them?

We are here to help. The New Zealand Penguin Initiative has created a network of community groups throughout NZ that are monitoring little penguins, and we're always looking for more people to join the cause. We provide free support for



monitoring, protection, and advocacy, to better understand penguin populations throughout NZ, and to improve conservation measures to protect them.

If you are interested, please get in touch either on our website [www.nzpi.nz/get-involved](http://www.nzpi.nz/get-involved) or

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We'll deliver a 240 litre yellow-lidded recycling bin, a blue glass recycling bin and recycling instructions to the street outside your property during late May-June, if you're on the new route.

DCC black pre-paid rubbish bags are available from supermarkets and DCC Service Centres.

Contact us between 1 July - 30 September if you want to swap to a smaller 80 litre yellow-lidded bin for your Pukehiki property without charge.

See what the bins look like at: [www.dunedin.govt.nz/recycling](http://www.dunedin.govt.nz/recycling)

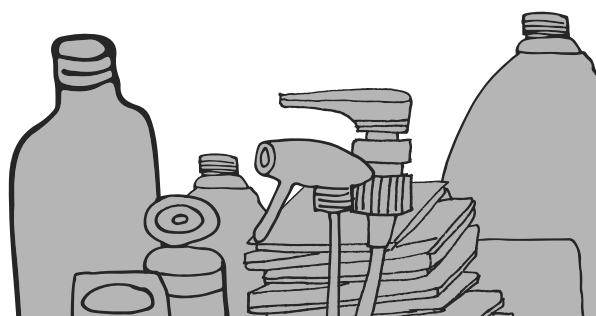
or see the real thing at the Pukehiki pop up recycling day, 10am-12noon, Saturday, 3 June, at the old quarry site on the Pukehiki side of Bloem's Piggery.

DOWNLOAD the DCC Kerbside Collections app for information on recycling bin collections, what can and can't go in the bins and more.



[www.dunedin.govt.nz/recycling](http://www.dunedin.govt.nz/recycling) | 03 477 4000

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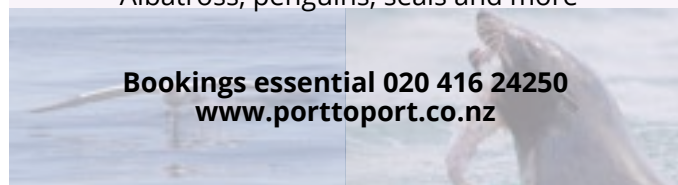
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**We meet at our group leader's house. Just contact us for the address:**

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/ThePUGsNZ/](https://www.facebook.com/ThePUGsNZ/)

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

**NO LIQUIDS:** i.e. liquids including oil

\* demolition materials – the maximum size of demolition material is 1m in any direction. Material is to be clean and contain no asbestos.

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- Pump Track
- Heritage walk
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- Seasonal Market Days
- Paddock Pursuit
- Local clean-up days
- "Pirate Ship Playground" at Latham Park
- Major fundraising for the Jetty
- Installing a Defibrillator
- This newsletter
- and more!

We meet **7:30pm on the third Tuesday of each month** at Portobello Coronation Hall

Everyone is welcome!

Can't make the meetings but still keen to help? No worries! Contact us at [pbocomm.inc@gmail.com](mailto:pbocomm.inc@gmail.com)

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## BOOK BUS

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## PENINSULA TOY LIBRARY

Our Toy Library is open every Sunday morning from 10:30–12:30. We have a wide variety of toys, puzzles, games, dress-ups, and ride-on toys. At the Portobello Domain Pavilion, Allans Beach Road.

## PENINSULA MEDICAL CENTRE

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## LOCAL PHONE BOOK

478 Local Phone Books are available for purchase at the Portobello Store for \$10.

## PORTOBELLO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

All are welcome to our friendly little church on the Peninsula. 22 Harington Point Road, Portobello. Services every other Sunday at 10:00am.

## BADMINTON CLUB

Badminton Club plays Sundays at 7:00pm, Coronation Hall. new members very welcome—come along and give it a try! We have club rackets for new players to use. Any enquiries phone Geoff on 0275 784 758.

## DEFIBRILLATOR

There are Automated External Defibrillators located outside Portobello Store (1 Harington Point Road) and the Broad Bay Boating Club (683 Portobello Road).



## HOT WATER URN RENTALS

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## COMMUNITY POOL

The Pool is closed for the winter. Please be sure to return your key to the shop!

# community calendar

Saturday 17 June  
**Rural Skip Day**  
*Portobello Domain, 10am–4pm*

Tuesday 20 June  
**Portobello Community Inc Annual General Meeting**  
*Coronation Hall, 7:30pm*

Thursday 22 June  
**Otago Peninsula Community Board Meeting**  
*Portobello Bowling Club, 10am*

Monday 26 June  
**Coronation Hall Annual General Meeting**  
*Coronation Hall, 7pm*

Saturday 24 June  
**Visitor Day/Winter Clean**  
*Quarantine Island Kamau Taurua*

Tuesday 18 July  
**Portobello Community Inc Monthly Meeting**  
*Coronation Hall, 7:30pm*

Monday 27 July  
**Otago Peninsula Museum Annual General Meeting**  
*Coronation Hall, 7:30pm*

Tuesdays & Sundays 9:30am  
**Hereweka Planting Bees**  
*Bacon Street, Broad Bay*

Sundays 12:30–3:30pm  
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