

# NEWSLETTER

## FEBRUARY 2021

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Portobello Community Inc.



*Portobello Community Inc and Food Truck Markets Present*

# Autumn Market Day

**Coronation Hall & carpark**

# Portobello



**Sunday 14th March 2021 - 10am - 2:30pm**

**Food Trucks with a selection of scrumptious delights.**



There will be our usual amazing variety of creative goods on offer from our talented stall-holders.

Look for gifts and goodies to give or grab a bargain just for yourself.



**Due to other commitments there will be no Food Trucks here on Sunday 14th February**



## News from the Otago Peninsula Community Board

Tau Hou hari, Happy New Year. It seems a long time ago since we said goodbye to 2020 and welcomed in 2021. Like most people in the community, I'm quite glad to see the back of 2020. Let's hope that we can move forward in a positive way this year and regain some of the business and community ground that we lost.

**Peninsula Connection** – Work on Portobello Road at Broad Bay continues and contractors will be starting on the reserve and Grieg Street sections

late this week. It will see a dramatic change to the area, but there are plans in place to ensure it is improved for the community. I still don't have any word on the Portobello Township timeline but will keep everyone posted when I have any information.

**Community Plans and DCC Long Term Plan** – If you've been following the deliberations of the City Council recently, you'll know by now that the Council plans a 9.8% increase in rates this year. I wrote about this last time and its worth repeating once again, 2021 is going to be a very important Long-Term Plan for the Dunedin City Council. With the City Council now working towards the 2021-2031 Long Term the Community Board must have a clear picture on what the Peninsula Community's priorities are.

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.

**Board Meeting & Funding Applications** – The Community Board is to meet on Thursday February 18th 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/>

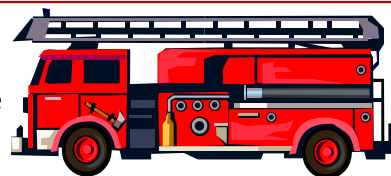
If you have any issues that you would like to raise or discuss please don't hesitate to contact myself or your local Board member

**Paul Pope - Otago Peninsula Community Board Chairman**

[paul.peninsula@xtra.co.nz](mailto:paul.peninsula@xtra.co.nz) (03) 4780630 or 0274668446

## Portobello Volunteer Fire Brigade

A heartfelt thanks to our community for the unconditional support shown to all those effected both during and after the recent Beaconsfield Road major fire event. Our community is a strong one and we are proud and honoured to be part of it with you.



### Can Appeal

December saw another great turnout for our Annual Can Appeal, with donations yet again up from previous years. Thank You!

### Medical Only Volunteers

There are opportunities within our brigade to volunteer and train as a Medical Responder without also taking on an active firefighting role. We encourage anyone interested in such a role to visit the station on any Wednesday training session (7pm) to discuss the possibilities.

### Alright To Light

In summer it is especially important to check on current regulations before considering any outdoor fires. Sometime the in-force regulation can change daily: <https://checkitsalright.nz/> will show you the current fire regulation in force for any area.

*Greg Dickson* Chief Fire Office



## Chairman's Corner

We have another big combined market day coming up where we have stall holders and food trucks and entertainment. This will take place on Sunday 14th March at the Coronation Hall and will be our 'Autumn Market'.

Please contact Stacey at [kokaua-balfour@hotmail.com](mailto:kokaua-balfour@hotmail.com) if you wish to have a stall. Further information to follow.

There have been some overdue improvements happening at our local Coronation Hall lately, (although not related to Pbo Inc). It is great to report that the main hall heating has had a major upgrade with heat pumps and fans installed. More repairs have also been carried out to the internals of the building. So if you were thinking about holding your event there, go for it.

The new street lighting that has been installed by the DCC looks great and will certainly add to our night sky visuals. I wish I could say the same about the DCC's cleaning and clearing out of roadside ditches and drains around the place. They used to be a regular occurrence up our street, but I can't recall when I last saw a maintenance vehicle. It's good to see some of the locals doing some of this work, but it should not be like this. Frustrating to be asked to pay more but get less service.

At the up and coming AGM in June both Brenda and myself will be stepping down from Portobello Inc. Therefore we will also no longer be doing the newsletter that we have been doing for the last 12 years so if anyone out there would like to take this over then please contact us and we will be more than willing to help out with the changeover.

See you all at the markets on 14th March . . .

Wayne Cameron - Pbo Comm Inc Chair

Tena Koutou everyone

I hope you have all had a relaxing break and are refreshed and ready to face 2021.

With our children all back at school it's a good time to touch on our road safety around the schools especially at drop off and pick up times. Please take extra care on our roads and school carparks at these times. Our little ones don't think like us and can pop out from unexpected places. The roadworks at Greenacres Street in Macandrew Bay make things a lot busier and with so much going on you need to be on the ball.

You may be aware that over the weekend (Friday night) some people took it upon themselves to party in the Albatross carpark and for reasons beyond belief decided to run over many of our red billed gulls. Approximately 30 have been barbarically killed and fences/rails have also been damaged on top of this. Words cannot describe this abhorrent behaviour. We are following up on some leads and if anyone has any information about this please contact me (any information will be dealt with with complete anonymity). If you know anything about this or the people involved (I'm sure someone does) then do the right thing and come forward. It appears there were two cars and a 4-wheel motorbike involved. The 4-wheeler motorbike involved didn't come from the city, I'm certain. There are not many of them out here and I am determined to eliminate all of them until I find the one I want.

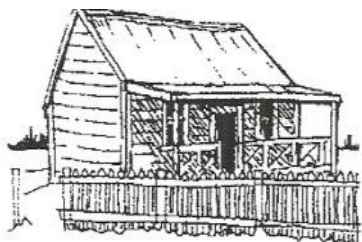
Still getting reports of bad driving on the low road. Was disappointing to clock one person at 93kmph in the 70kmph zone between Dunedin and Mac Bay last week. I offer no apologies if you get a speeding ticket as I have been banging on about this since my arrival nearly 3 years ago. It is up to you guys as the individual drivers to take responsibility, please slow down, buckle up and don't get distracted, one split second could change your and some other families lives forever.

That's all from me for now. Take care of one another and I will catch up soon.

Aaron







## OTAGO PENINSULA MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

17 Harington Point Road, Portobello, Dunedin 9014

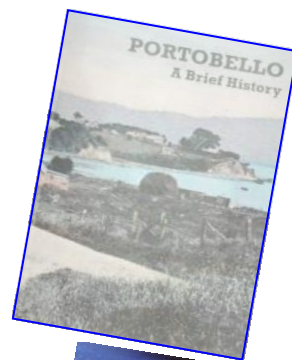
### Museum News



The Museum has had good numbers of visitors over the holiday period. It's great to see many New Zealanders enjoying their own country.

We still have 3 copies of the book "The Christmas Caravan", \$15 from the Museum and also our popular book "Portobello - A Brief History" for \$25 from the local shop or the Museum.

The photo at left shows our 3 new mannequins kindly donated by the H and J Smith shop.



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY ROSTER

Over the years, the people of Otago Peninsula have established the Otago Museum and Historical Society and filled it with treasures from the past. A dedicated and active committee looks after the extensive collection and continues to develop it. The Museum is staffed by volunteers and opens to the public for three hours on Sunday afternoons from 1.30 p.m.

I have volunteered on a Sunday afternoon for a couple of years now and really look forward to my turn. It is great to have the opportunity to support the preservation of our local history, especially with such a fantastic collection as the one here. People come to this Museum from New Zealand and around the world, some researching information about their ancestors who lived in the area, some to reminisce about objects they see that remind them of their past, and some just to appreciate the artifacts that the museum has on display.

Sunday afternoon volunteers are rostered on for two turns per year, so even if you work full time or lead a very busy life, it is quite manageable. You don't need to have lived here all your life, and you don't need extensive knowledge of the history of the Peninsula - although if you are interested, there are some really good books at the Museum that you can read, and an excellent collection of photographs and other documents.

So if you are interested in the history of Otago Peninsula, or would just like to contribute to this special place and community, why not become a volunteer at the Museum this year? We have a few spaces for new people right now.

*Sonya Maclaurin*

**email the Museum at:** [theotagopeninsulamuseum@gmail.com](mailto:theotagopeninsulamuseum@gmail.com) or ring Laurel on 4780-512

The new roster for March 2021 till March 2022 will be out soon so please get in touch as soon as possible if you are interested.

**The Otago Peninsula Museum  
(Next door to the Garage in Portobello)  
Open every Sunday 12.30-3.30 Adults \$2, children free**



Do you recognise any of  
the people in  
this old photo?

Do you know where this  
stone cottage was located?

If you can help us with  
identification

please email the Museum

or

phone Laurel on 4780 512

In the December Museum News we wrote about Walter Riddell who lived at Ivy Bank on the top corner of Highcliff Road and Sandymount Road. The Museum has a copy of a Diary kept by Walter with occasional entries from 1865 until 1871. (The original is in the McNabb Collection at the Dunedin Public Library). We have taken some excerpts from his Diary which gives us an indication of just how tough life was on the Peninsula in those days.

The family had arrived in Otago in 1862 on the ship 'Grassmere'.

**28 March 1865** - *Set out from Dunedin on the morning of Tuesday 28 March, arrived safely and paid the carter £3 for carrying us and our luggage and livestock (seven fowls) to our new house that we called Ivy Bank. It took us ten days to cart our things through the bush.*

**15 April 1865** - *Have been busy sawing timber all week and excavating for addition to our house which consists of one room 14 ft by 12 ft built of fern tree. Brought 1 ton of potatoes which took 4 days to carry through the bush.*

**29 December 1865** - *Another year is wound up amidst difficulties and debts but how thankful ought I to be, for the health I enjoy and the work I have got.*

**1 January 1866** - *I am entering another year with £83 in debt on my head with plenty of hard work before me. I have increased in the year that has passed a house, an acre of land cleared, 15 hens, 2 cows and a son.*

(Over the years 1865 till 1871 Walter Riddell cleared bush, planted crops, built houses for many local settlers, built the Pukehiki Church and Manse and several more children were born).

**4 January 1868** - *Paid sawyers for cutting timber for Church (Pukehiki) £26, got on the roof the last day of the old year. Was invited to spend the day with John Mathieson of "Springfield" and so the year 1867 closes on us still labouring for daily bread and hard up for money, still we have improved our position since last year. Father has been bad with his breath for a good while now. Spent New Years Day at Mathiesons dancing and making a fool of ourselves. Wasted a good day and felt tired next day when I had to turn out for work.*

(Walters father, William, died in November 1870 at Ivy Bank, although it was not mentioned in his diary.)  
(His brother Willie got into bad debt in Dunedin and Walter was forced to help out - as he mentions below.)

**15 August 1868** - *Went into Dunedin to make arrangements for a mortgage on my property of £150 in order to meet promissory notes signed by me for my brother Willie. I am very sorry at doing it, it sent a pang to my heart, but I hope by the good name of God upon helping me I will be able to clear it off again in a short time.*

**3 January 1869** - *Thus began a new year. On a survey of the year that is past I have been rather unlucky in my worldly affairs. I have run my head into debt for nothing, lost a cow and got hard up in money matters. Although however, the obligation on the other hand has not been small, I have one child more and have been blessed with good health and soundness of mind.*

**30 April 1870** - *Started to build my own house, fixed the piles and started to dig out foundations. (The house was completed at the end of June)*

**7 January 1871** - *Another year has arrived and I am still in existence. lonely and single handed to battle with the toil of getting bread for my family. Things are a great deal lower this year than ever they were, still hard up for money. We have 8 cows this year and can't keep going.*

**14 January 1871** - *Started to saw for Larnach's house this week. Awful hard and ugly timber, have 32,000 ft to cut.*

(Over the next 10 years Riddell worked on the Larnach house and out buildings)

### Portobello Library:

The Library, in the Coronation Hall, is open **Thursdays** 11-1 and **Sundays** 11-1. The Sunday opening is just new but we are really pleased with the number of people who are coming along. New members pay \$5 to join then no charge after that except for 20 cents each book you take out. Our Librarian, Dot, has purchased lots of new books and if there is anything you are keen to see in the Library then have a talk to her. Lorene is our Sunday Librarian.

We have our Annual General Meeting coming up and we would like a couple of new members. You don't have to do anything as we only have one meeting a year (the AGM) but we always need enough to make a quorum so take note of the date and come along.



## Quarantine Island Kamau Taurua Community News

Over the past few months we've had quite a few visitors, both on day trips or for an overnight island get-away, a celebration or holiday. There has been very mixed weather, but all have enjoyed this special place, having fun, swimming, kayaking, walking, or resting and recharging in the company of others and connecting to place. Visitors included students from Otago Polytechnic's summer programme for young people from former refugee backgrounds. Thanks to our volunteers, the students got to try a variety of activities, from learning some Te reo and weaving with harakeke, to watering seedlings and kayaking. Other visitors have assisted with watering and releasing seedlings, weed control and checking tracking tunnels as part of our biodiversity project.

We have had a new hot water cylinder installed in the Lodge thanks to **Graham Innes**, electrician, and **Richard Geels**, plumber, and QIKT Community member **Chris Brown**. Thanks to funding from the **Otago Community Trust** which enabled us to purchase the cylinder.

We held a relaxed and informal Te reo workshop, led by QIKTC member Joe Hunter, and we look forward to hosting more of these this year.

Many thanks to **Port-To-Port Cruises and Wildlife Tours** and **East Coast Charters** who provide our boat transfers to and from the island.

***We still have a number of volunteer opportunities currently to assist us with releasing and watering seedlings, weed control, and also leading groups in February and March for school groups visits. Let us know if you might be interested. Training will be provided. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for updates on events.***

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 [quarantineisland.org.nz](http://quarantineisland.org.nz).

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](mailto: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. We organise the boat transport, so let us know in advance if you're coming.

Details and **booking forms for events** are on our website. Keep an eye on our Facebook page too!

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.

### **February/March-dates vary- caring for seedlings and weed control**

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

### **Saturday 20th-Sunday 21st- Nature Journaling Workshop with artist Jo Ogier.**

Places limited and bookings essential. This is a fundraiser for QIKTC.

### **Saturday 27th February 2021- Welcome Day**

Volunteer, relax or explore, or all three! Option of a special trip to the Heads following this open day.

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*'Thomas' was spotted at our local Fire Station over Christmas.  
We hope he enjoyed his day entertaining our volunteers' children.*







*The delightful front of house team at **The Duck**, Savanah Kamura, Emma Strybosch, Chrystal Jones, Trinity Matika.*



Kia Ora Peninsula friends!

We are the new kids on the café scene, The Duck! Situated at the best possible location in Macandrew Bay, right across from the beach on Portobello Road. We specialise in all things breakfast, brunch and lunch. We're mad about coffee, good vibes and excellent food. Stop in for a takeaway coffee on your way to work in the morning from 7am and grab a bite from the cabinet or bring your Nan out for brunch on Sunday.

See you soon!



Term 1 is underway and we have welcomed a number of new students and their families to our school this year. We have also welcomed Anna-Marie Dijkstra and Therese Sharma to our teaching staff. We are looking forward to a great term of learning together. Students in all classes are currently establishing routines for the term and getting to know each other.

On the sporting front some of our students have expressed an interest in playing Rippa Rugby and Futsal and we are now preparing for the start of these competitions. Senior students will be taking part in cycle skills in upcoming weeks to further develop their cycle skills and all students will be taking part in Walk n Wheel Week.

In 2021 Mrs Agnew will again lead Enviro within our school. We are currently planning projects within the school and the wider community for 2021.

Our school and community pool has been used by many members of our school and community during the summer period. It is great to see so many families enjoying this great facility. Now that we are back at school we have started twice weekly swimming lessons. We are looking forward to school swimming sports mid March.

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 4780605 or e-mail [office@portobello.school.nz](mailto:office@portobello.school.nz)



## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PORT TO PORT CRUISES & WILDLIFE TOURS



### Portobello Touch Tanks-

See & touch marine animals, fun facts, boat trip Ad  
\$38, Ch \$22

### Quarantine Island Adventure -

Treasure map, birds, Quarantine Buildings,  
shipwrecks, treasure!



Ad \$24, Ch \$13

### Mini Harbour Tour-

Birds, boats, shipwrecks, islands, volcano

Ad \$24, Ch \$12



### Meet the Skipper -

Meet skipper Rachel /see navigation gear/tour of the  
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## 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



### FOR HIRE

Portobello Community Inc  
have 2 x 20L Water Urns  
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



"The 2021 Hereweka Harbour Cone Hike is this month "

Save the date... Sunday 28th February 2021

Have you always wanted to walk the Cone but never got round to it?? Now's your chance to explore a part of the Peninsula you may never have seen ☺

Registrations are on the day at the beginning of the Bacon Street Track starting at 10am and closing at 11.30am. You will receive a guide to the area before you begin.

It's absolutely FREE to register ☺

For those with a moderate level of fitness, it's approximately a 6kms walk which allows you to take your time and enjoy the area. You can visit some of the historic farmsteads, climb to the summit of Harbour Cone and be amazed by the incredible views. Visit Larnachs Farm and see the restoration work at Smiths Creek.

You will need to bring good walking shoes, suitable clothes for the conditions, plenty of water, lunch (although there is a FREE BBQ provided by HHCT, the Hereweka Harbour Cone Trust).

Because this is a working farm, please leave your dog at home.

Parking is available in the paddock adjacent to the start and public transport is available from town using the No 18 bus which stops in Turnbull's Bay opposite Bacon Street.

Any queries please contact Fiona Harrison on 021 798 908"



## Te Rauone Beach Project – RESOURCE CONSENT GRANTED

Monday 1 February was a momentous day for all those involved in the Te Rauone Beach Project, as Port Otago were given the **GREEN LIGHT** to proceed with the construction of the rock groynes and the sand nourishment of Te Rauone Beach. While the Resource Consent Hearing was held on the 16 December 2020, there was still an appeal period following the granting of the consent and now that this time is complete, we can all be excited about what lies ahead.

To celebrate this important milestone please see the invitation below.

### INVITATION

We would like to invite you to a Celebration of the granting of the Resource Consent to begin the Construction of the Groynes and the Sand Nourishment of Te Rauone Beach.

**When:** **Saturday 27 February, 2021 at 4pm**

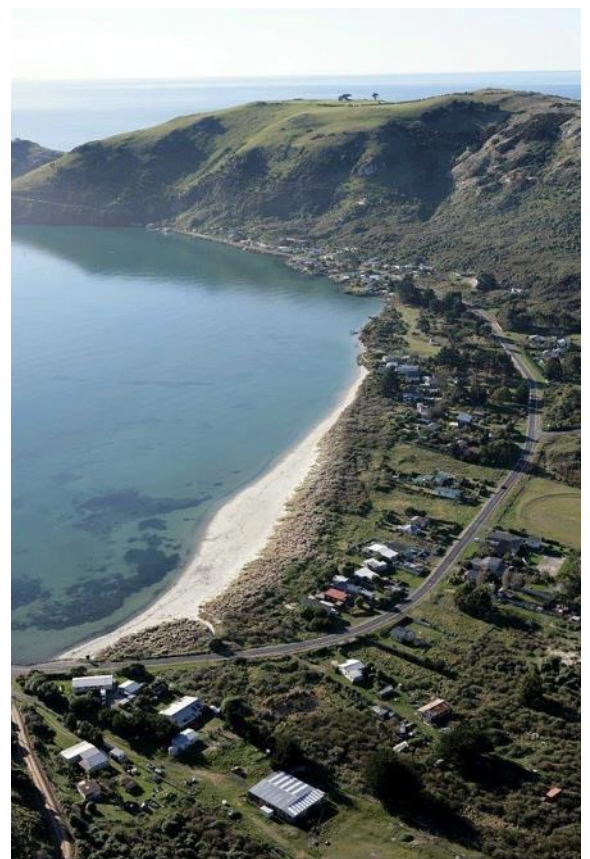
**Where:** Smith's Garage at 960 Harington Point Road, Harington Point.

**What to Bring:** BYO refreshments please - a BBQ Meal will be provided. If you have any dietary requests please let us know.

**RSVP:** **To assist with catering numbers**, please reply by **Friday 19 February**, to Des Smith - Email: [des.smith960@gmail.com](mailto:des.smith960@gmail.com)

**Come and join us to celebrate this special milestone.**

Des Smith  
021 736116  
On behalf of the Te Rauone Beach Coast Care Committee



m: 027 929 1174

e: alicem@bayleymetro.co.nz

Alice Munro

## WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH OUR MARKET?

	OCTOBER 2020	OCTOBER 2019
TOTAL SALES	183	199
MEDIAN SELL PRICE	\$560,000	\$505,000
MEDIAN DAYS TO SELL	23	23

JUST LISTED  
149 Victoria Road, Saint Clair

With the summer season approaching, it is a prime time in real estate 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.



BAYLEYS

METRO

## Ric's Galley Takeaways

### Portobello

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

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5pm— Late

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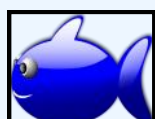
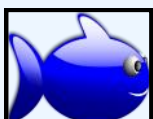
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## 12 things to do Portobello area Bucket List

### 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.

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# Pilates at Portobello

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## Peninsula Plumbers

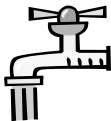
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Maintenance

*'A local plumber for local people'*

### ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE from Olly's pen

Kia ora Everyone – I hope you're all *safe as* and as well as can be. Gosh aren't we lucky to be living in good ole Aotearoa New Zealand – land of the kiwis – far enough away from other countries and other borders! Thank goodness we are surrounded by ocean – especially at this time. We just hope that those people who are plagued with the Covid Virus get through it all. We're even luckier than most I reckon, living here in the grand ole Otakou/Otago Peninsula.

It gave me immense pleasure to tell my two teenage grand children (boys aged 13 & 15) that the English word Otago comes from a transliteration of “**Otakou**.” I hadn't been able to see my whanau from Auckland for some time and so it was great when they told me they were booked into a house in Dunedin for the Waitangi weekend. The highlight of their stay here was taking a box of Jaffas – and rolling them down Baldwin Street. I had looked at the hill, I had thought yes that is one steep hill but I had never been up to the top of it. My daughter Miri looked at the hill, commented that indeed it was a steep looking hill whereupon she gunned the automatic car and we shot up to the top – much to my surprise and slight terror. She then realised that once at the top, she also had to come down the same hill. One look at the steep de=cline, she opted to wait for Christo, her husband, who for some unknown reason to me, had decided to walk - to do the task. In retrospect, I believe fear of her driving skills was the prime factor! Despite that, we duly rolled the red jaffas down the hill while the boys recorded the event on their video cams. To our surprise, people at the top were also **Jaffas** from Auckland. Others were from Wellington and others again were Asian. Having accomplished conquering the hill, Miri and I carefully walked down to the car – to safety and normality – whew!  
I love where I live.

“Known as “kowhaiwhai”  
It represents life lines, whanau and whanaungatanga





## Save The Otago Peninsula (STOP) News

A big thanks to the Otago Community Trust for funding a container shed and some power tools to store in this secure place along with the rest of our tools and equipment used at Smiths Creek.



Vic Mills has created some great destination signs to make it easier to refer to places – especially those on the Future Forest Walk including the Macrocarpa Ridge and the Podocarp Ridge.

Also for the first time the kowhai trees planted on the Hereweka Harbour Cone property by people gaining NZ Citizenship has been marked with the name Citizenship Slope. All the signs should be installed in time for the Hereweka Hike on 28 February which includes part of the Future Forest Walk at its end.

Save The Otago Peninsula (STOP) Inc Soc regular volunteer working bees occur on Tuesday, and Sunday starting at 9.30am, meeting at the Bacon Track end of Bacon St. More volunteers always welcome.

At the end of the 2020 planting season, there were a flurry of other commemorative trees planted – marking new births, deaths, birthdays and special anniversaries. If you would like a permanent living memorial for yourself or someone else, for more information contact Lala:

Email: [stopincsoc@gmail.com](mailto:stopincsoc@gmail.com)

or Mobile (text only) 027 8756 020



### FROM SHUKURU MUNRO AND FAMILY

Update for the Kilema Primary School Fundraiser

Fundraising for the children of Kilema Primary School is a powerful way to help the 1,000 or more pupils at the school to get an education. Most of the families of these children cannot afford the school equipment which has been so generously donated by you and others.

Every donation, no matter how small has been much appreciated. So far, we have reached our 70% target in goods and cash. We are now raising funds to finance the shipping of a container load of school equipment to Tanzania

I held a successful art exhibition of my work, supported by other artists like Ewan McDougal who donated a painting for the fundraiser, in late 2020. I have continued to fundraise all through summer at different South Island markets and fairs because together we can all make a difference.

If you wish to give this project its final push, please make a donation to the Kilema Primary school- go to "Shukuru Give A Little Page".

Finally, if anyone has an empty site where we can put a 40-foot container before we ship it to Tanzania please contact Shukuru Munro – [shukuru.nz@gmail.com](mailto:shukuru.nz@gmail.com) or 0273845052

Thank you all. We will keep updating you.

## ANCIENT MAORI PHILOSOPHY MAURI HAUORA

Enrolments are being taken now for our March intake, including Zoom, one on one sessions.

Our in house class involves basic Te Reo as well.

For more details about our in house classes or one on one Zooms call 4780 220 or email me at: [espi10@gmail.com](mailto:espi10@gmail.com).

Olly Ohlson Kaiako & Tohunga Maur Hauora





## Larnach Castle News

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## Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Group

Despite all the challenges of 2020, possum control was most successful and possum numbers on the northern areas of the peninsula are now very low. Our goal to June 2021 is to establish and maintain a network of traps on northern areas of the peninsula to catch the remaining possums and demonstrate that possums have been eradicated from these areas. Operations will then switch to the eradication of possums from the rest of the peninsula.

Over February and March possums will be busy consuming Karaka, Mahoe, Rata flowers and leaves, and Miro berries. Orchard fruits are also on the menu, as is blackberry, rose hips, grass, fungi and crunchy critters, like insects and snails. Young possums (joeys) will be leaving their mothers and moving about to establish their own territories, which may well be in your back yard. If you notice that a possum is eating your fruit or roses please report it at [possums@opbg.nz](mailto:possums@opbg.nz) and we will help you catch it.

If you wish to hear more of how the possum eradication has been progressing, what our plans are for 2021, and contribute to a discussion of how to progress toward a predator-free and biodiverse peninsula, please come along to a **Public Information Session, Coronation Hall, Portobello, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 7 – 9 pm**. Supper will be provided and spot prizes awarded to a lucky few (tui bird feeder, possum/merino beany and a bird call book – Thank you to the sponsors: Farmlands, Mitre 10 Mega and Paper Plus).

See you there.



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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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## SEEK WEEDS AND TERMINATE

At this time of year the bright scarlet flowers of Chilean flame creeper can be seen, often high in the tree canopy and very visible in the landscape.



This invasive vine produces dark blue berries that can be spread considerable distances by birds. As a result the vine has found its way into a few areas of native forest on the Otago Peninsula, where it forms a dense curtain that smothers trees, shrubs and ferns.

Chilean flame creeper dies back each winter and in spring re-sprouts from underground roots. The slender stems climb rapidly by means of curling tendrils and have 5-6 fingered soft, green leaves. This pest plant can be very difficult to remove from an area once it is established.

Fortunately, Chilean flame creeper is not common on the Otago Peninsula. We are working to control existing vines and, most importantly, trying to prevent new infestations from establishing.

If you see this pest plant, or would like some help to get rid of it from your section,

Please contact Marcia Dale on 021 485 001 or email [imaginarycrayfish@gmail.com](mailto:imaginarycrayfish@gmail.com).

IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE PORTOBELLO AREA

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## Second Time Lucky for Wild Dunedin Festival 22 – 28 April

It's all go for a really Wild Dunedin Festival this April after the lockdown forced the creators of the Festival to go online in April 2020.

The 2020 Festival's focus on rewilding remains, with many events celebrating the restoration of natural habitats, native species and people's connection with nature.

**Suzy Cato** is one of Wild Dunedin's special guests this year and she'll be appearing at various events and locations.

There will be plenty of outings for locals to enjoy without leaving the Peninsula...

**Post Possum** event at Coronation Hall

A rewilding tour of **Possums End** at Portobello

**Port to Port** trip from Portobello to explore Otago Harbour's volcanic history, and a special tour to Quarantine Island

Find out about sea creatures, and climate change at the **Marine Studies Centre**

Go on a **Penguin Place** 'Nature Ramble', find out about hoiho and discounted tours

Be an ace plant detective at **Larnach Castle**

Express tours at the **Royal Albatross Centre**

**Blue Penguins Pukekura** will have a great deal for families

**Monarch Cruises** discounted trip from Wellers Rock.

Old favourites in town include **7X7 Wild Talks** on nature and art, Earth Day at **Orokonui Ecosanctuary** with a \$5 per person entry, the **Sea Lion Trust Pub Quiz**, and Wild on the Menu, this year at **Titi in St Clair**.

Otago Museum, Toitū Otago Settlers Museum, Moana Pool and the City, Port Chalmers, and Mosgiel Libraries will be hosting events for children involving art, books, moths, music, nature films, plus there's a scavenger hunt at the Botanic Garden.

There's something for everyone at this year's Festival, and it's on during the school holidays.

You can follow Wild Dunedin on social media, plus visit [www.wilddunedin.nz](http://www.wilddunedin.nz) to **become a Friend** and gain early access to the online programme and bookings. Look out for the printed programme from 5 March.



### There is an Automated External Defibrillator located outside Portobello Store

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

For 64% of cardiac arrests a bystander will perform CPR.

People may show no warnings or prior symptoms and 15% survive to hospital discharge following a cardiac arrest.

Use of an AED within 3-5 min of collapse can increase the chance of survival by up to 40%



### Portobello Presbyterian Church Services

21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	10.00am Communion
7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am
21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	10.00am
4 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.00am Communion
18 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.00am

All are welcome





# Peninsula Property

## focus

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### The 2021 Real Estate Market

What's the best month of the year to list your property?

The property market is active again after the Christmas break, and February is likely the best month to list your property this year, says Century 21 New Zealand owner Derryn Mayne. "Those contemplating listing a property would be wiser to act sooner rather than later," Mayne said.

The realtor boss's comment comes as the Reserve Bank of New Zealand (RBNZ) reviews a public consultation on its plan to reinstate loan-to-value ratios (LVRs) this year.

Last year, the RBNZ temporarily removed LVR restrictions in response to the first COVID-19 lockdown. Lower deposit requirements have since contributed to a surge in buyers and house prices.

Experts predict it will see 20% minimum deposit requirements for owner-occupiers, and possibly even 40% for property investors. With property investors now making up around 27% of all buyers, Mayne believes putting the brakes on them will have a demonstrable impact, as has been the case in the past.

### SOLD! Recent Peninsula Sales



1 St Ronans Road - Brought to the market by Kay Lucas. A beautiful garden and charming home, and great result.



1 Jane Street - Brought to the market by Gisielle Summerton. The Auction saw 38 bids and a final sale price of \$646,150!

Five years ago, when property investors were hit with a 40% deposit requirement.

It took many of them out of the market and helped cool the jets somewhat. Combined with major tenancy law changes taking effect on February 11, I think we'll soon see many Kiwis pull back from buying a residential investment property," she said.

Mayne highlighted the strong demand due to record-low interest rates and fewer properties available for sale.

One thing is definitely looking likely: February is set to be the last month that many first-home purchasers and property investors can get into the market with a smaller deposit.

**Note to prospective sellers: Don't miss out on these highly motivated buyers.**

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Scott Hall, Harwood - Chris Helm - 4780 120  
Hoopers Inlet Hall - Jackie Clearwater - 4780 508

### PORTOBELLO LIBRARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 18 February 7pm

At the Library in the  
Coronation Hall  
Portobello  
See you there

Keep those possum reports coming in.  
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### **GIVE SOCIAL BOWLS A GO**

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February we are giving younger members of our Community the opportunity to try their hand at Bowls.  
Do you have a young family – not a problem as you can bring them along and we will keep them entertained with petanque, indoor bowls, quoits etc while mum and dad play lawn bowls. This is open to all age groups as we have a real shortage of younger members.

If you are interested. Come along to the Portobello Bowling Club around 5.30pm and you will be sorted with bowls and some basic instruction before putting a foot on the green.

You do need to wear soft soled shoes that will not damage the green: e.g. sneakers

It is a wonderful, social sport. Come along a give it a try.

The bowls game that we play lasts just over one hour and if you want, you are welcome to stay for a sausage and bread after the game. The cost is \$5.00 per player or \$4.00 if you are not staying for sausage. Kids are free



## **OTAKOU GOLF CLUB**



Our 2021 season has started and competition is underway in a number of our annual trophies. Not that competition is compulsory, just come along for a social game.

Club day is Sunday with a 10 am start. Nine hole Twilight golf is on Wednesdays with a start time between 4 and 6 pm. There are also other casual groups who play on Thursday with a 9.30 start and Friday with a 3 pm start. Take your choice.

We are starting a new pairs competition for members and their non-playing partners/family/significant others. This will take the form of a 4 hole match starting at 4 pm on Saturday 20 February.  
Should only take approx one hour followed by wine and cheese in the clubhouse. If inclement weather we will still have the wine and cheese.

To show we are not just one trick ponies we are taking on the Portobello Fire Brigade at cricket on the Portobello domain this Saturday 13 February starting at 11.00 o'clock. We are quietly confident of retaining the trophy.

## **Missing out on the local news?**

Read the Portobello Community newsletter online!

Go to;

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

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# PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

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# RURAL SKIP DAYS

**Portobello Domain | 14 February | 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.

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### DIARY DATES TO NOTE

Food Trucks - Coronation Hall Carpark - 2nd Sunday of each month - 10am - 2pm (except February)

Pilates - Every Monday from 5:45pm - 6:45pm. Coronation Hall

Steady As You Go - Every Monday or Wednesday 10am - Portobello Bowling Club

Tai Chi - Every Thursday 1:30pm Portobello Bowling Club

Otago Peninsula Museum - open every Sunday 12:30pm - 3:30pm

Portobello Library - Thursdays and Sundays 11am - 1pm - Coronation Hall

Portobello Library AGM - Thursday 18th February 7pm - Library - Coronation Hall

Autumn Market Day - Sunday 14th March - 10am - 2:30pm - Coronation Hall

### **Portobello Community Inc**

**President:** Wayne Cameron — **Treasurer:** Christine Neill — **Secretary:** Lynne Sheridan

**Newsletter Editor:** Brenda Cameron — **Deputy Chair:** Geoff Sheridan

**Committee:** Ruth Seeney, Sandra Clearwater, Richard Steentjes,

Michael Lascarides, Paul Pope, Des Hudson, Craig Newton, Stacey Kokaua-Balfour, Jamie Ledbetter

Meetings held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Coronation Hall Kitchen, 7.00pm

All welcome