

portobello news

OUR HOME BY THE OTAGO HARBOUR

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2024



SNOOZY VISITOR — Earlier this month, Portobello was visited by this female elephant seal, who hauled herself up the steps by the dairy and occupied a cozy spot under a bench for a day or two. Some helpful cones gave her a bit of privacy from walkers and cyclists.

TAKING SHAPE — Gus Hayden stands proudly in front of the new building that will house the farmstore and kitchen for his business Augustines of Portobello, opening later this spring. See page 3 for more.



RUNNERS TAKE YOUR MARKS — The Dunedin Marathon will depart from Portobello once again on Sunday 15 September. See page 9 for more.

Portobello Community Inc. Update

CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou,

Hopefully you're all staying warm over the slow midwinter months. Our calendar is pretty thin this issue, as the Peninsula has a bit of a welcome quiet spell in the off-season. But the days are getting a bit longer, and some of our fruit trees have even blossomed already. Spring is definitely on the way.

Our group recently held our annual general meeting (one month delayed by that gnarly round of winter illnesses that knocked half the group off their feet... hope you're all recovering!) and it was great to have both some achievements to look back on and some good ideas for the future, including musical events and improvements to the local environment. Watch this space for details coming soon.

The AGM is also a great time to express our gratitude for our members and their continued efforts to make Portobello better. Our officers are unchanged for this year, with my fellow officers Laura Shepard and Amy McFadzien continuing as secretary and treasurer, respectively. Our returning committee members Sandra Clearwater, Ruth Seeney, Richard Steentjes, Dan Parker, and Ryan Adams are joined this year by Elliot Dixon and Jamie Ledbetter-Taylor.

Finally, thanks to everyone who joined us at the Midwinter Market Day which was very well attended by both vendors and the public. Look for a Spring Market Day before the end of 2024, with an exact date coming shortly. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, our mailing list or our website for announcements of this and other events.

Kā mihi nui,

Michael Lascarides

President, Portobello Community Inc.

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Welcome, Augustines Farmstore & Kitchen!

Augustines of Central is coming to Portobello. Two years ago Gus Hayden moved his boutique preserving business from Wānaka to his parents' farm at the far end of Hereweka Street in Portobello. Augustines creates an acclaimed range of unique fruit preserves, jams and chutneys with fruits grown at the farm as well as other southern orchards, selling them online and at selected outlets.

Now, Augustines is building their dream farmstore and commercial kitchen on the farm at the foot of Hereweka Harbour Cone, which is nearing completion and will be opening this spring. In addition to Gus's latest preserves, the Augustines kitchen will be expanding to explore seasonal cooking from café fare to full "Trust the Chef" dinners. Catering to tourists and visitors as well as

Peninsula foodies (with plans in the works for "locals nights"), this new venture will be the only one of its kind in the South.

Gus says he's very excited to bring his food back home, after many years of cooking in Wānaka and overseas. "It's so special to be back here as I loved growing up on the Peninsula. Having my son Otto go to kindergarten at the same place as I went to Playcentre is very special."

We wish Gus and Jana all the best on the new venture. Keep up with their latest news at augustinesofportobello.com, or follow them on Instagram at instagram.com/augustinesofportobello



Fire Brigade News

Nearly spring...

It's nice to have a bit more daylight in the evenings, we're getting closer to spring. There is a very important topic I would like to discuss about keeping ourselves safe.

House Fire Readiness

We would like everyone to protect their families in the event of a house fire, so they can all get out within minutes. This can be achieved by having smoke alarms in the right places and a 3-step escape plan.

While there is at least one working smoke alarm in 90% of New Zealand homes, there is a push towards having a smoke alarm in every bedroom, hallway and living area. Currently one third (34%) claim to have smoke alarms in every bedroom, hallway and living area.

Another vital tool to keep your family safe is the 3-step escape plan.

Wonderful Donation.

As reported in the April edition, our brigade was extremely fortunate to receive a Ducati motorcycle as a donation from Myles Notman as thanks for the horse rescue we performed. I have been told that Cullen Star has made a full recovery.

We intended to raffle the motorbike, but the rules set down by the Lotteries Commission made this all but impossible. We have decided to sell the bike on Trade Me. So keep an eye out for our listing (in the next couple of weeks). The funds raised are going towards a First Response vehicle and shed to house it.

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.

Fire Brigade Quiz Night

We will be running our fundraising quiz night again this year, keep the date free.

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. Thanks Jamie.

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.

Ngā mihi,

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



PORTOBELLO VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

Quiz Night



Licensed bar. NO BYO
Nibbles & Refreshments
Prizes & Raffles

Saturday 19th October 2024

Coronation Hall, Portobello. Start time: 7.30pm

(\$5 per person, max. 6 people per team)

ESCAPE PLAN

- ① **INSTALL SMOKE ALARMS
IN EVERY BEDROOM,
HALLWAY AND LIVING AREA**
- ② **PLAN TWO WAYS OUT**
- ③ **AGREE ON A SAFE
MEETING PLACE**

Portobello Police Station

Tēnā koutou everyone,

As I pen this I am currently off with a bugged hand and the typing is slow. It's been a week already and I'm not sure when I will be back up and running (apologies). With this in mind can I ask that you use the 105-reporting line for things that don't need immediate attention and the 111 line if you require assistance now. This will get your complaint or information entered into the police system quickly. I've had a few people come into the station and I have not been able to help and have had to point them in another direction (apologies again). For those unaware, there is a phone at the front door of the station that connects you directly to our staff who receive complaints or information, so this is also an option. Dunedin Police are covering while I mend. You can still email me on Aaron.Smith@police.govt.nz if you need a question answered or advice as I will check them daily.

I've had a few enquiries around what the raised red crossings actually mean in our villages. Are they a pedestrian crossing or not? The short answer is that they are not. They are called "courtesy crossings". They are in place in the specific low speed built up areas where pedestrians do need to cross the road safely. They are raised so the vehicle driver and pedestrian can get better eye contact and the vehicle will be (should be) slowing for them. Pedestrians DO NOT have the right of way on these crossings. Drivers are NOT required to stop but hey, they are called courtesy

crossings for a reason. I always do if kiddies, cyclists, or anyone for that matter are standing there waiting. It's not hard. I'm looking at speaking to the schools to make sure all of our little ones understand also.

With the colder weather here and especially in the mornings I am starting to see folk driving down the road using their sleeves to wipe the condensation/fog off the inside of their windows. I'm not a big fan, given it's a real distraction and distractions can end up sticky situations for the drivers. Please take a few extra minutes in the morning to make sure all of your windows are clear of dampness and fog before you set off. It's important your driving vision is clear and unobstructed. Makes sense huh? We've been lucky with frosts really, but this doesn't mean we can get complacent. Please take care driving and give yourself a bit of extra time, especially in the mornings.

A small aluminium dinghy was stolen from Te Rauone domain a couple of Thursdays ago. In broad daylight. The perps were in a silver car with registration plate starting with DH. If anyone has any info on this, please email me.

That's all from me for now, sorry, it's a bit short and sweet. Take care of one another and my best bit of advice around situations you may find yourselves in is to "BREATHE". You'd be surprised how this allows you to look at things from a different angle and make good or better decisions.

— Sr. Constable Aaron Smith



Ric's Galley Takeaways

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Portobello School

Matariki Breakfast

We had a wonderful Matariki Breakfast to celebrate the Māori New Year. It is always a time for reflection on the year just been, but also to look forward to the coming year and what it will bring. We enjoyed yummy kai, great coffee and many conversations with friends, kaiako and whānau across the school. Each class presented some of their mahi about Matariki.

Junior Whānau tamariki shared something they are thankful for, with many talking about their families. Room 3 read about the nine whetū of the Matariki cluster and why each whetū is important. Room 4 shared some musical instruments: the kōauau, the porotiti and the pūrerehua. These were demonstrated by the tamariki in Room 4.

Our lovely neighbours, the Portobello Kindy, also joined us for our breakfast. They also stood up and sang two waiata for us.

Kā mihi nui to all who joined us for our breakfast and helped us out, to the tamariki for sharing their mahi and demonstrating tikaka.

Hinemoana

Some senior students were lucky enough to be able to visit the Hinemoana, a double hulled waka sailing Te Waipounamu. It was a fantastic opportunity, and it was amazing to see how big and small it actually was!

Permanent principal

Tom Hobbs started his permanent role as principal here at Portobello School at the start of term 3. The long process

of principal recruitment and appointment is now complete.

Olympics

In term 3, classes are learning about the Olympics. The history of the Olympics and how they have changed into what they are now. The principles of the Olympics, and coming together.

Spoken Word Showcase

We are holding a Spoken Word Showcase in the final week of the term. This is where all students will present in class, a prepared piece of their choice. From that, there will be a selection of students that will present at the Coronation Hall, along with each class presenting an item.

Milo Morning

These are a big hit on a cold Thursday morning. The senior classes are running Milo mornings. The money that is being raised is going towards their camp in term 4.

New Carpet

Junior whānau; Room 3 and Room 4 have got their new carpet installed. The carpet layers have been fantastic and super fast. It looks great.

New pool roof

Our swimming pool roof was replaced over the holidays. It replaced the non-trafficable material. It also looks great.

Kā mihi,

Tom Hobbs, Principal



Portobello Library

If you have not been to the Library in Portobello yet then please do pop in on a Thursday or Sunday from 11am – 1pm. You will be surprised how many good quality books we have. It's just \$5 to join a family and then 20 cents to take out a book. We also hold the Men's Shed and Consumer magazines.

BOOK REVIEW: FAR NORTH BY DAVID WHITE AND ANGUS GILLIES.

This is the true story of one of New Zealand's biggest ever drug busts in 2016. An international drug smuggling

operation (a \$500 million meth haul) thwarted by two unlikely heroes in Ahipara, the town at the southern end of Ninety Mile Beach, Northland. I started to watch the TV series but gave up and found the book much easier to follow.



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Locally owned and operated, by Skipper Rachel McGregor.
Along with Rachel's son and helper Ashley, 11 years old.

Who are we?

Skipper/owner/operator Rachel McGregor has been working on the Otago Harbour for 19+ years as a crew, skipper and wildlife guide.

On local boats you might know, such as MV Monarch (9 years), Coastguard Dunedin Rescue (5 years), various marine oil spill response vessels (17 years-present), Dredger New Era (4 years), Harbour Master vessels, various other craft.

Also a qualified pilates and yoga instructor, currently teaching in Port Chalmers.

The business was born in 2018, out of Rachel's passion for sharing her experience and knowledge of the harbour and its wildlife and workboats. Rachel had two goes at starting the business! First in 2015 and then successfully in 2018

Ashley 11 years old, Dunedin North Intermediate student and keen helper onboard Sootychaser.

Ashley has 'grown up' on Sootychaser and watched his mum Rachel dream up, develop and grow the business.

He says he would like to be a soccer player, or work on his mum's boat when he is older.

The vessel 'lives' on the Port Chalmers side of the harbour.

We operate all year round as long as we have a few people booked.

During the summer season, our wee 'gem' Cherie, helps us out with admin. You may see her (and sometimes her little girls!) in the Portobello Boatshed or talk to her over the phone.

Bookings are essential and are best done online www.porttoport.co.nz

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(Thursdays during the winter).

The Club rooms with bar and kitchen facilities
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)

More volunteers at working bees are needed if we are going to reach the target number of trees we want planted during the 2024 planting season. Working bees on Tuesdays mornings start at 9.30am at the end of Bacon Street, but those on Sundays start at 10.30am to give volunteers time to catch the early buses. Contact stopincsoc@gmail.com or Duncan 022 126 3462 for more information about working bees (Lala credits her excellent recovery from recent knee surgery down to how strong the muscles were from attending working bees).

If you have not visited the Future Forest at the end of Bacon Street lately, you may not have seen the new boardwalks



and creek crossings that Dave McLean has been constructing using funding from the STOUT Trust to keep your feet dry. Thanks Dave.

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. As a charitable donation you can

also claim back a third on your tax. See the contact details above to ask how to donate.

Royal Albatross Centre

Time flies fast and we've already arrived in August which marks nearly the end of the Albatross 2023/2024 breeding season. The chicks are almost fully grown and are readying themselves to leave the nest. We've been observing a lot of wing stretching and wing flapping on the ground, important exercises that the chicks do in preparation for fledging.

A little update on the Royal cam chick naming competition: Every season the Department of Conservation encourages people from New Zealand and around the world to send in name suggestions for the Royal cam chick. The Royal cam is a live camera in the Albatross Reserve enabling people to view an albatross nest online all season round. This year two nests are on camera, but only one of them is the official Royal cam chick which will get named. To enter the naming competition, visit the Department of Conservation website, you'll find all information under the Royal cam tab.

In other news, the lovely Tarāpunga / Red-billed Gull have come back in groups after their winter break to scout out the best nesting sites. During the summer months we have over 10,000 gulls breeding here, which as you can imagine, changes the atmosphere around the centre just a little bit. The noise level rises, and the pathways need a good water blasting every other day.

But we love having them here. Tarāpunga face big challenges in our current environment and their population is rapidly declining throughout New Zealand. They need all the support and love we can give them, and we encourage people to vote for the Red-billed gull as 'bird of the year' in the next Bird of The Year election (birdoftheyear.org.nz).



VOTE FOR **RED BILLED GULL** IN THE NEXT BIRD OF THE YEAR ELECTION!

The return of the gulls means that spring isn't far away, which is the start of the busy season at the Albatross Centre. A good number of tourist groups have already

booked in for our tours in the spring/summer months, and we encourage locals to enjoy the headland before the rush to the headland begins.

We offer a few perks for locals including 20% off on all items in our wonderfully stocked gift shop and 25% off on guided tours.

There are always freshly baked treats, hot coffee and home cooked style meals available at the Toroa café. Remember, there is no place in the world where people can enjoy a hot cup of coffee, with the chance of a Royal Albatross soaring above their head. We are so lucky to have such a unique place right at our doorstep.

—Ronja Kemnitz, Senior guide at the Royal Albatross Centre

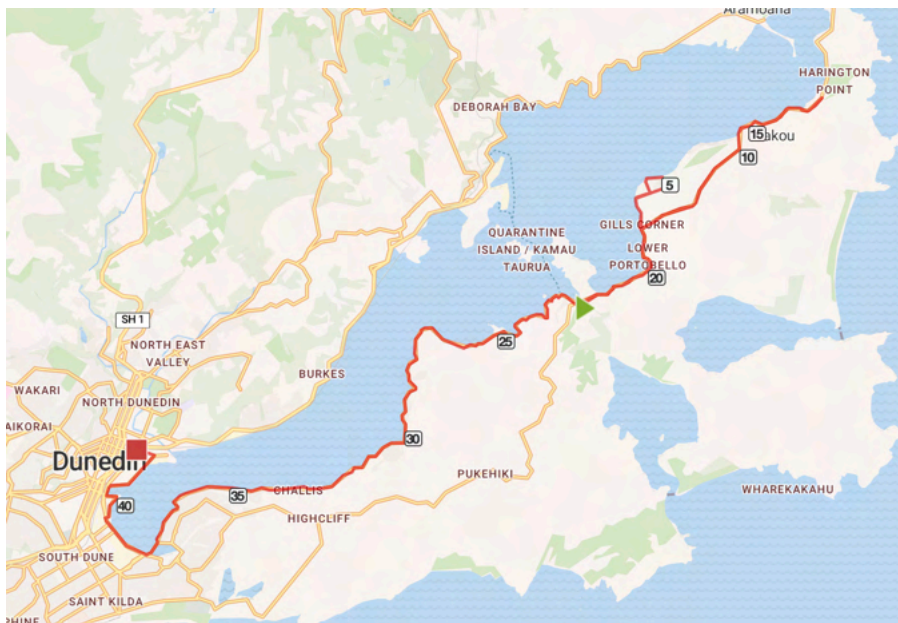
Record numbers expected for Dunedin Marathon

All eyes will be on Portobello on 15 September as we once again host the start of the Emerson's Dunedin Marathon. Participation in the race has been growing steadily, and organisers anticipate a record high number of participants this year, with as many as 4,000 runners expected to take part across 5km, 10km, half-marathon and full marathon races.

Several hundred of those runners will take part in the full marathon, which has its start line on Allans Beach Road in front of Portobello Domain and winds through the heart of the Peninsula, heading out through Harwood before turning around at Ōtakou and heading back into town along Portobello Road and finishing in front of Emerson's Brewery on Anzac Avenue.

Spectators are encouraged to come out and support the runners along the route. The starting gun for the marathon will fire at 7:30am in Portobello, and runners can be expected along the Peninsula portions of

the route over the next couple of hours. For more information about participating in, volunteering for, or just watching the race, visit the official race web site at dunedinmarathon.co.nz.



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Otago Peninsula Museum

We recently had our AGM – thanks to those hardy souls who came along on such a terribly wet and cold night. Welcome back to Geoff who has rejoined our committee after a couple of years away.

Since the AGM we have had a heat pump installed in the office and display area of the main building. No more chilly days at the Museum now. Special thanks to the Otago Peninsula Community Board for their support of a grant of \$1,000 towards this.



OTAGO PENINSULA MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

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harbour and was the Master of the ferry, Waireka.

All three of the family are buried in the Portobello cemetery.

In later years he spent most of his time about Otago



We have had a steady number of visitors on Sundays which is pleasing. Many people are after family information. If we don't have that information already given to us then we can't help them, so it is important to have your family info on file at the Museum for future generations to see. You don't have to be a family who has lived here for years – if you have lived here just a short time it is all part of your/local history. Some of the families from the early settlers had such big families that nowadays they are very far apart and don't know of each other. So the Museum is a good starting point to find out about any ancestors – be they old or present day.

Our new Sunday Roster folk have really enjoyed their experience of helping out and meeting our visitors.

The Tuesday working bees have been busy as usual and many thanks to Lisa, who has come long and done some cleaning for us.



The Museum is open each Sunday 12.30-3.30pm. \$2 for adults and children are free. Our two books are still available at \$30 each from the shop or the Museum. If you are local and have not got one or just moved to

the area then these are a must buy. They are also a good fundraiser for the Museum.

If you want to get in touch then you can email us:

theotagopeninsulamuseum@gmail.com

The Hanning Family

Captain Douglas Hanning came to New Zealand from Dumfries in 1870. His wife, Christina was born in Tasmania. From about 1910 till his death in 1928 he lived in Ryan Street, Portobello.

Their only child, Isabel (known as Queenie Hanning), was a well loved and respected teacher at Hoopers Inlet School.

100 years ago this month...

An old ship was an eyesore

A PORTOBELLO GRIEVANCE

TO THE EDITOR

Sir,—A recent addition to the beauties of Portobello is the hulk Gertie, which is at present moored to the small jetty known as the coal wharf, and is, presumably by permission of the Otago Harbor Board, to be placed there permanently or until such time as her bones are of no further use to the owners. We have already one bad example of this in the remains of the old hulk, ownership unknown (?), that lie a few yards further along the embankment. Portobello, seen from between the islands on a sunny morning, is one of the prettiest views in the harbor, but it will soon lose its pride of place if the foreshore is to be used as a graveyard for old ships that can float no longer. I think that it is time for the public bodies and citizens of Portobello to get together and take strong action to have these eyesores removed, and a stop put to any future repetition of the same offence against the beauty of their township.—I am, etc.,
September 23.

—KIM.

Evening Star, 25 September 1924
(via Papers Past)

Quarantine Island/Kamau Taurua Community Inc.

Kia ora koutou,

Winter continues with a few frosts in the last week yet there are a few glimmers of Spring showing. Over the past few months we've seen a smaller number of whanau, friends, and student groups enjoying an overnight stay or two in St. Martin Lodge, and very few day visitors. We have hosted the Ōtepoti Dunedin Homeschoolers who returned to hold a 4-day camp and Musselburgh Baptist Church Youth Group also returned to hold an overnight camp. Students from Northern Southland College and Fiordland College stayed whilst attending New Zealand Marine Studies Centre education programmes. Students from AAPES Otago (Animal Aquatic Plant Ecological Society) stayed overnight and helped with planting native seedlings. Day visitors included ADL (Adventure Development Ltd) staff who brought clients over on kayaks for an afternoon tour of the island.

Our regular weekend mahi volunteer days and our monthly Welcome Day's have been enjoyed by a few new visitors and regular volunteers/Community members. Mahi has included planting native seedlings, caring for seedlings, weed control, monitoring predator traps and tracking tunnels, 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 Celine Falcon Geist, an exchange student from Minnesota who spent a semester at the University of Otago studying Psychology and Education, and chose to stay a few weeks on the island in July, specifically to volunteer. Celine's mahi included sorting and repotting native seedlings in the shade house nursery, releasing seedlings, weed control, a beach clean-up, extensive cleaning in the Lodge, and maintaining the Cottage garden.

On 28th July we held a successful AGM at the Valley Community Rooms, NEV, and celebrated the past's year's achievements, and had a robust discussion about future plans. Although we had three resignations, we have gained a new Council member, Cristina Barriga. Cristina has been a part of the Community since she was at High School, attending Logan Park when she lived in Port Chalmers. Cristina is passionate about the island and has been our social media lead for a time last year.

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 and The Lion Foundation for funds for a defibrillator. The AED has been installed and has been registered on the AED locator website and mobile app awaiting approval. Thanks also to Port-To-Port Cruises and Wildlife Tours and East Coast Charters for boat transfers. Special thanks also to David Blair who donated six adult life jackets!



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 pontoon 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 Kamautaurua/Quarantine Island. From relaxing and recharging in solitude and peaceful surroundings, to learning about Island history and

ecology, volunteering, and experiencing what makes the Island so special.

Weekend mahi days - dates vary

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

Saturday 24th August & Saturday 28th September - Welcome Days

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

Another Day In Paradise—from Olly's Pen

Kia ora! Winter is on its way out and spring is just around the corner heralding new life all around us. I can't help feeling in awe at the way nature works. I remember learning how plants depend on the sun's light to help them in the process we call photosynthesis which helps them get their energy. And we need the sun as well to give us energy. All told the sun is a necessary source of energy for all living things. What amazed me as a young fella was the fact that we learnt at school that plants complement us humans by giving off oxygen as their waste product. That's why we feel so good whenever we go into the bush or surrounding where there are a lot of plants – we're breathing in the lovely oxygen the plants give off.

Having been raised in the bushland of the Urewera, I took the fresh clean air for granted until I went into the towns and cities where I then realised how lucky we country folk are. Clean air affects our bodies, minds and spirits in a positive way and we feel energised and full of life, whereas, polluted air affects us in a detrimental way making us feel depressed, down in the dumps and off colour.

One of the many gifts that come from being older is time. Time to notice things, to be more fully aware of what's happening in and around you. Regardless of what's happening outside of my body, I am the only one who can

change any experience I have, be it physical, emotional or spiritual. I've come to believe that I'm really not a physical being. I am inside a physical body as a conscious, aware being. When my consciousness/awareness departs back into the ethers, my physical body remains here – lifeless. But because I'm pure energy, I (as consciousness energy) must still be around somewhere in the atmosphere. That then makes sense to me as to why people got inspired by someone who lived hundreds of years ago and came to them in a dream or vision which led to them to creating something new. There are many such cases like this.

Why am I chatting this way? Because when I look around me, I see a lot of wonderful work that was completed many years ago – on our roads, out at Taiaroa Heads, the Otakou Marae, the various tourist sites around the peninsula, our wee township of Portobello with its dairy, restaurant, café and famously historic hotel etc... They didn't just happen – some people got together, talked things over, shared ideas and created them. And for that I am truly thankful and highly appreciative of their determination, skills and hard work. And as a result, we now have a wonderful piece of paradise. Aren't we fortunate aye!

— Olly Ohlson

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- Major fundraising for the Jetty
- Installing a Defibrillator

We meet **7:30pm on the third Wednesday of each month** at Portobello Coronation Hall (Next meeting—28 August)

Everyone is welcome!

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

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Otakou Golf Club

Officially it is not yet springtime, but in our garden at home we have the daffodils popping up and showing their colours in amongst the snowdrops. Nature does not work to a schedule. At the course there are signs of new grass growth so all bodes well for the future.

So you know what this means, forget the Olympics, come out of hibernation and turn your attention to your golf clubs. They definitely need cleaning and check the grips as well, which will perish over time. Your trundler probably needs attention too, if only some oil on the bearings. How is your stock of balls, tees and pitch repairers? Just in case, check your waterproofs and umbrellas. Like I said, nature and the weather can be unpredictable.

Now that the equipment is sorted there is just you to consider. Remember to warm up and ease those muscles into that old familiar routine. You might not hit the ball straight the first time out so remember to replace those divots. A lot of effort has been put into preparing the course so we do not want to see it degraded and that work wasted. It is for the benefit of all of us.



Having hopefully whetted your appetite I have to tell you that the course is being closed for the day on August 24 for the Dunedin Disc Golf Society to hold their annual tournament. No golf as we know it that day, so come another time. We may also

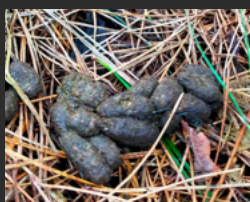
need to close the course later in the year too, like September, for the installation of new irrigation for both some fairways and greens. We will post details on our facebook page and through other media when the plans are confirmed. There will also be a sign on the notice at the start of Golf Course Road. We will likely be calling for some volunteers for a working bee to help backfill some of the trenches. More later.

You should also know that we are having to deal with a rabbit problem and have had to lay some Pindone poison to reduce their numbers. Notices have been posted on all entrances to the course so please be aware, It has the potential to be potent for up to eight months.

Having taken all that on board we will be pleased to see you at your local golf course be it as a casual, greenfee payer or preferably a full member.

Hit'em Straight!

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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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- **Scott Hall**, Harwood
Dave Rogers – 027 696 9657
- **Hoopers Inlet Hall**
Jackie Clearwater – 4780 508
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

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. All we ask for is a donation.



community calendar

Wednesday 28 August
Portobello Community Inc.
Monthly Meeting
Coronation Hall, 7:30pm

Sunday 15 September
Emerson's Dunedin Marathon
Start line at Portobello Domain, 7:30am

Wednesday 18 September
Portobello Community Inc.
Monthly Meeting
Coronation Hall, 7:30pm

Saturday 19 October
Portobello Fire Brigade
Quiz Night
Coronation Hall, 7:30pm

October/November (date tbd)
Portobello Spring Market Day
Coronation Hall

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