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JULY-AUGUST 2025



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS (AGM)

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**Portobello
Community Inc**
23 July

**Hoopers Inlet
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24 July

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27 July

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Museum**
28 July

**Volunteer Fire
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30 July

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Portobello Community Inc. Update

CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou,

Well, it's been a wee while since our last newsletter, due to some unavoidable circumstances. Thanks for your patience with this slightly delayed offering.

As you can see from the cover, it's Annual General Meeting season. We're blessed with an abundance of active community groups on the Peninsula, but none of them can continue to exist without the support of people like you. The AGMs, when each group reflects on the past year, sets goals for the next, and elects their officers for the upcoming term, are excellent opportunities to learn more and get involved.

Our own group will be accepting nominations for officers, and we are particularly keen for someone to step into the role of Secretary. If you have interest, or know someone

who might, please join us at the Biodiversity Hub (next to Coronation Hall) on Wednesday 23 July, 7:30. All are welcome.

Look for another one of our seasonal Market Days coming up in late August/early September. We'll announce a date shortly on our Facebook page and the Portobello website (portobello.org.nz), so keep an eye out for that. We've also got some fun projects and fundraisers in the planning stages coming up which we hope to share with you soon.

Here's hoping the worst of this wet winter is behind us. Looking forward to seeing you all out and about as the days get longer.

Kā mihi nui,

Michael Lascarides

Chair, Portobello Community Inc.

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Portobello School

NOHO

Our annual noho to Ōtākou Marae was last month. This is a large undertaking for our kura and is a highlight for many of our tamariki who look forward to it every year.

We started with our pōwhiri and then tamariki were split into groups and took part in each rotation. We had Lisa sharing her 'Toroa: Sky Call' video game with us, Stacey teaching us how to make putiputi from harakeke and Connor was working with us on our mau rākau skills. After lunch, we each designed and decorated a set of rākau. Our walk to Weller's Rock was great, if a little cold. After dinner, the senior students did some baking while the juniors listened to some stories wonderfully retold by Kitty.

ACTIVITIES

On Monday the 5th of May, Mrs Agnew took Ivy, Bella and Robin to the DCC submissions. They spoke on behalf of our kura about the Peninsula Connection Project, Te Aka Ōtākou. They were great advocates for our school and conducted themselves with mana and pride.

Milo mornings have restarted for winter. The senior class run these mornings as a fundraiser for the Y5-8 camp in November.

The Kindy have been using the tree reserve every Friday. It is great that we have the Kindy so close that they can do this. Our seniors are visiting the Kindy every week, spending time with the Kindy tamariki, strengthening the bond between Kindy and School.

We are going to be adding to our parihaumia uniforms with a few extras, building up our stocks and ensuring we have enough uniforms in the sizes we need.

We are also going to be purchasing some piupiu to go with our new uniforms. These will compliment the look we already have. We will build up our stocks of these over the coming years as well.

CURRICULUM

Our topic learning this term is based on the atua, Tūmataunga. Classes are focusing on the history of New Zealand and some of the conflicts that have occurred.

In maths, classes are working hard on various aspects of the curriculum. Junior whānau are learning about place value, number order and spatial reasoning, while Room 3 have been learning about fractions and money. Room 5 are

learning about geometric shapes and area, with Room 4 working in the Geometry strand, revisiting how to use a protractor, learning about acute, obtuse, right, and reflex angles, also complimentary and supplementary angles.



On Wednesday 11th of June, Portobello School hosted teachers from Grants Braes, Waiholā, Macandrew Bay and Broad Bay schools, along with Sue from The Learner First. The Learner first is a company that delivers maths professional development.

MATARIKI BREAKFAST

Our annual Matariki breakfast happened on the 19th of June in the Hui room. It was great to see so many whānau joining us for this special event. It highlights to me our values, but especially Kotahitaka and Whanaukataka. Sharing kai and time spent as a group brings us all closer together. The tamariki worked hard on their items and were proud to share them. The smell of bacon cooking and coffee brewing and the sound of people enjoying themselves is very special indeed.

IMPROVEMENTS

The school is a hive of activity during the school holidays, as well. We are getting carpet laid in the non-classroom spaces, the Junior whānau and Room 4 windows are getting replaced with double glazed units and the office/reception area is getting a long overdue upgrade. We look forward to coming back to school in term 3 with these changes having been done in the holidays.

Kā mihi,

—Tom Hobbs, Principal, Portobello School



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Tēnā koutou everyone,

As I pen this, I am into my 4th week back after an annoying and frustrating 9 months off due to my injury. I am so pleased to be back up and running as sitting idle does not sit well with me. It has been a struggle, especially since the better half broke her ankle in October and spent 3 ½ month post-surgery staring at me and getting me to do jobs...ha ha. Well jobs I could do with one operational hand anyhow.



I want to firstly thank Constable Mike for stepping into the breach and taking care of all things down here on the Peninsula for the time he was here. He did a great job and got some good results including recovering a very expensive mountain bike stolen in a burglary from Portobello and identifying a separate offender for another burglary in Ōtākou. Nice work mate.

I suppose this segues into keeping our property safe and out of sight, if possible, from those that like the old five finger discount. The bike was stolen by a visitor from the city and occurred in the early hours of the morning. I have said it before, but always be mindful of what is in sight on your property and lock anything away you can (the bike was) but you can't keep determined out. This goes for your firewood deliveries that will be starting. Please don't leave it out on the road/driveway because it's too easy to swipe. There has been a hot water cylinder burglary over the back bays which the offender has gone to a lot of effort to take. Keep your eyes peeled for anything that doesn't quite look right and call it in for me to follow up on. Also, a trailer/inflatable dinghy and various other fishing and diving items were taken from a house in Ōtākou/Harington Point a couple of weeks ago so there are dubious people lurking in the shadows. As I've said before, I would rather you call in and it's nothing than not doing so and it was something. That's what I am here for.

I don't think there has been a newsletter article in the seven years I've been here where I haven't mentioned poor driving habits. Well, I'm not going to, this time, just remember you reap what you sow, and I offer no apologies if you make poor decisions. Enough said. Darn, I've just mentioned it.

Oh well, maybe next time I won't have to (Good TUI ad there!). There are still too many complaints of stupid, dangerous, and irresponsible driving that puts us all at risk.

With winter approaching remember to de-ice/fog your car entirely before setting off in the mornings. No good leaning out the driver's window to see properly or using your sleeve to wipe the front windscreen when you're up and running. This is dangerous and not good practice obviously.

The recent weather event outlines how vulnerable we can be when slips occur or trees topple affecting our route to and from the big smoke. We just never know when these things will happen so remember to be prepared. Have those extras at home, those necessities that we may need if we are cut off, not only our roads but power and the likes too.

A reminder for those of you with firearms. You are still required to enter them on the Firearms Registry which was created in 2023. Please get this done as soon as you can even though the time frame for being done is 2028. Once it's done then you can forget about it. The place to go is firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz. Then click on the My Firearms tab. It's very easy to do.

Anyway, that's my first blog upon return, I look forward to catching up with as many of you as possible in my travels. Please stay safe and look out for one another and my door is always open.

—Sr. Constable Aaron Smith



Portobello Fire Brigade

WINTER FIRE SAFETY

It's definitely winter now, and this raises new challenges around keeping ourselves safe.

Every year, as temperatures drop, we see a significant increase in the number of house fires. Our winter fire safety campaign is "see a fire before it starts". This will decrease fire risks associated with the use of electric blankets, heating appliances and dryers.



ELECTRIC BLANKETS

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



CHIMNEY FIRES

Although chimney fires aren't as common in modern wood burners, burning anything except dry seasoned wood can lead to a build up in the flue. If your flu isn't maintained regularly this build up can catch fire.



ASH DISPOSAL

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.

1ST RESPONDER VEHICLE PROJECT.

The funding for our new ute and building has had a significant boost recently. Port Otago has made a very generous donation, and we now have two thirds of the funding. They have also given us valuable guidance around the management of the whole project. I personally would like to thank Kevin Winters, Jodi Taylor and the Board of Port Otago Ltd. We are currently getting plans finalised, building consents and updating our quotes.

BRIGADE GOLD STAR AND SERVICE HONOURS NIGHT

The Portobello brigade recently held a function to celebrate 25 years' service for three of our members, Bronwyn Anderson, Bill Dickson and Dean Mickle. This is a special occasion for these long serving people who have given a lot to our community. They each received a gold star medal,

which are not that common, with Bronwyn being only the 17th female firefighter in New Zealand to complete 25 years' service. The rest of the brigade received honours to reflect service given. A total of 364 years' service amongst 20 members was recognized.

PORTOBELLO BRIGADE AGM

We are holding our AGM on Wednesday the 30th of July at 8:00 pm at the Portobello fire station, 1 Hereweka St.

The Otago Peninsula is in an Open fire season, which means a permit is not required to light a fire in open air, but you are responsible and still need to do this safely.

As there are several special risk zones and conservation land on the peninsula that require a permit, please use the website www.checkitsalright.nz to check your address.

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
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,

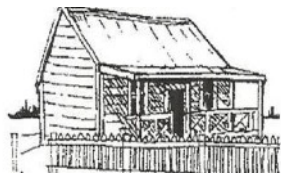
—Jamie Ramsay, Chief Fire Officer,
Portobello Volunteer Fire Brigade.



Otago Peninsula Museum

With the colder weather it has been great to have the two heat pumps going to make the Museum more cosy and welcoming for people as they look at the exhibits inside the main building.

A huge thanks to the Lodge and the Otago Peninsula Community Board who have supported us in purchasing modern interviewing equipment so we can carry on interviewing some of our special community people.



OTAGO PENINSULA MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

17 Harington Point Road, Portobello, Dunedin 9014

We are grateful to the Port Chalmers Museum who are selling our two books – Portobello – A Brief History and Otago Peninsula Then and Now. \$30 each. Special thanks to the Portobello dairy and Peninsula Medical Centre who also sell them.

We have been donated two metal bike stands that will prove very useful when all those bikers on the bike trail call in and visit.

The Tuesday working bee chaps have been busy as usual and a railing is going up on the cottage steps and our main gate is being widened for better access. Others have been doing odd jobs and pottering with engines etc. Thanks to Tom who has been gathering info to explain what some of our exhibits are. Tom has also donated us a newer, bigger, laptop for the office.

With our AGM coming up it would be great to have a couple of new, younger members on our Committee. None of the

present committee intend to step down but some new blood would be helpful. It is not a big ask, no fundraising and a very short meeting once a month. You will learn a lot about the Peninsula's history and what a special place it is. Please come along and support us.

The Museum is open
Sundays 12.30pm – 3.30pm.
Just \$2 entry and children

are free. We can open at other times as a special request. To contact us email: thepotagopeninsulamuseum@gmail.com. We also have a Facebook page.

In 1898 Archibald McKay advertised his Sandymount farm stock for public auction (through Wright Stevensons & Co). It is interesting to read what he was selling:

- 70 Ayrshire Cows, coming to calving, and in full milk
- 4 Draught and light-harness horses
- 8 very good bacon pigs
- 1 American buggy, 1 Reaper and Mower
- 1 horse Rake, 2 Drays, 5 sets of Horse Harrows, Ploughs, Grubbers, New Spring Cart, Harnesses, Dairy Utensils etc etc.
- The Sandymount dairy herd is known to be one of the best in Otago. The whole of the stock will be sold to the highest bidder.

(Archibald McKay had 83 acres at Sandymount)



Otago Peninsula Museum Annual General Meeting

7pm Monday 28 July

**At the Museum
17 Harington Point Rd,
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Come along and hear what we have
been up to this past year

Supper to follow

100 YEARS AGO...

*A Portobello School
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reviewed...despite
unspecified
"difficulties"*

— Otago Daily Times,
30 June 1925
(via Papers Past)

CONCERT AT PORTOBELLO.

The Portobello School Committee, in conjunction with the Broad Bay School Committee, gave an entertainment in the Coronation Hall at Portobello on Wednesday last for the purpose of raising money for the improvement of the school grounds. The hall was crowded to the door and a very appreciative audience enjoyed one of the brightest concerts ever held at Portobello. After the overture Mr Ernest Syrett soon had the audience in laughter in his rendering of humorous songs. Mr Alex. Burt gave the violin solo "Largo" and Mr Hugh Speight recited "The Irish Fire Brigade." After a song by Miss Q. Hanning the violin duet "Murray Moon" was rendered by Messrs A. Burt and D. Munro. Miss Marjorie Burt sang "The Request." Two youthful performers, Miss L. Pickard, in a recitation, and Miss E. Edie, in a pianoforte solo, pleased the audience. Mr D. Munro sang "Cargoes," and a song by Mr Roberts concluded the concert items of the programme. The Broad Bay entertainers then staged the farce "Jane," and, although they met with stage difficulties, their efforts proved very successful.

Portobello Library

Pop down to the Library in the Portobello Coronation Hall on a Thursday or Sunday – open 11am till 1pm - and find yourself a good book to read over the colder months. Join up for just \$5 and then 20 cents for each book you take out. Meet Dot, our Librarian, who is there on a Thursday, or one of our volunteers who open on a Sunday.

Library members, and several from the Library Trust Committee, were treated to a lovely afternoon tea at the Bowling Club recently. It was a good opportunity for members to catch up or get to meet new members. Special thanks to Dot and Edna for all of your hard work with this.

We do have a Facebook page so check that out.

BOOK REVIEW

This book would appeal to readers of all ages and backgrounds, those familiar with the tales of James Herriot and those who are not. Various stories will have you nodding in recognition of the characters (animal and human) or scenarios. Some stories are humorous and others sad. All are entertaining. When asked to do a review, picking up this book made me smile in reflection of a good read about a Scottish vet working here in rural Canterbury and Northland.



Written in large font with good spacing it is a quick, light hearted and enjoyable read.

Hooper's Inlet Hall AGM
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Portobello Bowling Club

We invite you to join us at our Pot Luck Dinner on Saturday 16th August, 4.30pm. Bring a dish of your favourite food to share at this relaxed social evening.

Portobello Bowling Club has been a core meeting and greeting place for our community for 90 Years. We nearly all know someone who is or has played bowls, and we also know these days it is seen as an old peoples game, or Gods waiting room as some dare to put it. However, this is all a terrible misconception, and in fact the Bowling Club has a lot to offer both young and old. It certainly has a strong social aspect, with Darts, Snooker, Pool and Cards available to fill in early evenings on Thursdays during the Winter months, and Tuesdays during Summer. Most often there is food available at low cost, a variety of liquid refreshments, and of course good company. We also have pot luck dinners and you can bring family and/or friends to meet and greet, participate in general mayhem and perhaps buy a raffle or two.



During the Bowling season we have social bowls on a Thursday evening with food and drinks, and it is also an opportunity to come along and have a try at bowls and meet up with new and old friends. You may like to become a full playing member, or just be a social member.

Our Club premises are well appointed for private functions, and can be hired day or night for a variety of reasons. Come along and have a couple of hours getting to know us and

what we do. Many clubs are closing due to lack of membership. Lets not allow our club in Portobello to become another statistic, but rather be another successful Peninsula destination.

Come along for Social Bowls on Thursdays 5pm, September to March.

Darts, Pool, etc. on Tuesdays 4pm onwards, September to March, Thursdays, 4pm onwards April to August.

For further information, contact:

Eddie Scott, President 02108407638

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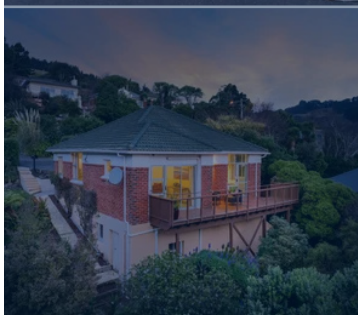
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Another Day In Paradise—from Olly's Pen

Kia ora anō! Gosh it seems like a long time since our last newsletter. Thanks to Michael and his team. And that includes those of you who distribute them. Ngā mihi mana nui ki a koutou katoa! I had the privilege to chat to Paddy Gower, who has his own Podcast, and we had a brief catchup. He and his assistant were young when I was on TV hosting AFTER SCHOOL and they both used to come home and watch my show. "We were fans and we're so privileged to have you on our Podcast." Since then I researched Podcasting 'cos I thought it was when you appear on someone's internet video, like on You Tube. I wondered why Paddy wanted to chat with me and he made it obvious that he has a major theme for his Podcasting – Positivity & Inspiration – hats off to him and his team for producing that sort of show because a lot of material on TV – about 90% I reckon, is absolutely negative involving solving problems with guns and killing. Even kids 'Justice League' heroes, with the exception of Batman, Flash & Wonder Woman use graphic violence against the baddies! It was only when I was


a public figure I realised the enormous responsibility you automatically carry. It's enormous! I'm an All Black fan. And when I was in Japan in 1984, on the bullet train the guy clicking the tickets looked at me and asked if I was Māori (in Japanese) I replied yes. I introduced myself to him by name (in Japanese). He indicated for me to remain in my seat. A few minutes later secondary school students filed into our carriage, male and female and performed the All Black haka! It was a good example of how much we affect others! I keep a journal with me in which I list things I really appreciate and it always fills me with positive feelings which I hope vibrates around me wherever I go. I love being with people who love what they do & where they are. Tony & Sarah are good examples. The food, drinks & atmosphere at the midwinter XMAS gig was just so positively fabulous. We even sang specially written carols. One of the many wonderful surprises in this piece of paradise!

— Olly Ohlson

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POP UP TRANSFER STATIONS Rural Skip Days

Due to high costs and declining use, community Rural Skip Days have come to an end.

There are alternative ways to dispose of your waste and recycling! Make the most of the kerbside collection service, take larger items to the Green Island Landfill or other transfer stations, or donate quality items to charity shops.

If you are part of a community organisation wanting to host swap or sell landfill diversion events, chat to us about a Waste Minimisation grant.



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An invasive pest plants update from your local Peninsula volunteer weed team



Now we are five!

Not five people.

And it's not an Enid Blyton book title.

We are very happy that SWAT is 5 years old!

5 year vital statistics

Group missions: 202

Individual missions: 322

Hours worked: 5651

Properties visited: 135

Pest plant species: 26

Here's a photo of some of our team celebrating our fifth birthday with a cake in a glasshouse in Deborah Bay (why Deborah Bay you might ask? well that's another story). Our very first mission back in 2020 was a long trek up Greenacres Track with Moira Parker, Fran Hammond and Marcia Dale to learn what banana passionfruit was and how to control it. From that modest start, we're grateful to be presently partly funded by the ORC (via ECO Fund and site-led funding) for specific Darwins Barberry projects while we continue our main push - which is working most Friday mornings (mostly unfunded) on eradicating pest plants from native bush remnants and properties across the Peninsula. If you like the look of us, are curious about plant

life on the Peninsula (but not necessarily a botanist) and have a, "let's give it a go" attitude, then we'd like to invite you to come out with us one Friday morning to see what we do.

Maybe you would like it well enough to join us. For our next five years of adventures!

Contact us at SWATweeds@gmail.com to book a spot on one of our Friday morning sessions.

You'll be very welcome!

— Cheers from SWAT

Uke group meets Thursdays in Broad Bay Community Hall

The Peninsula Ukulele Group (PUGs) is now meeting every Thursday at the Broad Bay Community Hall, from 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

Following a series of successful beginner-friendly Ukulele Nights throughout May, we're delighted to now have a vibrant group of players who are keen to keep strumming together each week.

If you missed the beginner sessions, don't worry – you're still very welcome to join us any Thursday night. We



welcome all levels of playing ability, and it's absolutely fine if you're still learning some of the chords. There's such a great mix of players now that everything blends together beautifully!

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Quarantine Island/Kamau Taurua Community Inc.

Kia ora koutou,

Over the past few months, Island Keeper, Jon Clark, has had a very quiet time hosting a small number of groups of local families and friends enjoying some 'Island time' and choosing to stay a night or two in St Martin Lodge. Students from Macandrew Bay School held an overnight camp and students from St Peter's College and St Kevin's College stayed whilst attending the NZ Marine Studies Centre education programme. We hosted a large group of students from Otago Pacific Island Law Students' Association who held their third annual overnight camp. Students for Environmental Action - SEA Ōtepoti, members of the Otago Student Volunteer Army and Otago Birding Society also held an overnight camp and keenly volunteered during their stays.

Notable day visitors included Rankeilor Arnott, a descendent of Mary Wright and her stillborn baby, both being recorded as being buried in the Island cemetery. Baby (Ebenezar) Wright was stillborn on 5th October 1879 and Mrs Mary Wright 37 years died during childbirth on 7th October 1879 on the ship Forfarshire. Ric and Scott Wilson, grandsons of Neville Fenton who leased the Island from 1943-1957, also unexpectedly visited. Neville used to run a ferry service from the Island to Port Chalmers, Portobello and the city, and at one time he was using the Elsie Evans. The suites in the Lodge were named after boats the Kiwi and the Warewa, and dinghy Huhu which Neville owned, and the signs on the doors were painted by their mother, Patricia. The Married Quarters building was once a chicken coop, which Neville claimed to be the largest in the southern hemisphere, the eggs would be used in Fenton's famous cake shop in George Street.

Our regular weekend mahi volunteer days and monthly Welcome Days have been enjoyed by new visitors and regular volunteers/Community members. Autumn and Winter is time for Community members and volunteers to plant seedlings, and this year we have been collecting seedlings from the bush track and potting them up in our shade house plant nursery too. Mahi has also included caring for native seedlings, weed control, maintaining and monitoring predator traps and tracking tunnels, completing the final autumn bird counts, building

maintenance and the completion of the second phase of re-aligning the cemetery fence.

Thanks to all our volunteers and Community members for their efforts on and off the island over the last few months. It has been a difficult time financially for the Community, with many grant applications being declined. However, we are extremely grateful to the Dunedin Heritage Fund who granted us \$15,000 towards a new roof for the Lodge.



With deep sadness we mourned the loss of Peter Matheson who died on 14th April aged 86 years. Peter was a Past President of St Martin Island Community Inc. and son of one of the founders, Rev James Matheson. We hold Peter with a deep regard, a tōtara in the forest, with the collective vision of the Island Community living on in his memory.



For more details about who QI/KT Community are, how you can support our mahi by making a donation, becoming a Member, and/or volunteer, arranging a visit or stay on the island, as a family group, or group of friends, or a retreat, wedding or workshop venue, see our website quarantineisland.org.nz for details 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.

Mahi days - dates vary

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

Saturday 26 July - Welcome Day

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

Sunday 27 July - AGM

Current & past members, volunteers, supporters are invited. 12.30pm potluck lunch at the Valley Project Rooms NEV followed by a brief AGM. R.S.V.P. to secretary.quarantineisland@gmail.com

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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
- **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.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Thanks to the Lions Club, we now have a community pantry for sharing kai, located by the Portobello School lower parking lot. Take a little, leave a little, as you need or wish!

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.

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.



POOL

The Portobello School community pool is now closed for the year. Please return all keys to the Portobello School office.

community calendar

Wednesday 23 July

**Portobello Community Inc.
Annual General Meeting**
Biodiversity Hub, 7:30pm

Thursday 24 July

**Hoopers Inlet Hall
Annual General Meeting**
Hoopers Inlet Hall, 7pm

Sunday 27 July

**Quarantine Island Kamau
Taurua Annual General Meeting**
Valley Project Rooms, NEV, 12:30pm

Monday 28 July

**Otago Peninsula Museum
Annual General Meeting**
*Otago Peninsula Museum, 7pm
(Supper to follow)*

Wednesday 30 July

**Portobello Volunteer Fire
Brigade Annual General
Meeting**
Portobello Fire Station, 8pm

Saturday 16 August

Bowling Club Pot Luck Dinner
*Portobello Bowling Club, Sherwood
St., 4:30pm*

Sundays 12:30–3:30pm

Peninsula Museum open

Thursdays and Sundays 11am–1pm
Portobello Library open