

NEWSLETTER

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Portobello Community Inc.



Progress continues at the jetty with more reclamation to make way for the new boatshed and ramp.





Chairman's Corner

Thank you so much to the volunteers who help distribute our newsletter each time. Remember this is your newsletter and you are welcome to send in any great news you may want to share. Details inside newsletter on how you can do this. If you have any ideas on what Portobello Community Inc could do for

our district please feel free to contact us through one of our outlets. Remember we are a small volunteer group and we don't have all the answers and ideas. A warm welcome to Michelle and Justin at the Penguin Café . I'm sure everyone is looking forward to sampling their offerings. And good luck with your new business venture.

Wayne Cameron
Chairman—Pbo Comm Inc

A construction update from Fulton Hogan:

Fulton Hogan has been back at work on the Peninsula Connection project since early January.

At Section 8 (Turnbulls Bay to Portobello), work on replacing the Bacon Street culvert is near completion. Thank you for your patience during water shut downs, these were required to place the water services into a temporary location at the culvert site, and they have now been placed into their final location. The new pump station at Seaton Road is well progressed and raising of the other pump stations is about to commence. Also, further sections of road are being prepared for sealing. Over the coming months you will also notice new seats and plantings being installed throughout this section.

At Section 2 (Burns Point to Rosehill Road) bulk fill and new stone wall has been constructed along nearly one kilometre of this section from the Rosehill Road end. A boardwalk and retaining walls will also be constructed here.

We wish to thank the Otago Peninsula community for your ongoing patience and support during these works, and for travelling slowly through our worksites.



Big changes at the bottom of Nicholas Street



Rock wall progress near Rosehill Road

Now located at Portobello Store

Each year more than **2,000 New Zealanders** will suffer a **cardiac arrest** outside of hospital.

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AED Automated External Defibrillators

Tena Koutou everyone

Well 2019 is well upon us, the kids are back to school, parents back to work and normality has hopefully set in. I hope you all had a great Xmas and New Year. I must say I loved working New Years Eve and popping into all of the wonderful gatherings around the peninsula. Thank you all for your hospitality that night and for everyone's responsible attitude towards the festivities.

With school back in session it is time for a friendly reminder about speed around our schools and making sure we are parking appropriately and not placing ourselves and our tamariki in danger. For the wee dots please make sure they are buckled into an approved car seat or booster. We will be running a plunket day in the next few months educating on the correct way to install these seats. You would be amazed how many of us get it wrong. This will be an educational day, we will not be dishing out infringements. If you see something that you believe requires police intervention on our roads you can call *555 to report it. You will be asked for the nature of the complaint, what type of vehicle it is, where it is, registration number and what direction it is travelling. All of this information is crucial in the police being able to identify and deal with the driver involved appropriately.

Road Safety is paramount and we all need to do our bit to ensure we get to where we are going safely. Speed still is an issue around the roadworks. If it says 30kmph or 50kmph please adhere to this. These signs are here for a reason and we need to keep the workers and other road users safe. Give yourself an extra 15 minutes to get where you need to be.

Crime over the holiday period has been down on last year. There was a burglary in Harwood where some electronics were stolen. There has been an increase of boy racers types out this way. There have been four thefts from vehicles at Okia Reserve and Seal Point Road. Tourists are targeted. I can confirm we have identified a solid suspect and enquiries are continuing. If you see anything suspicious please make sure you call it in.

Finally and of a concerning note it has been brought to my attention that there has been an unusual amount of cats going missing in Harwood. I am not jumping to conclusions but the amount to me does not appear to be a coincidence. I certainly hope no one is taking matters into their own hands in respect of these cats. I think you know what I am saying. Animal cruelty is abhorrent and will not be tolerated. There are severe penalties for such actions and the SPCA have been notified. If anyone is caught doing the unthinkable then I can assure you action WILL be taken. If your cat has mysteriously disappeared in recent weeks please contact me so I can get a full picture of what may be happening.

Two weeks ago a pounamu necklace was found at the Portobello domain. It has a black string and a distinctive angle cut at the bottom of the stone. If you have or know who has lost this please contact me.

Until next time stay safe everyone and look after one another.

Aaron



Coastguard News:



We hope you have enjoyed boating over the holiday break. There is plenty of warm weather still to come for water activities.

On 6 December 2019 the Coastguard vessel towed the Russian rower Fedor Konyukhov to the Heads as he began his rowing journey to Cape Horn. His official starting point was between The Mole and Taiaoroa Head Lighthouse. Fedor is just over 2 months into his journey and about half way to his destination. He relies on the tide and the wind to help him along and he has sometimes gone around in circles or even backwards which would be most frustrating. He has been in some very unfavourable conditions but his row boat



AKROS is holding up well. If you want to track his course or just read all the adventures he has done then go to konyukhov.ru

The annual **Coastguard Old4New programme** was held at Reid Marine in Dunedin in January. The local volunteers went along to help the National Coastguard team with this. The programme started 5 years ago with the intention of getting as many poor life jackets out of the community as possible. Old lifejackets were replaced with new ones at a reduced price. In the 56 locations visited around



New Zealand over the present Summer, 1,500 life jackets were replaced.

Coastguard raffle - we had a great response at Bunnings on the Saturday before Christmas and the remainder were sold at Mitre 10 on the Sunday. One of the prize boats was also on display. Thanks to everyone who helped with this.

The Coastguard vessel has been moored alongside the Broad Bay wharf over the Summer. This has proved most helpful for our weekly exercises. We have some new members in training at present. If you are keen to join then check out the Dunedin Coastguard website.

Be safe out on the water.



News from the Otago Peninsula Community Board

We've had some terrific weather and everyone has had a good break and holidays, but we're all back to work and school again for the new year. Its timely to remind everyone to be vigilant and safe on the road around school starting and finishing.

Peninsula Connection - Portobello Road – Work has progressed significantly since the last newsletter and I'm pleased to say that people have been patient and understanding while the work is underway. We continue to look on track for the completion of the April completion of the Portobello – Broad Bay Section.

Harington Point Road – I met with Council staff last week to look at alterations to the layout of the widening sections, especially the current placement of the concrete barriers. I hope that we can get this fixed as I know they currently make the road too narrow. I'll update everyone on this very soon.

Wellers Rock – Te Umu Kuri – The use of the area for boat launching and the inevitable parking issues have been problematic for this area for some time. I'm pleased to say that the City Council have initiated a working party of the Board and community to look at what the options are to make improvements in the accessibility, parking and launching are for this area.

Otago Regional Council Bus Changes – Congratulations to the community over the changes to the bus services for Bayfield and Tahuna kids. The sensible thing was finally done for those pupils, but it came after months of lobbying the Otago Regional Council.

However, I'm disappointed that we could not make the same improvements for the Harwood and Harington Point families who are reliant on the bus service. I want to take this issue back to the Regional Council and in the Annual Plan process and also as the much-vaunted hub project is underway. Please feel free to contact me so we can co-ordinate our efforts in bringing about further changes. Remember, this year is an election year.

Annual Plan 2019 – The City Council proposes a 5% increase in rates this year and we are likely to see a 3% increase in other fees and charges this year. Its very likely that you will see a total increase in rates of around 45% over the next 9 years! For everyone who owns or rents a property that is going to hurt in some way in the future.

I urge every citizen to engage with the Annual Plan Process and have your say on any of the issues that are raised in the plan. This is only a small part of your time and will become available in coming months.

The Board's Submission to date – I presented to Councillors last week some initial thoughts on the needs of the Peninsula Community. These included:

- Drainage, footpaths and roading infrastructure
- Rubbish, recycling, and toilet upgrades to cope with tourism
- Continued support for pest plant, animal control and biodiversity
- Roading maintenance and upgrades
- Track and recreational management, (including playgrounds).
- Completion of the Tomahawk School issues

I will have a second opportunity to present further items in a few months. **If you have anything you'd like to raise, or an issue or project you think should be highlighted** please let me know over the next month.

Facebook Please take the opportunity to use it if you can and share information with your friends, neighbours and whanau.
<https://www.facebook.com/pencomboard/>

If you have any issues that you would like to raise or discuss please don't hesitate to contact myself or your local Board member

Paul Pope

Otago Peninsula Community Board Chairman

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to the dedicated
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who deliver our Newsletter

OTAGO PENINSULA TRUST ENTERPRISES UPDATE

Royal Albatross Centre.

How's the albatross viewing? 22 chicks have hatched so far – and more coming as you read this! We've three nests in view of our observatory - viewing has been great. We're working via our Givealittle Page to raise \$4000 to support DOC with extra Irrigation, equipment, water and squid to help the albatross through a challenging chick raising season -we're the people hoping the weather is cool this month, it's not great for the birds. Watch the live albatross Royalcam for more action.

Blue Penguins Pukekura.

We've been having good viewing, adults are just starting their moult and chicks are still fledging. We've been feeding penguin chicks as part of our kaitiaki responsibilities. 60 chicks in total were fed at some point with 11-12 still being fed daily. We are very grateful to our penguin scientist Dr Hiltrun Ratz and her troupe of volunteers who help with this!

Glenfalloch Restaurant.

Don't forget our Local's Night. Every Thursday we have free BYO with dinner – come and try our Famous "Trust the Chef" menu . Glenfalloch is still Dunedin's #1 Restaurant on Tripadvisor! Open: Weds-Sun 9.30am-3.30pm coffees/lunches. Thu-Sat from 5.30pm dinner/drinks. Ph 476 1006. Full every Saturday this February.

Glenfalloch Garden is having a 50th birthday this year. Otago Peninsula Trust took possession of the property on 1st February 1969 determined to save the property for all to enjoy. Funds were raised to buy Glenfalloch with a Mystery Envelope appeal by the Jaycees to support the Trust's purchase of the garden.

Waitangi Day – all our attractions will be open, including Fletcher House, which is open weekends and public holidays. Glenfalloch is full



Glenfalloch in the 1970s

- Hosting visitors? Let us know if you need a stick of Otago Peninsula brochures with the useful map on. 03 478 0499
- **Want a worthy cause?** We'd love you to join the [Otago Peninsula Trust](#) we're NZ's first private charitable conservation trust (1967) committed to 'Preserving and Enhancing Otago Peninsula'. Ph 476 1775

Writing Theatre for Children

Saturday 23 March 2019 2-3:30PM
Macandrew Bay School (Library)
488 Portobello Rd, Macandrew Bay 9014
Capacity: 30
Accessible: Yes
Duration: 90 min
Ticket/Concession Price: \$20
Short blurb: (for print or websites)



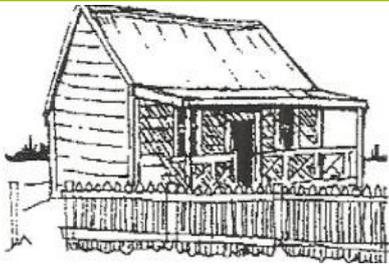
Theatre-goers of all ages are invited to participate in this ensemble-building, empathy-broadening workshop on the process of creating theatre magic for young audiences. Join Scott Elmegreen (author of the theatrical adaptations of the New York Times Bestselling series "The Magic School Bus", "Ivy+Bean", and "Ladybug Girl") in exploring the unique challenges and joys of igniting the imagination of children.

Developing New Plays

Sunday 24 March 2019 1-4PM
Dunedin City Library (Dunningham Suite)
230 Moray Play, Dunedin 9016
Capacity: 40

Accessible: Yes
Duration: 3 hours
Ticket/Concession Price: \$30

In this workshop, "DEVELOPING NEW PLAYS", Broadway composer and playwright Scott Elmegreen invites you to explore the creation of new works through lively discussion and a series of collaborative writing, acting, and directing exercises. For all artists, students, and theatre appreciators looking for a better understanding of how new works advance from the kernel of an idea to a fully realized theatrical production.



OTAGO PENINSULA MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

17 Harington Point Road, Portobello, Dunedin 9014

Museum News

Welcome to another year of Museum news. Our Sunday roster for opening is now out and we thank all our volunteers for their help with this. We have also been opening, as required, for cruise ship visitors who come across from Port Chalmers on the "Sooty Chaser".

Our Tuesday working bees are underway again as it suits people. The men have got the forge section sorted which looks great.

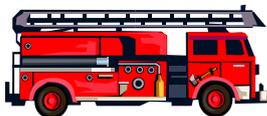
Please think about having a copy of your family tree at the Museum. We often get visitors from all sorts of places who are asking about their family that once lived on the Peninsula. If we don't have a copy then we can't unfortunately help them. Does not matter if you are an old established family or a newcomer to the Peninsula, you have lived here.



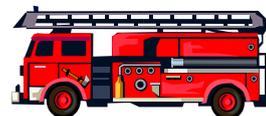
Some early photos from our files show the Andersons Bay causeway and the railway line to Andersons Bay

In 1877 a branch line into Andersons Bay was proposed and in 1878 a meeting proposed that once that line was completed a line to Portobello and the Heads would be built.

In the end the Directors felt that there was insufficient support from Peninsula settlers in buying shares to assist the Company to build the line



Portobello Volunteer Fire Brigade



Delays in an emergency can be devastating

If a fire breaks out, many rural property owners face an increased risk due to their remote location and the distance from the nearest fire brigade. Even when we arrive our response can be compromised by our fire appliance not being able to gain access onto driveways due to overhanging branches or narrow gates and fence lines. There are also issues with no clear pathways to water resources on properties.

In an emergency its critical our fire appliance and crew can get to you as soon as possible. Please ensure your mailbox number or Rapid number is clearly displayed.

Safety Note

Multi Boxes We have still seen some of these being used for the wrong purposes. Please check yours are not overloaded or showing signs of discolouring or cracking. If so REPLACE IT.

Greg Dickson
Chief Fire Office

Quarantine Island Kamau Taurua Community News

If you heard strains of Arabic music wafting across the waters from the Island in January, you weren't dreaming! We gave some Syrian families a 'Kiwi holiday', relaxing, swimming and 'messaging around in boats'. The Island attracted a steady stream of other visitors too, including some small pirates from Otago University Childcare Centre, Koputai Kids, Puketai, and various family or work groups. Volunteers also came over regularly to help out with releasing seedlings and weed control, with the more intrepid working on steeper slopes or bush bashing.

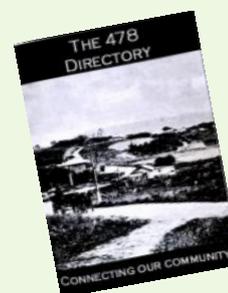
We appreciate grants from Weedbusters and the DCC Biodiversity Fund which enable us to subsidise the boat transport for volunteers. There are still plenty of weeds so let us know if you're keen!

With the new University and Polytech year beginning, several of the hostels have requested volunteering opportunities for students. It's great to have fit, young, enthusiastic helpers and we enjoy sharing the island with them. There are several school camps coming up too, and we look forward to seeing or hearing about their island stay.

Most groups spend some time helping with predator and biodiversity monitoring, as well as learning about the Island's history, and just having fun! Our next 'Community' open day is on 2 March and we'll have some special activities for Seaweeek.



If you need a copy of the latest 478 Local Phone Book, they are available from Portobello Store for only \$10



Clare CURRAN Peninsula clinic



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6:15 pm *(bookings required)*

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9:30 am *(bookings preferred)*

12:55pm 3:25pm

Adults: \$10 Children: \$5

Ferry trip takes approx. 10 minutes

Carey's Bay or Quarantine Island

By prior arrangement

Please be waiting 5 minutes prior to ensure you don't miss the ferry

Bicycles welcome, but please advise prior.

For other times or locations, please contact us.

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www.porttoport.co.nz

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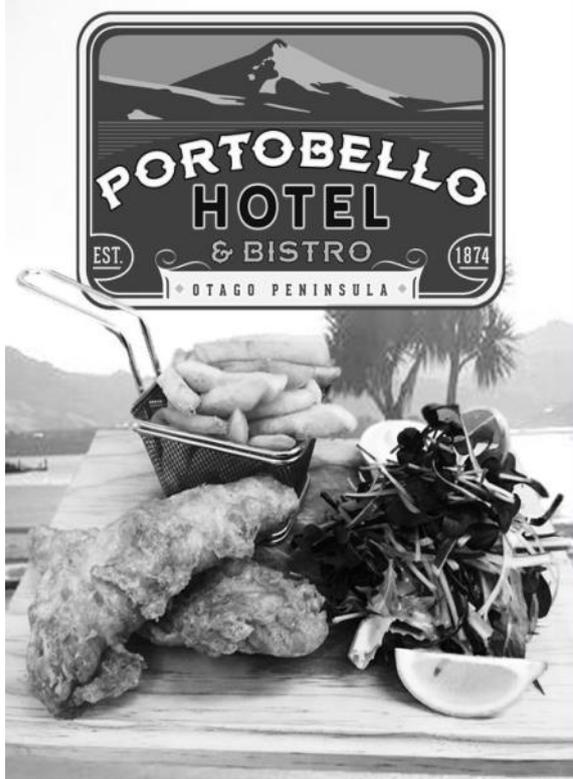
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OPBG – Portobello Newsletter February 2019

Kia ora koutou and happy new year!

We are really excited about this year's programme on the Otago Peninsula. With over 17,000 possums removed from the peninsula we are witnessing the biodiversity benefits and positive outcomes.

This year we will be undertaking community engagement in Portobello to rekindle connections with the view to bring the community together to help achieve the possum eradication goals. We aim to increase backyard monitoring, trapping and reporting in the community so that collaboratively we can reach the goal of becoming a predator free peninsula by 2023.

Off the Beaten Track – Track Clearing Volunteer Days

At this point in our programme it is essential that our track networks are kept clear so we can undertake monitoring to identify where the last possums are hiding out. This is where volunteer help is needed! Tuesdays and Thursdays are our field days this year so if you are keen on joining us on the peninsula for some track clearing in spectacular places please register at volunteers@opbg.nz

Report a Possum

We now have a new email address to report possums. If you see, hear or trap a possum on the peninsula please report the details to possums@opbg.nz

We look forward to working with you all for another productive 2019.



Hi from Michelle and Justin at the Penguin Café.

If you've visited us over the last month or so you'd have noticed some new faces and a few changes. It's been pretty busy, but we're having fun.

We'd like to say thank you to everyone we've met so far for your support and for the chance to get to know you. And, if you haven't popped in yet, please feel free to do so, and you'll be greeted with a smile and made to feel welcome by us and all our amazing staff, old and new.

Hope to see you soon,
Michelle & Justin

PS – Whoever 'borrowed' our life-size penguin mascot from outside, please take good care of her until you return her.

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We have attached the last of the Portobello Historic Trail signs at 1908. The 1908 Cafe was originally a private house, post office, morgue and tea rooms. Included on the sign is a picture of the Whiti te ra dairy from the 1930s. Thank you to Pauline and Barry for permission to attach the site to their building.

Join now for the first term of 2019!

Pilates at Portobello



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Come along and join our relaxed and fun movement class

Everyone is welcome, most conditions/pain/injuries can be worked with so please call/email me if you wish to consider joining.

ENROLL NOW!!

Classes start for Term One on Monday 28th January

\$120 for the term \$15 casual rate

Penny Ph. 027 464 9180 pennykershaw@gmail.com

ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE from Olly's pen

Kia ora Everyone

Greetings for 2019! Well another year behind us. All set for the New Year are we? Theraze and I have got our place pretty much up to where we want it to be, so now we can relax a bit more. Big ups to that wonderfully patient and persistent Te Rauone Beach team! Now that promises have been made and plans officially drawn up for the groynes, it's a wait and see game – progress at last – who knows, we could get our beach back!!! Aren't we lucky to have strong characters like them in our community? And isn't it great that we have our own local Policeman keeping an eye on everything for us. And how fortunate are we to have such a dedicated first response team of Firewomen and men ready to leap into action at a moment's notice. Considering that we have a: Marae, Pub, Dairy, Fish 'n Chip shop, Greenstone Gallery, Restaurant, Garage, Museum, Library, Hall, Medical Centre, Playcentre, Happy Hens boutique, Bowling Club, Golf Club and Table Tennis & Badminton Club, Boat Club (subject to relocation), a wonderful school with a community swimming pool, an array of Motels, a Camping Ground, tourist attractions as in the Albatross Colony, Marine Facility, Monarch tours, two Penguin farms as well as Allan's Beach and all of the interesting walkways around us – who can deny that we live in Paradise!



ENROL NOW FOR THE MARCH MAURI HAUORA SHORT COURSE.

MAURI HAUORA literally means, "the health and wellbeing of the energy in and around us."

It is a holistic self awakening program based on ancient Maori understandings which I put together to help people take charge of their lives through understanding how "consciousness energy" known to Maori as mauri, works in all aspects of their lives. Gentle, wise elders left behind many "taonga" i.e. precious gifts, in the form of symbols - oral and visual; for anyone searching for inner peace, a deeper meaning and understanding of life and spiritual truth. These symbolic taonga have been in plain sight all along.

This course unlocks those empowering symbols over **6 two hour sessions (7 - 9 pm)** beginning **March 6**. Bring writing material. You will receive a **MAURI HAUORA** booklet.

Venue: 774 Harington Point Rd just below the marae. **Fee: \$300.**

Phone: 4780 220 or 021 1875 075 to enrol. Email: espi10@gmail.com Kaiako: Olly Ohlson

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Larnach Abuzz

Saturday 27 April
1 - 4 PM

\$30 per person
www.larnachcastle.co.nz

Join us for a guided tour of the internationally recognised Gardens of Larnach Castle, followed by an introduction to beekeeping.

Portobello Library News

The Library is open again after the Christmas break.

Dot, our Librarian, is at the Library from 11am till 1pm on Thursdays in the Portobello Hall.

Call in and check up on the many books that are available.

You may want a special request of a book that Dot could help you with.

Our once a year meeting (the AGM) will be held on Monday 18 February at 7pm in the Library. All welcome.



Peninsula Property focus

With Jason Whitehead your *local agent*.



Dunedin Market Report

2018 Market Report Preview

2018 was best summarised as a year where supply of property continued to fall well behind demand. This put continual pressure on the median sale price which rose 12% over the year, and median days to sell remained consistent around 23 days. This demand was mainly fuelled by low interest rates which saw many first home buyers entering the property market, and others taking the opportunity to upgrade their homes.

2019 & The Year Ahead

Changes to the tenancy laws and the looming deadline for upgraded insulation and heating has seen some investors take advantage of the strong market and quit some of their older more maintenance prone homes. There has been no shortage of first home

buyers keen to snap these up and put the work into improving their own home. As a result of this however, Dunedin is facing a major shortage of available rental properties making this an ideal time for other investors to buy into the market.



625 Highcliff Road, Highcliff
Sold By Team Clydesdale

With upcoming major projects like the new Hospital build, we expect this shortage to be a real challenge for our local market, and will no doubt put further upward pressure on property values. The council has adopted the new 2GP district plan, and although at the time of writing this report it is still going through its open appeal period, the council are working between the old plan and the new plan when making resource consent decisions. The key points of the new plan are: a relaxing of zoning on land around the city fringe to create more urban development. This was preferred to further expansion of Mosgiel due to a lack of infrastructure in that location, and further challenges with flood plains and drainage on The Taieri Plains. Developing the fringe of the city around areas like Corstophine, Brighton, Halfway Bush and North East Valley makes provision of public transport and other amenities more feasible.



Students and staff at Portobello school returned to school on January 29th for another exciting year of learning. We welcomed a number of new students and their families to our school on the first day of the year which was exciting for everybody. We have a busy term ahead planned and look forward to a wide variety of learning opportunities inside and outside the classroom.

Our first big school event for the year is a trip to Quarantine Island. Junior students will spend the day on the island and take part in a number of different activities. Senior students will also stay the night on the island. Excitement is building for this trip which will happen in mid February. In March our school will head to Otakou Marae for an overnight Noho Marae experience. A school assembly will be held at the end of our stay at the Marae which will be great. We are looking forward to this experience.

On Saturday February 16th we are holding our Spud in a Bucket Harvest day. Many members of our community purchased a bucket and spud in Term 4 and have been busy growing spuds since. From midday on Saturday 16th we will be judging the success of the spud growing when families bring their buckets back to be emptied. Competitions will also be held for the best dressed bucket, best carved potato and best potato dish. A sausage sizzle and a raffle will also be sold onsite. Come along and join in the fun. It was a great day last year and we expect this year will be just as good if not better!

During Term One all children are participating in twice weekly swimming sessions at our school pool. We are so lucky to have great pool onsite and we use this pool throughout the term in Terms One and Four. Many members of our community purchased season keys this season and make use of the pool outside school hours. Season keys can be purchased from the Portobello Shop. A number of children have signed up to represent our school in the Dunedin Futsal and Rippa Rugby competitions.

A large group of students in our school are interested in joining the Enviro Group which will meet weekly to undertake environmental projects around our school and community. Year 7 and 8 students have completed surveys about what they are interested in learning about in our local and wider community and we will now begin organising the 2019 7,8..9 programme which provides our senior students with opportunities to extend and develop skills, introduce opportunities and further develop strengths and interests.

We are currently looking for opportunities to undertake projects in our local community. If you have a project that you think our school could be involved in please contact us.

To find out more about our great school or to organise a visit please contact our school office by phoning 4780605 or e-mail office@portobello.school.nz

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STOP News

Smiths Creek

The phenomenal growth this year means that releasing of the trees planted from 2016 onwards is particularly urgent so that they continue to get enough light and don't have the grass competing with them. More volunteers needed.



Working bees

Regular half day working bees continue every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday - 9.30am to 12.30, See the STOP Facebook Page (Save The Otago Peninsula - STOP- Inc Soc).

For details or email STOP stopincsoc@gmail.com or contact Lala Frazer (Ph 478 0339, Text 027 8756 020).

Releasing trees from long grass at Smiths Creek



PORTOBELLO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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We are still open. Although the Andersons Bay Church closed we meet on the first three Sundays of each month at 10 am. An up-to-date notice is always displayed on the window. On the first Sunday of each month Jane Cox leads worship. On the second Sunday we all take part. On the third Sunday a visiting minister leads us and on the last Sunday we visit other churches. When there is a fifth Sunday we go to Pukehiki Community Church

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Our next Monthly Tournament is to be held on Sunday 17th February starting at 1.00pm

We are always looking for New Members for our Club - if you are interested in joining, Socially or as a Bowler, please feel free to give us call - you would be most welcome



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Portobello Bowling Club Steady As You Go[©]

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Walk to the Pyramids and Victory Beach
Paddle in the Pacific at Allans Beach
Photograph the Aurora from Hoopers Inlet
Explore the tunnels near Tairaroa Head
Take a walk with your sweetheart
to Lovers Leap
Go fishing at the Portobello jetty
Explore our heritage at the local Museum
Visit our local cemetery
Paddle over to Pudding Island
Follow the new Heritage Walk

**Volunteer with a local organisation
- they need your help.**

Smiling is infectious
You catch it like the flu
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And someone saw me grin
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I had passed it on to him
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And then realised its worth
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Community Skill Share Event



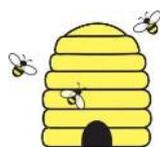
"K E Niven and Co Collection, Alexander Turnbull Library"

We're looking for people who are interested in giving a demonstration of something they're keen on doing, at an open day in the near future:

- **ARTS & CRAFTS:** Knitting, Weaving, Painting, Sculpture, Carving, Jewellerymaking, etc.
- **FOOD:** Cooking, Baking, Brewing, Foraging, etc.
- **PLANTS & ANIMALS:** Gardening, Pruning, Beekeeping, Flower Arranging, Pet Training, etc.
- **ATHLETICS:** Cycling, Running, Boating, Paddling, etc.
- **KNOWLEDGE:** Movies, Books, Local History, etc.
- **TRADES:** Carpentry, Stonework, Boatbuilding, etc.

Or pretty much anything. If you're passionate about it, let us know.

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RURAL SKIP DAYS

Portobello Domain | Sunday, 17 February | 10am – 5pm

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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

NO LIQUIDS: including oil

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Steady As You Go - Every Monday 10am. - Portobello Bowling Club
Tai Chi - Every Monday & Thursday 1:30pm Portobello Bowling Club
Portobello Library, - Coronation Hall - Every Thursday 11am - 1pm
Otago Peninsula Museum - open every Sunday 12:30pm - 3:30pm

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Coronation Hall Kitchen, 7.30pm

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