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# Portobello Community Inc. Update

## CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Tēnā koutou,

I hope you have all fared well through the recent wild winds and are enjoying the warmer weather! The Peninsula is looking particularly lovely this year, perhaps due to the reduction in numbers of orange road cones. October seems to be the month one can find every shade of green in the hills, and I am enjoying seeing everyone's gardens return to life. Ours has burst forth impatiently... apparently our flowers didn't get the memo that we're still trying to finish up our winter chores. Oh well, maybe next year.

Speaking of green, the plantings around the Pump Track at Portobello Domain are bedding in nicely, and the grass has covered almost all of the winter mud. A big thank you to all of the volunteers who have donated their time, materials, plants, expertise, labour, and skills to make this wonderful new community asset as good as it can be. And there's more to come... I hear talk of picnic tables, signs, and other features in the works. The Track has already become a hot favourite with locals and more than a few visitors from beyond the Peninsula. Please do wheel over and have a go... just mind the new plantings!

Our little organisation continues to grow. It has been wonderful to see a few new faces at our recent monthly meetings, and we're very grateful for all the activity.

As you can see from the cover, our next event is a Comedy Night fundraiser, co-hosted with the great folks at the Dunedin Comedy Club. This will be our big fundraiser for the year, so thanks in advance for your support! The ever-increasing printing costs mean we need it more than ever to keep this newsletter going, not to mention all the other projects we've got on our list. Tickets are available at [portobello.org.nz](http://portobello.org.nz) or at the Portobello Store.

As a small volunteer group, we've decided to focus on this as our main event for the pre-Christmas season, so we will be running our Summer Market Day in early 2024. (Not to mention it's pretty hard to find a weekend in November that doesn't already have several markets already scheduled!) Look for an announcement of the date for that one.

Kā mihi,

— Michael Lascarides

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# Otago Peninsula Community Board

The general elections are now over, and we wait to see what shape and form the next government will take. For some that will be relief for others disappointment. Whatever your political viewpoint the positive is that the innumerable election signs and pamphlets which litter our streets and letterboxes have finally been put away for another 3 years. Probably of greater national importance was that the All Blacks rejuvenated their World Cup campaign on the Sunday morning after the election. We all breathed a national sigh of relief in the way that they performed in their victory over the unlucky Irish. Sport and politics are fickle beasts, both test our loyalty's the major difference is that most people enjoy sport!

## Civil Defence

It's been an unsettled period of weather on the Otago Peninsula of late. Strong winds, high tides and some cold nor-easterlies have dampened a few spirits and played havoc with the roads at times. As always, the message from the Board is to act like a boy (or girl) scout and be prepared to be able to cope in such conditions at home. Being organised around medications, spare food, lighting and other essentials will assist you in being able to manage short periods of potential road closure, power outages and other disruptions.

## City Council Long Term Plan 2024—PLEASE SUBMIT!

Every three years, the Dunedin City Council delivers a 10-year plan, sometimes called the Long-Term Plan because it's planning for a whole decade of activities and services. It's a long, hard look at what is to be done from 2024 to 2034. For



the Otago Peninsula there are some critical issues that need to be completed for the community's that they are required. For the Community Board these include:

- Completion of the road widening at Harington Point and the Otakou Fisheries.
- Completion of the Portobello School and connection
- Completion of the promised boardwalk in Portobello
- Developing the Tomahawk School Site
- Tidewater Drive Sea Wall

As a precursor to the Long Term Plan the Council have an online survey asking the community for their priorities. This closes on October 31 2023 and can be found at <https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/council/annual-and-long-term-plans/10-year-plan-2024-2034>

## Speed Limit Changes

The City Council have rolled out a wider plan of speed limit changes across the city which has attracted considerable public attention. As in previous years the Board has submitted and will present the community views on October 24th.

Facebook – The Board now have a Facebook account where I'll be sharing notices, information and meeting dates. Please take the opportunity to use it if you can. <https://www.facebook.com/pencomboard/>

— Paul Pope, Otago Peninsula Community Board Chairman  
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# Portobello School

## POPS Carwash and BBQ

The Portobello School PTA, POPS, (Pals Of Portobello School) held a carwash and BBQ fundraiser on the Domain on Saturday 2nd September.

This was a huge success with more than 60 cars washed and many sausages eaten!

## Potluck dinner

The Board of Trustees held a potluck dinner on Thursday the 7th of September. This was a great way for our whānau to get together in an informal setting. Lovely food and great company.



## Portobello School Cross Country

It was a fantastic day for cross country running on Friday 11th of August. It was great to see our tamariki giving their best around a particularly muddy course. Congratulations to all runners.

A special mention to Ivy, Tessa, Wilson, Lacey, Robin and Koru who went on to the Ariki Cup, an interschool cross country event. Congratulations to Tessa who came 6th in her race, making it to the Otago Cross Country Champs, coming an incredible 26th out of over 80 runners.



### Seaton's Bush planting morning

On Wednesday the 23rd of August, the whole school spent time walking through Seaton's Bush and planted 100 trees in an area that is being regenerated in natives. It was great to see all our tamariki enjoying the outdoors and looking after our environment. Thank you to Paula and Brendon Cross for this opportunity.

### Noho sleepover at Ōtākou Marae

We had our annual noho on the 30th of August. This is a fantastic opportunity for our tamariki to extend themselves and shine in a different setting. The noho was primarily used for PolyFest practice, but a lot of tikanga was imparted while we were there.

### PolyFest

What an amazing performance by our kura! They peaked at the right time and used all the nervous energy (there was a lot!) and left it all out there. It was such a privilege to witness. The work that was put into this event was significant, and it showed in the execution on stage. Kā mihi nui to all who took part and who helped us get there.

### Wearable Arts

A fantastic show was witnessed on Friday the 8th of September! We have such talented tamariki that have so many great and creative ideas. Thank you to all the parents who helped their children either at home or by coming to school to lend a hand in classrooms. It was wonderful to see all our brave children 'walk the catwalk', strutting their stuff!

### Senior Camp

From the 18th to the 22nd of September, the senior class went to CYC Waiholā for camp. It was an epic trip with so many activities: archery tag, water slide, zipline, paintball, initiative course, bubble ball, spotlight, gagaball, the animal survival game and so much more. There were lots of students who stepped out of their comfort zone and achieved success in many areas.

A very busy term.

Kā mihi,

— Tom Hobbs, Acting Principal

## Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Group

Kia ora,

As many of you are aware, our goal is to be possum free over the whole Peninsula by September 2024, which means we have less than a year to go! To date, our group has eliminated over 24,000 possums, bringing the population down to very low numbers. In fact, thermal imaging around Portobello finds no sign of possums over 400 hectares, which is pretty exciting. However, we are still detecting possums in Edwards Bay and other nearby places on the peninsula, and these remaining individuals are likely to move around in search of a mate, so if you have a backyard trap please continue to check and re-set it regularly.



As always, 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.

Ngā mihi,

— Maggie Evans

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## NZ Penguin Initiative

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

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# Otago Peninsula Museum

With Spring, it is always lovely to see the daffodils around the lighthouse building at the Museum show an abundance of colour.

Geoff, one of our Tuesday working bee members, has been restoring our old sewing machines and writing a piece about each one. They are up in the Barn area and look just great - thanks Geoff. Make sure you pop along to the Museum on a Sunday (12.30-3.30pm) and take a look.



## OTAGO PENINSULA MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

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*excursions within the harbour as well as maintaining a regular passenger and freight service. Her present Master, Captain Bloy, joined the vessel as engineer in 1905 and in 1918, having gained his Masters ticket he became Captain and Mr Montgomery was the engineer and he and Captain*

*Bloy have operated the Tarewai until the present time.*

— Otago Daily Times, 20 November 1943

(Tarewai I operated from 1887 until Tarewai

II came into service in 1905).

We recently had a visit from John and Rose Gertson who have donated a replica of the ferry Tarewai that John had made. It is in the Boatshed at the Museum if you are keen to check it out as well. Here is a little bit about the ferry:

*The steamer ferry service which has been operating between Port Chalmers and Portobello since 1887 will cease after the final trip by the s.s. Tarewai II After 38 years of reliable service in the Otago Harbour, the Tarewai has been sold to a Canterbury company to be used as a ferry in the bays of Lyttelton Harbour.*

*The Tarewai was built at Port Chalmers in 1905 by the Stevenson, Cook and Knewstubb brothers and throughout her long period of service carried thousands of passengers on*

We had a great response to the recent photo exhibition in the Portobello Hall. Thanks for your support everyone. Our new book, Otago Peninsula Then and Now, has been very popular. Many thanks to the Portobello Dairy and the Cove Cafe who have the book available for sale at \$30 each. They also stock our other book, Portobello A Brief History. All funds go back to the Museum for all of those projects we undertake.

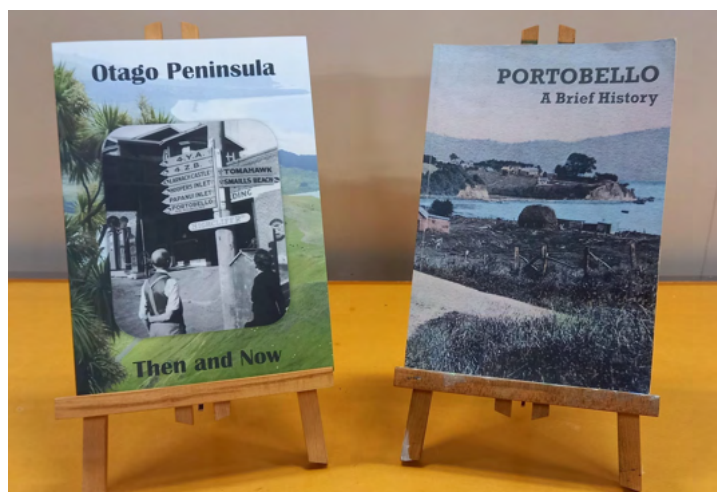
If you want to contact us, our email is: [theotagopeninsulamuseum@gmail.com](mailto:theotagopeninsulamuseum@gmail.com)

We ask that you please don't park outside the Museum over the weekends unless you are visiting us. We have quite a few visitors now and parking is limited for them with cars constantly left there.



The Museum has two photocopiers available which are no longer fit for our purpose. If you are interested, then a donation for these to the Museum would be appreciated.

- Brother LC3319XL colour copier which does A3 and A4. There are also a couple of cartridges to go with it. Hardly used.
- Brother Laser black and white copier which does A4.



# STOP (Save The Otago Peninsula)

Planting is now finished for the year but the seedlings planted in the last three years still need to be released from the grass that can deprive them of light or compete for nutrition if they are to have the maximum chance of survival.

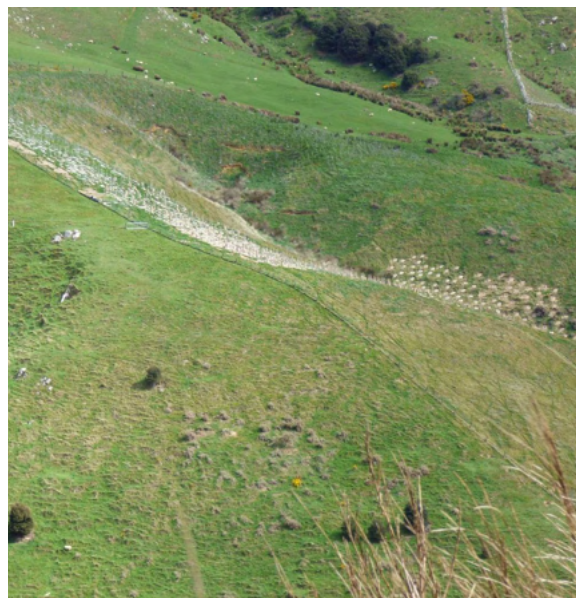
This work is generally done at regular working bees, which will continue throughout summer. These meet at the end of Bacon Street in Turnbulls Bay (the bay before Broad Bay, coming from Portobello) every Tuesday and Sunday at 9.30am. Any necessary tools are provided. New volunteers are always welcome. If you can garden and can walk across a paddock, you can participate.

While over 50% of the work on the Future Forest in Smiths Creek is done by the regular working bees, larger groups from environmental organisations, schools and businesses are the other contributors, and we can cope with a busload of up to 50 volunteers.

We always welcome donations of trees and can arrange for your name or someone else's to be attached to a tree or group of trees.



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*Photo: 2022-23 planting seen from Highcliff Road looks more like a forest of stakes than of trees*

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

Talk about windy! Our blossoms were scattered all over our front court yard and our scrubs and flowers were shaken down pretty badly. Other than that our house withstood everything the wind threw at us – thank goodness. Our plants are recovering and we are so grateful when the wind calms down and the clouds move aside and out pops the sun. There's something magical when that happens. For me it's like a wonderful feeling of inner warmth that floods throughout my entire body - and I feel so lucky and so thankful to be alive and as well as I am. Over the past few weeks, I've been thinking a lot about my life as a whole. I found myself pondering on, how have I affected everyone I've come in contact with and how have they affected me? And that led me to thinking about, how have I affected the energy around our home, the flowers, the trees, the shrubs. And how have they affected me too? It was then I wondered if, by being aware and consciously observant of people, situations and everything around me, could I learn more about the energy field that gives me life and life to everything around me? My parents, my Koro and other

elders often said that the greatest teacher in life is the one you see in the mirror but I never understood the depth of that; so I didn't bother paying any attention to it at all. Now I realise just how important that phrase was and how relevant it is today. Every human being wants to be happy, loved, respected and safe. So therefore if our children know what makes them happy, loved, respected and safe they can build their lives and the lives of others on those same principles. Animal lovers pets respond positively to them. They're often referred to as, "animal whisperers." Watch how plants, vegetables, flowers, shrubs and trees respond to nature lovers. They're talked about as having, "green fingers." When I consciously look at how my own energy works, I realise just how marvellous and powerful this energy, which is known in Maori circles as "mauri," really is. So I've come to the conclusion that we humans are more powerful than we think. So, "What is my potential? And what about yours then?" Something for all of us to think about perhaps - in our wonderful part of paradise.

— Olly Ohlson



# Portobello Volunteer Fire Brigade

Well, it's nice to be in spring with a bit more sun, and with daylight saving, more daylight in the evening. Unfortunately, spring weather can be unsettled as experienced recently with thunderstorms and high winds.

## Fire Season

The Otago Peninsula is still 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

It was great to be able to hold our quiz night again. It was four years ago when we last held one. It was nice to see all the familiar faces in the audience and unfortunately, for the first time, we had to turn people away as we had reached full capacity. I would like to thank all our sponsors for their massive generosity, as the value and number of prizes was outstanding. We raised a good amount of money, and this is being used to fund a 1st response 4x4 utility. This project will take some time to fund raise for as we are directed as to what to purchase and we also have to provide a garage to house it. I would also like to thank the community for your generosity and a personal thanks to all the members of the brigade for all the hard mahi involved.

## Lithium-Ion batteries

The subject of battery-operated devices has been quite topical recently. There have been several fires involving charging of E bikes, E scooters and battery power tools. Please take great care when charging these batteries.

Ensure you use the correct charger, monitor the temperature of the battery – if it gets hot, remove it from the charger and place it outside. Don't attempt to charge a damaged battery. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions. Do not dispose of a Lithium-Ion battery in the general rubbish. The DCC Green Island Landfill will accept them.

## Wildfire Prevention

The weather experts are predicting a very dry summer this year so it's time to consider measures to prevent unwanted fires on your property. Some simple things can reduce the risk of one starting in the first place. Keep grass around your property mowed, trees and foliage trimmed, and all trimmings disposed of properly i.e. do not throw branches etc. under the trees or shelter belts. Chipping of foliage is a good option. Try to maintain a "defensible space" around your dwelling and sheds. If you are able, keeping plants watered reduces their flammability.

## Daylight Saving

This is the time of year that Fire and Emergency ask you to "check your smoke alarms". Please check that all your smoke alarms are working and are under 10 years old. Fire and Emergency recommends long life photoelectric smoke alarms. 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

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

—Jamie Ramsay, Chief Fire Officer, Portobello Vol. Fire Brigade



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# Quarantine Island/Kamau Taurua Community Inc.

Kia ora koutou,

September has seen a small number of family groups choosing to stay overnight in the Lodge enjoying some 'island time' in a mixed bag of Spring weather. A

large group of students from the Otago University Tramping Club enjoyed a night's stay, recharging, exploring, kayaking, and helped us with our 3-monthly tracking tunnel survey. A group of high school students from Rockhampton Grammar, Queensland, stayed as part of a 10-day tour around the South Island and the Mosgiel Delta Senior Boy Brigade held a camp on the island. The five energetic teenagers learnt about our restoration project, the island's quarantine history, and helped us clean fire buckets, move firewood, and learnt about how to control weeds in the reserve. Balfolk Dunedin also held their Spring Equinox Bal in the Married Quarters building.

We've held a couple of mahi volunteer days and our Welcome Day in August which have 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, leading tours of the island, and improvements to the Keeper's Cottage and other building maintenance. Thanks to all our volunteers and Community members for their efforts on and off the island over the last few months.

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, Lottery Otago/Southland Community Fund for contributing to funds towards the Keepers salary, Rotary Club of Dunedin for funding towards boat maintenance, 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 all his continued mahi and management of the Keepers Cottage upgrade, and for leading the overhaul of the Lodge composting toilet system with Keeper, Jon Clark, to Patsy Mason, Hugh Forsyth and Brendan Penwarden for all their

fundraising mahi, and to 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 posted on our Facebook page.

There is something for everyone on Kamau Taurua/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.

Spring bird counts & mahi volunteer days in October/December: Join our fortnightly five-minute spring bird counts, help with weed control, caring for native seedlings, and other mahi. Boat subsidies available for those helping with our biodiversity project.

## **Saturday 25th November 2023- Welcome Day**

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

## **Saturday 16th December 2023 End-of-year Gathering**

Join us for a potluck lunch, mahi optional!





# Invasive Weeds Update from SWAT

Recently SWAT has responded to several requests from local residents for assistance. When this occurs, one of our team visits the property to see the problem weed and discusses different options for control with the owner.

So if you have a weed problem that seems overwhelming contact the team at [SWATweeds@gmail.com](mailto:SWATweeds@gmail.com)

SWAT would like to acknowledge a recent grant of \$1,000 from the Otago Peninsula Community Board which will allow the group to replenish stocks of herbicide gel and purchase some equipment.

In the past couple of months our target has been Darwin's



*This large multi-trunked Darwin's barberry is going to need the chain saw.*

barberry. With its bright orange flowers, the plant is obvious on road banks and in native bush, particularly around Pukehiki. There is no doubt the flowers are a stunning colour which is the reason for its introduction to New Zealand gardens. But Darwin's barberry originated in the forests of Chile and Argentina. The flowers produce berries which are spread by birds and so this plant is able to invade native bush and grow rapidly up to a height of 4m and live for as long as 60 years.

Darwin's barberry is not widespread on the Otago Peninsula and we are doing our best to reduce it. With prickly leaves and sharp spines, this is not our favourite pest plant, but in tackling it we do get to some beautiful areas of native forest on our Friday working bees.

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### RESIDENTIAL MARKET UPDATE Dunedin Q3 2023

Median house price (June 2023)

**\$585,000**

Annual change in house price index (12 months to June 2023)

**-6.9%**

Median days to sell (June 2023)

**49**

### Dunedin housing market in 60 seconds

#### National trends

**Outlook for sale price**  
As the market has stabilised, vendors have been presented strong offers with agents delivering multiple offers over the past quarter with minimal conditions. There has also been buyers in good cash positions and with unconditional offers and fantastic results for our vendors.

**Outlook for sales volume**  
In line with stabilised pricing and strong offers from buyers the numbers of properties sold over June 2023 was really positive. Stock levels have been falling and open house activity has been buoyant. Again all good news for buyers as we head into spring selling season.

**Something else that is interesting in the market**  
The most noted activity in Dunedin has been the amount of campaigns which have resulted in multi offers with June being a very strong month. Properties which are presented and marketed well are clearing well within the 49 day average time on market and are indicating that the supply and demand model is turning.

#### Local trends

**Elaine Byron, General Manager:**  
The supply in the Dunedin residential market in the past quarter has been relatively high with buyers having plenty of choices. Vendors have accepted the shift in market conditions and we anticipate this will be reflected in lower pricing over the next 6 months. Current media reporting around taxation and policy brings uncertainty to buyers and investors which will impact sales volume through to the elections.

Buyer enquiry has been strong for well-presented and marketed properties with clearance on these properties sitting well above the rest of the market.

With the new Dunedin Hospital and Otago University projects currently underway, the expected demand for housing will likely bring opportunities for investors and the local economy.

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# Otakou Golf Club

Dear Golfers and Friends,

Our headline news is that TWILIGHT GOLF is back.

Every Wednesday evening, starting between 4.00 and 6.00 at a time that suits you best. Early is better so you can finish before dark. This is a 9 hole competition which alternates between the front 9 and the back 9 on alternate weeks. The starter in the clubhouse will give you a handicap which he judges best suits your ability. There is a flat fee of \$5.00 per player. Weekly prizes are awarded at the end of the evening.

So what are you waiting for .....?

Our regular program continues on our club day, Sunday, and we are into our club championships. At the time of writing I can tell you that we already have our Lady Champion:- Lesley Schofield.

The men are continuing to battle it out. And for others there is a program of events. Come along and put your name down in the clubhouse. There is always room for some more players.

Last month I explained to you how all courses are laid out on the basis of 18 holes. You may have wondered how courses were established where they are. Well, it goes back



to days of yore, that is before your granddad was born. In those days there was common land for the use of all members of the public. A bit like our parks and gardens of today. This common land was used for all sorts of activities such as impromptu horse races, a cricket match, children playing games, mothers wheeling their prams, or maybe an agricultural show. To get a game of golf without a clear way through all this traffic was nye on impossible without what was called a finder or forecaddie. The caddie's role was to keep an eye on the position of the players ball but also to clear a way through the populous. This was done by yelling out " Look-out-in-front!" or "Beware-before!" which was often shortened to "Fore". Obviously the forerunner of the common use of today.

Eventually, recognising the dangers of mixing these activities on the one piece of ground was not tolerable so we have racecourses for horses, A and P areas for shows, clubs for cricket leaving the rest of the common land for the benefit of the true cognoscenti, us golfers.

Let me leave you with a cry of "Beware-before" and a reminder to see you at Twilight.

*Hit'em Straight!*

## Volunteer Opportunities

DAY	TIME	WORK TYPE	LOCATION	GROUP	CONTACT	EMAIL
SUN and TUES	9:30 - 12	Tree releasing, trackwork	Top of Bacon St, Broad Bay	STOP	Lala	stopincsoc@gmail.com
TUES and THURS	10 - 4	Potting up, seed sowing, weeding	TSBT Nursery at 470 Tomahawk Rd, Ocean Grove	TSBT	Nicole	beachcare@zoho.com
WED	9:30 - 12:30	Prep native plants for planting	YEPT Nursery at 12 McTaggart St, Company Bay	YEPT	Louise	nursery@yeptrust.org.nz
FRI	9 - 12	Track cutting	Sandymount	OPBG	Maggie	peninsula@opbg.nz
FRI	9 - 12	Pest plant control	Various, changes each week	SWAT	Moir	SWATweeds@gmail.com
LAST SAT OF MNTH	9:30 - 3:30	Planting, weed and pest control, other	Quarantine Island (via boat transfer)	QI/KT	Claire	secretary.quarantineisland@gmail.com
TBA	tba	Planting, track cutting, other	Okia	YEPT	Ranger Ben	ranger@yeptrust.org.nz

**Do you have a few hours to spare each week and would you like to help a project on the Peninsula?**

Check this list for work that might interest you - then email the contact person for more info.

Showing up at a working bee is a great chance to meet new people, learn new skills, have some fun and feel like you are making a difference. Your energy and work would be much appreciated by any of the six groups listed here!

- **STOP** – Save The Otago Peninsula
- **TSBT** – Tomahawk Smaills BeachCare Trust
- **YEPT** – Yellow-Eyed Penguin Trust
- **OPBG** – Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Group
- **SWAT** – Seek Weeds and Terminate
- **QI/KT** - Quarantine Island/Kamau Taurua Community



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# Broad Bay Whaka Oho Rahi—Looking Back, Moving Forward

## Broad Bay Historic Photo Exhibition

*Saturday 21st October through to Sunday 29th October. Saturdays, Sundays & Labour Day open 10am–5pm, Weekdays open from 4pm–7pm.*

An exhibition of images, words, stories and artifacts charting the history of Broad Bay through its changing population and institutions, drawing on material from the community and other archival sources. Books and photographs for sale. Entry by gold coin donation.

*Broad Bay Community Centre, 2a Clearwater Street*

## Broad Bay Gala Day

*Sunday 22 October, 11am–3pm*

Featuring live bands and entertainment. There will be children's games and activities, prizes and raffles, heritage boats, 100th Anniversary regatta, images of the past vintage parade, dressing up encouraged (prizes for the best dressed!), and the historic photographic exhibition. There will also be food, coffee and ice creams available. Why not come on the bus? The No 18 bus service from Dunedin to Portobello (via Broad Bay) runs every hour. If the event is cancelled it will be posted on social media and via radio stations. Entry by gold coin donation (which also gives you a free raffle ticket!).

*Broad Bay Beach*

## A Little Paradise — an evening of talks on Broad Bay

*Wednesday 25 October, 7pm–9pm*

Neville Peat will give an illustrated talk about the glory days of Broad Bay as a visitor attraction from the 1890s to the early 1900s, informed by a city schoolgirl's memoir of family life and times at their holiday home on the little peninsula called Dunoon.

Alan Roddick will be speaking about the cultural history of Broad Bay, in particular Charles Brasch's part in the origins of the Caselberg Trust, and the wider number of writers associated with 10 Gwyn Street, Brasch's crib, in the years before the Trust was started. Free/koha.

*Broad Bay Community Centre, 2a Clearwater Street*

## Vintage Afternoon Teas

*Saturday 21 & 28 October and Sunday 22 & 29 October, 2.30–3.30pm*

Enjoy cakes, scones and a refreshing cup of tea at Broad Bay Community Centre. Take some extra time to view the historic photo exhibition to see how Broad Bay has changed over the years. \$7.50 per person.

*Broad Bay Community Centre, 2a Clearwater Street*

## Broad Bay School Open Afternoon

*Friday 27 October, 1.30pm–3pm*

Be entertained by the Broad Bay schoolchildren's Polyfest performance, look around this historic school and grounds and enjoy a sausage sizzle. Free / Koha.

*Broad Bay School, 4 Roebuck Rise, Broad Bay*

## Fletcher House

*Saturday 21 & 28 October and Sunday 22 & 29 October & Labour Day open 11am–4pm*

Step back in time! Imagine living in the days when there was no electricity! Visit the historic Edwardian Villa built in 1909 in Broad Bay by Sir James Fletcher, founder of the Fletcher Construction empire. Fletcher House was the very first double bay villa home that Sir James Fletcher built and a product of the times when the well-to-do of Dunedin society spent their summer holidays in Broad Bay. Proof of entry to the exhibition will also give you free entry to the historic Fletcher House during the two weekends of the exhibition.

*Fletcher House, 727 Portobello Road, Broad Bay*

## Open Days at Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church

*Sunday 22 & 29 October, 11am–4pm*

Explore this unique church that was transported from Waihola to Broad Bay 75 years ago. The historic Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church was built by Polish settlers living in the Waihola area back in 1899 and originally called St Hyacinths. It is a charming and welcoming little church that is treasured by the local Catholic community, and also the Polish community. It is now located in a lovely spot in Broad Bay overlooking the harbour and close to historic Fletcher House. Free / Koha.

*Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 721A Portobello Road, Broad Bay*

## The 2023 Broad Bay Plant Sale!

*Saturday 4th November from 12:30pm*

So many fantastic plants for sale at very reasonable prices. Natives, exotics, trees, ground covers, flowers, vegetables, berries! There really is something for everyone! Please bring your family and friends to support this cool wee community event, and help us fundraise for our wee school.

*Broad Bay School tennis court*



**4<sup>th</sup> Saturday**  
**November 12:30**



# Plant Sale

**@Broad Bay School**

**Food Trucks**

**Broad Bay**

## Looking Back, Moving Forward

### Historic Photo Exhibition

21-29 October 2023  
10am-5pm Sat, Sun, Labour Day  
3-7pm Weekdays  
Broad Bay Hall **Gold Coin Entry**

### Broad Bay Gala Day

Family fun, food & entertainment  
Sun 22 October  
11am-3pm  
Broad Bay Beach

**Plus Heritage Boats, Open Days,  
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# portobello area community resources

## BOOK A LOCAL HALL

- **Coronation Hall**, Portobello  
Wayne Cameron – 4780 424
- **Scott Hall**, Harwood  
Dave Rogers – 027 696 9657
- **Hoopers Inlet Hall**  
Jackie Clearwater – 4780 508
- **Broad Bay Community Centre**  
Zoë Fox – 027 285 4569 / zoefoxnz@gmail.com

## PORTOBELLO LIBRARY

The Library is open on Thursdays and Sundays, 11am–1pm. You can find the library in the Coronation Hall, Portobello. If you are wanting to join, it costs \$5.00 per family, and nothing thereafter except for 20 cents per book to take home.

## BOOK BUS

The Dunedin Public Library Book Bus visits the Peninsula every Wednesday. At Portobello School 9:45-10:15, in front of the pub 10:15-11, and at Broad Bay School at 11:15-11:45.

## 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

12 Allans Beach Road, Portobello  
4780 880

## 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.

- 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

## 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

We have two 20 litre Water Urns available for community use. If you wish to use these for an event, email pbocomm.inc@gmail.com. All we ask for is a donation.



## COMMUNITY POOL

The Pool is scheduled to reopen around 1 December. Watch for announcements about pool keys!

# community calendar

21–29 October

**Broad Bay Whaka Oho  
Rahi—Looking Back,  
Moving Forward**

*Broad Bay (various, see  
inside for details)*

Saturday 28 October

**Dead Rocker's Ball**  
*Coronation Hall*

Sunday 29 October

**Skip Day**  
*Portobello Domain, 11–5*

Saturday 4 November  
**Broad Bay Plant Sale**  
*Broad Bay School*

Wednesday 15 November

**Portobello Comm Inc  
Monthly Meeting**  
*Coronation Hall, 7:30pm*

Saturday 25 November  
**Comedy Night—  
Portobello Comm.  
Fundraiser**  
*Coronation Hall*

Tuesdays & Sundays  
9:30am

**Hereweka Planting  
Bees**  
*Bacon Street, Broad Bay*

Sundays 12:30–3:30pm  
**Peninsula Museum  
open**