

# Broad Bay Community Centre NEWSletter



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Dear Santa,

For Christmas we would like the DCC to buy Harbour Cone, safer roads (especially for pedestrians and cyclists), a Peninsula walkway, a Community Centre that's used more....Thanks Santa, From the Broad Bay Community. What else do we want? Send your thoughts to the newsletter editor at the address given at the end of this newsletter and she will print them in Feb

**Community Centre News:** In an effort to reduce the size of our carbon footprint at the Community Centre we have decided to make the newsletter available electronically to those readers who would rather receive it this way. The Community Centre IT expert advises that download times would probably be too long without broadband. Contact [jmarshall1@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jmarshall1@xtra.co.nz) if you want to receive the newsletter by e-mail. Include your name and address.

## JOINT VENTURE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON NAMED

**Richard Good, of Portobello, has been co-opted to chair** the Joint Venture Committee investigating the feasibility of building a combined community centre and boating club on the boating club site at Broad Bay.

Under the memorandum of understanding agreed to by the two organisations, an independent chairperson is required for the committee, which comprises four representatives from each organisation.

A union organiser with the Post Primary Teachers' Association in Dunedin, Richard has lived in Portobello for 28 years. He is married to Ana and they have three children, all of whom went to Broad Bay School. From 1989 to 1995, Richard was treasurer of the Broad Bay School Board of Trustees. He is currently chairperson of the Dunedin South Labour Electorate Committee.

At its meeting on 8 November, the Joint Venture Committee decided to set itself up as an incorporated society under the name "Broad Bay Inc", which will give it the status necessary to apply for funding for a feasibility study. This study, which will look at the design, construction, resource consenting and financing of a new complex on the boat club site, is expected to be carried out next year.

The findings of the feasibility study will be reported back to the parent organisations. The organisations will then decide separately whether the project will go ahead. Before that stage, however, there will be progress reports in the Broad Bay community newsletter and direct reporting to the management committee of each of the parent organisations.

The Joint Venture Committee believes that consultation with the Broad Bay community at large will be an important part of the project.

**The BBCC's representatives on the committee are Roger Belton, Ian Booth, Neville Peat and Jason Bevin (alternate) and the Boating Club is represented by Allan Potter, Brian Loughrey, Brent Patterson and Ruth Seeney (alternate).**

## Community Board Update

The elected Otago Peninsula Community Board members are **Irene Scurr, Chairperson; John Bellamy, Deputy Chairperson; John Bezett (Ward Councillor) Bill Allen, Christine Garey, Natalie Karaitiana and Lox Kellas.**

On a personal level it was great thrill to have so many representatives from Broad Bay at the "swearing in" ceremony on 1 November. Thank you to all who took the time out of their busy schedules to attend - you made it specially meaningful for me to take the oath in your presence. Of particular note at that meeting was the statement by our Chairperson, Irene Scurr, that because of the hard work of the Board over the past two terms this Board, has the opportunity to be visionary in its decisions. There was agreement that we want be a Communit Board with vision

## Nuts & Bolts

Meetings are held alternately at the Otaru Room, Civic Centre and the Portobello Aquarium. Members of the public are welcome to attend and if you have a matter you wish to speak about in the Public Forum at the start of the meeting, you need to give adequate notice well before the meeting. Items for the agenda eg grant applications, need to be lodged several weeks before the next meeting with Jennifer Lapham (the Board's Governance officer ) at the DCC. Give her a call on 477 4000 and discuss the timeframe with her. The Community Board has a \$10,000 Project Fund each year for local projects and the funding year is midyear to midyear. If you belong to a Peninsula organisation that has a project it is planning and that needs some financial assistance - that is what the Project Fund was set up to support, providing the project meets certain criteria. That information and grant application forms can be obtained from Jennifer Lapham at the DCC.

## News

A thorough and impressive presentation was given in the Public Forum section of our first meeting on 21 November by Alison Ballance, a STOP representative and Neville Peat asking the Community Board for it's "support, enthusiasm and leadership for a proposal that the DCC purchase the Harbour Cone to Peggy's Hill farm". As a result, your Board unanimously voted to ask the DCC to consider this proposal urgently. This proposal was spoken of as a "once in lifetime opportunity" that has presented itself and the need to act quickly as the land is already on the open market. We will await the outcome of the DCC's decision with great interest - a wonderful opportunity to do something remarkable for the future.

The other exciting development is the progressing of the Portobello jetty development through initial Council processes. The reclamation of an area of the harbour and development of that to provide a new jetty, boat ramp with manoevring and reversing room and a 'footprint' for both the boat club and coast guard facilities at Portobello, is the option which has been recommended to Council's January Annual Plan meeting.

While these two items were the significant ones discussed, your Board continues to keep a watching brief on roading



## Broad Bay School

At long last we have had some lovely warm weather to enjoy. The school term is rushing by as usual.

We have just about completed our 6 weeks of swimming lessons at Moana Pool. The children have progressed very well which is important when you live beside the harbour.

The Year 8 children have been down at the beach area/boatshed with Rob Tipa learning how to sail and row a dinghy and Guy Garey has been teaching them how to do knots so they have had a real nautical experience.

Jessie Manning wrote the following about their rowing.

I watched brimming with excitement as Rob and Isaac pushed off the little boats and climbed in themselves. They each rowed their boat and its passengers smoothly out of the small beach and the bow of each boat cut thorough the sparkling water.

The senior class is off to Bannockburn in mid December for their camp.

End of Year Assembly – in the Community Hall at 1.45pm on Thursday 20 December. All welcome.

Congratulations to all those ex Broad Bay students who have done so well at their respective high schools and featured in the end of year prize giving lists.

We have 2 teams entered in the Active Schools Top Kids competition (a bit like the old Top Town series on TV years ago).

The Year 3 and 4 children had a very busy morning of rippa rugby, volleyball and netball in the Edgar Centre recently. Thanks to the parents who transported the children in.

Some stories from our youngest pupils.

On Monday I went to the Marae. We practised with sticks. We practised with string too and we saw my great, great, great granddad's grave. We saw greenstone and looked inside of the church and we saw the old school. It was awesome and then we left. By Tim

Oh hi you guys! This is the school Broad Bay reporter Olivier. There are 56 people who go to Broad Bay. Oh, Olivier almost forgot. This is the local newsletter. It is a newsletter that fills you in on what's been happening in Broad Bay. By Olivier

Broad Bay School is going to Moana Pool to have swimming lessons. The bus is going today. By Sophie

Broad Bay School is going on the bus to the swimming pool. When the bus got to the swimming pool the people got into the pool. When the people got into the pool they did lessons and they did go home. By Phoebe

The weekly school newsletter is posted on the community noticeboard in Clearwater Street each week. Thanks to Herman and Susan for putting it up each week.

Thanks to those folk who came and supported our Travel Talk Series and to Wendy Dunn and Peter Johnson who were our speakers. We appreciate you giving us your time. We would be keen to carry this on next year but we need speakers to do this – does not have to be travel related, it can be anything that you would like to share with the community. Please get in touch with the school (4780-706) or let us know and we can do the contacting.

We have some of the 4780/4781 phone books here at school if anyone would like to buy one. They cost \$5 each.

We wish everyone in our great little community a wonderful Christmas and holidays with family and friends.

### An extra

Looking for things to do in the holidays – you could visit the Peninsula Museum in Portobello which is open every Sunday from 1.30-4pm. There is the Museum, old cottage and the barn with lots of interesting items to look at. Cost is \$2 for adults and children are free.

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**Stars of the Sea**

Meet Marine Celebrities - Who is famous in the aquarium?  
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### STOP News

Environment Court Case: By the time you read this the Appeal that STOP is taking against the DCC granting a non complying subdivision on the Highcliff Rd will be over. The Ministry for the Environment has granted legal aid and members have been generous in their donations, but a small amount more money is likely to be required to meet our obligations.

**Harbour Cone is up for sale and STOP is leading a campaign to persuade the DCC to purchase the block (which starts at the end of Bacon St, goes up to Larnach Castle, over the top of Harbour Cone and across to the Lime Kilns and partway down to Hoopers Inlet) as a Recreational Reserve. The alternative is for it to be sold as separate titles that will, under the District Plan allow between 11 and 21 houses to be built. The Recreational Reserve on the other hand would have potential for walkways, cycleways, picnic spots, safe viewing point off Highcliff Rd, protecting native wildlife and enhancing native bush as well as widening Highcliff Rd at its most dangerous point and retaining the rural aspect and outstanding landscape views. If you consider this is what you would prefer, please contact the Mayor and city councillors to tell them of your support.**

**Regular meetings** are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in the Etheridge Rooms if you would like more involvement in environmental matters. Contact the Secretary: Jenny Winter <[mcleanwinter@clear.net.nz](mailto:mcleanwinter@clear.net.nz)>

## BROAD BAY PRESCHOOL GROUP

All Peninsula Families Welcome: 9.30am-11am every Friday during Term Time at Broad Bay School.

The aim of the group is to put Peninsula families in touch with each other so they can build friendships within our community.

With over 30 preschoolers in Broad Bay alone the group is meeting a real need. Get together are informal and friendly – there's no obligation to attend each week, just join us when it suits. If 9.30am is too early for you then wander in later in the morning and make yourself



known. Grandparents or others in the community who wish to join us are very welcome. Activities include informal coffee mornings, music, art and craft. Gold coin donation to cover costs.

**Friday 30 November:** Coffee morning – play dough and paints and toys available every week

**Friday 7 December:** Make Christmas decorations and cards

**Friday 14 December:** Christmas Party – 10am-12noon – please note later start time as Santa has a long way to travel.

Please RSVP attendance for Christmas Party to [cgbgarey@clear.net.nz](mailto:cgbgarey@clear.net.nz) For further enquiries contact Sandy Sullivan ph 478 0917 or email [history@xtra.co.nz](mailto:history@xtra.co.nz)

### Two Broad Bay Thespians!!

**Hairway to Heaven** by Sarah McDougall, a Wow! Production directed by Lisa Warrington plays from 1-15th December @ the Otago Polytechnic School of Hairdressing. Its about the relationship between the hairdresser and her apprentice, their dramas and those of the customers. People reveal all in the hands of a skilled hairdresser, what do you tell? Come to the show, we only fit 28 people per performance so be quick, it will sell out. If you wish to be in the draw for a cut/massage or condition during the show, by a professional hairdresser, our actress Barbara Power is trained in both professions, please call when making a booking. 4780215 or 0274880215 or simply buy your ticker at the Regent Theatre. Hair gets cut in this show, all senses are reveled in as the actors perform in a real working salon. Sniff that hairspray and laugh. Sarah McDougall Prices: \$25.00/ticket, Group of five: \$100.

Broad Bay Methodist Church,  
Greig Street

Christmas service with carols.

6pm, Sunday 16 December 2007

Followed by Christmassy supper.

Everyone, young and old and in between,  
welcome

Fridge Magnet



With this newsletter you will receive an envelope sized blue card - DON'T BIN IT!! It was produced with our new families in mind and the kind of info we are often asked for - Book Bus Day and Rubbish Day etc. However ,we also designed it with phone numbers on it so that it will be useful to everyone in Broad Bay - local pharmacy, urgent doctors etc. It even has space for your plumber, builder etc!

Special thanks to Ross Wellgreen of Ray White Real Estate who has sponsored this project for us and to Evan Hunt of Styles Creek Productions who donated the great photograph.

Thanks to both of these local businesses- in turn please support them with your business.

Chris Garey Newcomer Assistance Co-ordinator

### The Broad Bay Hall - a short history.

By 1905 there was much community feeling in Broad Bay that there was a need for a community meeting place, for possible clubs and groups, and for church services. Mr David Bacon had sectioned off some of his land to form the township of Margate; he gave a piece to the community to build a hall. This was allotment 4, on the corner of Lower Portobello Rd and Bay View Rd, which became Hall Rd, then Moerangi St. The hall was built and officially opened in 1906,



**The original Hall set at the bottom of now Moerangi St. Behind the hall is Mrs Green's boarding house which burnt down in the 1930s.**

at the cost of 160 pounds. In April 1907 the 'Broad Bay Hall Society' was formed. Since it was not a registered society, the title to the land and hall had to be taken in the name of 3 trustees. The first were John Clearwater, farmer, Thomas Wellbourn, 'labourer', and Charles Wilkie, retired farmer. The trusteeship began officially in 1921, being handed down to members of these families, or to other elected members. The final trustees were James Beattie Black, farmer, Ivan Cassell Brown, blacksmith, and Ledestan Hone Taylor, welder, in 1947. In 1949, the Hall, the land, and all the assets were transferred to a new body, the Broad Bay Community Centre (Inc)

The Board of Trustees held the land and premises for the Society, which was responsible for usage, finance and maintenance. The Hall was finally lined in 1929, an extra room was added in 1933, and the anteroom (toilets etc) was lined in 1934. Much of the money raised was through the efforts of the Women's Institute, who would hold bazaars and 'entertainments'. The Bay grew, with the consequent growth in the number of groups wanting to use the Hall. The groups were invited to have members on the Committee - the WI appointed three members, and immediately Mrs Perriman was

made the Secretary. She served until her death in 1948. Other

groups joined the Committee, including the Boating Club, the Broad Bay Social Club, and the local branch of the Red Cross. By 1945 it was obvious the Hall was inadequate for the growing number of clubs. In mid-1946 a deputation of groups to the Hall Committee introduced the idea of enlarging the Hall (cost about 600 pounds), or building a new hall. In November 1946 there were serious deliberations about the state of the piles and underfloor bearers. In December 1948 the local Catholic congregation 'relinquished use of the hall'; the writing was on the wall for the Hall Society. In February 1949 it moved: 'that the Hall be transferred to the Community Trust and that the Hall Society be wound up'.

The Broad Bay Community Centre (Inc) had already bought two sections in the Bay. Ten local men had each paid 10 pounds to purchase the sections, and these foundation members drew up the original constitution and rules. The first section was a strip between the Lower Portobello Rd and the Speight property, which extended from 'Marine Parade' (now Waikana St). It had been bought in 1913 by a local settler, John McLeod, and almost immediately transferred over to Charles Speight. The second was a strip of flat land which adjoined the first, extending in from now Clearwater St originally bought by Charles Speight. The sloping section became the Speight berry garden, the flat section was the Speight family tennis court. Both sections were transferred to the BBCC on 1st October 1946, the BBCC taking out a mortgage. Since the Society had insufficient members to develop the land (only 52), it was held in reserve for 'future projects'.

Taking over the original Hall brought problems for the BBCC, culminating in 1952, when the Hall was declared unsafe because the foundations had deteriorated so much. Much fundraising was started, and by October 1953, over 500 pounds was used in the repairs. Volunteers gave hours of labour, both in repairing the foundations and refurbishing the inside. The reopening function on Saturday 3 October 1953 saw the foundations completely restored, but much left to do inside. At this time the BBCC committee was: Mr DJ Fleming (President), VG Robinson, JL Wilson, AE Williams, GW Mason (Secretary/Treasurer), GM Lumsden, CH Williams, GH Mason, the Rev RC Grover, Misses M Muir, V Bishop and R Perriman.

The final entry in the Hall Society Minute Book reads: 'Broad Bay Hall burnt down, Midnight Feb 22 1954, total loss.' There is debate about the precise date, but it was burnt down in 1954.

Over the next months the BBCC committee approached the Peninsula County Council, requesting the Council 'meet the Broad Bay community needs'. The Bay was 'desperate' to get a hall, especially to hold dances for the young people, keeping them in the district, and also ensuring their parents knew where they were. The PCC agreed to hold a poll in the Bay on the matter, but there were delays. And even if the poll result were to be positive, it would be the responsibility of the Centre to submit plans for approval. At this stage, the Hall was to be built in concrete bricks, incorporate a Plunket room, and another room suitable for meetings, and there was a 500 pound subsidy available. The Committee approached LF Knewstubb and Son, builders in Dunedin, soon after the Hall had been burnt down, and they suggested a sum of about 5250

pounds to build a new hall, which would include all concrete work and steel trusses, and cover about 80x40 feet.

The Committee then approached Allingham architects in Dunedin, plans were drawn up incorporating a Hall area, and extra rooms at the back, including a kitchen.

Pressure built on the BBCC committee to have a meeting area in the Bay. The costs, especially of fulfilling the Allingham plans, were seen as too great, especially given the difficulties of raising a large mortgage. And there was some unwillingness to raise a lot of money through fundraising. Consequently, the cheapest building possible was erected after 4 months work in 1957 on the flat section, the Speight tennis courts. It was opened by local MP, JG Barnes, on 8th June 1957. The nucleus of the finance was the insurance from the old Hall, a grant from the Department of Internal Affairs, accumulated fundraising, and 700 pounds raised 1955-57 (including a large concert held in the Coronation Hall in Portobello in 1946). Again, volunteer labour featured. The Hall was finished at 50x30 feet, with other rooms and a kitchen. It was of timber framing, a hardboard exterior, polite (asbestos mixture) exterior cladding and an iron roof, cost approximately 3000 pounds. The President at the time, Mr KW Baird, was happy that the Bay groups now had somewhere to meet, especially youth groups. The opening was followed by a bring-and-buy sale and a dance for young people in the evening.

However, the quick and cheap option created much controversy at the time, and some of the original 10 foundation members shook their heads and walked away, considering an opportunity had been lost to create a large, modern community asset. The Centre is now the only private, community-owned hall in the Dunedin area



The new Hall on opening day 8/6/57, before the Etheridge rooms were gifted.

### **This is your newsletter!**

Advertising and news from community groups and individuals are welcome. Contact [jmarshall1@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jmarshall1@xtra.co.nz) or at 4780660 to have material included in the February issue.

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### **Viewpoint**

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