

Broad Bay Community Centre July 2026 Local News

2a Clearwater Street (also known as the Hall or BBCC)

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Kia Ora!

Many activities and notices, we hope there is something for everyone. We now have Sound Bath on Sunday afternoons, and ping pong has moved to Sunday mornings. If you are new to Broad Bay, welcome! In between newsletters, we send updates via Lala (see the last page for how to get onto her email list) or via Facebook. It's the time of year for membership renewal too – we appreciate every subscription we receive. Thank you to all who have paid in the past, and don't forget you get some free hall-usage in return. Our AGM is coming up too.

BROAD BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE A.G.M.

2A Clearwater Street, Monday 31 August 2026, 7pm

AGENDA: Minutes of last AGM; President's report; annual accounts; insurance; governance review, election of committee; general business. All welcome.

Would you like to join the committee or help out with activities or upkeep of the buildings and grounds? More help is always appreciated. Nominations for the committee should be in writing five days before the A.G.M., but it is also possible to be nominated during the meeting. See page 10 in our constitution for more details: <https://broadbay.co.nz/bbcc-constitution-2024/> or just come along to the meeting. If you have any questions, email our secretary Tessa, at tessa.holiday@gmail.com or phone 027 644 7819

COMMUNITY MATARIKI ... possibly

Amber is in the process of seeing if something could be pulled together in time for a Matariki celebration.

If anything eventuates, notices will be sent out via Facebook and Lala's emails.



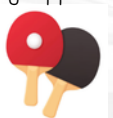
SOUND BATH at the BBCC SUNDAYS 4pm-5pm

A chance for rest, restoration and relaxation immersed in the sounds and vibrations of crystal and Tibetan singing bowls. Bring a blanket, pillow and yoga mat for comfort (mats available). Sessions are \$20, or \$15 for seniors and students, and 10% of all funds goes to the Future Forest. If you'd like to come along, text Melissa & Steve on 027 221 7526. All welcome.

PING PONG at the BBCC SUNDAYS 10.30am – 12.30pm

Join us for Fun and Frivolity - The Art of Ping Pong (slang for Table Tennis). All equipment supplied. Don't worry if you've never played, give it a go. Have fun, learn, compete, and improve your wellbeing at the same time. All ages are welcome from early teens upwards (table height not suitable for young kids, sorry). Research shows table tennis is excellent for ageing minds and bodies: opens up neurological pathways; lowers risk of dementia; increases the thickness of the brain associated with complex thinking (which shrinks most as we age); And for any age it's good for memory retention and mood; easy on the joints; improves reflexes and co-ordination; aerobic workout involving upper and lower body. And most importantly, it's a lot of FUN! Check the Peninsula Bulletin Board FB Group for updates and cancellations.

Gold coin donation. Enquiries to Be: southernrata@gmail.com



LINE DANCING Wednesdays 7.30pm

All welcome!

Every Wednesday 7.30-8.30pm

At the BBCC

\$5 per session



NARCOTICS ANNONYMOUS at the BBCC Tuesdays 7pm

LIVING CLEAN MEETING

Broad Bay Community Centre, Clearwater St. Ph 0800 628 632

or see <https://nzna.org/>

DRUG PROBLEM? WE CAN HELP.



THAI BOXING at the BBCC Mondays 6pm-7pm

Basic level workout focusing on Fun Friendly Fitness for people aged 13 and older who have an average to high level of fitness. Thai Boxing is not only a martial art but also a great way to exercise and meet people. The class comprises a short run, light stretch, conditioning exercises, technique, padwork (controlled contact), warm down, stretch and light zen meditation. Although the focus of the class is self awareness, exercise and padwork, once students have developed confidence with the techniques and have the appropriate safety equipment then the option of light contact sparring can be made available to them.

We are a small group who are looking for a few more people to fill the class.

Classes cost \$10 and you will need to wear comfortable clothing and be prepared to practice in barefeet after the warm up run. All enquiries please contact Dan on 021 090 58178

YOU YOGA at the BBCC Saturdays 10am -11am



Come along to strengthen, lengthen and release. A wee meditation ends each class. The hall has heat pumps for warmth as well as mirrors and fairy lights for a relaxed atmosphere. Bring your mat and comfy clothes. Bring your smile and leave feeling relaxed and ready for the weekend. You Yoga on Sat is where it's at! \$10 per session

BROAD BAY SCHOOL PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUP – Fridays (term time) 10am-12pm Room 2

A welcoming, safe, warm environment for your pre-school child to play.

Social time with other parents and caregivers.

Hot and cold drinks & home-made baking.



HOME-MADE BAKING DONATIONS WELCOMED by the Broad Bay School Playgroup (to freeze for our Friday playgroup). Please contact the school if you can help on 4780706
BROAD BAY SCHOOL 4 ROEBUCK RISE



CHOIR! CHOIR! at the BBCC FRIDAYS 7PM - 9PM



Do you love to sing? Please feel welcome to join your local community choir! Musicians are welcome too! We're a fun, creative community that sings and makes music together for the joy of it. \$5 koha includes hot drinks and biscuits. We're conducted by the talented Xavier Johnson. Singing together improves wellbeing and happiness levels and we promise you'll feel great after a session

Join Choir! Choir! on Facebook. For more info call Amber 022 5909 300.



PUGS at the BBCC THURSDAYS 6.30PM-7.30PM



PUGS A few chords and a smile. Did you know that with just a few chords, you can play a huge range of songs on the ukulele? Members of The PUGs (The Peninsula Ukulele Group) meet each week to play music together. Three or four chords is all it takes to play songs like Bad Moon Rising and Seven Bridges Road. While we also tackle songs with far more chords, beginners can still join in with those. Just strum what you know, skip what you don't and you'll be surprised how quickly you pick up the rest. Playing with others helps you improve faster and introduces you to songs you might never have tried alone.

. Most importantly, it's a chance to share a love of music and have a great time!

<https://www.facebook.com/ThePUGsNZ>

thepugsnz@gmail.com



KNITTING and CROCHET Group

Learn to knit or crochet, or improve your skills. Wednesdays 7.30 - 8.30 p.m. No charge
Meet at my home: Elsie Sanderling, 28 Frances St, Ph 03 478 0509, text 027 338 2706.

PORTOBELLO ARTIST ANDREW NICHOLSON has begun taking watercolour painting workshops at the Broad Bay Community Centre. The workshops are designed for beginners and cover all the basics to get you started. The 5 week courses cover watercolour techniques, brush, paper and equipment use and some drawing tips. He provides all the equipment required. Andrew is a professional artist and former 3-time Olympic speed skater and teacher. Small groups (maximum 6) mean plenty of one on one. The next workshop is likely to begin in Mid July. To register or for details contact Andrew at andrewsk8nz@gmail.com
Instagram- andrewart Facebook nzwatercolour.art <https://new-zealand-in-watercolour.myshopify.com/>

THE NEW BROAD BAY COMMUNITY GARDEN is being established on the community centre lawn area. Volunteers have been working to establish the new garden beds using the railway sleepers from the old garden site. The new garden will feature six garden beds and will be ready for Spring planting. The new site has a wonderful aspect and we hope it will be an asset for all the community. If you are interested in knowing more about the community garden and would like to get involved please contact broadbaycommunitygarden@gmail.com



BROAD BAY FOOD CO-OP Now situated in the building behind the Community Centre Hall in Clearwater Street, we buy healthy, cheap produce weekly from the Farmer's Market. Members only buy what and how much they choose and usually have easy access to the produce (6am – 6.30pm – potentially adjusted occasionally if a hall function requires extra privacy). We keep an ongoing stock of staples including organically grown veges & local free-range eggs. Buying from the Co-op means fresher produce than you can obtain from the supermarket as well as supporting local growers for sustainability. Joining us could be your answer to the problem of rising food prices! Contact Lala Frazer 027 875 6020 (text only) or Francesca Bolgar 027 323 5581

Broad Bay School has been buzzing with learning and community connections. Our tamariki enjoyed a visit to Augustines, where they learned how to build garden beds using natural materials and gained valuable knowledge about sustainable gardening practices. We were also fortunate to welcome two Otago Polytechnic students, who taught us how to make focaccia bread and use vegetables and herbs to create beautiful edible artwork on top.

We are delighted to share that our latest ERO report was very positive, highlighting student achievement, equity, and inclusion as key strengths of our school.

We look forward to sharing the full report with our community later this year.

At Broad Bay School, we provide a unique learning environment for students aged 5–13 years, where every child is known, valued, and supported to succeed. We warmly welcome visits from prospective families and are currently accepting enrolments. Come and see what makes our school such a special place to learn and grow.



SAVE THE OTAGO PENINSULA (STOP) NEWS

Planting for this year has now started at "The Future Forest" in the Smiths Creek Catchment at Broad Bay on the Otago Peninsula. STOP needs to buy the seedlings and equipment at the season's beginning, but that leaves the Society out of pocket. If you plan to donate (a birthday? a commemorative tree? an event?) please do so sooner rather than later. Deposit \$20 per tree into "Save The Otago Peninsula Society Incorporated" account 03 0903 0595631 00

with the references: Your Name (or the name of the person for whom you are donating the tree) - tree/s - donation. Email stopincsoc@gmail.com for a tax receipt. You can come and plant them yourself or have them planted for you.

Working bees on Tuesday mornings start at 9.30am at the end of Bacon St, but those on Sundays start at 10.30am to give volunteers time to catch the early buses. New volunteers always needed and welcomed. Please register, in order to be notified of any cancellations. All tools and equipment supplied. If you can walk uphill across a paddock then you should be able to plant some trees. Contact details below. Contact stopincsoc@gmail.com or Lala 027 8756 020 (text only) for more information about working bees, or volunteering at other times.



Castleberg Trust - Celebrating 20 Years

Founded in 2006 by friends and neighbours, the Anna and John Caselberg Charitable Trust was created to purchase and restore the home of the late artist Anna Caselberg and writer John Caselberg at Whaka Oho Rahi, Broad Bay with the aim of honouring their creative legacy and establishing an arts residency programme.

After the house had stood empty for two years, the Trust's early mahi focused on renovation. With generous support from local tradespeople and volunteers, the cottage and garden were restored into the warm, character-filled harbourside place they are today.

The Trust then fundraised, built philanthropic partnerships, applied for grants, and developed its residency programme. Milestones included building the Charles Brasch Studio in 2016–17, completing the first full year of residencies in 2019 and becoming mortgage-free in 2020.

Today, the Trust continues to grow its distinctive kaupapa and manaakitaka, welcoming artists, writers, musicians, and other creative practitioners through residencies across the arts. It also hosts the annual International Poetry Prize, while Caselberg Press has published four poetry books. Twenty years on, the Caselberg Trust is firmly woven into the arts and cultural life of Aotearoa New Zealand, and looks forward to continuing this mahi in the decades ahead.



MARY QUEEN OF PEACE Mass 3rd Sunday of every month -11am

A very historic little Catholic Church in

Broad Bay that welcomes people to a mass each month on the third Sunday of each month at 11am. Part of the wider Mercy Parish in South Dunedin, it is a very friendly, relaxed and inclusive little church and everyone who comes usually stays on for a cup of tea afterwards. It was relocated to Broad Bay 78 years ago and was opened here in 1948; originally built by the Polish community out on the Taieri at Waiholo back in 1899, which is why some people call it the Polish church. We also hold annual Christmas Carols for the community in early December each year. All welcome. You will find Mary Queen of Peace near the Fletcher House, tucked in the back there.



OTAGO PENINSULA COMMUNITY BOARD

REPORT FROM HUGH O'NEILL

Recently elected to OPCB, resident in Pukehiki since 2010.

Camp Track from Larnach Castle to Broad Bay is a favourite morning walk — sheltered and sunny. My late wife's memorial bench is there because of the spectacular view from Broad Bay to Taiaeroa Head. We frequently attend the little Polish Church, Our Lady of Peace and I once had to MC the Christmas Carols in Peter Hayden's absence.

We keep our little gaff sloop "Mist" at the boat club, but have not been on the water for some time as the launch and recovery is difficult without a jetty.

I recently walked the Hereweka Trust trek to Harbour Cone; it was inspiring to meet Lala Fraser as representative of the many unsung heroes who volunteer their time and efforts for the benefit of future generations.

As a member of the Pukehiki Church and Community Hall committees, I meet a few of the many volunteers who preserve the Peninsula's buildings, flora and fauna.

Work continues as funding allows on all 3 of Pukehiki's iconic buildings viz. Church, Hall and Library.



An invasive pest plants update from your Peninsula volunteer weed team



Banana passionfruit remains a serious and fast-spreading threat across the Otago Peninsula.

This vigorous vine smothers native trees and shrubs, blocks sunlight, prevents native bush regeneration and provides a year-round food source for rats.

BPF spreads. Birds eat the fruit and disperse seeds over wide areas, allowing new infestations to appear far from the original source. A single vine can quickly become a widespread problem if left unchecked.

Local action is underway. With permission from DCC, SWAT are controlling BPF along Camp Street, where road reserves act as corridors for pest plant spread. Additionally, STOP has launched a community project in Broad Bay involving volunteers and paid staff to control infestations and raise awareness. Residents unable to manage the weed themselves can donate to STOP to support this initiative. Early control is critical. Small infestations are easy to manage, but established vines are costly and labour-intensive to remove. Removing fruit, pulling seedlings, cutting and treating mature vines, and reporting sightings all helps slow the spread. For advice on controlling pest plants on your property, contact SWAT at

SWATweeds@gmail.com

OTAGO PENINSULA BIODIVERSITY GROUP (OPBG)



What we've been up to: With possums gone, our multi-species programme targeting the full suite of remaining introduced mammalian predators on the Peninsula is well underway.

Anyone driving around the back bays or walking out to Allans Beach or the Pyramids may have seen our wooden trap boxes on the side of the road or track. These are primarily targeting mustelids, hedgehogs, and rats to protect vulnerable birds and lizards in these areas.

At Sandymount, we're deploying toxin targeting rats and mice to knock down numbers before native birds begin nesting in spring. We're complementing the toxin work here with more kill traps for rats, mustelids, and hedgehogs.

Backyard Trapping: We can provide backyard rat traps to Broad Bay residents for a small supporters' fee. We can also provide advice and assistance on setting these up and complimentary peanut butter to bait the traps with. Contact Chris at operations@opbg.nz for more information.

Report any possum sightings: Although we're confident the Peninsula is now possum free, we still ask residents to keep their eyes and ears open and report anything suspicious they see or hear, either by emailing us or via www.reportapossum.nz www.predatorfreepeninsula.nz

OTAGO PENINSULA MUSEUM NEWS

Thank you to Portobello Inc for a moving ANZAC Day service, and to all who attended Please don't drop off items without first speaking to a Committee member or calling in on a Tuesday morning. All artefacts must be Peninsula-connected, and we may already have them. Contact: theotagopeninsulamuseum@gmail.com

Thanks to our Tuesday working bee men, who enjoy the camaraderie and morning tea while President Richard keeps them busy with various projects. Great progress is being made.

Otago Peninsula Museum Annual General Meeting: *Monday 27 July, 7pm at the Museum, supper to follow. All welcome*

We'd love a few more Committee members — just a short monthly meeting, no fundraising required. We can apply to Te Papa for up to \$2,000 yearly for projects.

Our books *Portobello – A Brief History* and *Otago Peninsula Then and Now* are \$30 each from the Portobello Shop, Doctors Rooms, and the Museum.

Open Sundays 12.30–3.30pm and Tuesdays 9–12. Adults \$2, children free.



AUGUSTINES OF PORTOBELLO is open throughout most of winter, including Matariki Day (no surcharge on public holidays), and we'd love to welcome you over in Portobello.

Join us from Friday to Sunday for Fresh pastries, cakes, breakfast, brunch, and lunch, all made with seasonal ingredients and plenty of care. Whether you're after a slow morning coffee, a catch-up with friends, or a relaxed lunch, we're here to make your visit a memorable one.

Fridays are walk-in only, so simply drop by and find a table. For Saturdays and Sundays, we recommend booking ahead via our website to secure your spot – www.augustinesofportobello.com.

Our cabinet is filled with house-made treats, including gluten-free options, alongside fresh baking. Pair your meal with delicious coffee and take a moment to enjoy the peaceful farm setting.

If you're a local, don't forget to pick up a locals card. You'll receive a stamp with every coffee purchase; every 10th coffee is free. Winter is a beautiful time to visit Portobello, with quieter roads, crisp mornings, and plenty of reasons to linger a little longer over good food and coffee.

A quick note for our regulars and visitors: we'll be taking a well-earned break and will be closed for the entire month of September for a holiday. Until then, we'll be open as usual and look forward to seeing you over the winter months.

Gus, Jana & the team. (Ed: Gus spent younger days growing up in Broad Bay and went to Broad Bay School)

HOUSE-SITTER Mature, reliable, single female (non-smoker) house-sitter available for cat and dog care. Prefer dogs that need walks and 1 week to 1 month terms but happy to consider other arrangements. References available. Contact Heather Taylor on 022 581 5863 or Firstpersoneditor@gmail.com.



KANUKA DOG SPA – DOG GROOMING ON THE PENINSULA Small to medium dogs up to 15kgs. Experienced groomer. Please contact Megan Bardell, 022 659 5192, kanukadogspa@gmail.com



GET LOCAL NEWS BY EMAIL (commonly referred to as Lala's emails): If you have local news to share, contact Lala at lala.frazer@gmail.com. People are listed by street so that some notices (eg. lost and found animals) are better targeted. If you'd like your name added to the list, please contact Lala. Your email address is not made public. You can ask to be removed. Lala also sends out the local school newsletter too, so we are up to date with any activities or volunteer opportunities.

READ THE MACANDREW BAY AND PORTOBELLO NEWSLETTERS ONLINE: Between them, you'll often find details of local trades people, massage/physiotherapy, church services etc. We've got it all on the Peninsula! www.macandrewbaynews.org.nz www.portobello.org.nz

YOU HAVE A NOTICE FOR FUTURE NEWSLETTERS? If so, please contact Jane Ashman: 03 478 0440 or 021 027 10950, jane.ashman@otago.ac.nz. Thank you to the Otago Peninsula Community Board for funding towards the newsletter, and to the wonderful volunteer deliverers.

BBCC BOOKING DETAILS – sorry, not enough room to detail them here this time, but see information on our [website](#) where you'll also find our booking person's contact details too.

TEAM EFFORT ON THE NEWSLETTER – thank you to our contributors, distributors, and to Jane and Melissa for collation and editing wizardry! Feedback always welcome.

THE BROAD BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE *Needs Your SUBSCRIPTION!*

Did you know the BBCC is owned by you? Unlike many other local halls, our hall is not owned by the DCC. Membership subscriptions enable us to keep the cost of hire as low as possible and help cover rates, repairs, insurance, and all other costs. We need the support of the community in the form of subscriptions.

At \$10 for a single and \$20 for a family it's a bargain hard to resist! Especially when in return you get 1 or 2 hours (respectively) free hire for the current financial year and the feel-good factor for supporting the running of a fantastic community asset (combine them with other members' too if you like).

Subscriptions are now due for the 1/7/2026 – 30/6/2027 year. They can be paid by cash, but preferably by direct credit. The new Incorporated Societies Act says we MUST have completed/signed membership forms. This year you have two options. If easier for you, you can download an editable membership form from our website <https://broadbay.co.nz/membership/>. Otherwise, as usual, please complete, sign, and return the below form to Kim & Matt's letterbox.

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Broad Bay Community Centre
Subscription for the 1/7/2026 – 30/6/2027 year
Complete & return this form to: Kim & Matt, 691 Portobello Rd (please leave envelopes in the letterbox)

BBCC Bank Account: 03 0903 0380753 00
Please enter "Subs" and "Your Name(s)" in the bank fields.

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Donations also welcomed, tax deductible (receipt provided) \$

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Any comments/suggestions most welcome:

