# BAY VIEWS

#### Email: macandrewbay.news@gmail.com

**June 2019** 

We welcome to two new businesses that have opened in Macandrew Bay since our last newsletter.

Firstly, you may have noticed a little green gift store has sprouted up in the heart of the village (next to the Pharmacy) called 'Artifolk'.

> 'Artifolk' will be open from 11am-4pm Tuesday to Saturday.

Pop in and have a look. You will be impressed by the lovely selection of products. It's well worth a visit.

Also, you will already be aware that we have a new restaurant in Macandrew Bay. 'Two Fat Stags by the Bay' opened recently, after such a long time of seeing our café space vacant. We are so pleased to see the village alive again, especially on a sunny day when diners enjoy the outside terrace.

The hours are Wed to Friday 12—2pm and 5-8pm Sat and Sun 9—12 Breakfast; 11—2pm Lunch; 5—9pm Dinner

**Closed Monday and Tuesday** Read more about these two new businesses inside.

Please keep sending your contributions. They are very much appreciated. The deadline for our next edition will be Friday 16 August.

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**Open Arts Inc - Peninsula Artists** 

Present their mid-year themed exhibition

### "Peninsula Perspectives"

This year's challenging theme:

**Our Artists perspective of Music!** 

**Bellamys Gallery** May 31 - June 9 11 - 4 daily

Opening evening 31st May - from 5:00pm

Look forward to seeing you there!

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## African Dinner and Dance 16 June Macandrew Bay Hall

#### Help and Kindness Needed:

Can you please help me as I work to raise funds for a desperate primary school in Tanzania. Kelema Primary is the school I used to go to. It is a school of 900 children, but it currently has no proper toilets, leaving the children and staff to share only three holes dug for this purpose. As you can imagine this situation is really very bad.

My home is now here on the Otago Peninsula but I really worry about my old village and work hard to be able to help Kelema. So I am excited to also include help from you—my 'NZ village' in this aid venture.

Thanks to the support of The Combined Dunedin Rotary Clubs we are holding a fundraising event at the Macandrew Bay Hall which includes me cooking and sharing my African food at a buffet meal for fifty people! (Limited spaces available at \$25 per head for local Macandrew Bay people—please see below).

My contribution is the cooking using my special combinations of real African spices from home, but I am hoping you can help me by donating some or all of the other ingredients for the meal?

I am looking for donations of:

10kg RiceWhite onions6 kg BeefRed onions6 litres Cooking oilCabbageLemonsCarrots

Corn flour Coconut cream

Self-raising Wheat flour Delmaine Chilli Beans

**Tinned tomatoes** 

#### I also need to borrow:

Big pots, Slow cookers and Rice cookers for the weekend of Friday 14 June through to Monday 17 June. And, if you have the time and energy to assist with cooking on the day, I would be very grateful for that!

For gifts of a product, a cash donation, cooking assistance or tickets please text me, Shukuru on 027 384 5052, before 7th June.

Thank you in advance everyone for any amount of support towards this toilet rebuild project.



Buy Nothing, Otago Peninsula. This is a site whereby you state what you are looking for and also what you have to give away (no selling). Basically it's just a cash-free page to give away things you no longer need, and ask for things, or lend a lawnmower, your time ,etc. Go to this Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/

groups/333600930352503/ and then request to join from one of the organisers. They will ask you to verify that you live on the Otago Peninsula.

# Macandrew Bay School

#### Simply the Best for our Children

Children have done some great research at home about their family history and family stories. They have interviewed family members, created presentations, and then shared special family artefacts and family stories with their classmates. The children have been fascinated and really enjoyed finding out more of their own family history and about each other. There is such a rich diversity of cultural backgrounds and family origins in our school, which is very special.

We have just been going through the process of electing a Board of Trustees for the next three years. We have had a wonderful BOT in place for the past three years and feel very lucky to have had a huge range of expertise, knowledge and skills governing and supporting our school during this time. I am sure the next Board will also do an excellent job.

On Wed June the 12th we are looking forward to having a Hangi tea at school to celebrate Matariki. It is going to be an excellent learning opportunity as we put the hangi down during the school day and then lift it at tea time.

We are just about to install a new exciting piece of playground equipment called the Eagle's Lair in our school playground. Thanks to all the grant organisations that supported us. The Home and School and our community, the money from the School Fair last year and the 2018 Quiz night also made a large contribution to this purchase.

Speaking of the quiz night— put the date of Thursday 8th of August up on your calendar. Sue and Neil Foster will be running another quiz for us down at the Macandrew Bay Hall that night. It would be great to see you there. The funds this year will go towards Enviroschools projects we have going on, and STEAM projects (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths learning).

This is a big focus for us at school this year as we are part of a Peninsula Schools' group that is working together to extend our learning in these areas.

Bernadette Newlands, Principal

#### Macandrew Bay Garden Club

We meet on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm in the School Library.

For more information

Tel: Linda 476 1799 or Jill 742 1154





It was a pleasure to again attend the Anzac Day Service at Macandrew Bay, and lay a wreath on behalf of the Dunedin City Council and Otago Peninsula Community Board. I am always impressed by the manner in which the Macandrew Bay Community gather, and acknowlege and remember those who gave their lives to serve our country. Lest we Forget.

The Peninsula Connection Project is the main event for us all at present. On Sunday 12 May the footpath/cycleway between Broad Bay and Portobello was officially opened for use. The main focus now is working toward completion of the area between Macandrew Bay and Vauxhall. It is pleasing to see it progressing quickly, and while work is in progress we need to be aware of travel. Be patient, and focus on the end result which will be a much safer road for everyone.

So far we have had mostly dry weather for Autumn, but with Winter now on our doorstep it is a time when storms can cause havoc in our daily lives. Keep an ear on radio reports when the weather is bad, and if you come across any roading, flooding issues etc, call Customer Services Ph. 477 4000. This is the quickest and most effective number for action.

The OPCB has a Scholarship fund available for High School students who reside on the Peninsula. It is specifically to assist students to participate in leadership opportunities, e.g. STS Spirit of New Zealand, Outward Bound, overseas school study trips, etc. For further information and application form go to www.dunedin.govt.nz then search Otago Peninsula Community Board Scholarship Fund.

This year is Local Body Elections in October. Nominations for candidates are in July/August, so this is a good time to give some thought to standing for Otago Regional Council, Dunedin City Council or Otago Peninsula Community Board.

If you require any further information or assistance please feel free to contact us.

Edna Stevenson ednastevenson1@gmail.com

Paul Pope - Chairperson
Otago Peninsula Community Board

#### SAVE THE OTAGO PENINSULA (STOP)



#### **Smiths Creek**

The phenomenal growth this year means that releasing of the trees planted from 2016 onwards has had to continue to the end of May so they continue to get enough light and don't have the grass competing with them. Planting therefore won't be starting until June.

There are plenty of jobs to do and more volunteers are always welcome. If anyone can help by providing a quad bike or similar for moving weed mats, weed mat pins and stakes to the planting site, we'd welcome your assistance.

Last year a horse (Muzzie) proved a great asset for doing that too. So if there are any horse riders out there who would not mind putting a load on their horse's back and leading the horse up to the site, we'd love to hear from you too!

E: stopincsoc@gmail.com or Contact Lala Fraser

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### RURAL SKIP DAYS

Portobello Domain | Sunday, 16 June | 10am-4pm (Waste must not be left at the site outside these times)

Vegetation ONLY loads must not contain any flax, cabbage tree leaves or grass clippings, and no complete hedgerows or similar.

#### **GENERAL WASTE**

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

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

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\* The maximum size of demolition material is one metre in any direction. Material is to be clean and contain no asbestos.

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#### Otago Peninsula Museum News



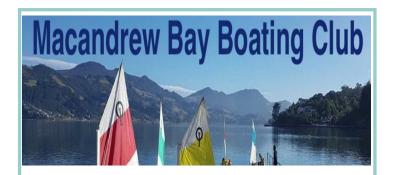
For Tuesday morning working bees the men have been working on a maritime exhibition that will be most interesting when finished.

The grounds were tidied for ANZAC Day and looked very smart for the many who came along for the service. It was nice to have a lovely morning tea to follow, in the Museum

We continue to have family members call in from all over Some comments from our Visitors Book are: Gorgeous wee place, Wonderful history, Fascinating display.

If you would like a copy of your family tree kept at the Museum then please get in touch. We would love to have it. You may not have lived on the Peninsula long but one day in the future someone just may come along and want to know more about a particular family from the past. Each day that passes is history.

Email: theotagopeninsulamuseum@gmail.com. We are open Sundays 12.30-3.30pm Admission \$2, children free.



We have had a great season of Learn to Sail this year.

Record numbers of children enrolled for the year, as well as some eager adults wanting to join in. The sessions had been running on Friday evenings, but this changed back to Sunday mornings to accommodate more people after a busy week.

With the dedication of the committee, our Commodore Roy Roker, Ross Whitburn and his crew of rescue boat drivers, our instructors Lyn Campbell and Pieter Besuijen, the children have learnt the basics of sailing and racing.

The season is now over and we had our end of year social get together with kayakers and sailors, and a brief prize giving on the 18th May.

The club will start Learn to Sail and our race series again in October/November. Anna and Louise

> Facebook @MacandrewBayBoatingClub Anna Leslie, Secretary 021 645 849 Check out our website www.sporty.co.nz/MBBC



Two Fat Stags By

I must admit to begin with, that I have not had an opportunity to taste-bud test our new restaurant. I have spoken to Kaz on the phone and she was warm, approachable and busy! Most of you will have read the article in The Star and know that two very experienced restauranteurs have taken up being part of our community. Craig and Kaz have over 20 years each in New Zealand and Australia.

They are offering something different from café fare. One reason behind this is that their experience is not in the café trade. Another, is that they are experienced in and passionate about fresh food being cooked and served directly from the kitchen to the table. They are winners of Gold Plate awards from Beef and Lamb NZ which gives them an excellent reason for carrying on doing what they know best. Their menu has been chosen to offer something for everyone, including children. It reads as 'delivering a choice of honest fresh food'.

The decor has been chosen to be as beautiful as the food on offer and looks elegant in black, gold and white. They are looking forward to having uninterrupted time after the gas problem of The Bay Restaurant last week. They ended up having to bring their own gas bottles in and called in the experts to have it sorted.

While we will miss the café style of before, Craig and Kaz have brought a different style of their own to Macandrew Bay. They welcome all diners including children and breast-feeding mothers (and their babies). Kaz does have plans to talk to Katie at the Perk Up Mobile Expresso van, which may help those of us missing the café.

Stop Press! A fabulous dessert platter has arrived in Macandrew Bay at Two Fat Stags. See the back page for a photograph. Go there and enjoy!

#### Opening hours:

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 12-2 pm and 5-8 pm

Tel: 476 0075 Saturday and Sunday: Breakfast 9—12pm Lunch 11—2pm Dinner 5—9pm

### Library News

'Mum can we please go to my library?"

is one of my favourite things to hear while walking around the Bay with our BAY LIBRARY EST 1878

3yr old. She doesn't yet realise how



lucky she is to have access to so many books just down the road!

Some readers may not be aware that as well as our adult fiction and non-fiction sections we have a wonderful selection of children's books here at the Macandrew Bay Library— from toddlers board-book 'touch and feel' stories to larger picture books and young adult fiction.

Our family favourites are currently: "That's Not My Owl" - or any of this series (all newly purchased); "Little Blue Truck" - with such brilliant rhyming that Mum and Dad always enjoy reading it; "Claydon was a Clingy Child" - Claydon's Mum is a Daredevil!; and, Julia Donaldson of Gruffalo fame "Sharing a Shell" - which is an absolute delight to read with paragraphs such as "Three friends, sharing a shell, Down by the sparkling sea, Rollicking all round the rock pool, In their wonderful home for three."

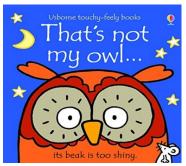
As I look further along the bookshelves here at the library I get excited thinking about the adventures we will have as our wee reader grows, as well as books that take me back to my childhood—Cat In The Hat Beginner Books, Enid Blyton, Ronald Dahl and Margaret Mahey—and new (for me anyway!) capers with the likes of Harry Potter, that await bedtime reading in a few years.

At the suggested \$5 for the year - 1/3 the price of a new board book!! - it's a fantastic resource for our family and hopefully many others in Macandrew Bay. Don't forget we are very happy to take requests too. I can see a stack of the ANH DO and Funny Kids books currently awaiting pickup by some of our young readers right now.

We look forward to seeing you and your whanau down here checking some kids books soon.

Visit us: Wednesday 5:30—7:30pm Friday 2:30—4:30pm one Sunday a month (usually the last) 4—5pm

(Emily is one of the volunteer librarians on Wednesday nights; she often has a wee helper with her who is very keen to stamp the date in your book!)





#### **Recent Bereavements**

We are sad to know of the recent deaths of Alan Barnes, Keith Ashton, Barry Thompson, Muriel Hewson, Warren Featherston and Norman Brown.

Our condolences to all the families, and to those families whom we may not know about when a death occurs. Please let us know so we can record these for historical purposes.

## St Aidan's Anglican Church Macandrew Bay

St Aidan's, along with the Otago Peninsula Parish, welcomed the Reverend Vivienne Galletly and the Reverend Esther Clarke-Prebble to the Parish in late April. They will be working in the Parish for the next three months now that Vicar Jo Fielding has moved back to the United Kingdom.

St Aidan's usual Sunday services at Macandrew Bay School concluded at the end of May, and the regular congregation of three to four people now attend Sunday services elsewhere in the Parish, either at St Michael and All Angels' Church in Andersons Bay or at St Nicholas' Church in Waverley. A warm welcome is extended to anyone who would like to join us in Anglican worship there.

St Aidan's continues to provide Christian worship and outreach in Macandrew Bay with our weekly House Group service on Tuesdays at 10.00am. Please contact Celia for details (476 1517). All welcome.

And the St Aidan's congregation continues to take regular opportunities to worship with the Presbyterian congregation at Portobello and the Roman Catholic congregation at Broad Bay. These ecumenical links are valuable and important to us.

The Reverend Alison Latton, our Local Priest, also continues to maintain her work with Macandrew Bay Play Group and Macandrew Bay School, and St Aidan's will continue to make our annual presentation of New Testaments to Macandrew Bay School leavers who would like them each December.

Messy Church, our local faith community outreach to young families in the Bays also continues. However during the winter months, Messy Church is moving from 7.30am on Friday mornings to Sunday afternoons at 5.00pm and will be known as "Faith4Families@5", with our first session held on Sunday 26 May. Families of all ages, shapes and sizes are welcome to join us for a shared meal, along with games, songs, stories and other activities. Please contact Alison for details (476 1168).

For more information about St Aidan's services and activities, please contact Elizabeth Purdie (Administrator) on 476 1650.

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In keeping with the historic setting we offer a threecourse table d'hôte menu served house party style to all guests at one sitting and a chance to meet other guests. The menu reflects contemporary New Zealand style cuisine with the meat and vegetables sourced locally. Our cellar carries a selection of central Otago and New Zealand wines.

Pre-booking is required. Further details are available on our website, www.larnachcastle.co.nz/events or by phoning us at (03) 476 1616.



The OPBG has been trapping possums on the Otago Peninsula since 2012 and we've removed over 17,800 possums since then. The big question is, of course, after all these years and all that work, how many possums can possibly be left?

This is a hard question to answer because, once possums get to low numbers, it is much harder to detect them. This is where you can help out, by reporting possum activity in your garden or on your dog walking route by using our "report a peninsula possum" button on our revamped website http:// www.predatorfreepeninsula.nz/ You will often hear possums call at night when there are other possums in the area, and their calls have been described as hisses, screeches and chatters. Physical signs include droppings under food trees (about 2.5 cm long and as thick as a pencil, in case you wanted to be precise), scratch marks on trees and fence posts and horizontal bites on trees.

Possums are able to travel long distances and can re-invade areas that have previously been cleared. You can imagine that an area that has been cleared of possums is now full of regrowing plants and nesting birds. This is the equivalent of a lolly shop for a possum. So please keep an eye, and an ear, out for signs of possums and let us know so that, together, we can work towards making the Otago Peninsula possum-free.

Check out our website:

www.predatorfreepeninsula.nz



We've had a great start to Term 2 at Broad Bay School, the little school with the big heart.

Over the holidays our dedicated parent and board member, Nick Biggin, **Broad Bay School** designed and built us a new pirate ship sandpit. This has been an absolute hit with not only our students but also the wider community outside school hours.

> The senior class has enjoyed working as a team to follow a detailed set of instructions and assemble the school's new Mbots. A lot of problem

solving and dexterity was required to assemble the bots, which can be coded to move in all directions. The juniors learned some coding too, and then had fun designing and drawing their own robots.

In week 2, we had a very special guest visitor, Shelly J, a local singer/songwriter and performer. She performed songs about locally grown produce and the wonderful wild life we have here in New Zealand. She also brought in a large range of vegetables from her garden for the children to try. The children had a great time listening, dancing and enjoying her music.

One recent Sunday, a number of school families and staff members gathered for a working bee, and enjoyed a very satisfying morning, helping with jobs around our grounds and vege gardens. We're also making great progress getting our large school library collection catalogued online. We then enjoyed a good chat over some well-earned kai.

In line with our goal of maximising every student's potential, our Board of Trustees fund an additional teacher, ensuring that our children benefit from low class sizes and the very best student-to-teacher ratios. We are grateful to our supportive Board in providing this and see it as a strength our school offers.



#### Tena Koutou everyone

The atrocity in Christchurch on 15th March has changed the landscape of our wonderful country for ever. As a result, the Government has acted quickly and made several changes to our firearms laws. You will all have differing thoughts and comments about this. The fact is that the changes have been made and now we must all abide by them.

For those of you who have firearms or accessories that are now banned in NZ, please keep up-to-date with what you need to do and by when. The Police Website has all you need to know so please go on and make yourself familiar with the changes. The site has FAQ's and should point you in the right direction. The site is <a href="www.police.govt.nz">www.police.govt.nz</a>. When you go there you will see a yellow banner on the left hand side saying "Firearms Law Reform Information". Just click there. If you're unsure pop in to see me and we can discuss what needs to be done.

On the home front I have become aware that there have been a few crimes out here that have not been reported to me. I encourage anyone who has been the victim of a crime to come and see me and make a report. I need to know what is happening. Sometimes there is a bigger picture and the reporting of any such crime may assist us down the track. It doesn't matter how small you may think it is.

The opening of the first section of the new road between Broad Bay and Portobello went well on Sunday. There was a large turnout and the weather held, which was good. First Section tick—done! With the next section well underway, there are some quite long delays at the roadworks. Please be patient and give yourself a bit of extra time. The Fulton Hogan team are trying to make delays as short as possible but sometimes these cannot be helped.

I am disappointed to report that on my way into town for kid's football on Saturday morning, three vehicles at various times overtook me in a 50kmph area around Macandrew Bay. Two of these vehicles were gone in an instant and would have been travelling in excess of 80kmph. This is not acceptable and on checking, it concerned me that all three vehicles are registered locally. I will be focusing on this in the coming weeks.

These people will be getting a visit and friendly reminder of their obligations, although they should already be aware of the speed limit. Just because I'm not driving my police truck doesn't mean I am not keeping an eye out and will make follow up enquiries if I deem it necessary to keep all of our road users safe in the future.

It is pleasing that here has been little crime out our way in recent times. A dog was stolen from Harwood a week or two ago and located at Pak N Save in town. Some diesel has been stolen in and around the Peninsula. Keep an eye out for any suspicious behaviour and give the police a call if you think something doesn't seem quite right.

Until next time stay safe everyone and look after one another. Nga mihi, Aaron

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- ⇒ Age Concern Otago publishes a very comprehensive booklet "Life Without a Car", Dunedin transport options to enable independence within the community. The booklet covers Bus Travel, Driving Miss Daisy, Taxi Services, Electric Bikes, Community Transport options, Total Mobility Scheme, Mobility Parking Permits and where to buy Mobility Aids. Get your copy from Age Concern, 26 Bath Street, Dunedin or Tel 477 1040.
- ⇒ The Principal of Broad Bay School is the Wizzard of Oz!
- ⇒ Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Group has a beautiful and very informative website. Check it out at www.predatorfreepeninsula.nz



#### 4 Conway Street, Macandrew Bay

We've all enjoyed the many beautiful Autumn days here at Macandrew Bay Playcentre. We've picked apples, pears and gobbled raspberries over many weeks during Term 1. In anticipation of Easter the children helped to make hotcross buns and search for easter eggs. They made Easter bunny baskets to carry their stash home.

Children's hands are always covered in something or another at Playcentre. A trough full of thick slimy shaving foam was surrounded by fascinated little people, recently, with their hands deep amongst the white slippery mess up to their elbows and beyond. The children became crazy snowmen and they discovered how far they could spread the snowstorm.

The children participated in Neighbourhood Day towards the end of Term 1. Those that were involved were thoroughly engrossed, helping in every part of scone making. The best part was mixing in the milk and watching it change. The children invited Sue Pierre for morning tea with hot scones, fresh cream and jam and they also delivered scones to Mr George Homer, the Playcentre's neighbour. We wanted the children to know these special people had helped the centre many, many times and we wanted to say thank you to them.

We are anticipating a trip to the Glenfalloch gardens to explore the meandering paths amongst the beautiful gardens and discover the living creatures, birds and bugs who make it their home. It's great to have a picnic outside of the classroom and a wonderful place for learning.

Matariki is approaching and the centre has traditionally acknowledged this special time with family get-togethers and activities for the children. Some of the activities we like to share are fish and chips for tea and making twinkling stars or lanterns to shine in the dark. A toasted marshmallow over an open fire is a favourite.

The parents have fundraised for the Playcentre recently with a sausage sizzle at Mitre 10 Mega. In July the families of the centre will be holding a garage sale in the Macandrew Bay Hall. We are currently collecting items, so if you happen to have any spare children's toys, clothes, books or accessories, that you'd like to pass on, you can drop these to the Macandrew Bay Playcentre. Details and dates are coming soon in a flyer for this Garage Sale to support the Playcentre.

We have had a positive Education Review Office report and had great feedback about the ways the teacher and parents work collaboratively and support each other to meet the individual educational needs of each child. They commented positively about the benefits of adult education that supports all the families and provides a stimulating and safe environment for children to grow.

Come along, join in and see all the good things happening here. Macandrew Bay Playcentre sessions are on Tuesdays and Fridays 9am -12 noon.



Otago Peninsula Trust is moving into their quieter months – but busy getting ready for the next amazing Glenfalloch Night Garden (19-21 September). Do you know any artists or volunteers that would like to be involved? We'd love to hear from them. Contact glenda@albatross.org.nz.

Did you know we're celebrating 50 years since the Trust took over ownership of Glenfalloch Garden to save it for everyone to enjoy? We hope you make good use of it. Come and wander amongst the trees, hear the birdsong and admire the lovely ambience.

We're so proud of Glenfalloch Restaurant, which has spent 14 months as Dunedin's restaurant; the team are taking a break from 8 July - 18 August, so make sure you get your Glenfalloch fix before Glenfalloch Restaurant is also taking part in Dine Dunedin with



some fantastic degustation menus Plant Based on 21 June and Seafood on 5 July (Book quickly as they sell out fast).

Tel: 476 1006

The albatross chicks are getting larger by the day. There are 29, around 7-9 kgs each, busy growing their wings. Now is a great time to recommend visitors to come, especially on a breezy day. We also have a new experience with Blue Penguins Pukekura "Penguin Tautoko Kaitiaki" where visitors can come and help care for penguins. The Korako Karetai Trust and the Otago Peninsula Trust have had great success with growing the penguin population.

Keep an ear out for specials over the July school holidays if you haven't had a chance to go and see the amazing wildlife yet.

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When I was informed about a new shop with really interesting stock that had recently opened in Macandrew Bay I couldn't wait to go and see for myself.

The folk behind "Artifolk" are husband and wife team Tony and Veronika Morgan. Veronika is known as Ronnie. You may have seen her distinctive paintings and cards at local art exhibitions. I have a lovely painting called "Tree of Hearts" that I bought as a wedding anniversary present a few years ago.

As Ronnie and I sat on the form outside her shop in the sun drinking in the beautiful view, she told me of future plans they are thinking about, such as purchasing a coffee machine. Then people will be able to enjoy the view as well as viewing the amazing variety of interesting products in the shop.

Ronnie intends to use the back room to run art and craft classes. After being a teacher-aid at Macandrew Bay School for the last few years and really enjoying working with the children, she is planning to begin after-school art classes for children next term from 3.00 to 4.30pm, so watch out for that.

Ronnie and Tony came to live in Macandrew Bay 23 years ago. They have three children. Jakob, is currently in his third year at the University of Otago studying Geology and Geography. Sophie, an artist in her own right, is at Queens High school, and Max is at Bayfield High. They have all been through the play centre and school at Macandrew Bay.

Ronnie has always loved creating and making stuff. She has also contributed to local markets in Central Otago and is a member of the Otago Art Society and Peninsula OpenArts. The variety of handmade colourful bags, cushion covers, snoods, scarves, wheat bags, felt garlands and hats she makes, are beautifully crafted. Ronnie believes that the quality and texture of textiles is really important so she is very fussy about the products she

purchases to sell in this shop. The cosmetic creams, and homeware products such as rugs, baskets, cane light shades, beeswax wrappings, seed lights, candles etc. are selected carefully from local artists and trade fares.

Tony is also a talented craftsman. He not only makes beautiful furniture but has created unique handcrafted wooden items that feature alongside Ronnie's quirky art and craft pieces in the shop. I especially liked the bird oak doorstops.

The area set up for gifts for children has puzzles and a really interesting range of books including 'Alphabetilicious' a beautifully illustrated alphabet book written and illustrated by Ronnie's late sister Conny Fechner. A stunning range of jewellery made by Victoria Black sits on the counter.

Ronnie and Tony are a talented duo who have created a delightful hand-curated selection of quality art, homeware and gifts. This is only a taste of what is available at Artifolk and there is more to come!

#### Otago Harbour Ferry



#### **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

Minimum numbers may apply

Cruises run on demand during winter. Boatshed re-opens in spring

#### Winter timetable:

From April 1st to October 1st 2019

Ferry departure times-

Portobello (to Back Beach) 1:15pm 3:15pm

Back Beach (to Portobello Wharf)

12:55pm 3:00pm **Adults: \$12 each way** 

**Children: \$6 each way**Ferry trip takes approx. 10 minutes

Carey's Bay or Quarantine Island
(By prior arrangement)
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