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# portobello news

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FEBRUARY 2024

An illustration for Portobello Market Day. It features a blue sky with white clouds. In the background, there are stylized green trees and a large brown building labeled 'CORONATION HALL'. In the foreground, there are two food trucks: an orange one labeled 'FOOD' and a blue one labeled 'COFFEE'. A string of red and white triangular flags hangs across the scene. Several small, colorful figures of people are scattered around the trucks and the hall. The text 'portobello market day' is written in large, bold letters at the top. Below it, the date and location are given: 'sunday 24 march, 10-2 coronation hall'. At the bottom, it says 'market stalls \$20' and 'register online at portobello.org.nz'. A blue banner at the very bottom lists activities: 'food trucks • gifts & shopping • kids activities music • coffee • friends & neighbours and more!'.

**portobello**  
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**Community  
Initiatives Mtg.**  
**3 March**

**Fire Station  
Open House**  
**16 March**

**Wild Dunedin  
Festival**  
**19-28 April**

See inside for details

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# Portobello Community Inc. Update

## CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou,

It's been a very Dunedin summer so far, with 26 and sunny in the morning making way for 15 and blustery in the evening, then the other way round the next day. Hope you all have been finding the little pockets of favourable weather to get in your outdoor fun.

As we head into the back half of the tourist season, it's been lovely to see so many visitors enjoying the village. The new bike racks in front of the pub are constantly full on nice weekends—I even spotted a couple who emerged from the harbour and tethered their paddleboards to the rack while they went inside for hot chips! Legends.

The first sea lion pups are starting to appear in the pup pool on Allans Beach Road. Please remember to use extra caution when driving to the beach, and mind your speed for our wee flippered friends.

Portobello Community Inc activities have been quiet over the summer holidays, but we are starting to ramp up again.

We will be hosting a late summer Market Day on Sunday 24 March—hope to see you all there. Stalls are \$20, and can be reserved at [portobello.org.nz](http://portobello.org.nz).

Please also note the Community Initiatives meeting at Coronation Hall on 2 March. While this is not an official PBO Inc event, it's a great chance for keen locals to connect about their community projects (or ideas), and we'll be in attendance.

Looking ahead a couple of months, we are in the midst of planning for this year's Anzac Day services, which will be taking place as usual at the Peninsula Museum. Those interested in helping out on the day can contact us at [pbocomm.inc@gmail.com](mailto:pbocomm.inc@gmail.com).

Thanks again to our volunteers and the wider community for all your support in making our little slice of the world a lovely place to live and to visit.

Kā mihi,

— Michael Lascarides

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## Portobello Police Station

Tena Koutou everyone,

Well, it's a new year and I ponder as to what it will bring. I hope you all had a good break and are refreshed as we head into 2024.

The kids are all back at school (Yes, I can hear you all saying) and kindly, so a reminder to drivers to please take care at drop off and pick up times around our Kura.

I recovered a stolen vehicle last week out at Hoopers Inlet. Unfortunately, there are a lot being taken at the moment in and around Dunedin so please ensure you keep yours locked and don't leave any important items in view. Don't be complacent.

Still getting reports of poor driving and again have witnessed some myself when travelling to and from Dunedin. It's about time these people took a long hard look in the mirror. I am quite frankly sick and tired of poor decision making when it comes to our roads. It's only a matter of time before something goes horribly wrong and I'm not looking forward to that. Please slow down and be patient.

If you're going out opossum or rabbit shooting, could I ask that you either give me a call to advise or ring 105 to log it. I



had a job last week where multiple gunshots were heard, and someone called it in. It turns out it was someone legitimately shooting but given today's society someone had concerns.

This just makes it a bit tidier, and I don't have to go into a situation not knowing what is happening. Many of you already do this and it is appreciated.

Not a lot to report in the crime side of things which is pleasing. If you are a victim of some type of crime, please ring and report it. I have recently been told of a couple of things that have happened that I was not made aware about. It is important because (a) you've been the victim of a crime and (b) there may be a bigger picture to it all. I do care, and that is my job so please make a report by either contacting me or again ringing 105 if it is historic and you don't need immediate Police assistance.

Well, that's it for the first blurb of the year. Wishing you all the best for the year ahead.

— Sr. Constable Aaron Smith

## Portobello School

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome back to Portobello School for 2024.

Everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. It was great to see the tamariki back in school on Wednesday and hear about their holidays.

Ross Bennett (Matua Ross) also started in Room 4 and is the principal release teacher. We are looking forward to working with you this year.

We have had the handover of our new toilet and store room areas. They look fantastic and although it was a longer wait

than we had hoped, we are now using them and loving the new, clean, fresh area.

The builders are in the process of preparing the space where the boiler was, for the soon-to-be-installed new wood pellet boiler. This will be a huge improvement on the old coal boiler and as we look towards the cooler months, it will be great to have reliable heating for our kura.



Kā mihi,

— Tom Hobbs, Acting Principal



### **FIRE STATION OPEN DAY**

**16<sup>th</sup> March 12:30 till 2:30**

**1 Hereweka Street Portobello**

Portobello Volunteer Fire Brigade turned 60 in February! Come along to the Fire Station and have a look at our new fire appliance and tanker. Check out the fire safety displays etc. All welcome.



# Royal Albatross Centre

February is an exciting time at the Royal Albatross Centre. By now most of the Albatross parents have finished incubating their egg and are now proudly guarding the newly hatched chick inside their nest until it is big enough to be left home alone at around five weeks of age. The next eight months will be a busy and energy demanding time for the adult birds as they will have to meet the food demands of the quickly growing chick inside their nests. Coming out of the egg, the tiny chicks weigh between 300g - 400g, but at the end of the breeding season those chicks will have grown to a proud weight of 8 - 9 kg and their wings will measure about 3 meters from tip to tip. After the season finishes and the chicks have fledged in September, the breeding adults will take a year off from raising chicks and spend the next twelve months off the coast of Chile on the Pacific Ocean. If they had a successful breeding season, Northern Royal Albatross only raise one chick every second year!

We are lucky to be able to observe at least four nests from the Richdale Observatory this season. One of the couples nesting on view are the oldest birds in the colony. We call them GO and WO - after their colour bands; Green and Orange, and White and Orange. The female is 43 and her partner 39 years old. Albatross are known to be mates for life and breed and raise chicks throughout their entire life. The oldest Albatross ever recorded here at Pukekura was raising her last chick at just over 60 years of age.



January / February also marks the start of a busy time for our Department of Conservation Rangers that are looking after the Albatross colony. Chicks hatching from the egg are vulnerable to fly strike and eggs will have to be taken to an incubator to prevent a blow fly from entering the Albatross egg, while the chick is pipping through the shell. While their biological egg is safely kept in the incubator the Albatross parents are sitting on plastic eggs. Once the chicks have hatched they will be taken back to their parents and swapped out for the plastic egg. Luckily Albatross parents don't seem to be confused about the sudden appearance of their baby in their nest.

Throughout the next eight months the Rangers will go around the Albatross nests weighing the chicks to make sure the parents are feeding them enough and they are putting on the right amount of weight. If needed a supplementary feed can be given to the chick.

The Royal Camera, our wildlife camera in the colony, is placed in front of two Albatross nests this year. It's a great opportunity to observe these amazing sea birds in such an important time of their life. Tune in online via the Department of Conservation Website or via YouTube (search 'Royal Cam').

The staff here at RAC are excited about the arrival of the new hatchlings and everyone is looking forward to watching them grow throughout the season.

## Invasive Weeds Update from SWAT

Startling message eh?

This ORC poster is over 20 years old. But the message on it about Bomarea still very much applies today. If you see the pendulous orange flowers hanging off a distinctive wraparound vine snaking up your shrubs and trees, email us here at SWAT as soon as you can. We'll be talking to the ORC Biodiversity Team this month about how Bomarea can be tackled effectively on the Peninsula. And we need to know where all the Bomarea is.

Help us make a map of Bomarea locations and help us to help you get rid of it by contacting us today at [SWATweeds@gmail.com](mailto:SWATweeds@gmail.com)



### THIS BEAUTIFUL FLOWER IS A KILLER IN DISGUISE

**DO YOU HAVE THIS PLANT IN YOUR GARDEN?  
IF YOU DO, YOU NEED TO GET RID OF IT FAST!**



Bomarea is an introduced vine that can rapidly smother other vegetation, including your favourite plants. It has been identified as a pest plant in the Pest Management Strategy for Otago.

If you have this plant in your garden, information is available from the Otago Regional Council to help you kill it. We also need to know where the plants have taken hold, so we'd like you to let us know where you've found it.



You can call the Otago Regional Council on 474 0827 or email [info@orc.govt.nz](mailto:info@orc.govt.nz) with location information and for information to help you kill it. Or check our website [www.orc.govt.nz](http://www.orc.govt.nz) to find out more.

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# Otago Peninsula Museum



OTAGO PENINSULA MUSEUM  
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Thanks to the five folk who have volunteered to help on this year's roster. It is much appreciated.

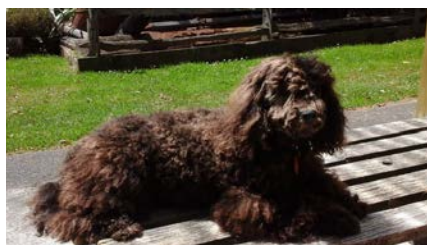
Some Museum members attended the Edendale Crank Up in January and took one of our old machines down. This machine was probably attached to a dairy shed and used for making cheese and butter. We think in and around 1905, with a hot bulb Bradford oil engine and was built by Alex Storrie Ltd of Invercargill. The men at the Museum have been lovingly restoring this machine and are very proud of



their efforts. It was a great day with lots of old and new tractors, cars and steam engines. We would highly recommend it as a great family day out with plenty of fun

stuff for kids as well.

**Woof - meet Chloe.** Chloe died tragically in 1995 and her owners (The Notman family of Lower Portobello) had her preserved. They cared for her until 2023, when they donated her to a new home at the Otago Peninsula Museum where she is much loved. Woof woof.



**John Kerr** and his wife, Isabella, arrived in Dunedin on the ship Jura in 1858. John was born in Dublin, and was the son of Doctor Kerr. After leaving school, he headed for Scotland. It was in 1860 that John Kerr made a home for himself and his family near Wickliffe



Bay. There were no roads or even tracks at that time and the trip from Dunedin had to be made by rowing boat, then they had to traverse dense bush to get to Wickliffe Bay. With a lot of wood around he was able to build his house with his own hands. Over time (and like most early settlers) John became

involved in the Portobello School Committee, Otago Peninsula Agricultural and Pastoral Society and the Portobello Road Board. He was also a Justice of the Peace for many years. John died in 1930 aged 97 at Wickliffe Bay. His wife had died in 1900 aged 72. They had a family of 10 children which resulted in 47 grandchildren and 77 great grandchildren. Isabella and John Kerr are buried in the Portobello Cemetery.

Our two books Portobello - A Brief History and Otago Peninsula Then and Now are available from the Portobello Dairy, Peninsula Medical Centre and the Museum (Open Sundays 12.30-3.30pm).

Copies are \$30 each.

Email: [theotagopeninsulamuseum@gmail.com](mailto:theotagopeninsulamuseum@gmail.com)



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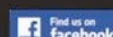


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- Ever wondered what it feels like to pilot a large ship into the Otago Harbour?
- How big is the helm (steering wheel)?
- What happens when its stormy?

Find out on Sootychaser, as we invite a former Harbour Pilot to join us onboard to talk to us.  
And as we watch the departure of a large cruise ship, at Port Chalmers.

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Come along and give bowls a try at our Twilight Bowls social evening

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New members are always welcome!

Keen to become a full member?  
We have Interclub bowls, Tournaments, and Club Championships.

We have Darts and Snooker (full size billiard table) from 4pm on Tuesdays (Thursdays during the winter).

The Club rooms with bar and kitchen facilities are available for all types of functions.

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## STOP (Save The Otago Peninsula)

It has been a great growing season – for the grass that smothers the plants as well as for the seedlings and young trees. Working bees - releasing young seedlings from the exotic grass so they are not out-competed - will continue until planting starts in May, on Tuesday and Sunday mornings starting at 9.30am at the end of Bacon St. Contact [stopincsoc@gmail.com](mailto:stopincsoc@gmail.com) or Lala (text only) 027 875 6020 for more information about working bees. New volunteers are always needed and welcomed.



Unfortunately, “Trees That Count” was oversubscribed and is not available again as a source for funding for this year’s trees. If you would like to commemorate a milestone in yours or your family’s life you may like to consider having a tree – or a grove of trees planted. Each tree plus the protective cage, the fertiliser tablet, the stake, the labels and the wire pegs to fasten down the weed mats and the cage cost STOP \$20. Email [stopincsoc@gmail.com](mailto:stopincsoc@gmail.com) or text (only)

Lala 027 8756 020

## Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Group

Happy New Year!

Our team is ramping up our efforts as we try to close in on our ambitious goal of peninsula-wide possum eradication. The possum numbers are very low thanks to our efforts and all the hard work from our wonderful community of volunteers and supportive landowners. We’ve only five community catches this year, all of which were caught between the Cove and town! However, we know there are still some wily possums lurking about on this end of the peninsula and locating them continues to be a major focus since it’s the first step in being able to target them. We’re using a range of monitoring tools, but community reports are invaluable. So if you see a possum, hear a possum, or even find signs of a possum, like fresh

OTAGO PENINSULA  
BIODIVERSITY  
GROUP



scat or bite marks on trees, please get in touch. We think the males are on the move in search of a mate and we’re seeing them in areas we previously thought were possum-free, so even if you haven’t had possums in your backyard for ages, please **KEEP SETTING YOUR TRAPS** in case one

comes wandering through.

As always, it’s been wonderful 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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## Portobello to host Dunedin Orienteering event

As part of the 2024 Dunedin Orienteering South Island championships being held between 25 and 28 April, we are holding an event at Hereweka on Saturday 27 April.

The event centre will be at the Portobello Domain and we extend a warm welcome to the Portobello community to come along to our event and join in the fun.

There will be courses for all ages and experience, and there will be people available to help get you started on the day.



There will be a modest charge for each competitor.

Entries for this event close early in April, so if you think you might be interested, please phone or email the Event Organiser, Helen Thayer, phone: 027 436 6625, or email: [helmac30@gmail.com](mailto:helmac30@gmail.com) for more information.

For further information about orienteering in Dunedin, please visit [www.dunedinorienteering.org](http://www.dunedinorienteering.org)



# Portobello Public Library

The Library is open again for the new year and the doors are open on a Thursday and Sunday from 11am till 1pm. Come along and meet our Librarian, Dot, and see what we have to offer. Last year we spent over \$3,000 on new books. Just \$5 to join, then 20 cents a book. Thanks Judy for the book review.

**The Library AGM will be held on Thursday 14 March at 1.30pm in the Library, Coronation Hall, Portobello**

*WIFEDOM* by Anna Funder

*This book provides a fascinating and intimate account of Eileen O'Shaughnessy's marriage to George Orwell from 1936 to 1945. In 2005, six letters were discovered, written by Eileen addressed to her best friend, Norah Symes Myles. Through these, and other research, the author Anna Funder uncovers "the forgotten wife" and her literary brilliance. She learnt that Eileen not only saved George's life when he was shot while fighting in Catalonia, but she cheerfully and selflessly managed many aspects of his life, freeing him up to write more, and lived with his appalling behaviour while her own health was deteriorating.*

*Eileen was a highly intelligent woman with a sharp and independent mind, empathy and fearlessness. Following*

*their marriage, literary critics noted that Orwell's writing seemed to improve markedly; he and Eileen would together review passages he'd written and Eileen would frequently come up with a different way of expressing his narratives which improved their quality.*

*Anna Funder highlights the fact that Eileen has been almost completely written out of the seven biographies of Orwell (and wasn't acknowledged by her husband when he wrote of Catalonia). She explores how and why this could have happened and writes a reflective, parallel story of her own experiences as a wife, mother, author—often at peak overload—her own "wifedom" experiences, thankfully from the perspective of a strong and successful modern marriage and family life.*



*She had always loved Orwell - his self-deprecating humour, his vision of how power works and his word skills. He benefited hugely from the support and care of someone, "who was invisible and unpaid and whom it is not necessary to thank because it is their inescapable purpose in life to attend to you..."*

*The book is a great biography of a brilliant and complex woman and a fascinating recreation of Orwell's marriage, as well as speaking to the unsung work of women through the ages.*

<p><b>NEW LISTING</b></p> <p><b>Boundaries are indicative only.</b></p> <p><b>Harington Point</b> Harbour View Heights 6 Freehold sections ranging between 1488m² and 1679m², 3 holiday cottages, and 1 large family home</p>	<p><b>NEW LISTING</b></p> <p><b>Portobello</b> 12 Arnott Street</p>	<p><b>NEW LISTING</b></p> <p><b>Broad Bay</b> 45 Waikana Street</p>
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# Quarantine Island/Kamau Taurua Community Inc.

The last few months we have seen a small number of whānau, friends, and school students choosing to stay overnight in the Lodge enjoying some 'island time' in a continued mixed bag of summer weather. We have hosted former Syrian refugee families, new to Dunedin, for an island 'summer holiday'. Members of the Dunedin Zen Group held their first 7-day Rohatsu Sesshin (meditation intensive/retreat) on the island in three years. It was wonderful to have the zen group back and we are extremely grateful for all their mahi during their stay. Monarch Wildlife Cruises & Tours held an end-of-year celebration for their staff, and members of the Tomahawk Smaills BeachCare Trust joined our end-of-year potluck lunch and optional mahi in late December. Taieri College student prefects have also returned to hold their Leadership Camp in January.

We've held a number of mahi volunteer days and our monthly Welcome Day's which have been enjoyed by new visitors and regular volunteers/Community members. Mahi has included caring for seedlings, releasing, weed control, monitoring predator traps and tracking tunnels, a lizard survey, leading tours of the island, and building maintenance. Keeper Jon Clark has been particularly busy mowing lawns around the buildings and weed-eating paths in the Reserve and has built and installed a beautiful new noticeboard at the gateway. The Keeper's boat Te Whai is also getting some much needed maintenance. Thanks to all our volunteers and Community members for their efforts on and off the island over the last few months.

A special event was held at The Anteroom (an artist-run space in Koputai Port Chalmers) on 19 January, with the opening premiere screening of *Singing to the Basalt* the Film. The film was made from a sonic performance and a collaboration with artists which took place at dawn on the 5th December 2020. The six artists, Kuini Scott, Rachel Blackburn, Iso 12, Motoko Kikkawa, Calla Knudson, and Charlotte Parallel, travelled in two boats, Te Whai and The Crown, rowed by Francis O'Neill, Mathew Ward and Chris Wratislav, and circumnavigated Kamau Taurua/Quarantine Island whilst performing, singing, and playing their sonic calls and responses to Kamau Taurua.

"The film and sound were recorded live using stationary cameras on land and sound recorders in each boat which were then synchronised together in post-production by Iain Frengley. Camera's were operated by Alex Lovell-Smith, on the peninsula, and Iain Frengley from the hill on Koputai Port Chalmers." (extracts taken from the film

premiere programme). Many thanks to Charlotte Parallel for offering the Community an open invitation to participate, where people could share their experiences, stories, responses, and calls to the island Kamau Taurua/Quarantine Island, and for Charlotte's coordination of this amazing event and for the koha opening night attendees contributed for the island Community. The film was then shown on the 20 & 21 January and a number of Community members and the public attended over the weekend.

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

A special thank you to Otago Peninsula local Miles Nottman who arranged a family gathering on the island in December, and gave us a very generous donation. Thank you Miles, this is greatly appreciated.

Would you like to join our Volunteer Database? Complete our Volunteer Form and read our Volunteer Information Sheet for some ideas of how you could help and what to expect, available on our website.

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, also 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 Instagram page [quarantineislandkamautaurua](https://www.instagram.com/quarantineislandkamautaurua), or contact the island Keeper (Resident Manager) on 021 082 58619 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 and Instagram pages.





# Wild Dunedin Festival – 19–28 April 2024

This year's 9th Wild Dunedin Festival in the April school holidays has a record number of fantastic events and activities on the Otago Peninsula for all ages and interests.

Children can see a magic show on Port to Port's Sootychaser, go on a treasure hunt at Quarantine Island, experience the Marine Studies Centre's touch tanks at the Wild Fun Day at Portobello and learn about native plants at Larnach Castle with free entry.

The Marine Studies Centre at Portobello has a range of fascinating activities for all ages exploring the coastal marine environment including looking at coastal wonders with VR headsets.

Wild Fun at Portobello on April 24 builds on the success of this event in 2023, with a focus on conservation and sustainability with contributions from community groups.

Gardeners can take a tour of Hereweka Garden, learn about gardening for climate change with Fiona Eadie at Larnach Castle, go to a workshop at Macandrew Bay on permaculture or organic greenhouse gardening, and go on a bus tour of peninsula gardens – Peninsula People, Plants and Pets.

Foodies can do some wild dining at Glenfalloch, and for those who love to dress up, there's a Wild Night Masquerade at Larnach Castle in aid of yellow eyed penguins.

Fancy a yoga session on a Portobello hilltop? There will be two opportunities to do this.

We are thrilled to announce that The OPERA (formerly Penguin Place) is supporting Wild Dunedin as a Platinum sponsor. The Otago Peninsula Eco Restoration Alliance is dedicated to the conservation of Otago Peninsula's native flora and fauna. They are developing a 50-year planting plan that will see the full restoration of all areas on the property being transitioned to native forest.

The OPERA will be running wildlife photography tours, and also offering deals, along with the Royal Albatross Centre, Blue Penguins Pukekura, Monarch Wildlife Cruises, and Clearwater Wildlife Tours.

These are the Otago Peninsula highlights of the Wild Dunedin Festival. There are many more fantastic opportunities to do crafts, see wildlife and Suzy Cato, learn about bees, compost, sustainable gardening, weather, sea lions, frogs and albatross, go foraging, tramping, indoor climbing and diving in a kelp forest. Many of these activities are free.

The Festival programme will be available from Friday March 15. Visit our stall at the South Dunedin Street Festival on Saturday, March 16 or on Sunday, March 17 for a Wild Swim around Pudding Island where there will be handing out programmes. If you'd like to volunteer for the Festival, please contact Suzanne Middleton [smiddleton7@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:smiddleton7@yahoo.co.nz).

Bookings are essential for most events and all the wildlife tourism deals. Check it out at [wilddunedin.nz](http://wilddunedin.nz) and on social media.





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

Kia ora! Gee I haven't written an article for our newsletter since last year!!! So we begin the new year with a new government with a new look (a coalition party) and we have a new Prime Minister, Christopher Luxon, former CEO of Air NZ! So 2024 ... here we come. Our MP's are in the house and we're off to a flying start. I will always remember my parents saying, "Do whatever you can, wherever you are, with whatever you've got and be thankful." As I get older, those words resonate with me more and more. But I have to admit, it took me a while to accept the last part of the sentence ...and be thankful. Up to that point of my life I was more focused on what I didn't have and what I couldn't do. Nowadays those wise words are my mantra. I consciously do the best I can with whatever I've got wherever I am and for that, I am truly thankful because there are things I can do with what I have got, no matter where I am. And I find that very uplifting and to use an old term; it's so 'empowering.' We've been here since the end of 2013. We came out of Christchurch because our home was red zoned which meant our insurance policy was not valid as the Government made the ruling as to which homes were considered unsafe to live in. We did get paid out by EQC but nowhere near what our house was worth. So I wasn't in a

good space at all. I joined a team of Counselors to deal with earthquake traumatised Māori families (many of them gang members), so Theraze had to look for a new home for us. We chose out this way because we could afford to buy here. I didn't see the house until we moved here. I was so upset, I went out the back and cried out of frustration, grief and loss. While I had helped others get through the traumas associated with the earthquakes and everything that was happening I realised I also needed help. Eventually I got stuck into doing what we could with what we had, and gradually our new home emerged into what it is so far – and we both love it. I'd never had anything to do with building as I've been a teacher, a broadcaster, a public speaker, lecturer and entertainer. So my hands are soft – not used to manual work. When we both look at what we've done so far, we can't actually believe we had the energy and wherewithal to do what we've done. And the thing is, we are automatically genuinely so thankful and appreciative. We love being here because of the setting, the wonderfully colourful people we keep meeting and the feeling and sense of being one of the locals. That to me is paradise aye.

— Olly Ohlson

## Peninsula Community Initiatives Meeting Sunday 3 March 12:30pm, Coronation Hall

Do you have any Community Initiatives, or want to start one? Whether you're driven by a need to save money, the environment, eat healthy food, access resources you can't afford yourself, or build community relationships, there will be something for you. Come along and let us know your ideas or what you want to be involved in building. These are just some ideas (feel free to bring more):

### Library of Things

Quality tools and equipment. Power tools and quality hand tools, ladders, brewing and cheese making equipment, still, apple press, dehydrator, overlocker, pasta maker, hedge trimmer, hole borer, steam cleaner, tent, etc. Things that each household may buy but only need occasionally.



### Community/Shared Workshop Spaces

Woodworking, weaving, quilting, or cycle repair workspaces, similar to the one in Northeast Valley.

### Te reo Māori Conversation Groups

Connected to others and having wider get-togethers.

### Bulk Buying Grocery Co-operative

With prices of everything on the rise, and paychecks not keeping pace, we have a need to reduce grocery bills. With this we can also reduce packaging as we'd reuse our smaller containers.

### Community garden

A Portobello garden to compliment the one in Broad Bay. And a specific herb garden for herbs that take up more space.



### Open Source Software

Build software to support all of our community initiatives and decrease reliance on big social media groups for our local connections and information.

### Food/produce, seedling/seed sharing

### Regular Skill Share Days

Contact Alicia on 022 31 33 236 for further information.

# BUILDING FUTURE DUNEDIN

You can now have your say on Dunedin's new Future Development Strategy and help shape how the city grows for the next 30 years.



The DCC and Otago Regional Council are jointly developing a Future Development Strategy for the city, in partnership with mana whenua and supported by Waka Kotahi and Kāinga Ora.

The Strategy replaces the current Dunedin Spatial Plan and outlines strategic directions for the city's growth and development for the next 30 years.

It discusses how we will meet the city's housing and business space needs and what infrastructure is needed to support our growth and development, including transport infrastructure and services, 3 Waters, parks and recreation facilities and natural hazards protection infrastructure.

It also includes a statement of hapū and iwi values and aspirations for urban development.

Public consultation is taking place from **31 January to 28 February 2024**. The draft strategy is available to view online, and at the DCC Civic Centre, libraries and the ORC. Public information sessions to explain the draft strategy and answer questions are also planned for early February.

As part of the consultation, we're encouraging people to provide feedback on the options identified for long term growth, and the infrastructure needed to support growth and achieve key outcomes that will support a well-functioning urban environment, such as reducing emissions, building resilience to natural hazards and protecting and enhancing biodiversity values.

Hearings for those wishing to speak to their submission will be held in early April and a final Dunedin Future Development Strategy is expected to be released mid-2024.

<http://www.dunedin.govt.nz/future-development-strategy>



## Volunteer Opportunities

DAY	TIME	WORK TYPE	LOCATION	GROUP	CONTACT	EMAIL
VARIOUS	tbc	Trapping, monitoring	Sandymount, other areas	OPBG	Maggie	peninsula@opbg.nz
VARIOUS	tbc	Pup pool monitor	Allans Beach Rd, Hoopers Inlet	NZSLT		info@sealiontrust.org.nz
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, 470 Tomahawk Rd, Ocean Grove	TSBT	Nicole	beachcare@zoho.com
WED	9:30 - 12:30	Prep native plants for planting	YEPT Nursery, 12 McTaggart St, Company Bay	YEPT	Louise	nursery@yeptrust.org.nz
FRI	9 - 12	Pest plant control	Broad Bay, Mac Bay, Pukehiki	SWAT	Moirra	SWATweeds@gmail.com
SAT/SUN	9:30 - 3:30	Weed and predator control, lizard surveys	Quarantine Island (via boat transfer)	QI/KT	Claire	secretary.quarantineisland@gmail.com

**Do you have a few hours to spare each week? 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 and have some fun. Your energy and work would be much appreciated by the seven groups listed here!

- **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
- **NZSLT** – New Zealand Sea Lion Trust
- **STOP** – Save The Otago Peninsula



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#### Broad Bay

Broad Bay Hall, Clearwater Street

Wednesday: 9.30am



### For more information

#### Margaret

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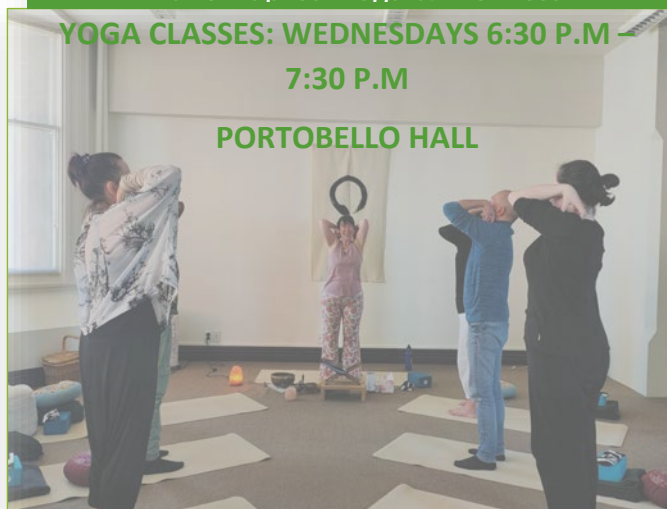
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# portobello area community resources

## 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/[scc@cityfirewood.nz](mailto:scc@cityfirewood.nz)
- **Broad Bay Community Centre**  
Zoë Fox – 027 285 4569/[zoefoxnz@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## 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.

## 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.

## DEFIBRILLATOR

There are Automated External Defibrillators located outside Portobello Store (1 Harington Point Road), the Broad Bay Boating Club (683 Portobello Road), and Scott Hall, (54 Harwood Street, Harwood).



## 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](mailto:pbocomm.inc@gmail.com). All we ask for is a donation.



# community calendar

Wednesday 21 February  
**Portobello Comm Inc  
Monthly Meeting**  
*Coronation Hall, 7:30pm*

Sunday 2 March  
**Peninsula Community  
Initiatives Meeting**  
*Coronation Hall, 12:30pm*

Thursday 14 March  
**Portobello Library  
Annual General  
Meeting**  
*Coronation Hall 1:30pm*

Saturday 16 March  
**Portobello Fire  
Station Open Day**  
*Hereweka St. 12:30-2:30*

Wednesday 20 March  
**Portobello Comm Inc  
Monthly Meeting**  
*Coronation Hall, 7:30pm*

Sunday 24 March  
**Market Day**  
*Coronation Hall 10-2*

19-28 April  
**Wild Dunedin Festival**  
*Various locations*

Thursday 25 April  
**ANZAC Day Services**  
*Peninsula Museum 9:30*

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

*See inside for weekly  
working bees and  
volunteer opportunities.*