

# Broad Bay Community Centre



## Newsletter October 2013 --SALSA DANCE SUCCESS!-- --LOCALS HAVING FUN AT COMMUNITY CENTRE--



Friends, neighbours, sweet moves and tacos, it was great to groove to the music and catch up at the hall last Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September. If you missed out, never fear, there will be another. The food was yummy, the spot prizes were many and the warm feelings and laughter filled the hall. It was a great community gathering, and introduced locals to our new TexOtago fare. Nearly a 100 people filled the hall, which was decked out in the finest flags of peace and pretty coloured lights, flowers on the table-clothed tables set out a la taverna style with a semicircle dance floor filled with young and old.

Local Salsa dance teachers Kevin and Lucy were happy to get on the stage and show the many willing learners how to move their stuff in the saucy wiggle that is Salsa, Cuban style. Those who didn't dance chatted and grinned, and then watched Shukuru give an African dance demonstration, ably assisted by two local little beauties, and then joined by over thirty hot jumping dancers following the African beat. The music

switched back to South America and Merengue and Salsa took over as the dance hall filled, even mums and sons smiled in each other's arms, just beautiful.

It was the committee's intention that the dance celebration was accessible to all including families, and, the fee of \$10 and \$5 for children, including supper by TexOtago plus fruit and Lynley's gorgeous gingerbread men, meant it was a small fundraiser, but a big fun-raiser.

We must give thanks to our sponsors they were many, and it was great to have presents to hand out as spot prizes, rather than raffles to sell. Do we want a Salsa Dance to be a regular feature? Let the committee know. In fact, please do let the committee know of any ideas you may have about activities that you would like at the hall and if you have any energy to help it happen because it is your hall after all.



Ken and Lucy, kind, clear and gentle dance teachers.

OUR WONDERFUL SPONSORS- they supported us, please support them back.

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FICTION WRITING WORKSHOP - 20th October - Paddy Richardson

Hosted by the Caselberg Charitable Trust (all proceeds to Trust)

When: Sunday 20thth October 2013

Time: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Venue: Art Workshops Studio, Broad Bay, Dunedin

Park: Fletcher Challenge House car park, Portobello Rd, Broad Bay.

Meet: 9.00am. 7, Frances Street, Broad Bay

Cost: \$120.00 (\$100.00 for Caselberg Trust members)

(includes morning and afternoon tea/coffee, bring own lunch)

For more info: email <[boatshedart@xtra.co.nz](mailto:boatshedart@xtra.co.nz)>

Max no 10:



## STOP News

Save The Otago Peninsula (more commonly known by our acronym, STOP) has been very busy of late. Winter is planting time and we have had two projects on the Harbour Cone Block – one near Peggys Hill on the high road, and the other at Smiths Creek at the end of Bacon St. Just over 500 native plants have gone in to further enhance the Smiths Creek revegetation project which aims to ensure that whitebait continue to thrive in this creek. Of these, the Broad Bay School provided about 100 plants that they had grown on with the assistance of the Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust Nursery at Company Bay and our thanks go to the Honda Fund and the Bendigo Valley Foundation for

enabling us to purchase the rest.

As well as native plants, some fruit trees are being planted around the picnic area thanks to the participants on the Sustainability Course that was recently held in Macandrew Bay.

A group of volunteers meets at the moment every Tuesday on site any time between 9am and midday to plant, peg down weedmats, and get rid of the large broom and gorse remaining. Work for all capabilities. Come for just one hour or two if that suits. New volunteers warmly welcomed, especially as two of our regulars head north for a few weeks.

Two other volunteer groups meet on Thursday mornings to work on the Portobello Creek and a Scientific Reserve near Broad Bay. Again there is a range of work for all capabilities. The latter often has transport available from town if you know anyone that would like to come out.

Meetings are held in the Etheridge Rooms behind the Community Centre at 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of every month. All welcome.

This is the time of year when the pest plant, Darwins barberry, with its mass of bright orange flowers becomes obvious. Please remove it from your gardens or roadsides so that it does not spread into native bush where it suppresses and replaces native seedlings.

Local contact person is Lala: Phone 4780 339, Email [lala.frazer@gmail.com](mailto:lala.frazer@gmail.com)

## Letter from Gill Caradoc-Davies

We received the following letter from Gill Caradoc-Davies after our last newsletter. Unfortunately the next newsletter would not be out before the school's Open Garden day that Gill refers to, but we thought the letter should be published all the same:

Dear Sir/Madam, I am in possession of seven charming letters from pupils at Broad Bay School, all neatly written and illustrated, thanking me for letting them dig up plants at Brightwater for them to grow on for sale for their fund-raising efforts. I cannot see where they have done this, as they have been so neat. They are a credit not only to their parents but also to their school for bringing them up to demonstrate such delightful community awareness and respect, qualities that are increasingly rare. These are children who live interactively in the living world and are not glued to the computer screen. Please support them by publishing this in your next newsletter to encourage others to invest in their fund-raising efforts, which includes an Open Garden experience on 21st September.



## Otago Peninsula Community Board

Our assertion that the Otago Peninsula Community Board is a highly functioning community board, is not only borne out by its accomplishments since its inception but again this morning in a discussion with a sitting councillor around the weight the Board's view has carried with Council. It was also heartening to have community members attend our last meeting from different parts of the Peninsula to congratulate us on the results we have achieved in the past three years. But there can always be improvement.....

One of the challenges of the next triennium is to ensure that the funding the Board has already secured for the Portobello/ Harington Point Road Improvements Project (often referred to as the Peninsula Cycleway), is *not* dropped by Council.

The key to this is two fold – firstly understanding the facts around the project and secondly, the Board needs to present a united front to Council (no matter what personal differences/views members may have on the detail).

So the facts .....

First and foremost this is a *safety* improvement project – that is determined by the funding formulae. For the Board this has always been about the residents first - children walking safely to school in the main settlements, residents being able to walk and cycle safely as well as it being safer for vehicles. The social wellbeing benefits are clear for all to see at Macandrew Bay. The improvements are of notable benefit for our visitors too who find the narrow parts of the road very challenging. The recreational and commuter cycling is a huge winner from the improvements and their safety is paramount too. However, the funding model is all around it being a safety improvement, not about it being only a cycleway.

We are delighted that the Otago Peninsula was named one of the top ten cycling destinations in the world in 2010 by the Lonely Planet Guide and we know there is great potential for tourism opportunities that will come out of a safe cycleway around the harbour edge and with a ferry service to link them. However, we have a way to go – only 40 % of the widening has been completed to date but the rest is within our sights.

There is an exceptional team of council staff who have the expertise and latest research behind them to advise and carry this project through - we are indebted to them for their hard work thus far. They are committed to seeing this through but in the end it is in the hands of the elected representatives. The Peninsula community and its Board need to keep delivering the consistent message to Council that this **Portobello/Harington Point Rd Improvement Project needs to be *completed*** and before other projects are started!

With the latest research in cycling available and against a backdrop of fiscal constraint, the Board was asked recently to vote on several options regarding shared or separated pathways for cyclists and pedestrians. After reviewing the relevant research and the feedback we had received from the community, we opted unanimously for a separated path with a low physical barrier between cyclists and pedestrians as well as a low physical barrier between cyclists and vehicles. This is for the next stages with the recommendation that the sections that have already been

completed, are changed to this design within the current footprint of those sections as soon as is practicable.

Another important point not well understood, is that two thirds of the money for these improvements comes from the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) and their formulae are complex. Securing support from DCC has always been vital to ensuring we get this NZTA funding – without one we don't get the other and so the Board has worked closely with staff throughout and especially at Annual Plan time to ensure we are well informed and present accordingly.

And so the second key point for the next Board will be to ensure they are up to speed with this project and present a united front to Council to continue the momentum. There may be differences amongst members on detail but consensus should be the goal in the end, as the moment there is a divided Board, we risk the possibility of losing the funding.

Which brings me to the next point. The challenge for the new Board will be to ensure that all areas of the Board constituency are represented. Previously we have had a spread of board members from all over the Peninsula. However, at this election most of the candidates are from one area and while that level of interest is great, whomever is elected will need to find a way to represent all constituents and to work together to achieve the best for all of the Otago Peninsula; continuing the focus of balancing the needs of residents and visitors.

And speaking of residents – thank you from DCC staff for your patience re the lights on Portobello Rd by Moerangi St – there was a bit of a delay in getting car sensing lights which mean less delay but I believe they are in place now. A lot of work is going on behind the scenes to find a long term solution in terms of a repair for that section of road but we may have a while to wait yet.

I wish the new Board well. Until after the election I am unsure what, if any role I might have to represent you. What I can say is that it has been a privilege to work on your behalf and I am proud of our achievements; of the difference we have made to our community through the work we have done. I have enjoyed working under John Bellamy's leadership and with the rest of the Board and I thank them for their hard work and collegiality. We haven't always agreed on everything but we have worked very well together and always in the best interests of the Peninsula community. I wish those retiring, a well deserved rest and to the new Board - all the very best for the challenges ahead!

Best wishes

*Christine Garey*

Deputy Chairperson Otago Peninsula Community Board

1 October 2013

## Walkway/cycleway extensions

### An opinion piece

I am strongly in favour of extended and safer walking/cycleways on the Otago Peninsula, often walking for instance on the dangerous section between Turnbulls Bay and Portobello, as well as through Broad Bay. I would also be more likely to walk more often from Broad Bay through to Raynbird Bay if it was safer. To this end, Ian and I made a successful request to the DCC that in the section below Mc Farmers Backpackers they tarseal between the road and the rock wall where stones from behind the rock wall had been dislodged by high tides, thus making it impossible to walk off the road. (Unfortunately for some reason, they did it only for part of the way and did not continue it to Pineapple Rock, so one is still walking on uneven ground or forced to walk on the road, moving off to stand stationary when vehicles pass.)

I am however not so convinced about the necessity for a Macandrew Bay highway style walkway/cycleway, along the full length of the harbour edge, and especially if it means reclaiming an even wider area needed to provide non-shared pathways.

As a member of the Ornithological Society, which carried out monthly surveys of the birdlife on the harbour edge for two years, I became acutely aware of the importance of the already vastly reduced intertidal zone and the rocky foreshore for the bird life we love to watch, but may be taking for granted, such as white faced herons, oystercatchers, ducks, gulls and shags. I'm also very aware of the importance of the shallows for spawning fish and the exchange of the galaxids and others that make up whitebait – and of course provide food for other animals further up the food chain.

If the total walkway/cycleway is extended as currently planned we will lose a further almost 7 hectares of intertidal zone. Most walking and cycling (especially children's cycling,) will continue to be done close to the main settlements and there are likely to be only the occasional walker between suburbs. If I am walking those sections, I am prepared to share with the occasional cyclist.

As well, **all** of the historic stone walls, many attractive geological formations, and most of the few remaining trees on the seaward side will have been buried and or obliterated (Detouring round them increases the loss of intertidal zone.)



Artist's impression of proposed changes

The picture on the right is not the featureless highway that I personally want all the way from town. I am personally prepared to lose national funding from the NZ Transport Agency and opt for cheaper ways of providing walking and cycling routes if it means it protects the environment, the historical landmarks and the landscape.

Once the reclamation has been done and the walking cycling highways are in place we cannot turn back the clock. Maybe we need to be looking at funding for a scenic walkway/cycleway?

Lala Frazer

**BROAD BAY FOOD CO-OP**  
is looking for new members!



We buy fresh produce and eggs from the Farmers' Market every Saturday morning. Join us!

This is an easy way to have access to fresh fruit, vegetables and eggs at all times.

Members receive a key and can buy whatever items and quantity they want, whenever it suits them.

Please contact Lala Frazer 478-0339

or Fran Bolgar 478-0049

for more details about joining us.



**"1<sup>st</sup> FRIDAY TAKEAWAYS"**  
**FROM THE BBCC HALL**  
**(5-7 PM: 1 Nov., 6 Dec., 3 Jan, etc.)**

Pre-order a family meal (Tacos Kit or Enchilada Tray, each feeds 4, only \$30) before 5pm on Wed. by contacting [texotago@gmail.com](mailto:texotago@gmail.com)

(OR) pick up a freshly made taco, burrito or quesadilla from our "a la cart" menu on the spot, for only \$5 (each, cash only please)—and enjoy a chat w/ neighbours on your way home!

The BBCC Kitchen, along with TexOtago Ltd, received a highly coveted "A" rating from the DCC Environmental Health Office. This means our facilities are considered top-notch! We truly appreciate the efforts of all renters thus far in helping us keep things so tidy...

As part of First Friday(s) with TexOtago, and to encourage more community use of the BBCC during the warmer months, we are seeking PICNIC TABLES to place on the lawn facing the bay. If you have--or know anyone who has--a table to donate to this cause, please contact a committee member.

## **Beth's Travels**

Lots of people in the Broad Bay community have expressed an interest in how Beth is doing on her AFS exchange to Iceland. She is having a *wonderful* time and enjoying every minute of it! She continues to remember the amazing support she had from the local community in the year leading up to her exchange and is making the most of this incredible opportunity!

She has a blog if you are interested in following her adventures

<http://velkomintilreykjavik.blogspot.com>



**Subs!** Thanks all of you who have paid subs so far. Jane is still in the process of delivering the receipts and vouchers and hopes to be up-to-date with that soon. Remember the bargain! One hour of hire free for the individual membership of \$7.50, two hours for the family membership of \$15.00. If you don't want to use the vouchers yourselves, feel free to give them to anyone else or may want to use them, combine as many as like, for anything from a large party to a quick game of table tennis (yes, the table tennis equipment is there just waiting to be used).

## **BROAD BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE HIRE**

	<u>Main Hall:</u>	
Hourly Rate: \$11 per hour	Whole Day: \$85	Whole Evening: \$85
	<u>Etheridge Rooms:</u>	
Hourly Rate: \$11 per hour	Whole Day: \$50	Whole Evening: \$50

A returnable bond equal to the hire fee applies in all cases

Excessive use of power, or damage to premises or property may incur extra charges.

Evening hire includes some time the following morning (prior to 12.00) to clean the Hall.

Hire of the Hall includes use of all the miscellaneous items as listed.

**Next newsletters** We are hoping to put out more regular newsletters, the next issues coming out in Dec 2013, Feb, April, June and August 2014. Contributors to LYNLEY by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month.

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## Its that time again

It is subscription time again and a membership form is included in this newsletter. We don't like asking for money, especially when economic conditions are hard. Subscriptions though provide the Centre with a much needed source of revenue helping us to keep the cost of hiring the hall and equipment as low as possible. As an incentive this year, for each membership we are giving a voucher for 1 free hour of hire (of the hall, or the Etheridge room the smaller room at the back of the Centre, with lovely grassy area and beautiful sea views!). What that means is for an individual membership fee of \$7.50 (\$15.00 for family membership) you will receive a free hour of hire worth \$11 (2 free hours worth \$22 for family membership). We hope these vouchers will be seen as a sort of currency within the community, swapped around between neighbours and friends, and combined together for functions as your needs desire.

The vouchers will expire at the end of the financial year (30 June 2014), and as always bookings will be on a first-in-first-served basis.

Please remember too that your membership must be current to vote in the upcoming AGM.

-Cheque made payable to  
Broad Bay Community Centre

-Direct credit to 03 0903 0380753 00

If paying by Direct Credit, please ensure your name(s) are entered in one of the fields so we know who the payment is for.

Whichever way you pay, we do still need you to complete and return the form below for our records and so we can give you a receipt (and a voucher!)

Thank you

--Broad Bay Community Centre Committee

Completed membership forms should be returned to:

Secretary, Broad Bay Community Centre  
c/o 68 Greig Street, Broad Bay, Dunedin 9014 (just a couple of doors away from the school)

Name: .....

Address: .....

Telephone: .....

Email: .....

Amount paid: ..... (\$7.50 per person or \$15 per household per year. Donations also welcome!)

I have paid by ☐ Direct Credit (give date): ..... ☐

Cheque (attach)

We welcome your suggestions for events and activities: