

# portobello news

OUR HOME BY THE OTAGO HARBOUR

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2024



Possums' End

**BLAZING SKIES** — Did you see it? One of the most brilliant displays of the Aurora Australis in recent memory lit up the southern skies in early October. At its peak, it was visible from horizon to horizon over Portobello. Photo @possums\_end on Instagram.

Broad Bay Boating Club

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# Portobello Community Inc. Update

## CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou,

Hope you're all dried out after the recent rains and enjoying the longer days. Having the roads knocked out for a couple of days was a good reminder to check your emergency supplies, have a good communication plan with your whanau, and look after your neighbours.

Things are picking up for the season on the Peninsula, and every day feels like a bit more activity as we move into summer. We'll be contributing to that energy with another Market Day on 8 December. Those with wares to sell can register for a table at [portobello.org.nz](http://portobello.org.nz), or just come out on the day and join the community vibe. We hope to see you there!

Our wee group has been pretty quiet over the winter months, but we've got a few ideas brewing for more

community events in the new year. It would be great to have a few more folks around to help out, so feel free to join us at one of our monthly meetings, or get in touch at [pbocomm.inc@gmail.com](mailto:pbocomm.inc@gmail.com) at any time.

It's Halloween this week, so do watch out for the neighbourhood gremlins on Thursday 31 as they follow the map to houses with tricks and treats (thanks Sarah!). As a former Northern Hemispherian, I have very mixed feelings about a Halloween with cherry blossoms, warm breezes, and sunlight at 8pm, but the kids have a blast dressing up and collecting and trading lollies so I try not to be too much of a killjoy. Looking forward to the arrival of the feral band of ghosts, goblins, and princesses.

Kā mihi nui,

*Michael Lascarides*

*President, Portobello Community Inc.*

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# portobello christmas market day

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# Portobello Police Station

Tēnā koutou everyone,

As I pen this I am currently still off with a buggered hand and the typing is slow. It's been 10 weeks already and I'm not sure when I will be back up and running (apologies). I will know more this Friday, as I am meeting with the orthopedic surgeon. Fingers crossed I don't have to rely on their expertise. I have been trying to assist where I can but obviously this is limited.

With this in mind, can I ask that you please 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 that receive complaints or information, so this is also an option. Dunedin is covering whilst I mend.

You can still email me on [Aaron.Smith@police.govt.nz](mailto:Aaron.Smith@police.govt.nz) if you need a question answered or advice as I will check them when able.



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The recent weather event again tested everyone's resilience. From what I am hearing everyone did a good job and the community spirit was there to see. Our FENZ guys and girls were out and amongst it, and as always, did a great job helping where they were able. Sorry I wasn't able to assist as I should have been.

With the weather getting better there is already a new round of tourists heading our way. We all know that some of their driving is average at best. I'm aware some people are videoing it and putting it on social media. It's OK to video for evidential purposes (if not driving), but please don't just post it online for everyone to comment on. Please call \*555 or 111 if it is dangerous and there is an imminent risk to other road users. Facebook hasn't ever prevented a serious crash, given an infringement notice, or prosecuted anyone from my knowledge.

Scams are a continuous headache for many. Please be vigilant and ensure you are dealing with the people you think you are. These scammers are getting cleverer by the day and pop up in all forums. I know of several cases down here recently and it's heartbreaking for someone to be scammed by these low-lifes. They are getting better as time goes on so, please just take a bit of extra care around all thing's internet/banking or cold calls.

That's all for now, please look after one another and I hope to have better news in the next newsletter.

— Sr. Constable Aaron Smith

## POP UP TRANSFER STATIONS Rural Skip Days

Portobello Domain | 27 October | 10am – 5pm

(Waste must not be left at the site outside these times)

Payment can be made by EFTPOS or cash. Please have the correct change.

**NO LARGE ITEMS:** i.e. engines, metals, tanks, metal drums, whiteware, demolition materials\*, or large items of vegetation\*\*

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

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

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# Otago Peninsula Volunteer Opportunities

DAY	TIME	WORK TYPE	LOCATION	GROUP	CONTACT	EMAIL
SUN	10:30 – 1	Tree releasing, trackwork, planting	Top of Bacon St, Broad Bay	STOP	Lala	stopincsoc@gmail.com
TUES	9:30 - 12	Tree releasing, trackwork, planting	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
THURS	1 – 3:30	Predator control, track work, planting, weeds	OPERA, 45 Pakihau Rd	OPERA	Ariel	ariel@theopera.co.nz
FRI	9 – 12	Pest plant control	Portobello, Pukehiki	SWAT	Moira	SWATweeds@gmail.com
VARIOUS	9:30 – 3:30	Weed and predator control, seedling care, bird counts	Quarantine Island (via boat transfer)	QI/KT	Claire	<del>secretary.quarantineisland@gmail.com</del>
EVENINGS	5-8 PM	Wildlife Ranger	Sandfly Bay	DOC		Volunteer South website

**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.

Your energy and work would be much appreciated by the seven groups listed here!

STOP Save The Otago Peninsula Inc Soc  
 TSBT Tomahawk Smaills BeachCare Trust  
 YEPT Yellow-Eyed Penguin Trust  
 OPERA Otago Peninsula Eco Restoration Alliance  
 QI/KT Quarantine Island/Kamau Taurua Community Inc Charity  
 SWAT Seek Weeds and Terminate  
 DOC Department of Conservation

## Ric's Galley Takeaways

**Ric's Galley will be closed from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August and re-opens on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October.**

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# Portobello School

Topics this term included Olympics and Space. There was lots of learning about the history of the Olympics and the sports that are in the Olympics. Classes learned about particular athletes and we even had an Olympian visit.

Our space topic included learning about the planets and some of their moons, and also artwork based on real and fictional planets.

## Tech

The year 7 students are making the most of their time at Tahuna. Food tech has been a big hit, and hard materials (wood tech) has produced some quality pieces.

## Life Education Mobile Classroom and Harold

Rachel and Harold visited us this term. Each class had lessons on how to keep our bodies healthy.

## Noho Marae

We had our annual noho to Ōtākou Marae this term. It is always a highlight of the year. We had lots of fun, we walked to Weller's Rock and had a number of Parehaumia practices preparing for PolyFest.

## New Parehaumia uniforms

These were unveiled at the noho. They are absolutely fabulous. All out tamariki looked amazing wearing them. They were so proud.



## PolyFest

This was such a proud time for our kura. To open PolyFest and represent our school was such an honour. We performed with great skill and everyone came off the stage buzzing. Kā mihi to everyone who made this performance happen.

## Chicken Coop

The inside is now complete. Lou, our caretaker and the senior students have worked hard to make this a comfortable space for the chickens to live, and to store the supplies needed to keep them fed and well looked after. We are now getting ready to make the run outside.

## Spoken Word Showcase

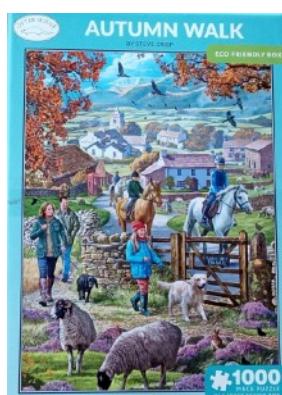
All of the tamariki who stood up that stage showed a huge amount of courage and they all sounded great. Such a variety of items were presented, from stories that were written by the students, to research based pieces, poems and information about themselves. I was so proud of everyone who spoke on the stage. I had the privilege of being able to look towards the audience while students and classes were presenting. The looks of pride on the faces of the people in the audience was just wonderful.

Kā mihi,

*Tom Hobbs, Principal*

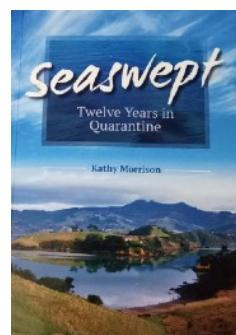
# Portobello Library

A reminder that the Library is open Thursdays and Sundays from 11am till 1pm. Thanks to our Librarian, Dot, and the volunteers who open on a Sunday. To join a family it is just \$5 initially then 20 cents for each book taken out. Dot regularly buys books and if there is any book in particular you might like to read she can possibly get it for the Library. The Library also has some jigsaw puzzles and these are free to take away and keep or return for someone else to do. Autumn Walk was a really nice puzzle to do.



## Book Review

A local book written by Kathy Morrison called Seaswept – Twelve Years in Quarantine. Kathy took notes of her twelve years on the island which was a great resource to help write her book. She also had a lot to do with local folk who were often mentioned. If you have been to the island then you will understand the great life she had living there. Often the weather ruled her life – especially when she could not leave because of the dangerous harbour conditions, but mostly it seemed like a busy but blissful life.



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For further information please contact  
Brian Cameron, Secretary  
**03 478 0816** or  
[bjcameron47@gmail.com](mailto:bjcameron47@gmail.com)

## STOP (Save The Otago Peninsula)

Working bees on Tuesday mornings start at 9.30am at the end of Bacon St, but those on Sunday mornings start at 10.30am to give volunteers time to catch the early buses. Planting has now largely finished for the year, but releasing of trees planted in previous years to give them maximum chance of survival is a task that continues through summer, as does the control of pest plants. New volunteers are always needed and welcomed.

Thank you to all of you who donated the thousand trees that have been planted this year. 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 protective cage cost STOP \$20. As a charitable donation you can also claim back a third on your tax. See the contact details below to ask how to donate.

Contact [stopincsoc@gmail.com](mailto:stopincsoc@gmail.com) or Lala (text only) 027 8756 020 for more information about working bees, or how to donate trees.

## SWAT Update: ORC Eco Fund Darwin's Barberry Project

SWAT successfully obtained a grant from the Otago Regional Council [ORC] ECO Fund in May to tackle invasive Darwin's Barberry [DB] in the Pukehiki area. We were also awarded ORC funds for a separate but related project to check for DB outliers at the Sandymount and Sandfly DOC Reserves. Here's a quick summary of what we've achieved so far. With the DB in full orange flower and highly visible from July onwards, the volunteer team has eradicated large numbers of bushes and pulled seedlings on properties across the 85 ha Pukehiki project area. We engaged contractor Habitat Restorations to tackle the larger trees and thickets on one property in August and they will return later to sort out other difficult DB areas. We also asked The Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Group [OPBG] to spot DB bushes for us during their possum work on the DOC Reserves.

Suddenly the three bushes we knew about on the reserves expanded in number to 12 including discoveries at Boulder Beach; thank you OPBG. 11 of those bushes have been eradicated.

But there may be more DB out there. So Portobello resident Ryan Adams from Peak Geospatial, has flown high

resolution drone surveys at Sandfly and Sandymount Reserves (with permission), and is producing high quality orthophotos from which we will try and identify DB bushes. We can then use the Avenza app to locate where these suspected DB outliers are on the ground. We have no idea how many new bushes we may find out there.

Here's a photo of SWAT team member, Alf, with a Darwin's Barberry tree trunk. It's a fun photo, but it carries a serious message. We are working really hard on the DB so that today's seedlings and shrubs do not turn into beasts of trees like this one Alf cut down on Seal Point Road.

This project is exciting and daunting in equal measure for our small team of volunteers.

We get to use new technology and we have the focus of a funded project to spur us on. Thank you ORC, thank you Ryan and thank you to Pukehiki landowners for granting us access.

If you would like advice or help controlling pest plants on



# 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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# Otago Peninsula Museum

Recently the Museum was given photos taken by the late Alan Wright (1928 – 2012). Alan was a well known local, who was an Englishman working in New Zealand as a lighthouse keeper, and later for the Wildlife Service as a ranger and Wildlife Officer. He played a leading role in the development of the Taiaroa Head Nature Reserve and protection of the breeding colony of Northern Royal Albatross from 1968 until 1980. He then worked at Te Anau Wildlife Park as an aviculturist; breeding and caring for takahē, kiwi and tūī. Alan lived for many years at Broad Bay before going into Montecillo Rest Home.

We are interviewing some older folk who live or have lived on the Peninsula. Recently we visited and interviewed 95 year old Noeline McFarlane (nee Seaton) about growing up in Portobello. Noeline's mother was a Harwood and Noeline

is a direct descendant of James Seaton and Octavius Harwood – both very prominent early settlers to the district.

Our books are still available from the local shop at \$30 each. Portobello – A Brief

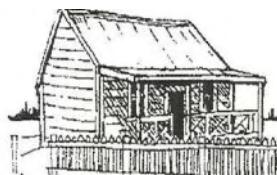
History and Otago Peninsula – Then and Now. If you want to contact the Museum then email us: theotagopeninsulamuseum@gmail.com

The Museum is open each Sunday 12.30-3.30pm - thanks to our wonderful volunteers who open.

We can also open as required.

## BACON FAMILY OF BROAD BAY

You may have been up Bacon Street in Broad Bay to use the track to climb up to the high road (Highcliff Road) or wandered up to the Future Forest or just taken your dog for a walk. Bacon Street is named after an early Broad Bay family. William Bacon arrived in Port Chalmers with his wife, two sons and a daughter on the ship *Nourmalal* in 1858. He purchased a large piece of land in Broad Bay for his house and farm with his sons helping to clear the land and build their house. His land spread from Bacon Street over to Greig



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Street. As William got older his two sons took over the farm and there is still a Bacon homestead in Broad Bay. William became involved in many local matters and was the first to

hold Sunday Services in Broad Bay. He died aged 87 in 1891 and is buried in the Northern Cemetery alongside his wife and three daughters aged two weeks, 12 years and 15 years.

*100 years ago this month...*

## COLD OR NO GOLD ? THE PROBLEM OF HARBOR CONE.

There are residents of Portobello who still dream of the day when Harbor Cone will after all prove to be a store house of gold deposits that will make the little seaside place vibrate with excitement and prosperity.

Inspired by one of those who still keep the faith, a 'Star' reporter made inquiries among people who should know something about the Cone's potentialities. And, unfortunately for the optimistic, there seems little chance that their dreams will be realised. The general opinion of geologists is that the district is not "gold country," while the members of the two expeditions that have already made the attempt to win gold from Harbor Cone do not think that others are likely to succeed where they failed, despite the improved methods evolved in the last decade.

So it would seem that the Portobello people will have to be content with the wealth that comes comparatively slowly from the land. After all, there was once a goose that laid golden eggs, and even to-day eggs, not to mention milk and cereals, are golden in this way.

*Evening Star, 7 October 1924*

*(via Papers Past)*

# Quarantine Island/Kamau Taurua Community Inc.

Kia ora koutou,

Kōanga/ Spring is blossoming on the island with pairs of Tara/ white-fronted terns returning to build nests on the rocks beside the jetty, and many native plants are flowering. And so are the weeds! Jon Clark, Keeper/ Resident Manager, has been busy mowing grass around the buildings, and the paths in the reserve (in between the rain), caring for the hipī/ sheep flock, and his mallard duck whānau, welcoming Lodge guests and day visitors, as well as building maintenance and managing bookings.

Over the past few months we've continued to see a smaller number of groups enjoying an overnight stay or two in St. Martin Lodge. We have hosted students from Te Rangihiroa College and Otago University Tramping Club (OUTC) with both groups volunteering during their two-night stays. Rockhampton Grammar School, Queensland, students also stayed for two nights during a 10-day trip of the South Island, and two 10-year-old boys celebrated their birthdays with friends and family by enjoying an overnight stay.

Our regular weekend mahi volunteer days and our monthly Welcome Day's have been enjoyed by a good number of new visitors and regular volunteers/Community members. Mahi has included planting native seedlings, caring for seedlings, weed control, maintaining and monitoring predator traps and tracking tunnels, leading tours of the island, a first Spring bird count, Lodge cleaning, moving the hipī/ sheep for their vet check-up, and building maintenance. The Halo Project Operation Field Lead, Harvey Aughton, and assistant Kate Rossiter, joined one of our mahi days and provided valuable guidance and support relating to our predator control and trap maintenance project. We greatly appreciated Harvey sharing his expertise, and the generous donation of long life lure (bait) and Good Nature pre-feed.

On Sunday 6th October we hosted a special event on the island. Our inaugural Kite Day, in partnership with Rachel McGregor, Port To Port Cruises & Wildlife Tours, was held as part of the Koputai/ Port Chalmers (Ōtepoti Dunedin) Heritage Festival. Special thanks to Jo St Baker, artist & QIKT Community member, for all her mahi, especially facilitating the kite decorating workshops at Port Chalmers Library leading up to the Kite Day, to Jonathan Cweorth, Heritage Festival event organiser, for all his support with the Kite Day, for the Southern Heritage Trust and Port Otago for donating towards subsidising boat transfers, and Ray White Dunedin for donations towards kite decorating



kits. It was a magical day for both the young and the young at heart! Due to the aftermath of the heavy rain, we cancelled our first day on 5th October, and so we held an additional day on Saturday 12th October. Boat transfers included a \$5 donation to QIKTC.

Thanks to all our volunteers and Community members for their efforts on and off the island over the last few months.

We are grateful to Otago Community Trust for grant funds to assist toward our building maintenance upgrade project and The Lion Foundation for funds for a defibrillator which can now be found on the AED locator app. Thanks also to Port-To-Port Cruises and Wildlife Tours and East Coast Charters for boat transfers. Special thanks to Tony Malthus, local vet, for giving the hipī/ sheep a check-up.

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) Jon on 021 082 58619 or email [quarantineisland@gmail.com](mailto:quarantineisland@gmail.com).

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 & Spring bird counts: Dates vary. See our website 'Events' page or social media pages for details, or join our Volunteer Database. Next "Welcome Day" is Saturday 23rd November.

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

Kia ora! Woohoo & Hee hah – the wet weather has subsided – thank goodness for that. I never cease to be amazed whenever there's a tragic event or a call for help, how it seems to bring out the natural love and kindness in people. I guess we're lucky being out here on the peninsula aye, we seem to have a micro-climate of our own thanks to the dome and the harbour. Gee it was great to see a cruiser come into the harbour – been a while since the last one. I hope the passengers had a good time while they were here in our city. I know I've said this before but I think it's worth repeating; We have a fantastic community here - a fabulous marae where lots of students from schools and tertiary institutions go for their cultural experience and where many other organisations meet as well, a great historic hotel which serves my favourite pizza, our own general store where I can get a pie, a soft drink and an ice cream, a café where I can enjoy a coffee and a cake as well as the view from the decking, and a restaurant where I can dine out on my favourite lamb shanks. Then there's our

Fish'n'chip shop for take-aways. We've even got our own Police Officer taking good care of us. And I mustn't forget our tourist attractions, some of which are: the Albatross Colony, Nature's Wonders, Pukekura Blue Penguins and our many birds, seals, dolphins & whales which can be seen in our harbour via the Elm Wildlife Tours on the Monarch. And for those people who are fit, there are various walking tracks to explore on foot or bike. I'm seriously thinking of joining the local golf club - I'll have to buy some clubs first. I have considered the bowling club but I'm not sure that I'll be able to stand up after I bowl!!! And that's provided I can even lift the bowling ball up. But seriously - we've got it all – out here on the peninsula really. What else could a person wish for aye? What I enjoy is the fact that presently, we are large enough to live and enjoy our environment and privacy, yet small enough to remain a closely knit community. Oh yes, we've got our own piece of paradise alright.

— Olly Ohlson

<p><b>NEW LISTING</b></p>  <p><b>Broad Bay 23 Solar Terrace</b> By Negotiation</p>	<p><b>FOR SALE</b></p>  <p><b>Portobello 936 Harington Point Road</b></p>	<p><b>FOR SALE</b></p>  <p><b>Portobello 2 Treetop Drive</b></p>
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*Want to help our little community be an even better place to live?*

# JOIN PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY INC!

We are looking for keen community-minded people to keep this long-standing group active and vibrant.

We meet **7:30pm on the third Wednesday of each month** at Portobello Coronation Hall (Next meeting—20 November)

Everyone is welcome!

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

## CHRISTMAS PARTY IDEAS



### Cycle The Loop, Otago Harbour

Experience cycling around the Otago Harbour Stop at cafes/ restaurant/pubs.

**-\$35 per person, one way, with your bike** Hire a bike from Dunedin Ebike Hire, extra cost

### Albatross Wildlife And Harbour Cruise

Join from either Portobello or Port Chalmers. Albatross, Seals, birds, penguins and more, have dinner on the other side of the harbour or afterwards, add a ferry trip to return (extra charge). **Adults \$120 each. Approx 2 hours in duration, (With locals discount)**

### Pub To Pub Ferry

#### Between Portobello, Port Chalmers/ Careys Bay

Go between pubs on the Otago Harbour. See birds, boats, shipwrecks and more. Enquire for longer transfers to Dunedin, extra cost. **Adults from \$20 per person, each way. Approx 10/15 minutes each way.**

**To/From Dunedin, 45 mins, from \$80 per person, one way.**

### Mini Harbour Tours

Approx 25 minutes. Or extend to an hour.

Full commentary, see shipwrecks, birds, boats and more. Longer cruises ideal for groups. Have food and drinks onboard **Adults \$40-\$80 each, 25 mins/1 hour**

### Isolation Escape, Quarantine Island

An escape experience on Quarantine Island! Receive some clues, to figure out on the island. As a group you'll explore the island while collecting items as you go. Prizes include a bar tab for a nearby harbourside pub. For groups of 6 or more. **\$58 per person includes prizes and bar tab. Approx 1-2 hours**

### Visit Quarantine Island

Stay for a couple of hours, or the whole day.

There are tracks to walk, picnic tables, old buildings to explore. It's possible to hire the buildings for a donation to the island.

**Adults \$40 return.**

**Liquor licenced.** We can have a bar available onboard, on request.

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**Can take up to 20 people at a time. Multiple trips if more than 20.**

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# Otakou Golf Club

Down at Ōtākou we are a bit twixt and between at present.

The pipes for our new irrigation have been laid and they are settling into place. Soon you will not even know they are there except we expect a lush deck for you to play your golf on. However, not to be deterred by the temporary conditions we can announce that TWILIGHT TIME is here.

Our summer TWILIGHT season is upon us. This is a weekly Wednesday competition of 9 holes only, starting between 4.00 and 6.00 pm and continuing until the end of March. Each week there are prizes for the best score of the day and an ongoing cumulative competition for the best of the season. What is there not to like? Get down and join in the fun. For a \$10 fee you can enjoy competitive golf in a friendly way, a bustling clubhouse and we throw in a sausage sizzle.

Fun it may be but we all have to play to the same rules of golf which means no "gimme's", no placing in the rough and having to go back and play another ball if you lose your first. You are already a golfer so you know these basic rules which enables, dare I say, a level playing field for all.

This Twilight competition is in addition to our regular Sunday programme for members. Sunday casual players are welcome for the price of the green fee but will you kindly wait until after 1.00pm to start, to allow members to complete their rounds. Or you could join the club and participate.

Casual players are welcome at all other times. By 'casual' I mean non-members of the club and thus green fee players. Golfers are always welcome at Ōtākou.



Looking ahead to November we have a 3-putt trip planned for those with a sense of adventure and a desire to explore pastures new (though the days of fences to keep the sheep off the greens have long since passed). These are genuine established courses

which pose a true test, but an adventure nonetheless. Details are being finalised, so if you are interested, contact the club now to enrol.

We also have the club championships to play in November. These have been delayed from October because of the irrigation work but will be intensely fought to win. The winner has his /her name engraved on the clubhouse honours board. Obviously this is for both our male and female members.

There is an emerging group of local residents who wish to improve, or should I say enhance, the course with native plantings on and around the course. Already, a fundraiser has been held, so that the group has some 'seed corn' for the project. All strength to their arms, knees and green fingers. Contact the club if you have an inclination to join in or natives to donate.

And if that was not enough excitement for a while we have our AGM on Sunday, November 17 at 9.30am. Want to have your say? Now is your chance. Come along to your local golf club. Social members are welcome too, but voting is limited to fully paid up members. See you there.

*Hit 'em Straight!*

## Ōtākou Golf Club

welcomes new members with a range of membership options – see below. Green fees players are also welcome.

**Full Member: \$395**

**Limited Member: \$200**

**Student Member (tertiary): \$200**

**Student Member (primary): \$50**

**Social Member: \$50**

**Summer Membership: \$250**

**(Summer = during daylight saving period)**

**Green fees = \$20 for 18 holes (EFTPOS available)**

**Twilight golf: Wednesday 4pm – 6pm  
(during daylight saving period)**

**Sunday = Club Competition Day; 10am - all  
members welcome**

**Monday to Saturday -- available for members and  
green fee players**

**OtakouGolf@outlook.co.nz**

**Ph. 03-478 0864**

**For other news and events see our Facebook page  
at Ōtākou Golf Club.**

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# Otago Peninsula Massage

## Katherine Cooke

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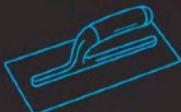
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# portobello area community resources

## 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 [Hoopersinlethall@gmail.com](mailto:Hoopersinlethall@gmail.com)
- **Broad Bay Community Centre** See [www.broadbay.co.nz](http://www.broadbay.co.nz) for info

## POTOBELLO 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, 11 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.

## POTOBELLO 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.



## POOL

The Portobello School community pool will reopen at the end of November. Family keys will be available from the Portobello Store.

## community calendar

Sunday 27 October  
**Rural Skip Day**  
Portobello Domain, 10am-5pm

Monday 28 October  
**Port Otago Open Day**  
Port Chalmers, 10am  
(Portobello ferry available)

Sat–Sun 2–3 November  
**Boating Club Rummage Sale**  
Broad Bay Boating Club, 9am-3pm

Wednesday 20 November  
**Portobello Community Inc. Monthly Meeting**  
Coronation Hall, 7:30pm

Saturday 30 November  
**Quarantine Island Kamau**

**Taurua Welcome Day**  
Coronation Hall, 7:30pm

Sunday 8 December  
**Portobello Christmas Market Day**  
Coronation Hall, 10am-2pm

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