

Broad Bay Community Centre Inc.

Newsletter



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The Annual General Meeting of BBCC was held on Thursday 4 September 2008.

President Jason Bevin reported on the year's events including the Auction, the New Year's Family BBQ, Sea Week Beach Clean Up, and "Broad Bay Boogie" with local band "Close Encounta", as well as various birthday parties and other private functions in the hall. On the financial front, expenses annually reach more than \$6000, even with savings made wherever possible, so the need for membership fees and fundraising is always vital

Our committee for the 2008-09 year has one new member, Lynne Baird, who has taken on the role as Treasurer upon Peggy's resignation at the AGM. The business section of the meeting concluded with a presentation to Peggy for her valued work as Treasurer and also for her stint as Secretary. A further presentation was made to Brian Nicholls for his continuing and much appreciated work with the Broad Bay Newsletter.

We were fortunate to have Chris Garey and Bill Allen speak to the meeting about the Peninsula and Broad Bay from their perspective as members of Otago Peninsula Community Board. Their presentations are reprinted here for your interest.

To end the meeting Neville Peat provided an update on the feasibility study, which the Waterfront Committee has been working on. His report is also included in this Newsletter.

The evening closed with members' enjoyment of finger foods and refreshment.

Christine Garey, the elected Community Board Representative for the Otago Peninsula, spoke this evening on local issues of interest to members of the Broad Bay Community Centre. She thanked Bill Allen for supporting the Broad Bay community for the previous two terms of the Board. Chris said she ensures that local issues are included in Board business. As the Board's representative on "Keep Dunedin Beautiful", she thanked Tessa Mills on her promotion of the scheme where bags are provided for rubbish collection.

Chris said that in matters that had come before the Board, her highlight to date had been the DCC purchase of Harbour Cone. Neville Peat and Alison Balance had asked the Board to advocate on behalf of the community. The result was an example of what

can be achieved by a community with a groundswell of public opinion, local expertise and advocacy by the Community Board. She said it fitted well with the Board Chair's speech at the start of this three-year term, regarding looking to the future - a visionary approach for the Otago Peninsula.

Other issues, such as road maintenance has been the main concern of local people but a catch up appears to have been pretty much completed, with fewer enquiries on this being received lately.

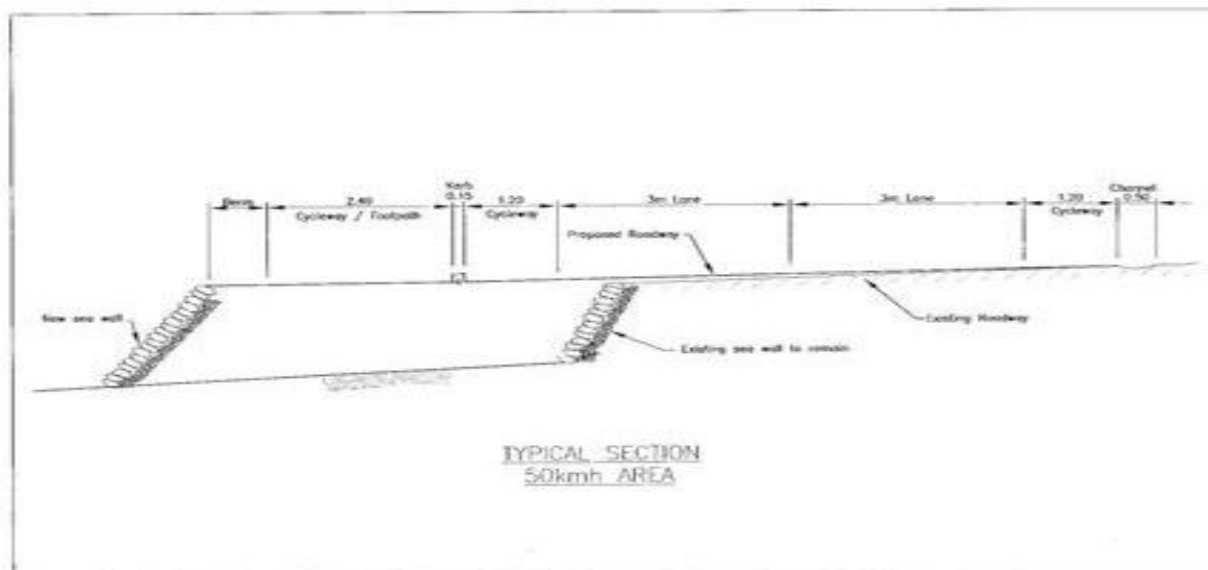
The public toilet on the Broad Bay Reserve has been upgraded recently. Some Oxley Crescent issues have been dealt with and an upgrade for Camp Street is imminent and due to the recent slips in that area, a retaining wall is now being designed. Once this is completed, the road upgrade will be carried out.

Chris commented that the residents are the eyes and ears of this community; they know what needs fixing, etc. The DCC appreciates residents' advice of work that needs to be done. Vandalism should be reported quickly and a dedicated team will promptly carry out repairs. To report maintenance issues, residents can phone in, or use a fixogram via the DCC website to which they will receive a reply. Sometimes if work appears not to be attended to there is a simple explanation. For example, when flax bushes had not been cut back for the safety of walkers, it was because that work needed a different machine than is used for shrubs, and consequently was on a different timetable. Chris said if you have a concern that an issue has not been acted upon do phone her for assistance.

Chris is always interested to receive community feedback on items or issues from her column in the BBCC Newsletter - her vision is for a caring community where people are not afraid to talk to neighbours or welcome newcomers and be supportive of those in crisis, people who care for the environment and expect a safe and law abiding place to live in and a community where the infrastructure is maintained.

Chris further discussed the Board's role and also spoke of the \$10,000.00 projects fund, which is available for grants to local groups. Funds are also available from sales of the Board's Peninsula DVD.

This profile is typical for built-up areas - such as you can see at the bottom of Castlewood Road.
 In other areas it will be a shared 1.8m cycle/pedestrian section next to the seawall



Bill Allen spoke about Portobello Road improvements. The upgrade includes road widening from the current width of 6m to about 10m. The widening will create new cycling and pedestrian facilities. Seven areas have been approved for widening over the next five years, with the funding being two-thirds from LTNZ and one-third from the DCC. The seven areas include Vauxhall Yacht Club past the White House to Burns Point, Rosehill Road to Macandrew Bay and on to Company Bay. Tily Street opposite Portobello School to Weir Road at Lower Portobello, 'Pooh' Corner at Otakou Wharf, then to Pipikaretu Road. Hopefully, when these areas are completed, public pressure may then encourage the DCC to get the improvements joined up for completion from Vauxhall to Tairaroa Head before the planned 2020 proposed completion date.

Broad Bay and Portobello are not included in the current design plans as yet. The Portobello development proposal is to include a 2m wide footpath and a 1.4m wide cycleway from the planned new wharf to the township. The development at Broad Bay will depend on upon safety and the constraints of the local reserve, buildings etc.

Portobello School to Weir Road is almost completed. The next section from there to Tairaroa Head will be from the Otakou Fishery (Poo Corner) to Pipikaretu Road. This area will have a shared walkway/cycleway 1.8m wide.

In reply to a question, Bill said that 700mm had been allowed over the whole scheme to accommodate rising sea levels. Bill has checked with the engineers since the meeting and it is only specific areas which

will have the height increased during the actual construction of the road and protection of other areas, if necessary, will be achieved by further development on top of the new 300mm berm.

With regard to ongoing maintenance of the sea wall, (e.g. at Grassy Point), Peninsula residents could contact the DCC either by phoning customer services on 477 4000 or using the fix o gram facility. This type of public pressure should help bring the repair work to the notice of the DCC. As the DCC is currently upgrading its website the on-line fix o gram isn't available, so, if reporting using the customer service telephone number, keep a record of the time and date of the request and also the name of the DCC contact person. Chris added that people should not assume someone else will seek action, but tell the DCC themselves. If no action is forthcoming, then let her know.

Neville Peat opened his talk with the news that the Joint Venture Committee, now one year old, is about to be registered as an incorporated society with the name 'Broad Bay Waterfront Inc'. The committee has held monthly meetings under the independent chairmanship of Richard Good.

The committee's task is to produce a feasibility study so that the membership of the BBCC and the BBBC can decide on whether or not to go ahead with the proposal. The committee is proceeding with prudence, patience and rigour. The concept design has been 'tweaked' and engineering advice sought as to how to integrate the new community centre with the rock batter slope on the adjacent reclaimed land.

The new building would sit on piles pushed out into the inter-tidal zone. There is a lot of community consultation to be done, plus a lot of work to be done in relation to the feasibility study itself. Neville is impressed with the synergy between the representatives of the two groups on the committee.

The proposal, which would need to be technically and financially feasible, would be a win-win enhancement for the community. The committee needs to raise funds to commission professional help in preparing the study.

Each member of the committee brought their own ability to the table, with Neville's skill being in resource consent matters. If the proposal gets to the resource consent stage it could cost \$10,000 to \$20,000. Neville pointed out that the Boating Club controlled the land the building sits on, plus the ramp area and some adjacent land, with the remainder in City Council ownership.



Once upon a time there was a rainbow that had no colours instead it was all grey. There were lots of other rainbows that had lots of colours. The rainbow was sad because it didn't have any colours and it had no friends. One day a beautiful fairy came. The beautiful fairy gave the grey rainbow lots of colours. The rainbow had friends now and it was happy.

Some of the children are involved in the Maori and Pacific Island Festival so have been travelling to Macandrew Bay School for practices, also the older children are involved in the Peninsula Music Festival – both held later in September.

Children had paintings in the annual Peninsula Art Exhibition, which is held at Bayfield High School. Congratulations to Robbie Bevin, Samantha Trevathan and Feng Goldsmith, who were awarded prizes for their art.

Visitors to the school have been Regan from Kiwi-golf who gave all the children the opportunity to experience the game of golf and Kim Whitta who staged Sleeping Beauty with the children, which they loved.

Congratulations to Karen Von Melville, Sophie Dean and Craig Dobie who have joined the Board of Trustees. Thanks so much for your support.

Sophie has been working hard organising prizes for tombola and the Plant Fair raffle. The Plant Fair will be held this year on Sunday 2 November.

We have FOBBS (Friends of Broad Bay School) cards for sale at \$5 for 8 cards and envelopes. These are blank so you can write your own message.

If there are any new families with pre-school children who have moved into the bay we would love you to get in touch with the school. There is a pre-school group that meets here at school each Friday morning for a get-together.

There are still some bags of kindling available. Many thanks for your support with this great fundraiser for our school.

KINDLING

\$10 a bag or \$9 a bag for 5 or more bags

Ring the school if you want a bag

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE – 7.45 – 8.30.

Ring Cheryl Mangan on 4780-796 to book in.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE – 3.15- 5.30

Ring the school on 4780-706

John Goulstone

Principal

THE BROAD BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE GARAGE SALE

Saturday 18 October 2008

- Starts 11.00am to 4.00pm
- Rent your own Stall
- Phone Shirley @ 478 0978

Broad Bay School

Greetings everyone out in our community:

The third term is going past very quickly and it won't be long before the next term holidays are upon us. There were a lot of children sick earlier in the term but that's all behind us now.

The children have been studying the Olympics, as well as the Ancient Olympics. We had a mini Olympics meeting at school one afternoon recently. The junior class have been making recipe books and also writing their own fairy tales. Tasman wrote the one below.

➤ Massage Workshop

In Broad Bay with Petra Wink
(Dip. Massage)

Massage for Body & Soul

I am offering a very practical and hands on 4hr workshop for basic massage techniques (Swedish massage). Minimum 2 people, (couples are welcome) maximum 4 people - we will work on 2 tables, which give each person the opportunity to practice and experience the art of natural massage.

Workshops would be held on a Saturday or Sunday from 11am to 3pm

For more information and Registration phone:

4780 082

Mobile 0210647924

Email: petra-lotta@clear.net.nz

Otago Peninsula Community Board

Dogs. We have had several incidents in the Bay over the past month with dogs - from the minor to the very serious. If dog owners are unsure of their responsibilities or need advice, the **Animal Control** team of the DCC are very approachable - they are not just there to impose fees and fines. They did a great job at School recently with some dog education - reminders to dog owners and all of us who might not own dogs but like them. A reminder to all of the community that dogs are not allowed in the School grounds or various reserves around Broad Bay - it's no fun when our children get dog poo on their shoes and walk it into the classroom or home! Also, one of our senior citizens has reported her frustration at her lawn being fouled by dogs and owners not cleaning up - her grass is now dead in various places.

Wanted to rent a 3-brm house with garage if possible for family wanting to move to the bay - please phone.

Wanted a 3-brm furnished house for family - now for short term. Please phone 478 0917

If you have a query or an issue, please contact a member of the Community Board - details listed below.

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Pressure points on our Peninsula

Come and hear Labour Party candidate Clare Curran's views on the development of the Peninsula.

Tourism – Development
Conservation – Community

Clare is keen to hear your views too.

All welcome: Broad Bay Community Hall
Wednesday 1st October at 7.00pm.

For more information please contact Clare:

Mobile: 027 416 5776

Email: clare@clarecurran.org.nz

Authorised by B. Maultby

143 Surrey St South Dunedin

Items for Sale

Trampoline – purchased last year
from A J Grant

Good condition and sturdy enough
to allow teenage boys to bounce
safely

Very reasonable at \$600.00 ono
delivery included in Peninsula area

Telephone: 478 0179

Our Back Pages

Some memories of Broad Bay

This week: **Zelie Jenkinson.**

My mother's parents moved to Broad Bay from Portobello in the early 1940s. I visited and stayed for short holidays. They lived near the top of Hall Rd (now Moerangi St). The Harraways, (the milling people) and Bain families lived opposite them and Miss Sutherland (the Headmistress of Broad Bay School) lived two doors above. Eventually my father bought a holiday house in John St (Matariki), but we loved the space and freedom so much, soon 10 John St became our only home.

We came and went by bus. You could count the number of people owning cars on one hand. The roads were loose metal and the buses left deep tracks, which other people followed. Telephones were few. You used the one at the Post Office if you needed to phone out. The PO was part of the shop at that time, the shop being on the ridge beside Fletcher House. We also went there to collect the mail – there was no delivery.

Mr Black had a farm halfway up Camp Road, and he sledged the milk cans down, and then delivered the milk to your gate by horse and cart. Householders put out their own containers, which he would fill. His three daughters caught the bus to work from the bottom of John St. They wore galoshes (gumboots) down the hill and changed into the work shoes they kept in a large biscuit tin at McCarthy's hedge. The older girl and I played tennis on a Sunday afternoon on Speight's tennis court (which was on the area now containing the Broad Bay Community Hall). Most families grew their own vegetables, but the Portobello butcher delivered into the Bay.

There was also a bread baker there, but eventually the big, two-storey shop in Broad Bay (on the corner

of Clearwater St) had a bakery at the rear, and fresh bread was delivered daily up as far as the Cove. Arnott's' Carrying business delivered heavy loads, like cases of fruit and furniture.

The 7 am bus took most workers to town and was full. The 8am bus was for shoppers, a few school pupils, and folks with business to attend to in the city. Many children left school at Standard 6 level (year 8). The bus drivers lived in the area and looked out for the regulars, even if it resulted in sitting and waiting while the breakfast toast was eaten as the worker rushed down the hill. Some drivers were very well known and respected, including Mr Bayne (owner of the original bus company), Mr Hogg, Murray Parsons and Terry Hart.



Cows grazing at the bottom of John Street (Matariki Street)

Charles Gray outside his shop on the corner of Clearwater Street and Harington Point Road (Portobello Road), in the early 1950s. Note the car at the petrol pump



The track past the present Chy-an-Dowr to Fantail Cottage is still officially Harington Point Road.

The Woman's Institute held regular meetings and put on concerts in the Hall (then down the bottom of Hall Rd). If you'd heard it, you would never forget the 'Laughing Policeman' sung by Mrs Webb Snr. There were flower and vegetable shows. In my dad's garden he grew 3 varieties of apples, 2 kinds of pears, quince, peach, apricot and nectarine trees. We kept a few hens for the eggs and baking. Mother bought a bag (sack) of flour at a time. Families visited among their own friends in the community or through school or church.

Because we were a family with 4 young boys, our interests were in the Boating Club. My father had been born in Lawrence and had never had the opportunity to learn to swim, so he made sure his sons had every encouragement, and the boys sailed the 'Sunbeam' (an Idlealong), the 'Pixie' and the 'Billy Boy' (P2). At home Mum and I baked for fundraising efforts, mended sails or put in battens etc. Often at weekends we were away with our friends on the launch 'Omatere'. The boys would row out to the sandbanks and spear flounder for our tea. The boys also knew any deserted apple, plum and pear trees nearby. Dad biked. He shot rabbits and gathered fresh mushrooms. People were not living on nearby properties as the War was still going on. Dad was in the Home Guard and turned out for weekend exercises.

In Passing: Hardwicke Knight 1911-2008

Hardwicke Knight brought his family out to Broad Bay in 1959, buying a cottage in King George St. Last month he died at the age of 97. In 1999 he recorded a series of mementoes as an oral history exercise. We will publish extracts over the next newsletters as a form of obituary to a man who was a figure in the Bay.

“Before I tell you about my life, I should tell you about my ancestors. Not only do I love them very much, and find them fascinating, but, but for them I would not exist. They are the making of me, and an inspiration.

The very earliest ancestor which I know anything about – no, not Adam and Eve – anyway, I'm a Darwinian (there's a portrait of him up in the shelf there) – nor Abraham, Isaac and Jacob – although I have a predisposition to believe the truth of the British-Israel origins. No, the earliest ancestor of whom I know was Sir Alan de Catherton, who was one of William the Conqueror's knights – you know, 1066 and all that – who was rewarded with an estate in Yorkshire. He married Eleanor; his son, also Alan de Catherton, married Clarissa, and the grandson married Nicoletta. The de Catherton family then married into the Banks family (that is, Joseph Banks Snr, the grandfather of the Sir Joseph Banks who came to New Zealand with Captain Cook in the 1770s). Banks had a niece, named Anne Banks. I think she was very beautiful: there's a portrait of her in Amerthwaite Castle, home of one of my nephews. Quite incidentally, she had a niece again whose name was Anne Banks, who married Edmond Waller, the poet (not that I've got much poetry in me!) Anyway, Anne Banks, the niece of the Sir Joseph Banks family, married Robert Barker, the son of Christopher Barker, the King's printer, who printed the first Authorised Version of the Bible, in 1599. The Barker family married into the Hardwicke family, the Hardwicke family into the Frederick family (Frederick was a Lord Mayor of London in the 17th century), and the Frederick family married into the Knight family of Northamptonshire. Hence I have my full name “Frederick Hardwicke Knight”, actually three family surnames. I think this odd in a way, because the early names, like 'Johnson', 'Thomson', derive their names in the reign of Henry the Eighth, when everybody had to have a surname, from the Christian names of their forbears, whereas I acquired my names from the surnames of my forebears.”

What's on at the AQUARIUM this holiday?

BOATS

All aboard for a nautical experience this holiday!

Dredge Boat Tours* – Tue 7 & Thur 9 Oct, 2.30-4.30pm.

Harbour Ferry* - from Port Chalmers (Sea Cadets) to Aquarium on Tue 30 Sept & Thur 2 Oct, 12-4.30pm.

Yellow Sub – Virtual deep sea tours every day.

Fish Feeding – Help feed fish every Wed & Sat from 2-3pm.

Model Boat Competition – Bring a model boat on Fri 3 Oct for **half price entry**. See web site for conditions & prizes.

* *Boat activities are all weather dependent. Phone for details.*

Phone 479 5826 Website: www.marine.ac.nz



NZ Marine Studies Centre & Aquarium, Portobello. Open daily from 12-4.30pm Guided Tour 10.30am