

# Broad Bay Community Centre



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Local News – February 2020

WELCOME to 2020 and our first Broad Bay Community Centre (BBCC) newsletter for the year! If you're new to the Bay, welcome! We hope you enjoy this piece of paradise and do feel free to come along and see what we do at the Community Centre (the Hall, in Clearwater St); we have several events planned this year and would love to see you!

**Artist wanted: Hall Mural** – the Community Centre are asking for expressions of interest from local artists who would like to volunteer to create a mural on the outside of the hall; and also from any locals wanting to be part of the decision-making and selection process. Artists, please send your details, a short explanation of your vision/ideas for your artwork, an example of your previous work, and an outline of materials and time required to the Secretary, Rolien Ham-Thomas at [msvq@xtra.co.nz](mailto:msvq@xtra.co.nz) or call 021 765436, by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**The next Hall working bee** – Saturday 14 March 3-4pm (outside or inside tasks, depending on weather). We are trialing the co-ordination of our working bees with the Community Garden's to make the most of the cross-over. All welcome for any length of time (no pressure to stay for the whole hour).

**Friday village nights & youth group nights** are on hold for now.

## Hall cleaning – a new approach to make it easier

For those who would like to hire our Hall (or Etheridge Room) but don't have the time or energy to clean up afterwards, we're trying something new: anyone who would like to be employed as cleaner by those who hire the hall, just pop your names and contact details on our website (see Josie or Kim's contact details on our website for that). We need to ensure that the facilities are clean after use. It is up to those hiring the facilities to take responsibility for cleaning, whether they do it themselves or employ others (such as those on our website).

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## CASELBERG TRUST – working bee and open day

Join the Trustees of the Caselberg Trust at 8 Gwyn Street Broad Bay for two events coming up in the next few weeks.

**Annual summer working bee: Saturday 29 February 10am to 1pm:** Because many hands make light work.... we are asking for any willing volunteers to come and help at our upcoming working bee at the Caselberg House and Charles Brasch Studio. The tasks vary from gardening, window washing, house cleaning, general section maintenance. It's always a fun day and we'd appreciate any time you could give – it doesn't have to be for the whole day. And if you can, please bring any gardening/cleaning equipment with you. [If raining, the working bee will be postponed to Sunday 1 March]

**Caselberg open day: Saturday 7 March 1pm to 4pm:** We would like to invite our many friends and supporters to an open day at the Caselberg House and the Charles Brasch Studio. A wonderful opportunity to see what the many residents love about the house, studio and peaceful environs.

We look forward to seeing you there. Robert West, Secretary Trustee, Caselberg Trust, [www.caselbergtrust.org](http://www.caselbergtrust.org)

**BROAD BAY YOGA** – Weekly yoga classes held at the Broad Bay community hall. Classes are \$12 with regulars' discount cards available. Open to all levels of experience. Please email [chelseagawron@gmail.com](mailto:chelseagawron@gmail.com) or check out our Facebook page for weekly timetables. Many thanks, namaste.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** 'LIVING CLEAN MEETING' Broad Bay Community Centre, Clearwater St. 7pm Tuesdays  
Ph 0800 628 632 <https://nzna.org> DRUG PROBLEM? WE CAN HELP.

**MUSIC LESSONS** Jim Mackay LTCL (Clarinet) BA (Otago: inc Music III) teacher of clarinet, saxophone, recorder, beginner piano, theory of music, music reading and performance for any instrument, Sibelius (computer programme): casual (even single) lessons available, fees from \$15 - \$30 negotiable . Ph 0211023623 or 4780699.

**Looking for love?**  
**Fall in love with the Otago Peninsula**  
**The Hereweka Hike**  
**February 29th 2020**

The Hereweka Hike is a self guided walk around the Harbour Cone property featuring interpretative signs that tells you the history and values of this interesting and beautiful area.

Visit some of the historic farmsteads  
 Climb the summit of Harbour Cone  
 Visit Larnach's Farm  
 Enjoy amazing views  
 Explore a part of the Peninsula you may have never seen

Bring good walking shoes, appropriate clothes for the conditions, your lunch, and your camera. Because this is a working farm please leave your dog at home (Sorry Rover!)

Walkers can register on the day and begin from the Bacon St entrance, Broad Bay at 10.30 -12.00.

**This event is free**  
 For more information: [www.hereweka.org.nz](http://www.hereweka.org.nz)  
 Email [paul.peninsula@xtra.co.nz](mailto:paul.peninsula@xtra.co.nz)  
 Call Paul on 4780630 or 0274668446



**SHUKURU'S OFFICE Saturday Evening Takeaways:** ☆ African Food ☆ available from 61 Greig Street Broad Bay. To order your meals: phone Shukuru on 027 384 5052. **Orders by 10am Saturdays**

☆ Maharagé - Vegan Bean Curry ☆ Nyama - Tanzanian Beef ☆ Bagia - African Green Pea Falafel ☆ ☆Home-made Produce - Jams, Sauces ☆ Real Fruit Ice-Cream ☆ Coffee and Spiced African Donuts ☆  
 \*\*\*\* Also, Shukuru and her Office are available for Party Hires: Book now! \*\*\*\*

**SAVE THE OTAGO PENINSULA (STOP)** Upgrades and extensions to the network of tracks leading to the 2017 – 2019 plantings in the lower part of the Smiths Creek Catchment (where STOP has been creating a “future forest”) now mean some easy walking and great dog walking within the fenced revegetation area. Entry is through the first gate off the Bacon St track. Keep an eye out for ripening fruit in the Community Orchard (between the two main bridges) which produced apples last year for the first time.



**STOP** has regular volunteer working bees on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday starting at 9.30am. Two to three and a half hours duration. (On Tuesday and Sunday meet at the far end of Bacon St in Turnbulls Bay.) Activities include planting and maintenance of seedlings, weed control and track maintenance. Currently there is some boardwalk and step construction work using funds donated by Calder Stewart. Bring your dog if you like.

**Fitness** required – you need to be able to walk across an uneven paddock. Tasks tailored to your level. If you can garden then you can assist. Gloves and all **tools** and **morning tea** provided. **Transport subsidy** for students and pensioners coming from beyond Broad Bay (bus or car).

The last part of the route for the **Hereweka Hike on Saturday 29 February** (after the free BBQ sausage at the Larnach Model Farm) will pass through part of the revegetation area at Smiths Creek, for which STOP is responsible. For more information contact Lala: **Email** <[stopincsoc@gmail.com](mailto:stopincsoc@gmail.com)>, **Mobile (text only)** 027 8756 020.

**SEWING ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS.** Reasonable pricing and speedy turn-around.

Broad Bay Phone/text Maria 02102287571.

**SHUKURU'S VILLAGE SCHOOL PROJECT:** Many locals will be aware that Shukuru Munro has been fund-raising to support her village school in Tanzania. In 2019, through her "Taste of Tanzania" dinners, and with support from the Dunedin East Rotary Club and the Otago Peninsula Community, Shukuru raised enough to rebuild the school's toilet block. She also purchased a container which she is filling with essential and useful items for the school, but she needs help to get it there. A Give-a-little page has been set up for donations:

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/shukurus-village-school-project>

For the container, Shukuru welcomes donations of any new or used school equipment in good condition including: school desks & chairs, calculators, rulers & scissors, sports equipment, drink bottles, bikes, pens & pencils, glue sticks & sellotape, art materials etc.; and building materials. She is also keen to provide every child with a backpack (new or used in good condition). You can drop items off to her at 65 Greig Street, Broad Bay (phone 4780 176 or 027 384 5052).

**BROAD BAY COMMUNITY GARDEN:** Ongoing thanks to those who have planted, nourished, weeded, watered and enjoyed the Broad Bay Community Garden this season. Currently available are runner beans, lettuces, courgettes (green and yellow), yellow dwarf beans, silverbeet (quick, it's going to seed) — or check the blackboard. All that is needed to be part of the Community Garden is do some weeding or other garden activity (we're always looking for people to mow the grass occasionally), and that qualifies you to harvest. If the harvesting comes first and the work later, that's okay too. You are welcome to join us for our monthly **working bees: Saturday 14 March from 3.30-4.30pm** is our next one. These are social occasions with a cuppa & biscuits often provided at the end. To be added to the email list for monthly working bees and updates, please email [penelopen@gmail.com](mailto:penelopen@gmail.com)

**BROAD BAY SCHOOL:** Kia ora and Happy New Year from the little school with a big heart! Our water safety program is all set to run again this term, building on the huge success of last year's pilot program. Researchers from the University of Otago emphasise the importance of teaching water safety skills in open water, as we can't assume that skills learnt in a swimming pool will generalise to natural settings. Our students and parents greatly enjoy our beach sessions, which strengthen not only children's water safety skills, but also their connection with the natural environment, which in turn promotes health and wellbeing and the importance of our roles as kaitiaki of our local environment.

We're delighted that Fran Bolgar has taken on the role of school gardener, and will lead students' involvement in the Garden to Table program. This program sees children enthusiastically getting their hands dirty and learning how to grow, harvest, prepare and share fresh, seasonal food.

In early March our staff will visit Ōtākou Marae, where they will connect with 20 other schools and 150 teachers from around Dunedin to learn about the history of Ōtākou.

Kōrero Cafe, our community initiative, is now being held on Tuesday mornings, 9:00-10:30am in Room 4. We welcome community members of all ages to come along, enjoy a good coffee, and each other's company. We have toys for little ones, and comfy chairs for those of us who are a bit older! Perhaps you're a current parent and want to have a catch-up? Our Principal, Greg, will be there each week to have a chat and make you a tea or coffee. All welcome!!

**BIRD RESCUE:** If you have found an orphaned or injured baby bird, please contact Suzy in Broad Bay. You can contact through website [www.littlebirdrescue.com](http://www.littlebirdrescue.com) or phone (text preferred) 02041514504.

**BOOK BUS IN BROAD BAY: 11:15–12pm every Wednesday.** The Dunedin Public Library comes to the Otago Peninsula every Wednesday via the Book Bus. It stops in Broad Bay on Roebuck Rise outside Broad Bay School. The school children wait until 11.30am before boarding the bus, to give the earlier part of the session to locals who prefer a quieter time.

#### **FRIENDS OF BROAD BAY SCHOOL**

We are the 'PTA' of Broad Bay School and we invite you to join us in supporting our lovely wee school with various enhancement projects, such as our vision for an accessible sensory path to be built within the existing playground. You can support this, and many other projects, by regularly purchasing Cotton Soft toilet roll bulk bundles from us for \$20. And we can even deliver them to you if required.

We also sell good condition second hand clothing from our wee self-service-with-honesty-box OP SHOP within the foyer of Broad Bay School's 'Room 4' (that's the separate classroom at the back of the school grounds), and the bank account is 03-1732-0008723-00 for electronic payments. Contact Joanna on 027 721 8463.

**BADMINTON starts up again on 29 March:** Portobello Coronation Hall, Sundays, 7pm. This is a chance for friends and family to give badminton a go, all equipment provided. We ask players be from High School age up. Adults: \$2 per night; High School/ University students: \$1. After 3 nights playing you can join the club following an annual subscription. Any questions, contact Geoff Sheridan: 03 4780 688.

**WILD DUNEDIN FESTIVAL 17 – 23 April** There's a lot happening on the Peninsula during this year's Wild Dunedin festival with events for all ages during the April school holidays 17–23 April. This year there's a focus on rewilding. Save the date Monday 20 April 6.30pm when **Post Possum . . . Yeah, Right!** will be held at the Coronation Hall in Portobello. This event will feature celebrated broadcaster Alison Ballance (a former Portobello resident), local wildlife photographer Rod Morris, and other experts discussing planting natives and predator control leading to the reintroduction of wildlife such as South Island Robins to the Peninsula. The always popular Wild Food Dinner will be held at Glenfalloch; Wild Food Webs and Fishy Feasts; a Seaweed Workshop at the Marine Studies Centre; and you can catch the Port to Port Ferry from Portobello to Quarantine Island for their Rewilding Open Day. Larnach Castle is running a Native Plant Detective activity throughout the school holidays, with prizes, and free entry for children. The Royal Albatross Centre is putting on express tours at a bargain price; Blue Penguins Pukekura will have excellent family deals; and Penguin Place and Monarch Wildlife Cruises are offering discounts for their tours. This is a great time to visit these local wildlife attractions, when tourism is winding down. Many other wild activities will be available at Orokonui Ecosanctuary, Sinclair Wetland, Otago Museum, Toitū, Tomahawk Lagoon, Ribbonwood Nursery, Huriawa Peninsula, NHNZ, Dunedin Public Library and the Art Gallery. And special guest Suzy Cato and local musicians will be celebrating nature through music and song. A special surprise is in store for Otago Peninsula residents at this year's Festival. For all Festival information, and to become a friend and have early access to the online programme and preferential bookings, visit [www.wilddunedin.nz](http://www.wilddunedin.nz). And you can follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

#### **QUARANTINE ISLAND KAMAU TAURUA COMMUNITY NEWS**

We host an Open Day on the last weekend of each month. Just a short boat ride from Back Beach, Port Chalmers, or Portobello by arrangement, and we can help with carpooling. All are welcome! We organise the boat transport so let us know in advance if you're coming, and if you'd like to stay overnight. Further details on our website [quarantineisland.org.nz](http://quarantineisland.org.nz) or by contacting the island Keeper at [quarantineisland@gmail.com](mailto:quarantineisland@gmail.com) or Ph: 03-478-0874

#### **OPENARTS INC. Present their Almost an Island 2020 Exhibition**

We're getting closer to our opening and award night, April 8th from 5:30. Then open from 9th - 19th April daily, Macandrew Bay Hall. For further information contact Roger, [catblack.writer63@xtra.co.nz](mailto:catblack.writer63@xtra.co.nz) or ph. 4781160

**PENINSULA PLAYCENTRE:** It's a new year and we are all looking forward to some warm weather so we can make the most of our outdoors environment. The focus this term will be Staying Safe... for example when we walk to the book bus and play on our bikes.

Are you at home with a pre-school aged child? Why not come down to Peninsula Playcentre? It's a great way to meet other families in our community. We are open Monday and Wednesday 9.30am-12.30pm from March 2nd. Find us on Facebook [@peninsulaplaycentre](https://www.facebook.com/peninsulaplaycentre). 30 Harington point Rd. [peninsula@playcentre.org.nz](mailto:peninsula@playcentre.org.nz)

**PENINSULA TOY LIBRARY:** At the end of last year, we were lucky enough to receive a grant that allowed us to buy some more toys. As we already have a lot of toys for infants, we decided to focus on toys for older children (3-6yrs). If you have children in this age bracket, come down and have a look at the new games and toys we have to encourage play and learning for our tamariki. Find us at the Pavilion at Portobello Domain, Allans Beach Road, each Sunday during school term time 10.30-12.30. We would also like to take the opportunity to thank our library volunteers – without you guys, we wouldn't be able to keep the Peninsula Toy Library open.

**TAI CHI FOR HEALTH** These classes are held at the Portobello Bowling Club twice a week on Monday and Thursday at 1.30pm for an hour. The aim is to improve strength and balance through slow movement. If you are interested, contact Jean ph 7480 194 or Orma 4780 560 who co-lead the groups.

**STEADY AS YOU GO** is a gentle exercise programme for 65+ to improve strength, balance, flexibility, mobility and overall fitness. Classes are very friendly and are weekly for one hour, costing \$2-\$3.

Portobello class: Portobello Bowls Club, Sherwood St, Mondays 10 am. Contact Christine Neill 478-0878.

Macandrew Bay class: Fridays 1.30pm, Macandrew Bay Bowls Club, Portobello Rd, contact Maureen Hayes 476-1545.

**OTAGO PENINSULA BIODIVERSITY GROUP:** Seasons Greetings. 2020 may be the year of the rat, but we plan to make it a difficult one for possums! At this time of year possums will be eating blackberry, orchard fruits, grasses, fungi and crunchy critters, like insects and snails. If you notice that a possum is eating fruit from your garden please report a possum at [possums@opbg.nz](mailto:possums@opbg.nz) or through the OPBG website ([predatorfreepeninsula.nz](http://predatorfreepeninsula.nz)) and we'll help you catch it.

Recently OPBG has concentrated possum control on the outer Peninsula between Papanui and Hoopers Inlets. Bait stations were placed in these areas in December and later filled with toxic bait. Bait the possums hadn't eaten was removed in early February. Trampling of tracks by volunteers at Sandymount in October last year and track clearing in February has kept tracks from growing over. The volunteer Guardians Group has now caught over 300 possums near Dunedin. They're doing a great job preventing possums from moving back onto the Peninsula.

Possum control efforts are mostly occurring on the outer Peninsula at present, before we roll possum control back along the Peninsula through Portobello, Broad Bay and Macandrew Bays. Nevertheless, if you have a possum in your back yard, please contact us and we will hopefully make it one less possum we would have to deal with later.

**DOG GROOMING ON THE OTAGO PENINSULA** - Qualified and experienced, contact Megan on 0226595192.

**PORTOBELLO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** Services coming up, 10am: 1 March (Jane Cox); 15 March (Rev Alofa Lale, communion); 5 April (Jane Cox); 12 April (Rev Brian Willisroft, Communion – Easter Sunday); 3 May (Jane Cox).

Thereafter every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month there will be a church service at 10am. A warm welcome is extended to all.

**GET LOCAL NEWS BY EMAIL:** People are listed by street so that some notices (eg. lost and found animals) are better targeted. If you'd like your name added to the list, please contact Lala: [lala.frazer@gmail.com](mailto:lala.frazer@gmail.com). Your email address is not made public. You can ask to be removed any time. If you have local news to share, contact Lala.

**READ THE MACANDREW BAY AND PORTOBELLO NEWSLETTERS ONLINE:**

[www.macandrewbaynews.org.nz](http://www.macandrewbaynews.org.nz)     [www.portobello.org.nz](http://www.portobello.org.nz)

**OTAGO PENINSULA MUSEUM:** The Museum in Portobello is open each Sunday 12.30-3.30pm and open as requested by visitors. To get in touch please email [theotagopeninsulamuseum@gmail.com](mailto:theotagopeninsulamuseum@gmail.com). We would love a copy of your family tree, no matter how long you have lived on the Peninsula. It will be safely stored for future generations.

**William Bacon and family of Broad Bay: Obituary for William in the Otago Witness 1891.**

*One of our ancient landmarks has just disappeared in the person of Mr W. Bacon, carried away by that dire scourge the influenza at the ripe age of 87. William came out from London with his wife, 2 sons and a daughter on the ship Nourmahal in 1858. Soon after his arrival he bought land in Broad Bay and with the help of his sons made a comfortable home, working early and late at sawing timber, splitting shingles and bush clearing. He took an active role in local matters and was the first to hold Sunday services in Broad Bay. William is buried in the Northern Cemetery along with his wife and 3 girls aged 2 weeks, 2 years and 15 years. His sons John and David were the founders of the livery stable business in Dunedin.*

*Until his death William lived in his residence Ivy Lodge, Broad Bay and later his son John Bacon lived there. The other son David, lived at his residence The Crescent in Broad Bay. Both these men lived into their late 80s. David and John are buried in the Broad Bay Cemetery*

**MACANDREW BAY LIBRARY** Broad Bay residents are welcome to join Macandrew Bay Library for the latest fiction, detective, thriller, fantasy, biographies, non-fiction, gardening, health, cookery, NZ fiction, NZ nonfiction, kids picture and chapter books, and young adults section.

Wednesday 5:30-7:30pm, Friday 2:30-4:30pm, And one Sunday per month.

Corner of Portobello/Greenacres St.

## PORTOBELLO LIBRARY

Become a Library member: just \$5 to join and no charge from then on except for 20 cents each book you take out. Library is open each Thursday from 11am-1pm in the Portobello Coronation Hall.

**OTAGO PENINSULA COMMUNITY BOARD NEWS:** Work on the Peninsula Connection continues with the Broad Bay to Company Bay section being started on 17 February with one lane traffic from the Company Bay end. The Turnbills Bay wall stabilisation is scheduled to finish early March. From now until early April there will be at least two sets of traffic lights between Glenfalloch and Vauxhall and one set between Broad Bay and Company Bay. Fulton Hogan and their site staff will be prioritising Peninsula – City traffic during the early morning and the opposite late afternoon where ever possible, plus public transport to improve wait times.

**2020 Annual Plan:** submissions to the Council on behalf of the community were made in January on the first round. The focus has been on better roads, footpaths and public facilities. The Board will be running a series of meetings with the community from now until the end of March to hear more about what you want in the Broad Bay area and on the Peninsula. Please come and meet with us at:

Broad Bay Hall, 11 March 7.00pm	Portobello Hall, 12 March 4.00pm to 8.00pm
Harwood Hall, 17 March 7.00pm	Ōtākou marae, 25 March 7.00pm

It is also important that you as individuals, groups and families tell the council what you want, and we encourage you all to engage with this process. Graham McArthur Community Board Member.

**FROM CHRIS GAREY:** We experience the Peninsula Connection Project every day; leaving home early to travel through road works. But did you know it all began with a request for a footpath that could accommodate two prams, side by side? That was in 2002 and in 2005 the then newly formed Otago Peninsula Community Board made the project its top priority. Over the years, successive boards and members of the community lobbied Council continuously. Every student at Broad Bay School made submissions to Council's Annual Plans, to get the project 'over the line'. When completed, it will not only make it safer for people walking, cycling and driving but it will connect Broad Bay with other Peninsula communities in ways we could only dream of a few short years ago. We've all had to accommodate the disruption caused by the road works but overwhelmingly the Peninsula community has been patient, and courteous. I'm especially proud of the great kindness shown to the workers, some of whom are far from home. Locals have delivered baking, cards etc to them (take a bow, Lois Paterson). Let's make the Broad Bay section, the workers' best experience yet! Christine Garey, Deputy Mayor & local.

**DANCE YOURSELF FIT:** Burn and shred the calories without even realising it. Dance to great music with a Latino Instructor teaching you real flavours of Latin rhythms such as Merengue, Salsa and Bachata. You don't need a partner for this, just come along and have some fun. **Coronation Hall, Portobello, Wednesday 6:30pm-7:30pm, \$15 per class** There is an annual registration fee of \$50 which covers insurance, music license and administration, but you may come along and try out a class for \$15 before having to register. Josh is also running classes for couples and will consider running classes at other times to suit - get in touch for more details! For more info contact Joshua on 028 418 0609 or email [joshua.ritmolatino@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.ritmolatino@gmail.com). Join our Facebook page: [@ritmolatindancecompanyNz](https://www.facebook.com/ritmolatindancecompanyNz).

**LOCAL BUILDER** looking for small building jobs – decks, fences, kitchens, bathrooms – call Rhys Obbeek 0272338526.

**WANTED TO BUY** trike or bike for a nearly three year old. Ph Jane 478-0440/02102710950, or [jane.ashman@otago.ac.nz](mailto:jane.ashman@otago.ac.nz).

## BROAD BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Current BBCC committee members: Peter Thomas, Amber Sharma, Chris Obbeek, Joanna McDouall, Shukuru Munro, Matt Morgan, Raymond Huber, Robin Harvey, Rolien Ham-Thomas, Zoe Fox, Jane Ashman

DO YOU HAVE A NOTICE FOR FUTURE NEWSLETTERS? Please contact Jane Ashman: 4780440, 02102710950, [jane.ashman@otago.ac.nz](mailto:jane.ashman@otago.ac.nz). Thank you to the Otago Peninsula Community Board for funding towards the newsletter, and to the wonderful volunteer deliverers.

HALL HIRE: \$11 per hour for the Hall or the Etheridge room (behind the hall, with grass area). Contact us for rates for longer periods of hire. Equipment: (tables, chairs, crockery, cutlery) available for members to borrow: a donation will be negotiated. BONUS! Community Centre members don't pay a bond PLUS get 1 free hour hire (single membership) / 2 free hours (household membership); or combine free hours with others.

HALL BOOKINGS: contact Peter Thomas 0221990989 or (Rolien Ham-Thomas 021765436 if you can't get hold of Peter).