NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2020

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FOOD TRUCK MARKET!

PORTOBELLO
COMMUNITY HALL
10AM-2PM
EVERY 2ND SUNDAY OF
THE MONTH









Chairman's Corner

What a tremendous success our Winter Market Day was. With such a diverse array of stall holders and an amazing choice of appetising options from the Food Trucks, it was a day to remember. Our huge hamper raffle was won by local lady Ellen Patrick who was extremely

surprised when we showed up at her door with all the goodies. Congratulations Ellen. As a result of the day's success the Food Truck group have requested a regular monthly visit to Portobello and as per the front page, the first day will be 10am - 2pm on Sunday 11th October, and thereafter the second Sunday of each month. Mark it on your calendar and wander down to the Hall for lunch on the day. We are hoping that if this gets the support it needs then we will piggy back onto it and have a full market day with stall holders and all the trimmings every three months. We are hoping to have our next big Summer Market on Sunday March 14th 2021 and followed by Autumn, Winter, Spring and so on.

Please support the Food Truck Markets as they are supporting our community by coming down and setting up with their own entertainment and other plans if successful.

The new Community Notice Board will be installed soon at the end of the Portobello Store by the creek. We apologise that this has taken so long.

The mural at the bottom of Seaton Road has been finished and our thanks to Andrew Nicholson for his beautiful work. These are an on going project with more in the pipeline.

Wayne Cameron - Pbo Comm Inc Chair

Tena Koutou everyone

Winter is done and daylight savings is here. Although the little snow interlude last week could suggest otherwise. But as I look out of the office window the sun is shining and it feels like spring.

Our little ones are into the 2nd week of the school holidays and it's great to see them all out and about on their bikes, scooters or just walking. The new road extension is being so well utilised and it's great to see a steady stream of people using it. This comes with a small reminder to be courteous whilst cycling, walking or running on this wonderful addition to our low road. If you're on a bike don't sneak up on people, maybe yell out/use your bell if you have one when approaching others, especially if they have little ones or dogs with them as they can be unpredictable.

In regards to crime matters things have be relatively quiet recently. With the end of the year approaching and the festive season approaching it is a good time to remember some simple things. Don't give thieves any opportunity to take your property. Make sure it is securely locked away, out of plain sight and if it can't be then it is well secured. Things like petrol cans on boats are easily taken in seconds. Cars that are not locked are easy targets for these crooks. I can hear you saying "But I haven't locked my car for years". Well that may be true and we could get away with it years ago. But not today, things have changed and it only takes a tick to lock your vehicle. Crims need an opportunity, location and commodity to complete their wrong doings. If you take away one of these they simply can't.

My traffic focus for the coming weeks is going to be Seatbelts and Cell Phones. Distraction is a huge contributor to crashes and can be totally avoided. You don't need to take that call, make that text whilst you're driving at 70kmph.

One small thing about the traffic lights up by Pukehiki where the slip is. I have been getting complaints of people going through the red light. Just so everyone is clear, if it is red you must stop until it turns that grass colour. It doesn't matter if there is no one on the other side.

The Warrant of Fitness and Registration amnesty due to Covid finishes on the 10th of this month. Please get your vehicles road legal.

Not really a police matter more of a community responsibility one. Please pick up your doggy dunnits when out and about with your faithful friends. I'm getting people commenting quite regularly about the landmines that Mr or Mrs Owner have not bothered to pick up. Nothing worse than coming across this.

Take care of yourselves and look out for your neighbours and loved ones.

The next time you hear from me Santa will be getting a warrant of fitness and registration for his Sleigh.

Until next time, take care.







News from the Otago Peninsula Community Board

Well we've had a reminder that while spring has arrived, we are not out of the winter woods just yet. The Antarctic winds and snow flurries were dramatic, but thankfully it did not last long.

A Drop of Culture - Public art has been a controversial topic around the world in recent months as people reassess the figures and memorials in their public spaces. The Board has been working with

the Dunedin City Council on two new art projects at Te Rauone and Tomahawk Beaches. The Te Rauone project is part of the planned \$900,000 upgrade of the playground reserve. While, the Tomahawk project is for the \$80,000 car park renewal at the main beach access. Both projects seek artists to provide works that acknowledge their respective landscapes and the values of Te Runaka Otakou. I'm particularly excited about both of these projects because the Otago Peninsula lacks permanent public art in our open spaces.

Official Opening of Portobello Road – its very pleasing to see that the official opening of Portobello Road will be undertaken on the 11th of October, 11.00am at Macandrew Bay. Another piece in the ongoing puzzle that is the Peninsula Connection Project.

Community Plans and DCC Long Term Plan - Participation in local government, particularly in elections should be looked upon as one of our great shames. With only 42% of eligible New Zealand voters bothering to cast a ballot in Council elections, we only have ourselves to blame when decisions are made that we may not approve of or support. Just why we are so apathetic when it comes to voting for the people who raise our rates, dog registrations and pool fees is as mysterious as the Bermuda Triangle. I raise public apathy about local government because the City Council is now working towards the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan and Council is beginning the process of asking what are our priorities. Similarly, Community Boards are working on those priorities in their Community Plans for presentation to Council on behalf of their communities. It's too easy for the community to allow the Board to act and speak for them, when actually Board's need vocal people to support them. If we all don't actively participate in this process, we may miss out on seeing our community needs met or worse.

Visit by Peninsula Schools to Board Meeting - With participation so important it was a great pleasure to have representatives of the three Peninsula schools at our recent Community Board meeting. Their presentations were intelligent and insightful, and they focussed on a great range of topics that affect them in our Peninsula community. The Board was very impressed with their ideas and they have set a standard for the rest of the community.

Local Support and Assistance – If there is anyone in the community who needs assistance please contact your local Board member and they will either arrange assistance for you or point you in the right direction.

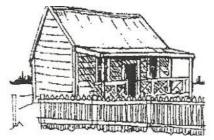
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Sharing and Caring – As we look to resume our everyday lives there may be other issues that arise with you and your families that are not related just to food and supplies. Perhaps, you're feeling anxious or lonely and need to hear a friendly voice. Perhaps, you're working from home with children and need some support for education. I'm very keen to match this type of support with those who are willing to help with those who may need it. Feel free to give me a call and I'll do my best to work on this with you.

Board Meeting & Funding Applications – The Community Board is to meet on Thursday November 12th at the Portobello Bowling Club. Just a reminder that we still have funding for community projects and welcome people to the meetings and public forum. If you'd like to raise any issue through the public forum please contact me and I can add you to the agenda. **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 paul.peninsula@xtra.co.nz (03) 4780630 or 0274668446



& HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

17 Harington Point Road, Portobello, Dunedin 9014

Museum News

The Museum will have sacks of sheep manure for sale as a fundraiser. Cost is \$5 a sack and if you are keen then email the Museum with your order at **theotagopeninsulamuseum@gmail.com** and we will get back in touch with you.

We have had a couple of our Sunday Roster volunteers resign becuse of other commitments so if anyone is keen to help out then get in touch. This only involves usually 2 Sundays over a year. We can show you what is involved.

The Museum is open each Sunday from 12.30 till 3.30pm. Open other times as requested for groups and anyone passing through wanting to find out about their families that once lived here.

Don't forget to give us a copy of your family tree, it is always great to have these at the Museum for families to see in the future.

On Sunday 4 October the Museum had a visit from a contingent of Model T vintage cars driven by stalwarts from the Dunedin Vintage Car Club. Each of these beautiful vehicles hover around 100 years old and the drivers were resplendent in their warm attire as the vehicles are without heaters. The members enjoyed their lunch in the confines of the Museum Barn and quietly celebrated the end of their 2 day rally around Otago. The Canadian flag was flown from our flagpole in acknowledgement of the Model T's Canadian origin. It was an enjoyable day and our visitors were pleasantly surprised at what we



have on display at our Museum. Thanks to those from the Museum Committee who helped out.

Larnach Castle:

Recently some Museum members visited the castle to take photos of the Castle for the Museum files. We got to see the grounds and the inside of the Castle. It really is looking spectacular and there has been much improvement over many years of hard work. A great asset for the Peninsula.

New Zealand's only Castle, built 1871 by William Larnach, merchant baron and politician, for his beloved first wife Eliza, taking 15 years to complete.

First the site was clear-felled, then the hill site was levelled by putting pegs into the volcanic rock and pouring salt water on them to split the rock. It took more than 200 workmen three years to build the Castle shell and master European craftsmen spent a further 12 years embellishing the interior.

Materials from all over the world were used - marble from Italy, slate from Wales, floor tiles from England, glass from Venice and France.

No expense was spared in creating Larnach's dream home! Many New Zealand native woods were also used - kauri ceilings, rimu floors and honeysuckle panelling. In 1885 a 3,000 square foot Ballroom was added.

William James Mudie Larnach, of Scottish descent, was born in 1833 in New South Wales, Australia. His banking career began in Melbourne then followed the gold rush to the Australian goldfields where he was manager of the Bank of New South Wales at Ararat. His bank was a tent and his equipment consisted of dogs, a gun and strong boxes.

Gold was discovered in Otago, New Zealand, in the 1860's. Larnach was offered the position of manager of the Bank of Otago in Dunedin, which serviced the extensive goldfields. He sailed for Dunedin in 1867.

Larnach's brilliant career encompassed his merchant empire Guthrie and Larnach, banking, shipping, farming, landholding, politics and... speculation. He travelled extensively and was a cabinet minister in the New Zealand Government, holding various portfolios, over a period of twenty-five years.

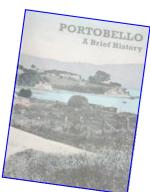
Larnach Castle has had many owners between the Larnach Family and the current Barker Family. The Castle has had many uses, as a lunatic asylum, a hospital for shell-shocked soldiers and in 1901 a retreat for Nuns. . The Ballroom was once even used as a sheep holding pen!



Our book *Portobello, a Brief History* is still selling well.

Copies are available from the Portobello Store or the Museum at a cost of \$25.

If you want to contact the Museum our email address is theotagopeninsulamusum@gmail.com



Portobello Boatshed - Mural Designs and Artists Wanted

The Community Board is excited to partner with Keep Dunedin Beautiful on a new mural for the Portobello Boat Shed. We'd love the community to suggest ideas of what could be included on the mural, ideas and images that relate to the flora, fauna and history of the area – these will form the brief provided to local artists who will submit proposals for the final mural design. So, what would you like to see on the mural?

Tell us by emailing keepdunedinbeautiful@dcc.govt.nz by Sunday 18 October.



Coastguard News:

Recently Coastguard had its Annual General Meeting at the Portobello Fire Station. The Regional Manager Southern and Unit Support Manager from Christchurch also attended. It was also a special night for awards with 3 year, 5 year and 15 year awards given out plus 3 Life Membership awards to Kevin Phillips (pictured at right with President John Campbell), Lox Kellas and Bill Dickson. Congratulations to you all for your commitment to the Coastguard Unit.

Coastguard has now moved into the Marina at Magnet Street, Dunedin and the evening was also a thankyou to some special people and organisations who have been great supporters to Coastguard while it has been stationed in Portobello over the past 15 years. These include Tony from the Portobello Hotel, Broad Bay Boating Club for the use of their rooms, The Portobello Fire Brigade for the use of their rooms for training and meetings and a big thank you to Kevin and Warren for the use of their shed for storage and parking of the vessel.

Now that Coastguard has moved into town, Kevin has decided to retire after 15 years. In that time Kevin was a Skipper and always reliable and available for callouts. Coastguard thank him for his commitment over this time.





Portobello Library:

Word has got out and the Library has become a favourite place for locals. We are going to trial an extra opening for those who are not able to come on a Thursday. Dot, our Librarian, is always there on a Thursday and thank you to those who are willing to open on the Sunday.

We recently received our annual grant from the Peninsula Library Trust which goes towards the purchase of new books

It is \$5 per family to initially join up then no charge thereafter. Books are 20 cents each to get out. We don't have childrens books at the Library.



Portobello Library now open
Thursdays 11 - 1 pm
Sundays 11 - 1 pm
Starting on Sunday October 4th
OTAGO PENINSULA MUSEUM NEWS





Euchre Night

7.30 Each Tuesday night at Scott Hall, Harwood Street, Harwood.

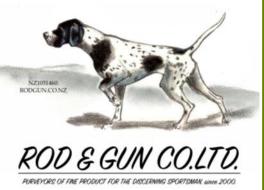
All welcome to around two hours of absolute fun for only \$4 !!!

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Opening hours: Fri evening 5pm-7pm, Sat & Sun 10am - 3pm.







Quarantine Island Kamau Taurua Community News

We have hosted a large number of group stays on the island over the past few months and Meghan Hughes, our Keeper (Resident Manager) has been busy with bookings and hosting groups for day visits and stays in the Lodge.

We've had volunteer students from Logan Park High School Enviro Group, led by Port Chalmers resident, Cristina Barriga, and AAPES Otago who helped with weed control, and plantings, and a beach clean-up. Other visitors who have stayed in the Lodge in August/September were students from Knox College, Caroline Freemen College, Tokomairiro High School, Student Christian Movement, St. Peter's College, NZALA (NZ Animal Law Association), SOULS (Society of Otago University Law Students), Fairfield School, and the Otago University Tramping Club, the Trixie



Trampers, the **KCC** (**Kiwi Conservation Club**), and other day visitors. As well as exploring the island on land and by kayak, they helped with planting and releasing seedlings, weed control, beach clean-ups, and even cleaned the chapel windows. The Year 12 students from Tokomairiro studied the island quarantine history as part of a school project looking at 'lockdowns of the past'.

A *huge* thank you to the **Otago Peninsula Community Board** and **Otago Community Trust** for supporting us to improve fire protection on the Island.

Thanks also to the **Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust** for supply of locally sourced hardy native plant species for enhancing skink habitat and withstanding the island's windy, dry conditions, at their recent plant sale.

As always, many thanks to Port-to-Port Cruises and Wildlife Tours and East Coast Charters who provide our boat transfers to and from the island.

Other exciting news is that Aurora Energy will be removing the poles, powerlines, and lattice towers on the island, which we are very excited about! Over the years many birds have been injured and died from flying into the powerlines, so we are celebrating! Thank you, Aurora!

We still have a number of volunteer opportunities currently to assist us with weed control, leading groups, and helping with bird counts. Let us know if you might be interested. Training will be provided.

If you'd like to be a regular volunteer, or either visit or stay on the island, as a family group, or group of friends, or for a retreat or workshop venue, see our website <u>quarantineisland.org.nz</u>.

You can also subscribe to our monthly **e-newsletter** to learn about island news, events and opportunities, or join our Facebook Public Group **Quarantine Island Kamau Taurua Community**, or contact the island Keeper (Resident Manager) on 03-478-0874 or email quarantineisland@gmail.com

If you haven't visited before, we host a **Community Welcome Day** (previously known as 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. All details and a **booking form** are on our website.

There is something for everyone on QIKT! From relaxing and recharging in solitude and peaceful surroundings, to learning about Island history and ecology, volunteering, and experiencing what makes the Island so special.

October-dates vary- Weed Control teams and leading groups

Weed control in beautiful setting's, and it's fun! You will be helping with a vital part of our ecological restoration efforts. Details on our website.

October-December dates vary- Spring bird counts

Learn about the island's birds whilst helping with our bird counts, part of the island's biodiversity project. Contact secretary.quarantineisland@gmail.com if you might be interested.

Saturday 31st October- Welcome Day

Volunteer, relax or explore, or all three! Stay on for the island Barndance in the evening, or stay overnight! Booking form and details on our website.

Saturday 31st October- Barndance on the island

Join us for for a fun night of dancing to the tunes of the wonderful Catgut and Steel in the historic Married Quarters Building. Details and booking form on our website, tickets are limited, so don't delay!

Saturday 21st November- Welcome Day

Volunteer, relax or explore, or all three! Booking form and details on our website.

Portobello Volunteer Fire Brigade

Some Statistics

The brigade has had a difficult year with Covid. And the resignation of Grant Helm our senior station officer with over 25 years experience we wish you the best. And thank you for the service you have given to the community over the years.

The Brigade held its 56th annual AGM last month. The Brigade has 17 members and 1 new member about to start with a total years service for all members is 279 years. During the year the brigade responded to 96 calls.

A break down of these calls - Property 3, Vegetation 15, Rubbish 4, Motor vehicle 8, False Alarms 8, Special Service 6, Medical 52.

Greg Dickson Chief Fire Officer



Peninsula Playcentre

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.

Find us on Facebook @peninsulaplaycentre.



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"Whanau tupu ngatahi - families growing together"



Term 3 was a busy term at Portobello School! While returning to Alert Level 2 meant that some wider Dunedin activities and events could not proceed, students and staff enjoyed taking part in a wide range of learning opportunities. Students in all classes completed

classroom learning on sustainability as part of our STEAM cluster Dunedin 2040 Project. Room 4 students investigated wind farms, Room 3 students investigated vertical gardens and Junior Whanau students looked into insulation. Each school in the cluster then presented their learning at a showcase at Otago Polytechnic.

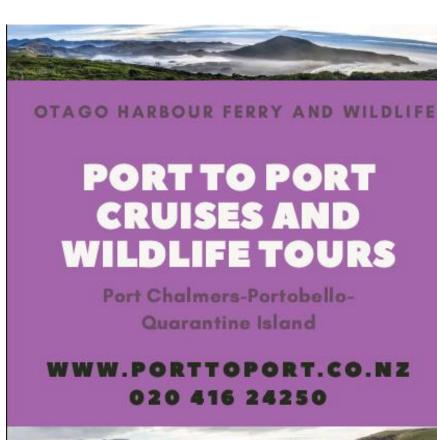
Students enjoyed visiting Harold on the Life Ed bus during Term 3 where they learnt some great health messages. Our whole school undertook a Village Clean Up as Part of Keep New Zealand Beautiful week. We were pleased to find less rubbish this year than in previous years. Year 5 and 6 students enjoyed an action packed two day Museum Sleepover experience. Highlights were a night walk in the museum, sleeping at the museum, rock climbing, walking the Big Easy Track and ice skating. Our basketballers were fortunate to be able to continue playing in combined the schools competition. Students in all classes participated in our school cross country, however wider regional cross country events were cancelled.

A highly successful whānau hui pot luck tea was held. Maori whānau enjoyed sharing kai and having a korero together.

At the end of Term 3 we farewelled Lynne Binns, our Office Administrator. We will miss Lynne's smiley face and friendly way of helping everyone in the school office. We are excited to welcome Marilyn Oliver to our staff as our new Office Administrator in Term 4.

Monday Mollymawk visits for 4 year olds continue this term with a group of 4 year olds currently visiting in preparation for starting school later this year. Come along with your 4 year old from 9-10am each Monday to be part of this programme.

To find out more about our great school or to organise a visit please contact our school office by phoning 4780 605 or e-mail office@portobello.school.nz









Peninsula Toy Library

Our Toy Library is open every Sunday morning from 10:30 - 12:30 At the Domain Pavillion, Allans Beach Road, Portobello



Coronation Hall Portobello

Available for hire Very reasonable rates Phone the custodian 4780 424





LICENSED RESTAURANT ~ PORTOBELLO

Lunch

Monday Wednesday – Sunday from 12 noon

Dinner

Monday Wednesday—Sunday from 5pm

We are happy to open for group bookings

Cafe 1908 has capacity for 55 people and specialises in those special occasions Call Pauline on 4780 801 or email

cafe1908@xtra.co.nz



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which are available for
community use.

If you wish to use these at an event
please phone
Christine on 4780 878
All we ask for is a donation

What's Happening at Larnach Castle? A lot!

Did, you know that 'Kids go Free' with one paying adult at Larnach Castle? This offer lasts until the 31st of October. Larnach Castle and Gardens is the ideal place for children to step back in time and experience what life may have been like in the 1870's, it is also an opportunity to explore the garden and hunt out the 'Alice in wonderland' features.

We have also extended our 'Loyal local' offer until the 31st of October; the terms and conditions for this pass are you pay once and visits for the next 12 months a free of charge.

The perfect way to visit the Castle throughout the seasons.

We are still offering evening dining to Dunedin locals. The dinner is a 4 course 'Trust the Chef' menu including a complementary pre dinner drink. Email reservations@larnachcastle.co.nz to make a reservation.

We have some great upcoming events planned, keep checking our web site for new events .

A dog's day out

This event was so popular we decided to have another day where you can bring your dog up to the Castle – a day out for the whole family! Why not use your 'Loyal Local' card or take this opportunity to purchase one?

Halloween at Larnach Castle

Dress to scare but wear your dancing shoes

Dance the night away to a live band, start the night with a gruesome cocktail!

Food served throughout the evening, transport to and from the Dunedin Railway Station leaving at 8.15pm Arrive at sunset.

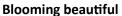
Items will be auctioned during the evening to raise funds for Otago Community Hospice

This event is sponsored by Media works

Bookings essential

Email reservations@larnahcastle.co.nz

A full refund will be given if due to any Covid -19 restrictions the event is cancelled.



To celebrate Spring, Jolene from Estelle Flowers is going to do several floral arrangements in situ around the Castle. After the demonstration a spring themed dinner will be served in one of the Castle dining rooms, this will be an ideal chance to chat to Jolene. The evening will start with a Spring inspired cocktail. Due to the style of event the tickets will be limited. Bookings essential. email reservations@larnachcastle.co.nz

A full refund will be given if due to any Covid -19 restrictions the event is cancelled.



Time for your spring clean? The Peninsula Lions Club will be running the 'Hawk & Hurl' in conjunction with Rural Skip Day on 11th October at Portobello Domain, from 9.00 to 5.00. All proceeds will be going to the three Environschools on the Peninsula (Macandrew Bay, Broad Bay and Portobello). Portobello and Broad Bay Enviroschools will receive funds for further planting in the school grounds, and Macandrew Bay's funds will be used for a produce exchange stand.

Any useable pre-loved items can go on the Lions' White Elephant stall. A registered Electrician will be on hand from 9.00 to 12.00 to check any electrical items. Donations of scrap metal, especially copper, aluminium, and brass items, will be welcome, however large white ware appliances cannot be accepted.

E-waste items such as computers, TV's, printers etc., will be accepted, but normal landfill charges will apply to these.

Stallholders are welcome, and for a \$10.00 donation you can set up your own Trading Post.

The D.C.C. contractors who will be running the Rural Skip Day will be accepting general rubbish as well as green waste, (normal Landfill charges will apply).

Peninsula Lions President, John Ware, said "We welcome the opportunity to reduce the material going to landfill."

Any enquiries about the Hawk and Hurl can be made to John at 711ware@gmail.com, or 027 3261963.



We are now heading into spring which is prime real estate time to bring your home to the market. If you would like me to provide you with a free no obligation appraisal of your home with recent sale statistics, please do not hesitate to get in touch.











Ric's Galley Takeaways

Portobello

Look out for Ric's Galley flag. If it is flying then we are open

Opening hours Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat, & Sun 5pm— Late

A choice of five varieties of fish every night with local favourites Blue Cod, Monk, Tarakihi, Sole, Elephant, Southern Blue Whiting and fish bites

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Try our Latham Bay Burgers—choice of Fish, Meat, Chicken and Vegetarian

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12 things to do Portobello area Bucket List

How many have you ticked off?

Walk to the top of Harbour Cone
Walk to the Pyramids and Victory Beach
Paddle in the Pacific at Allans Beach
Photograph the Aurora from Hoopers Inlet
Explore the tunnels near Taiaroa 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 local Heritage Walk
Bike or walk the track to Broad Bay

Volunteer with a local organisation - they need your help.

Thanks to Jo and friends at Warehouse Stationery, South Dunedin for the great printing they do for us.
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Pilates at Portobello





5.45pm-6.45pm Mondays @ Portobello Coro Hall

Fully internationally qualified and experienced Pilates Instructor

Get your body moving correctly Improve core and pelvic floor strength Feel relaxed and well Have fun and give your body some new challenges Increase strength, flexibility and muscle tone
Decrease pain and tension
Breathe correctly (very important for many reasons)
Take some out just for you!

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.

Term 4 classes starting Monday 12 October - Monday 14 December

\$125 for the term (10 weeks)

\$15 casual rate - come and give it a go

Penny Ph. 027 464 9180 pennykershaw@gmail.com

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'A local plumber for local people'

ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE from Olly's pen

Kia ora – last time I said I'd report back about "Conscious parenting" a term used by Dr Bruce Lipton Ph.D. a micro-biologist credited with being the "father" of stem cell research – from his book "The Biology of Belief." His extensive research showed how the environment causes thoughts and feelings to trigger off chemical and electrical impulses which make various cells open and others to close, which, in turn, leads to physical movement. i.e. life as we know it. Every minute of every day our physical bodies are reacting to and experiencing the different environments we find ourselves in. What amazed him and other like-minded microbiologists was the fact that our cells react to our internal environment (thoughts, memories and feelings) in the same way they experience the outer environment (physical & social interaction, work, holiday etc...). The brain and sensors treat both phenomena as real.

When parents become aware of this (knowledge) then they automatically provide their whānau with positive experiences. What and how they do that is what he refers to as conscious parenting. It made me think of the environment into which each of my children was born and it's made me aware of my actions, thoughts and feelings more so. I'm more conscious too that I carry an environment with me where ever I go -

and that I affect environments as well.

Being out here affords me the time to reflect on such things.

We're so lucky aren't we.

Who you gonna call'... the SWAT team. A nd they came to find, what the leader described as, 'one of the worst infestations of banana passionfruit (BPF) that they had seen'. Hearing this was a little embarrassing as I had already cut a number of vines and thought I was on top of the problem... how wrong I was.

One problem area in particular was a steep, 'gnarly,' area of vine, gorse and hawthorn, that I had avoided as I reckoned it was too tough to control. Not so, for the SWAT team. Armed with loppers, hand saws and a wee bottle of herbicide each, the 5 of them disappeared into the tangled wilderness. Two hours later, after the call to smoko, they emerged for a cuppa... and delicious cake courtesy of Fiona, one of the

But our situation here at the end of Hereweka St is not unique... The SWAT weed team has worked with 12 local landowners over the past three months, and further infestations are in their sights.

Some of us may think, what's the problem with banana passionfruit? The fruit is tasty and the flowers are really pretty. That's true but possums and birds also really like the fruit and spread vine seeds far and wide. It is widespread in Marlborough Sounds and becoming a real problem around Otepoti / Dunedin. If left unchecked BPF can climb up to seven metres in large trees and smother establishing native plants.

If you really like passionfruit, there are many far more tasty and non invasive varieties available to grow in your garden... but we all need to do our bit to get rid of the invasive banana passionfruit vine, a native of South America that was first noticed in NZ in 1950s.

Back at our place, the results of the SWAT team's efforts over 5 half day sessions (128 volunteer hours) is now really obvious.... Lots of passion fruit vines dying off in the kanuka. And the great thing is that it will not regrow. Even big vines, some the size of your forearm, will be gone forever, following an application of herbicide on the freshly cut stump. .

I will miss the SWAT team coming back, for their great work and interest in our regenerating bush and proliferation of birdlife ... and Fiona's baking

The SWAT team is out and about every Friday morning in their orange Do get in touch if banana passion fruit vines are a problem at your place and you would like a hand to get rid of it.

Please contact Marcia Dale on 021 485 001

or email imaginarycrayfish@gmail.com.

Marcia is pictured at a recent Saturday morning practical demonstration with Treetop Drive residents. She is holding a single fruit that contains 240 seeds.

Peter Hayden



SEEK WEEDS AND TERMINAT





PORTOBELLO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Harington Point Road, Portobello

Spring is here and Summer is just around the corner so why not do something different on one of these Sundays and come and spend some time with the folks at the Portobello Presbyterian Church located next to the Portobello Cemetery.

Stay on after the service for Coffee, Tea and home baking (usually) as well as lots to talk about. All are welcome.

Services are as follows:

18th Oct 1000am **Study Group** 1st Nov 1000am **Church Service** 15th Nov 1000am **Study Group** 6th Dec

1000am **Church Service with Communion**

20th Dec 1000am **Church Service**

24th Dec 1900pm Xmas Carol Service - This is a family service for

all ages so come along and enjoy the singing

You may not have realised but the Church is available for business retreats, meditation events, weddings, funerals, so for further information please contact John on 0220108923



Larnach Castle News

Things are looking up at Larnach Castle, Spring has sprung and being back at level one has lifted everyone's mood. We have been so grateful for the support from our locals in purchasing the annual pass. The day is the 31st of October, but we do hope to offer this opportunity again next year.

For various reasons we will not be having a Spring Fling this year, but we still have an extraordinary range of Castle grown plants for sale. Use your 'Loyal local' to come up and peruse the plants on offer. The stock is changing in the Gift shop daily now, keep us in mind for some early Xmas shopping; perfect timing if you are wanting to get parcels off in the international mail.

We have recently introduced a more extensive menu in our Café, offering options for all ages and dietary requirements; there will be daily specials on offer. High teas are available daily between 2pm and 4pm (24 hours' notice is required).

We were extremely disappointed that we had to cancel our annual Winter Ball; we tried three times but Covid put a stop to that this year, first time in 33 years we could not host it.

As a way of making up for it we are having a 'Halloween party' this year, in conjunction with the Otago Community Hospice.

The tradition originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honour all saints. Soon, All Saints Day incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. The evening before was known as All Hallows Eve, and later Halloween.

We are hoping to ward of the ghost of Covid!

The Castle will be open this Christmas day, but the Café will be open to guests with a pre-booking. We are offering a three-course traditional Christmas buffet, starting with a celebratory bubble's

Blooming Beautiful – this is a lovely event we have planned for the 22nd of October. Jolene from Estelle Florists is holding a floral art demonstration in several of the Castle rooms, followed by a Spring themed dinner.

Please check out our events page on the web site for more information.

www.larnachcastle.co.nz



Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Group

Possum control on the northern areas of the peninsula using toxins has finished for the 2020. OPBG staff are now busy setting up a network of traps to continue the slow mopping up process. OPBG staff and volunteers are also busy establishing a trap line at Otakou and will continue to set up traps in people's back yards, where possible.

Young possums (joeys) that have been growing in pouches over winter and early spring will be spending more time riding on their mother's back until they reach independence towards the end of summer. Over October-November possums will be eating Kowhai, Pohutukawa, Eucalyptus, Willow, Poplar and gorse flowers, with an added protein boost of bird's eggs and nestlings.



It is pleasing to see that chew cards made available at the Portobello Deli have been disappearing at a steady rate and are hopefully out there to be chewed on by possums. If a possum does chew on your card or you see or hear a possum, please report it at possums@opbg.nz. If you want to get involved in our work or host a trap in your back yard, please contact us through the OPBG website (predatorfreepeninsula.nz).

OPenArts Inc

Would like to thank all the Peninsula Community for their support for their Exhibition "Let's Talk Peninsula" and the support of their Charity the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital held at the Otago Art Society Gallery Dunedin Railway Station - Sept 5 - 12

They would also like to thank

The Dunedin City Council - The Peninsula Community Board.
Fulton Hogan - Hereweka Garden Retreat
Natures Wonders - Portobello Hotel - Arts Content
The Albatross Colony - Port to Port Cruises
Jans Dolls - The Otago Peninsula Trust - Monarch Cruises
Larnach Castle - Mitre 10 Mega
And all the speakers who unselfishly contributed their time
to our Lunchtime talks.

THANK YOU ALL!

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Save The Otago Peninsula (STOP) News

Arboriculture students from the Otago Polytechnic again pruned the Community Orchard at the bottom of the Smiths Creek Catchment. This annual job is much appreciated.

The 2020 planting in the Smiths Creek

area of the Hereweka Harbour Cone Block is now very obvious from the Highcliff Road with the weedmats and the dead grass around them. Two slopes have been completed and we are now working on the third slope with the aim of finishing before the end of October. Because of the Covid Lockdown period earlier in the year we are currently playing catchup to try and finish the planting at Smiths Creek as soon as possible. More volunteers welcome. If you know of any groups who would like to assist with planting we would welcome them.

Save The Otago Peninsula (STOP) Inc Soc regular volunteer working bees occur on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday starting at 9.30am. Two to three and a half hours duration.

(On Tuesday and Sunday we work in the Smiths Creek Catchment on the Hereweka Harbour Cone Block. Meet at the far end of Bacon St in Turnbulls Bay.)

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.

For more information contact Lala:

Email: stopincsoc@gmail.com

or Mobile (text only) 027 8756 020

Goodbye, and Hello!

This is my last column in The Portobello Community Newsletter as the member of parliament for Dunedin South.

It's been such a privilege to be your MP for nearly 12 years. I've done my very best for you as your representative, advocate and champion. Thank you to all those who visited me at my caravan clinics over the years, giving me feedback and keeping everything real!

There were many challenges over the first nine years - significant events like the closing of Hillside, the flooding of South Dunedin and the plight of the homeless. Thankfully Hillside is back on track and there's a lot more focus the future of southern part of our city.

I'm very conscious of the continuing issues of erosion on the peninsula and the importance of preserving our natural environment, particularly our waterways.

The peninsula communities are strong and resilient and well-served with Otakou Marae which is always ready to provide support to those in need during those intense weather events.

We are living in strange times indeed with the whole world battling a virus and no country is immune. Our best economic response is a strong health response allowing our local businesses to get going again faster. This is vital for all business, big

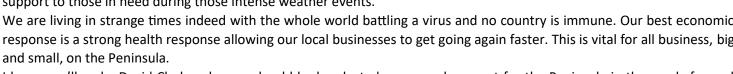
I hope you'll make David Clark welcome, should he be elected as my replacement for the Peninsula in the newly formed seat of Dunedin. This government, led by Jacinda, has done so many good things it's hard to list them. The next one will do even better.

I'm really looking forward to enjoying the spectacular beaches and walks that abound on the Peninsula this summer see you out there!

All the best for the future

Clare

Hon Clare Curran MP for Dunedin South



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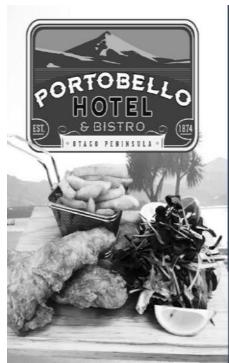
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Kids – teens - adults - dance fitness – couples styles of classes are - jazz – hip hop – contemporary - Latin - Zumba style and more

Our timetable run on school terms, classes will only run if 5 +students are enrolled

Wednesday 6:30-7:30 are our main fitness classes For timetable for other classes please contact me

For more info about class, contact Joshua 022 4668308 or 028 418 0609 Dance Instructor At coronation hall in portobello

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Shukuru's Tanzanian Village Life Art Exhibition. At 61 Grieg Street, **Broad Bay** To help finance the shipping of a container full of school supplies to the children of Kelema Primary School. Opening 30 October 3pm to 8pm Saturday 31 October and Sunday 1st November 10am to 5pm shukuru.nz@gmail.com





Another Portobello Community Inc Initiative

You will all have noticed the lovely mural on the Power Box at the bottom of Seaton Road. This has been done by Andrew Nicholson. At our last Portobello Community Inc. meeting it was discussed that perhaps some in the Community might like to sponsor another Power Box being painted. Andrew charged \$450.00 to paint the mural so the cost would be around that amount. Perhaps several in a family or other group might like to get together on this venture. Andrew has quite a few options that could be used. He is also open to suggestions. It would be so nice to have them all painted. You could contact Wayne on 0274780424 or Andrew.



Dunedin Market Update from James

Looking at the stats for August there were 141 sales of houses in dunedin with a median value of \$519,000. This represents an 11.4% increase on August 2019, highlighting the ongoing pressure on Dunedin house prices. With record low interest rates and no substantial subdivision developments on the horizon, we expect pressure to continue.

Peninsula Market Focus

Over the winter months of June, July and August there were 7 sales of residential homes on the Peninsula. Ranging from \$461,000 to \$750,000 with a median value of \$540,000. By comparison in the same months last year we saw 9 sales with a median value of \$465,000.

This represents a 16% increase in median value this year. Does this mean more people are discovering what a great place the Peninsula is to live?!

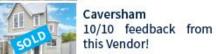
Market Appraisal

If you're interested to find out more about these recent sales, the Peninsula property market in general, and the current value of your home, then get in touch with me for a no-obligation chat.





Port Chalmers Sold for a street record! After presenting offers.





St Kilda

7 offers received and a great young couple buying their first home.



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Otago Peninsula Trust Update

We have welcomed the return to COVID Level 1. With the Royal Albatross Centre, Glenfalloch Garden, Fletcher House and Blue Penguins Pukekura operating to meet the Governments requirements for social distancing and contact tracing. To contact us about tour offerings please use reservations@albatross.org.nz.



Little Blue Penguins

Breeding started early this year at Blue Penguins Pukekura, the first five chicks fledged last week. New pairs are continuing to lay eggs and there have now been breeding attempts so far this season. Currently there are 224 chicks.

The total number of individual penguins recorded in the colony so far this season is 457 with 39 of these being chicks born in the 2018 season and 3 chicks from the 2019.

Royal Albatross Colony

The colony is home to over 250 toroa who, once mature, breed every two years. In 2019 the colony celebrated 100 years since the first egg was laid in 1919. As those locals who live on the Otago Peninsula can attest when it blows. The wind of the last few weeks has blown many of the Albatross Chicks away, with only three now remaining to fledge.

We have also heard the bells of Dunedin ringing to herald in the return of the first of this seasons breeding adults. This can be a wonderful time to visit the colony. Viewing can be fascinating as albatross renew their pair bonds with grooming and flying displays while also choosing a place to nest. The adolescents without mates will be in party mode, doing what teenagers do, impressing prospective mates, building pair bonds and showing off; this leads to impressive flying displays.

Glenfalloch Gardens

Spring is a great time to be visiting the beautiful historic woodland Glenfalloch gardens. The peaceful and relaxing gardens are presently a hive of activity, the birdsong is fantastic. Stroll among the rhododendrons, azaleas, magnolias, fuchsias and a profusion of other flower species which integrate with native ferns, exotic imports and indigenous New Zealand trees.

We are working towards a re-opening of the Glenfalloch Restaurant in the very near future.

www.glenfalloch.co.nz

www.albatross.org.nz

www.bluepenguins.co.nz

Peninsula Medical Centre

12 Allans Beach Road, Portobello. 4780 880



Local Hall Hire Contacts

Coronation Hall, Portobello - Wayne Cameron - 4780 424 Scott Hall, Harwood - Chris Helm 4780 120

Hoopers Inlet Hall - Jackie Clearwater - 4780 508



Peninsula Connection

Official opening of the Vauxhall to Macandrew Bay section



11am, Sunday 11 October 2020

We would like to invite you to the opening of the Vauxhall to Macandrew Bay section of the Peninsula Connection. The event will be held at **11am on Sunday, 11 October at the Macandrew Bay beach car park.**

Speeches and ribbon cutting will take place, followed by a BBQ. Walk, scoot or bike along the new 4.4 km shared cycle/walk path before the speeches to experience the landscaped paths, native plants and purpose-built boardwalks.

It takes about an hour to walk from Vauxhall to Macandrew Bay and about 20 minutes to cycle.

In the event of adverse weather, a cancellation notice will be posted on the Otago Peninsula Community Board Facebook page. (Please note: The official opening will be subject to the COVID-19 restrictions current at that date. We will communicate any changes, if required, nearer the time.)





Save the Date - Wild Dunedin Festival Thursday 22 April to Wednesday 28 April 2021

Wild Dunedin is a celebration of our wild places and wildlife over the April school holidays with a great variety of events connected to nature. In 2021 we will be focusing on rewilding Dunedin. 'Rewilding' means restoring natural habitats, native species and restoring our connection with nature.





Portobello Bowling Club Inc

Situated 5 Sherwood Street. New Members always welcome
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Contact Secretary Brian Cameron 4780 816 or email pbo26@xtra.co.nz for further information

Social Evenings on Thursday's (changes to Tuesday's on 20th October) & Sunday's - 4.30pm to 7pm Social Membership \$20.00

Opening Day was held on the 3rd October with a good number in attendance - men defeated ladies in the annual men versus ladies challenge.

The Interclub Season begins with the Ladies Competition on the Tuesday after Labour Weekend Men on the Wednesday & the Mixed Triples on the Saturday.

Twilight Bowls (Hong Kong Pairs) starts on Thursday 22nd October - this is a quick game (10 ends) and is intended for bowlers & non bowlers - if you would like to give it a try come along at 5.30pm

It is played every Thursday night – weather permitting

Our Monthly Tournaments are due to start on the Sunday 18th October - these are usually a well supported Competition with up to 64 participants - we hold 6 of these each season

We have had 3 new Playing Members and a few new Social Members join this year so far which is good to see 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



Age Concern Otago Falls Prevention Programme For men and women 65+

Steady As You Go[©] held at Portobello Bowling Club

Strength & balance exercise class - Mondays 10 am

Tai Chi Classes - Thursdays 1.30 pm

Enquires: Margaret Dando 477-1040 Ext 702





RURAL SKIP DAYS

Portobello Domain | Sunday, 11 October | 10am – 5pm This is a cash only collection.

(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

NO LIQUIDS: including oil

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

Fees apply. See website for details.



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DIARY DATES TO NOTE

Food Trucks - Coronation Hall Carpark - Sunday 11th October - 10am - 2pm Pilates - Every Monday from 5:45pm - 6:45pm. Coronation Hall Steady As You Go - Every Monday 10am. - Portobello Bowling Club Tai Chi - Every Thursday 1:30pm Portobello Bowling Club Otago Peninsula Museum - open every Sunday 12:30pm - 3:30pm

Portobello Community Inc

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