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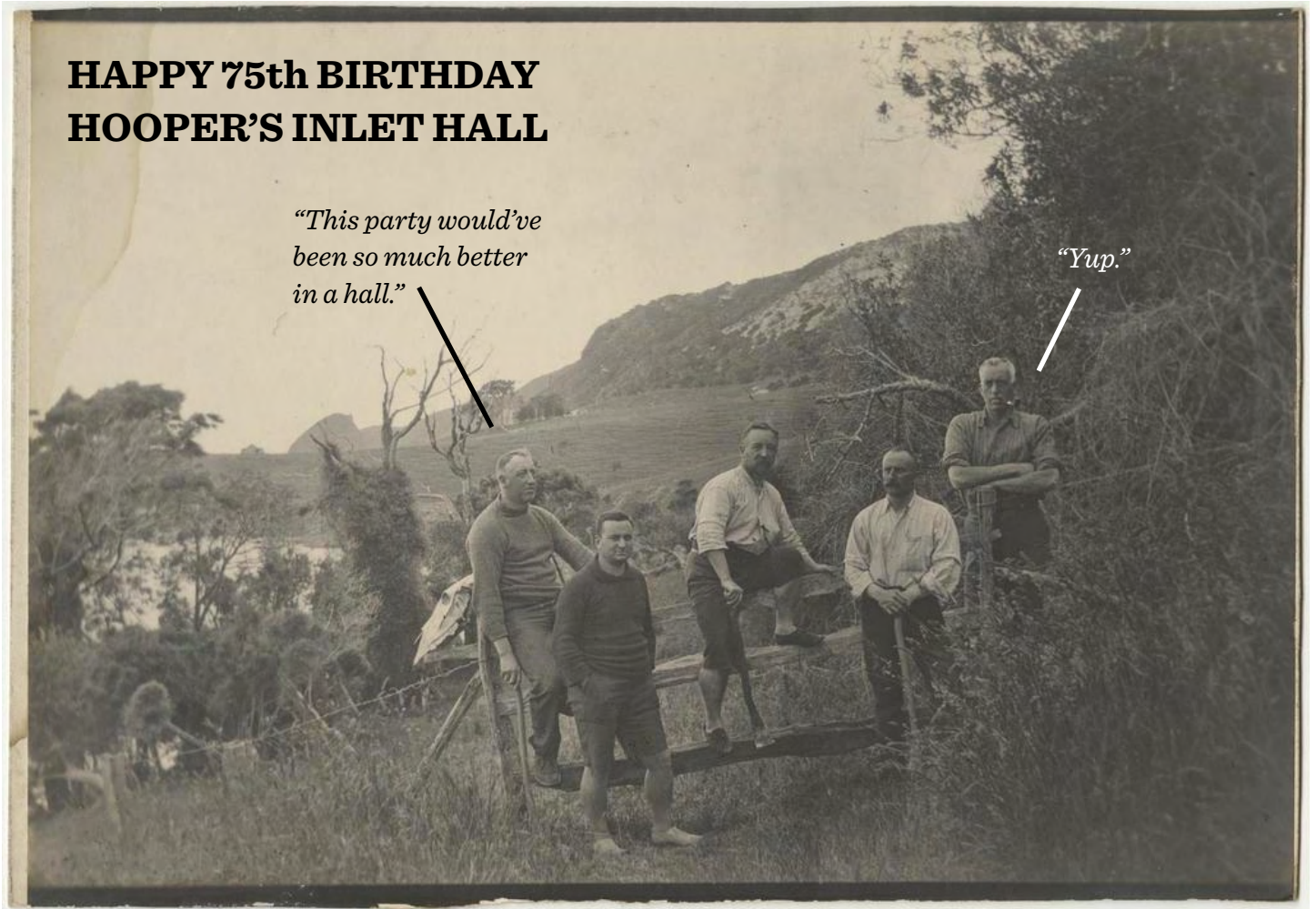
OUR HOME BY THE OTAGO HARBOUR

JUNE-JULY 2024

HAPPY 75th BIRTHDAY HOOPER'S INLET HALL

*"This party would've
been so much better
in a hall."*

"Yup."



"Crib party at Hoopers Inlet", 1907, courtesy of the Hocken Library. Come celebrate Hooper's Inlet Hall on 22 June. See page 11 for details.



ATTENTION! ATTENTION! YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS (AGM)

are a perfect time to get involved and help Portobello thrive



**Coronation Hall
Board
24 June**

**Portobello
Community Inc
26 June**

**Peninsula
Museum
29 July**

**Volunteer Fire
Brigade
31 July**

**Hoopers Inlet Hall
Board
1 August**

See back cover for details

Portobello Community Inc. Update

CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou,

Hope you have all been enjoying the crisp winter weather and staying warm.

It was wonderful to see so many people out for the Hereweka Hike in late April. My daughter and I completed the circuit and enjoyed it immensely. A big thanks to the volunteers who built the tracks and organised the event, and to those who graciously allow use of their land to provide direct access from Portobello to the growing Hereweka Harbour Cone network of tracks. Also a big shout-out to the organisers of the Wild Dunedin Festival, of which the Hike was a part... what a great event it is, and we're lucky to have so many parts of it right in our back yard.

Speaking of volunteers, this month's newsletter is featuring the Annual General Meeting season, when local volunteer groups review their accomplishments, set the direction for the upcoming year, and elect officers. These meetings are a

great opportunity to learn about a group and get involved. We are fortunate to have so many great groups working together to make Portobello and the Otago Peninsula continue to be a wonderful place to live. But none of those groups can continue to exist without the time and care given by their members.

As for our little group, we've got heaps of things planned for next year, but the next cab off the rank is the Midwinter edition of our Market Day, on Sunday 21 July (see page 9 for details). If you've got something to sell or promote, grab a table. If not, come on down, sample the wares, have a coffee, and grab some kai. Hope to see you there.

Kā mihi,

— Michael Lascarides

POOL KEYS

The school pool has not received all the keys back from the previous year. Please ensure you return any outstanding keys to the shop, or there will be fewer to go around next year!

portobello community inc.

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Otago Peninsula Museum

ANZAC Day at the Museum was once again very well attended by our community. The weather was perfect along with the songs, stories and morning tea.

We have been donated a 1938 Vauxhall car. She is the pride and joy of the Museum and the men are enjoying working on her. Pop along and have a look at her down in the Barn.



**OTAGO PENINSULA MUSEUM
& HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.**

17 Harington Point Road, Portobello, Dunedin 9014

That's Keith checking her over before she goes into the Barn.

Along with working on the car, our Tuesday working bees are still as busy as ever. Our smoko room is bursting at the seams some mornings as we try to fix the world's problems and enjoy the morning tea food sent along by our volunteer partners. Thanks

We have five new people on our Sunday Roster and most have had their first session and enjoyed the experience.

We have a set of old wooden building blocks and Sophie's daughter had a great time with them while her Mum was on duty.

From our Visitors Book - We have visitors from all over the world visit our small Museum. Australia, Canada, Germany, UK, France to name a few. Latest comments from the book are:

- *A fascinating collection (From Nelson)*
- *A reminder of our hard working and sacrificial ancestors that helped lay the foundation for what we have today (From Hamilton)*
- *A lot of amazing history (From Aramoana)*
- *Awsome displays (From Taranaki)*

You will find this interesting – this is from a pamphlet we have at the Museum

20 February 1996 – Portobello Improvements Update from the DCC



Realignment of the Portobello Road in the central village; This includes narrowing of the main carriageway, creating a defined pedestrian area, along with a further separation of the Hatchery Road, Hereweka Street and Highcliff Road intersections with the main road. It is proposed to plant bare-trunked trees and grass only, in order to maintain the benefits of improved traffic visibility gained through realignment.

Development of a picnic area and playground: On the land between the Portobello Store and the Anglican Church in Hatchery Road. The existing stream, trees and shrubs will be complemented by landscaping, improved footways around the area, picnic tables and some play equipment.

Improved signage: Welcome to Portobello signs, additional traffic signs, heritage information panels and rationalising and upgrading of existing directional signs.

There were more suggestions but we will leave that for another time.

The Museum is open Sundays 12.30 till 3.30pm. Adults just \$2 and children free. If you want to contact us then our email address is: theotagopeninsulamuseum@gmail.com

A reminder that our two very popular books are available from the Museum, Medical Centre and the shop.

Portobello a Brief History and Otago Peninsula Then and Now. \$30 each.

MUSEUM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 29 July 7pm at the Museum with supper to follow. Come along and hear what we have been up to over the past year. Mark it on your calendar!

MISSING FLAG

After ANZAC Day our NZ flag has gone missing from the flagpole. Please can it be returned otherwise it is a cost that the Museum has to fork out to replace it.

Portobello Library

A reminder that our great little library in the Portobello Coronation Hall is open from 11am till 1pm Thursdays and Sundays. Come along and meet Dot, our Librarian. It is just \$5 to join and books are 20 cents each. We also have some free jigsaw puzzles to take away to do on these cold Winter days.

Our AGM was held in March. We are thankful and grateful to the Peninsula Library Trust who donated our Library \$1,500 towards the purchase of new books.

Fire Brigade News

Winter has arrived.

It's nice to see the sun after the recent cold weather but it's now officially winter. There are a few topics I would like to raise regarding keeping ourselves safe.

Nationally, every year, as temperatures drop, we see a significant increase in the number of house fires. The strategy - See a fire *before* it starts.

Electric blankets

A faulty electric blanket is a fire waiting to happen. If you feel unusually hot patches in your electric blanket, or if it is more than 5 years old, replace it now.

REMEMBER: CHECK THE HEAT BEFORE YOU SLEEP

Chimneys

Unseen debris in your chimney is a fire waiting to happen.

Make sure you have your chimney cleaned before the first fire of the season.

REMEMBER: CHIMNEY ALRIGHT BEFORE FIRST LIGHT?

Heaters

It's tempting to hang winter laundry near a heater. But unless it's a metre away, your clothes are a fire waiting to happen.

REMEMBER: A METRE FROM THE HEATER

Dryers

That lint in your dryer's filter? It's a fire waiting to happen. Remove it before every use to remove the risk.

REMEMBER: A CLEAN DRYER AVOIDS FIRE

Hot ashes

Fireplace ash holds heat for up to 5 days and can spark new fires. Always soak it with water in a metal bucket before binning it.

REMEMBER: COOL ASH BEFORE YOU STASH

Fire Season

The Otago Peninsula is back in 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

If you have any fire related concerns, want some advice, or would like a free home fire safety visit please give either Greg or myself a call.

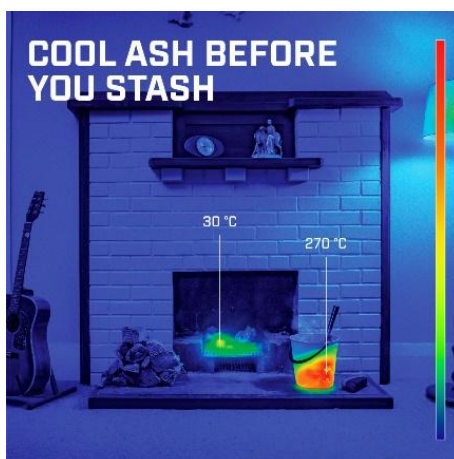
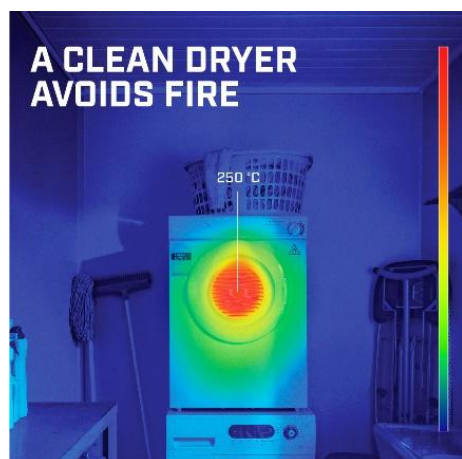
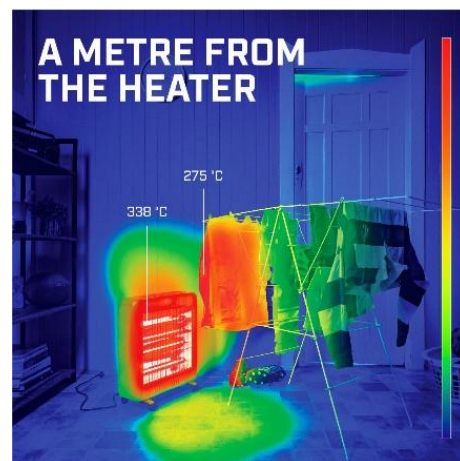
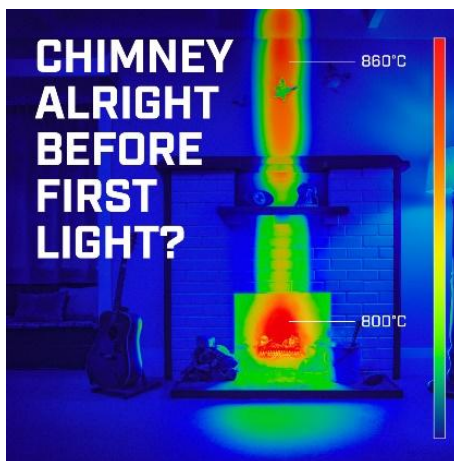
CFO Jamie Ramsay 027 481-3075

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

Ngā mihi,

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



**Portobello Volunteer
Fire Brigade**

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 31 July
8pm

Portobello Fire Station

Hereweka St
Portobello



NEW KERBSIDE BINS

From 1 July 2024, we're improving your kerbside recycling and rubbish service.

Look inside your new bins for an information booklet and a benchtop food scraps bin.

Remember - only put your new bins out for collection from 1 July 2024.

BETWEEN MID-MARCH AND MID-JUNE YOU'LL RECEIVE:

a green-lidded food scraps and garden waste bin (either 23L or 140L); and

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Portobello School

Kia ora koutou,

Space Topic

Classes are getting stuck into learning about Space. We are learning about the planets in our Solar System, their moons and orbits and their distances from the sun with senior tamariki comparing the mass of the planets and how much they would weigh on each planet in our solar system.



Basketball

We have three basketball teams competing at the Edgar Centre on Thursdays after school, starting next Thursday. It is great to see so many tamariki taking part in sport and representing our kura.

Pink Shirt Day

Portobello School took part in Pink Shirt Day in support of the Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand. Tamariki dressed up in pink for the day and brought a gold coin donation to create a coin trail. Just over \$80 was raised, and donated to the Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand.

ANZAC Day

The Thursday of the second week of the holidays was ANZAC Day. Tamariki learnt about the importance of this day with some senior students volunteering to join Mrs Agnew and Mr Hobbs at the ANZAC service at Portobello on ANZAC Day.

Milo Mornings

We had a successful reboot of Milo Mornings this morning. We have some experienced people on duty

making Milos for all who come for a hot drink on these cold mornings.

Soup morning

Two of our parents in association with POPS brought some delicious pumpkin soup and bread rolls for our tamariki to enjoy on Tuesday 28th of May at morning tea time. This was a big hit, with many lining up for seconds. Thank you for generously donating your time to make and deliver our children some hot tasty soup on a cold morning.

Kā mihi,

Tom Hobbs, Principal

Invasive Weeds Update from SWAT

Let's talk rubbish!

If you're a regular reader of our articles and have ever wondered what you could do to help us without having to clamber up and down densely vegetated hills cutting vines and performing other heroic acts on Friday mornings, then this is the article for you. Because today, we want to talk to you about rubbish.

There are two types: the green waste that piles up under trees on fence lines all by itself (hehheh) and the rubbish that wanders. No one

likes rubbish, particularly green waste rubbish. Sure, it's convenient to trim your trees and shove the debris somewhere dark by a fence and forget about it cos no one wants to do the tip run and pay the fee. But SWAT pays when you pile it up in your garden, on your bush block, or over the fence onto road reserve. And you'll pay too. Because piles of green waste and tree trash make excellent rats nests - and that trash really hinders SWAT getting access to the roots of pest vines. Birds just love to sit in the trees above your hidden trash pile and excrete seeds into the waste - and bingo five years later you have a forest of



weeds no one can access without battling their way through the trash first. So you know it makes sense.

From 1st July the new DCC green waste bin will make it easier to get rid of garden waste. Perhaps consider sharing empty volume in your green waste bin with your neighbour if you can't fill your bin yourself in a week. Take excess

green waste to the Portobello Domain DCC Skip Day on 22 June 10 - 4 pm. Or mulch it and compost it. Let's get our bush blocks and gardens free of green trash and keep rats and pest weeds at bay.

Oh and the rubbish that wanders. That's the stuff that jumps into car boots at night and gets driven to a seemingly remote location and tipped out onto the verge or under the hedge by stealth. Yep, very efficient transfer of the pain. To someone else. Because someone owns that verge, or ditch, or tree. It's another way pest plants spread to new locations. You know it makes sense - to not dump. Thanks for taking up the message folks and for supporting us here at SWAT. If you would like advice or some help controlling pest plants on your property or you find a plant that could be a problem weed, we would love to hear from you. Contact us at SWATweeds@gmail.com

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are available for all types of functions.

For further information please contact
Brian Cameron, Secretary
03 478 0816 or pbo26@xtra.co.nz

STOP (Save The Otago Peninsula)

Working bees on Tuesday and Sunday mornings generally start at 9.30am at the end of Bacon St, but lately some have been starting a bit later, so you need to make contact to get up to date information. Volunteers are still releasing young seedlings from the exotic grass so they are not out competed but there is also planting going on. Contact stopincsoc@gmail.com or Lala (text only) 027 87560 20 for more information about working bees. New volunteers are always needed and welcomed.



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. As a charitable donation you can also claim back a third on your tax. See the contact details above to ask how to donate.

The new Tree Trail that allows you to identify different tree species is proving popular. At the moment it is just temporary, but it is planned to make the labels permanent.

If you would like to commemorate a milestone in yours or your family's life you may like to consider having a tree – or

Royal Albatross Centre

Kia ora from the Royal Albatross Centre,

It has already been over a month since the end of the Wild Dunedin Festival, but I wanted to shout out a thank you to the organisers and participants. It was such a great event for all ages and I heard a lot of people excitedly telling me about activities or talks they've done and listened to during that week. Here at the colony we had a special 30 min tour (in addition to our usual tours) on offer and saw a lot of interested families joining. For our younger visitors there was also a drawing competition happening and we got a box full of wonderful art. The winners of the drawing competition are on display in our 'Wild Gallery' at the Royal Albatross Centre and are definitely worth a look.

'Wild weather' was the topic of this year's Wild Dunedin Festival and wild weather is what we are used to out here at Pukekura / Taiaroa Head. The headland is hit daily by changing and sometimes extreme weather conditions with wind speeds reaching over 100kph at times. As you all know, the Albatross love wind as it enables them to really make use of their perfectly built glider wings, but extreme gusts can interfere with a successful landing next to the nest. When it's too windy for Albatross to land at the colony, the parent birds will most likely wait out the storm sitting on the ocean and return later to feed their chicks. Luckily, the chicks are perfectly happy in

extreme winds. They will tuck their heads in between their wing feathers and sleep through the storm. Tours can run until 55knt (around 100kph) of constant wind speeds (gusts can be more), but the short walk uphill to the observatory does get very challenging in those conditions.



Photo by Laura Findlay

Storms are powerful events in nature and especially beaches can be changed places after. We recently carried out a beach clean at Takiharuru / Pilots beach and found a bunch of items that naturally should not

occur there. Back at the centre we counted and weighed the bits and pieces of litter and sorted them into categories which we later entered into an online database with the name 'litter intelligence'. Check out their website to learn more: www.litterintelligence.org.

Amongst other items, we found a lot of broken plastic container fragments, bottle lids, some fishing gear, personal hygiene products and also a syringe.

My wonderful colleague, Laura, has also written a short paragraph about the beach clean up on our facebook page. Follow us on social media for more of Laura's stories about the Royal Albatross Colony.

Thanks for your support!

—Ronja Kemnitz, Senior guide at the Royal Albatross Centre

Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Group

Kia ora,

We only have a handful of months left to close in on our ambitious goal of peninsula-wide possum eradication. We're not far off, and we're enlisting the community's help this month with another Spotlight on Possums event, which will run from June 15th-23rd. The lonely males are roaming in search of a mate, so even if you haven't had possums in your backyard for ages, please rug up and step outside after dark with a torch in hand and see if any of the last wily

OTAGO PENINSULA
BIODIVERSITY
GROUP



possums happen to be near you. We're keen to get reports from anybody participating, even if you don't see a possum! Lastly, to all of our lovely backyard trappers, please keep setting your traps so we can catch any possums on the move!

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
peninsula@opbg.nz predatorfreepeninsula.nz

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Quarantine Island/Kamau Taurua Community Inc.

Kia ora koutou,

As the seasons change to colder and shorter days, the last few months have seen a smaller number of whānau, friends, and student groups enjoying an overnight stay or two in St. Martin Lodge, and fewer day visitors.

We have hosted Taieri College international student camp, Mosgiel Boys Brigade, another Women's Empowerment Experience W.E.E. Retreat, and P.I.L.S.A. Otago (Pacific Island Law Students' Association) also returned to hold an overnight camp. St. Peters College and Waitaki Boys High School stayed whilst attending New Zealand Marine Studies Centre education programmes. Day visitors included ADL (Adventure Development Ltd) staff who brought clients over on kayaks for two afternoon tours of the island. A large number of visitors also enjoyed the island as part of the Wild Dunedin- Festival of Nature during the school holidays and some took part in our Tēnā koe te Whenua, Dear Earth- Letters to the Land event.

Our regular weekend mahi volunteer days and our monthly Welcome Day's have been enjoyed by many new visitors and regular volunteers/Community members. Mahi has included planting native seedlings, caring for seedlings, weed control, monitoring predator traps and tracking tunnels, a final lizard survey, and a last autumn bird survey, leading tours of the island, and building maintenance. Thanks to all our volunteers and Community members for their efforts on and off the island over the last few months. Special thanks to Jess and Brendan Penwarden for their donation of seven Wiltshire hipi/sheep who are settling in well with the older flock, and to Tony Pepers who installed a heat pump in the lounge of the Lodge whilst enjoying a whānau holiday.

We are grateful to Otago Peninsula Community Board for funds towards building roof repairs, Lottery Otago/Southland Community Fund for continuing to contribute to funds towards the Keepers salary, Tomahawk Smaills BeachCare Trust nursery for native seedlings, the Lion Foundation for funds for a defibrillator, and Port-To-Port Cruises and Wildlife Tours, East Coast Charters and Otago Water Taxis & Tours for subsidised boat transfers.



Can you help? We currently need adult life jackets. If you have any in good condition that you would like to donate, please contact us!

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 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) Jon on 021 082 58619 or email 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.

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.



Weekend mahi days - dates vary

See our website 'Events' page or social media pages for details.

Saturdays 29th June & 27th July - Welcome Day

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

Sunday 28th July - AGM - 12 noon - 4pm at Valley Project Community Rooms, NEV

Join us to celebrate the year and be part of future plans for the Community.

Hooper's Inlet Hall is turning 75!

Hooper's Inlet Hall is celebrating 75 years, with our fundraising night on the 22nd of June at the Hall (see below). I have been requested to make the Hooper's Inlet Hall bank details available so that anyone who may not be able to attend but wants to donate towards the deck roof project can do so:

Hooper's Inlet Hall

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I am more than happy to arrange receipts for donations. Email: hoopersinlethall@gmail.com.

It is with great thanks that the Hooper's Inlet Hall Committee have gratefully received \$3000 from The Otago Masonic Charitable Trust toward the deck roof project.

— Jackie Clearwater



Celebrating 75 Years Hooper's Inlet Hall Fundraiser

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22ND JUNE 8 PM TILL LATE

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100 years ago this month...

We were overrun with cattle

The Portobello road district is said to be overrun with straying cattle. A resident of the district waited on the Road Board yesterday afternoon and asked that something be done to abate the nuisance. It was usual, he said, for thirty head of cattle to bed down at his gate at night time. It was unusual to be able to count less than ten cattle straying on the roads—oftener it was nearer fifty head. The board decided to consider the matter.

*Evening Star, 4 July 1924
(via Papers Past)*

Pukehiki Church Trust Community Service / AGM / Afternoon tea—Sunday 23rd June at 3pm



This will be a special event as the newly restored reed organ will be played by renowned organist Ron Newton, who also undertook the organ's restoration. After the service Ron will give a short talk about the introduction of instrumental music into Presbyterian churches. This will be followed by a (very) short AGM and longer afternoon tea. The service will be taken by the Rev David Crooke. **ALL WELCOME.** Come and support the Otago Peninsula's wonderfully restored 155yr old Pukehiki Community Church.

Another Day In Paradise—from Olly's Pen

Kia ora! Wow – I've been really spoiled recently. I had my 80th birthday and my oldest daughter and her two daughters, their partners plus two babies came all the way from Hastings via two cars. Thank goodness the ferry crossing was okay, weather-wise. One of my nephews from Hamilton - a school teacher brought a car load down and another nephew from Te Teko – a Transport Manager, unbeknown to me, came down by plane and joined them in Dunedin. They'd booked accommodation at St Clair. I'd already been spoiled once on my actual real birth date and with these guys, I got to do it all over again!!! Isn't it great when family get together aye? The laughter, the joking and the whānau-ness (to coin a new word) is sooo good.

Thanks to the Taurite Tū physio program I've been attending up at the marae here at Ōtākou, I feel a lot more confident moving around now. It's given me back my confidence and independence and of course has helped restore my mana. The whānau were surprised and pleased to see me looking so good. Nephew Robert, from Te Teko flew to Dunedin on JetStar and some passengers were injured when they hit turbulence. He said he and everyone else thought the worst. So he didn't fly back – he went in one of the cars with the whānau. I don't blame him. They all

loved the cottage and especially our outlook over the harbour. Daughter Cath had visited us when we first moved here and naturally couldn't get over what we'd achieved since that time. But life is like that I reckon. When you're living it, doing things, making changes here and there as a natural part of your daily life, you're not that conscious of how much you've changed things until someone else comes along and goes, "Wow!" etc....The older I get, the more aware I become of my relationship to everything and everyone.

My granddaughter and her husband asked me if unconditional love is a natural human trait. I replied that it's natural for us to develop along the lines of whatever is dominant in our environment i.e., our communities, our homes and especially our heads and hearts. We all have potential but that potential can be good or bad. Whenever I look around me, here in Harington Point Road, I thank the universe, nature and whatever energy created this world we live in for bringing my wife and I here to this part of our lovely country. As far as we're concerned – this is our piece of paradise.

— Olly Ohlson

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Otakou Golf Club

Hallo and welcome.

Oh what a wonderful and unexpected day we are having. This is early June and the sun is shining, the temperature is 19 degrees, there is no wind and the conditions down at the club are fabulous. This weather will not last of course but let's get out there and enjoy the conditions whilst we can.

Club day is Sunday when the members tee off from 10 o'clock onwards but casual members or those members not in the 'competition of the day' can follow on. The course is generally free in the afternoon. Otherwise the course is open for casual members at all other times of the week. Not too early in the morning when there is frost about, as players will leave footprints on the greens and we have spent a lot of time cultivating those greens to their present pristine condition. Just like velvet.

That is not the only initiative agreed by your committee. Whilst the greens are excellent, we have taken down a number of annoying and potentially dangerous trees and later this year we will start installing a new irrigation system which will be automated and provide water to the fairways which will promote the growth of grass where we have never seen it before. This could be good or bad depending on how your game is going but if it were not an improvement then we would not be doing it.

We now have some space where the trees have been felled and we will recruit a planting group to oversee the development of

that area into a more golfer friendly and aesthetically pleasing course.

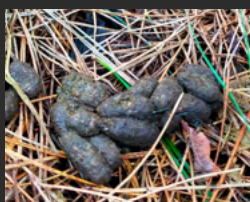
We are pleased to advise that the former Professional Golfer of St Clair course is renewing his love of the game. After taking a sabbatical in Portobello for a few years, Neil has volunteered his services and is available for one off lessons for those with a glitch in their golf or wish to get started on the right foot (or left foot if you are that way). You can get in touch with Neil via our club secretary, Lesley on 022 078 7032. Neil has retained his membership of NZ Golf and is fully accredited.

Later in the year, spring time that is, this may develop into clinics for beginners and coaching for juniors. Interested? Potentially we may mark out new Tee areas for juniors, and beginners, so that instead of hitting towards some distant marker, you can see the green just 150 metres or so away, and it is a much easier target to start with. We don't want to make the course so overwhelming, that the new member/junior gets disappointed just as they are beginning.

Having promoted the club and the progressive plans it has, I now have to tell you that the course is closed for members and visitors alike all day on Saturday 22 June for the annual Dunedin Athletics cross country races. You will have to get your weekly golf fix on Sunday instead. See you there.

Hit'em Straight!

Seen any signs of possums?



Please keep an eye out for possum poo on your walk today. You're looking for poo the size and shape of a jellybean, and it can be clumped or single pellets. Please take a photo if you're not sure.

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Hoopersinlethall@gmail.com
- **Broad Bay Community Centre**
See www.broadbay.co.nz for info

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

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PENINSULA MEDICAL CENTRE

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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).



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community calendar

Saturday 22 June
Hoopers Inlet Hall 75th Anniversary Dance
See page 11 for details

Monday 24 June
Coronation Hall Board Annual General Meeting
Coronation Hall, 7pm

Wednesday 26 June
Portobello Community Inc. Annual General Meeting
Coronation Hall, 7:30pm

Wednesday 17 July
Portobello Community Inc. Monthly Meeting
Coronation Hall, 7:30pm

Sunday 21 July
Midwinter Market Day
Coronation Hall, 10-2

Monday 29 July
Otago Peninsula Museum Annual General Meeting
Museum, 7:30pm

Wednesday 31 July
Portobello Volunteer Fire Brigade Annual General Meeting
Fire Station, 8pm

Thursday 1 August
Hoopers Inlet Hall Annual General Meeting
Hoopers Inlet Hall

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