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Robyne Selbie 476 1220



4 Conway Street, Macandrew Bay

Nau mai, haere mai, tauti mai! Welcome to the new families who have joined our centre.

Everyone has been happily getting back into the swing of life at Playcentre since the start of the new year. With many newly joined whanau members, we have all been forming new bonds and helping families to settle in. This is whanaungatanga - a relationship with shared experiences and working together to create a sense of unity and belonging. The tamariki are learning about each other through their playful interactions and having a good time.

Lots of our baby dolls have been washed thoroughly in baby baths by nearly all the children. Our biggest boy has been a great role-model of caring. He is often found bathing, drying and dressing dolls or roleplaying a caring vet, listening to the heartbeat of a large stuffed toy tiger. Other children are drawn into his role play activities and often we'll see a group of little children who have joined him to check the ears of the tiger and give a generous amount of injections.

A restaurant is often set up by tamariki. One sunny day on our deck a bunch of children made a toy vegetable and water soup with sand seasoning in their outdoor kitchen. The very capable 2 year olds fed the baby dolls, offered them drinks and wiped their faces. Sand/water-mix muffins were popped in the play oven as tables were laid and drinks poured. One big 4 year old girl directed everyone nearby to sit down at the tables for dinner as dollops of wet sand eggs were served. Before we knew it we were being entertained at this restaurant watching a hoola hoop show as we dined on sand soup. What a great time out we had, and we didn't even spend a dollar.

Thank you to Playcentre member, Sarah Ali-Khan who has successfully received a grant from the Lions Foundation for renewing our playground woodchips, which now meets a higher standard of safety for the tamariki. Omani Students Association dug out the old woodchips. Lots of playcentre whanau big and small, old and young raked the new woodchips into place and Bondy fixed up our fence. Thank you to Playcentre member, Deli Frampton who organised our First Aid course, which has now supported 11 of our members to be qualified First Aiders. Also thank you to Mary Mitchell who organised the renewing of our lighting in our classroom and thanks to all the other amazing families who have made great improvements to our centre.

Covid 19 has made this Term 1 tricky, however our families are following safe practices to ensure our centre is as safe as possible to keep our vulnerable tamariki protected. Our children only come if they are well and have become great hand washers. They even help to wipe and clean our high touch surfaces.

Our centre has a new session day open on Mondays. We had a whakapai/ blessing to open this new session day, to acknowledge the centre's growth and to welcome our new families. Currently Macandrew Bay Playcentre is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9am to 1pm at 4 Conway Street during School Terms. We are families growing together- whanau tupu ngātahi.

## Otago Peninsula Museum News



Another year and life at the Museum carries on as usual. The Tuesday working bee volunteers were keen to get started on their projects after the Christmas break so it's all go down in the Barn again. There are always some treasures that turn up as well, to work on.

Our book, 'Portobello—a Brief History', is still available at the Portobello Store for \$25. Thanks to the Store for supporting us with this.

Our new Sunday volunteer roster, starting in March, will be out soon. If you would like to help then please get in touch. Thanks to Diane who has volunteered, and to Ness who has stepped down.

We are open every Sunday 12.30pm, till 3.30pm. Adults \$2 and children are free. Come along and support our Museum. You will be surprised at what we have.

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The new school year started on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Although it was an unusual start for us being in the red setting of the Covid 19 Protection Framework the tamariki really enjoyed catching up with their friends, sharing stories about their summer and seeing their Kaiako (teachers).

Our Year 4-6 children and teachers have quickly adjusted to wearing masks and they are managing this well. We have been taking advantage of the good weather and getting outside for lots of fun learning and activities. Some highlights with our learning so far across the school have been: working on basic facts, writing poems, presenting 'me' bags, researching facts on Tonga, graphing, persuasive writing and writing class treaties.

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February we had a coin trail in support of Tonga to help with relief funding for the recent devastating tsunami. We wore red and brought a coin. Some classes spent the day researching and finding out facts about Tonga too! There is a famous quote by the late Desmond Tutu which goes something like this: Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world. We know the people of Tonga will really appreciate our little bit of good.

Our overarching concept for learning this year is Kaitiakitanga. Kaitiakitanga is based on traditional Māori world views and includes the conservation, replenishment and sustainability of the environment. It is about safeguarding the future. This term the tamariki will be learning about what Kaitiakitanga means.

We will focus on learning about how we can be kaitiaki for ourselves and find out about what we need to know to look after our wellbeing. The children will also explore the Health Curriculum.

Nic Brown  
Acting Principal



Kia ora Koutou

I am now three months into the job as the Community Coordinator for the Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Group and what a whirl wind it has been. I would like to summarise the highlights of the last few months.

- working with a fun and dedicated team of people that are passionate about working towards a possum free Peninsula
- meeting residents in the community that are also passionate about protecting our native species and keen to participate in our eradication programme
- working in areas of native bush that are alive with the chorus of bird song
- meeting a titi pounamu (rifleman) for the first time, beautiful little birds
- being a part of a larger group, Predator Free Dunedin, and learning about the work that is going on with predator control in the city and surrounding rural areas

I am currently planning and recording where gaps are within our residential areas and will work towards installing more traps at the beginning of 2022.

If you would like to become a backyard trapper, especially if you see evidence of a possum in your area, please get in touch:

Paula Cross [peninsula@opbg.nz](mailto:peninsula@opbg.nz) 021 242 4944

Many thanks to all the backyard trappers within our Peninsula community.





## The Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Hub

The empty Happy Hens building, that is owned by the Dunedin City Council, was up for tender and was on offer as a space for a community project. Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Group applied for its use and was granted rights to use it as a work, meeting, and education centre for the enhancement of biodiversity on the Otago Peninsula.



It was also proposed that the space can be used for meetings and education purposes for other environmental projects happening on the Peninsula. Since then, it has been under construction and designed to fit that purpose. The inside has become more inviting, with a comfortable workplace and meeting area. The Hub has information posters on the walls, so it's all coming together. We are waiting on the outside to be re-clad which is programmed to happen sometime this year. We would like to have an official opening once it has been re-clad. In the meantime, we are still open to the public and you are welcome to pop in and visit when you see the open sign out. It will be open on a Wednesday afternoon.

## The Royal Albatross Centre



Here at the Royal Albatross Centre we have been seen the new year in with a cracking start. As I write this we have 26 chicks in total on the headland who are still all sitting under their parents – all of whom so far seem to be taking their roles very seriously. By March these chicks are likely to be starting to sit a bit more independently at their nest sites and growing fast!

The Department of Conservation team here are doing an excellent job as always and at this time of the year a lot of their focus is around making sure the chicks aren't too hot. The sprinkler system to keep the birds cooler on these days is supported with water supplied by the Otago Peninsula Trust.

The Otago Peninsula Trust are revamping their annual memberships – with more member benefits being offered. There are some great opportunities to explore locally. The new 40% off the standard Royal Albatross Centre tours (or go free if you bring a full paying adult) is a great offer to take advantage of when coming to see the new season's chicks. If you book your annual Otago Peninsula Trust Membership on the Royal Albatross Centre website you will get a unique booking code, allowing you to take up this member only offer with greater ease.

Tours currently have a reduced capacity to ensure both staff and visitors are able to follow the Covid regulations. As such we continue to recommend booking in advance to avoid disappointment.

Again thank you all for your ongoing support as we navigate what continues to be a tricky time for everyone. Kia kaha!

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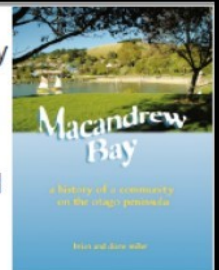
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# People in the Bay

Many of you will know Bruce and Colleen Bond as they have lived in Macandrew Bay a long time. Colleen has never lived anywhere else. She is a 5<sup>th</sup> generation Macandrew Bay resident. Bruce moved from Pine Hill 50 years ago so is relatively new!! Their son Matt, wife Georgie and three children, Ben, Gus and Milo live here as well. Bruce and Colleen absolutely love having them around. Daughter Rachel is the head Chef at Mercy hospital. The meals there are a real treat. I wanted to interview Bruce as I kept hearing about him from people he has helped and supported. I was curious to find out more and after spending a morning with him and Colleen, I felt humbled and a bit lazy.

Bruce was in the building trade for many years and still helps out people who seek his advice. His helping philosophy is to give people advice, show them what to do and support them to achieve their goals themselves. This approach is behind all his volunteer work.

For 50 years Bruce has been coaching boxing in a gymnasium in Maori Hill three days a week from 4.30 until 7.00pm and is passionate about it. As I am not a fan of boxing, I was curious to find out why he thinks it is such a great sport. Evidently, it makes you super fit. The physical cross training required, can benefit a variety of other sports such as basketball, motocross, surfing.... Boxing is also great for troubled youth who need to learn to stand up for themselves and find purpose in life. I thought that learning to box would do the opposite, just make people more aggressive and want to fight, but I was SO wrong. It is discipline and skill based. Training is divided into units consisting of skipping for 3 minutes, pushups for 30 seconds, then more skipping. This routine is repeated 15 times and takes about an hour. Then, there is bar work, stretching and using a punch bag to practise punching and movement skills. Sparring with another person is not allowed until they are properly trained and ready. Some never actually do that part. It is not compulsory. The art of boxing is to learn how to avoid being hit. Discipline, fitness and commitment is what is required and this is taught.

Bruce has witnessed big changes in the youth that attend the sessions. As their self-esteem grows, so does positivity and their outlook on life. Students often confide in Bruce after the session and seek advice about how to deal with problems they are facing. He has received many letters of appreciation from young people and parents. Colleen showed me the certificate Bruce got when he was made Otago – Lifetime Volunteer Coach of the Year in 2008. The words on the certificate read:

”He is so much more than a coach. He has changed lives through his involvement in boxing. He has helped troubled youths straighten themselves out to open up opportunities for promising athletes. For some kids he is the only male role model they have.”


This was an auspicious occasion. In recognition, they were also given a year’s supply of Watties products, most of which Bruce and Colleen gave to people in need.

Every Tuesday, Bruce and his neighbour David Chalmers contribute to the Peninsula biodiversity program by setting and clearing possum traps in Glenfalloch gardens and Collinswood bush. Some fresh possums go to the University for Dissection.

Fridays are spent wood turning. For this, Bruce uses native wood and recycled timber. I was most impressed with a beautiful matai bowl he has made. His work is available for sale at the local shop, Artifolk, which is always worth a visit. Bruce loves teaching people who want to learn this skill. He starts them off on a wood turning lathe at his home and, if they are keen, they can go on to attend sessions at the Woodturners Guild. Contact Bruce if you want to learn.

Bruce is a quiet achiever with all his contributions being voluntary, yet the things he is achieving in the community are well worth sharing and celebrating.

Lynne Aldridge



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Tena Koutou everyone

I hope you all had a relaxing break and are refreshed for the year ahead. With Covid on the surge please take care. I have done some checks and it is pleasing to see all of our businesses down here have their fingers on the pulse when it comes to doing the right thing in regard to scanning and mask wearing etc. If we all do our bit, it will hopefully keep us in good shape, minimise risk and enable us all to manage the best we can when it comes knocking. If you find yourself in the unfortunate position of getting Covid and have no support in place, please get in contact with me and we will get things sorted for you.

It's the end of February already and our children are all back at school and kindy, so I think it timely to remind you all to take great care when doing drop offs and pickups. Our precious tamariki don't think like us and are unpredictable around roads.

Macandrew Bay School have reported some damage recently within their grounds. This is mindless vandalism and very disappointing. Our Kura don't have money to throw away on repairs that are caused deliberately. I am sure you will all agree that the money could go towards much more important things. Please, if your children are using the school grounds at night or on the weekends remind them to show some respect. I am following up on some great detective work by our school staff.

Recently we have had two cars over the bank and into the harbour, and also another crash that could have gone the same way. Two of the crashes happened on Portobello Road just on the Macandrew Bay side of Rosehill Road. Virtually in the same place. Speed was not a factor in these crashes. Fortunately, there were no injuries. The weather had been so humid and warm prior, and then we had a lot of rain. This causes the oil and diesel to seep up from the tar seal and makes the road very slippery. These factors combined with the fact that they happened just past the new road meeting the old. The old road has considerable flushing, smooth shiny bitumen on it and not as much grip/chip that the new road has. This was a contributing factor so please take this into consideration when driving. There was also a crash at the Doon Street/Portobello Road area in Vauxhall which has the same issue.

A burglary in Broad Bay recently so there is someone active out our way. A lawn mower and leaf blower were stolen from a basement so a reminder: keep an eye out for anything or anyone that looks out of place. This sits alongside the Albatross Colony being burgled and a boat at Otakou being broken into mid-January. Call me if anything doesn't look right please. I would rather it be nothing than something, and not being made aware.

Remember if something is happening now and requires immediate police attendance call 111. If something has already happened and is not so urgent call 105 to make a report.

I am going to be focusing (not entirely) on distraction for the next while. Distraction is a major cause of crashes statistically. It only takes a split second of inattention to change yours and others lives forever. So please be vigilant and pull over if that phone call is so important that it can't wait until you get to your destination.

Until next time take care of one another and remember my door is always open for advice or just for a cuppa and a chat.

Sr. Constable Aaron Smith



## Save the Otago Peninsula News

Both walkers and dogs have been enjoying using the Future Forest loop Walk from the end of Bacon St. This is a good signposted alternative to the Hereweka Hike which, like other events, has had to be cancelled this year.

We are looking forward to the fencing of the Second Tributary on the Smiths Creek Catchment at the end of February, so that planting can take place this winter.

In the meantime, volunteers are carrying out the all-important releasing of seedlings planted in previous years. The surrounding grass is extremely high this year, but at least the occasional rain has also meant great growth of trees in the "Future Forest".

The DCC sent in a team to deal to a line of sycamore trees along Highcliff Road that were seeding into the native tree areas, which was appreciated.

If you can help financially with fencing off an important bush remnant that is still being grazed, or if you would like to pay for some trees to be planted, we'd like to hear from you.

Regular working bees with any necessary tools provided, meet at the end of Bacon St in Turnbulls Bay (the next bay past Broad Bay) every Tuesday and Sunday at 9.30am.

We are also looking for volunteers with carpentry skills to help with some small scale construction work.

Contact: Email [stopincsoc@gmail.com](mailto:stopincsoc@gmail.com) or text (only) Lala 027 8756 020.



I hope this finds everyone getting into 2022 with a safe and positive approach to the ever changing status of Covid. While this virus is impacting on how we meet and greet, it is not going to stand in the way of progress in our community.

The Community Board is now meeting live via Zoom due to Covid restrictions, and you can watch our meetings on Youtube. If you have any issues that you would like to raise please don't hesitate to contact us. We are here to help and work for you, and only a phone call or email away.

A new set of signage will be added to the Peninsula Connection shared pathway to remind people to be courteous, share the path and keep left. With the holidays and good weather the pathway has continued to be well used, and it is pleasing to have fewer complaints regarding lack of consideration by some users.

Following consultation with residents of Marine Parade, it seems an acceptable plan has now been agreed to for the safety fence along the road edge. We are pleased a satisfactory resolution has been reached. This particular problem and outcome is a good example of community getting together and contributing to changes which have an impact on social wellbeing.

Just a reminder: the Board has funding available for community projects, and a scholarship fund for local high school students needing assistance to attend extramural activities. Application forms are available on the DCC website.

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We send our condolences to the family of Bruce Scott who has recently died.

## Autumn Plant Sale

Sun 10 April 2022 10.00—3.00pm

Price: \$10 Garden entry (or use your 'Loyal Local' Card)



"Your plants will love you if you plant them in Autumn and you will love your plants because by Spring, they will be able to look after themselves. Autumn is the time". Fiona Edie, Head Gardener

The Stall Holders list will be updated on the website at the end of March. Please bring cash as stall holders are unlikely to have EFTPOS. If you are interested in having a stall, email [deborah@larnachcastle.co.nz](mailto:deborah@larnachcastle.co.nz)

## Ghosts in the Garden

Sun 24 April 2022 1.30—4.00pm

Meet in the Larnach Castle Stables at 1.30pm

Price: \$45.00—or \$27.50 if you have a 'Loyal Local' pass  
\$15 per child

Margaret Barker gives an illustrated presentation using rarely seen historic images and photographs covering 150 years of the Larnach Castle Garden. Some photographs, over a century old, are matched with recent images. The past lives on in the garden that you see today.

There is a stroll around the garden after the talk to show these features surviving from the deep and recent past. Followed by afternoon tea in the conservatory.

Please email [bookings@larnachcastle.co.nz](mailto:bookings@larnachcastle.co.nz)

## The Royal Treatment—High Tea

Now until Tue 31 May 2022 at 2.59pm

Price: \$75.00

Will you meet your Prince Thomas at Larnach Castle?  
We can't promise, but we can promise you will be treated like Royalty.

Join us at Larnach Castle for a self-guided tour of the Castle followed by a very royal high tea in the Ballroom Café. Complementary bubbles are included in the ticket price or if under 18, then swap for grape juice. Please let us know if you have any dietary requests.

Bookings essential—The Royal chefs like 24 hour's notice

Please email [bookings@larnachcastle.co.nz](mailto:bookings@larnachcastle.co.nz)

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Buy Nothing. Give Freely. Share creatively.

We offer members a way to give and receive, share, lend, and express gratitude through a worldwide network of hyper-local gift economies in which the true wealth is the web of connections formed between people who are real-life neighbours. Post anything you'd like to give away, lend or share in this Buy Nothing community group. Ask for anything you'd like to receive for free or borrow. Keep it legal. Keep it civil.

Buy Nothing Otago Peninsula is for neighbours who live on the Otago Peninsula in Dunedin, (from the Cove onwards).

If you live here, we'd love to have you join us! You can join one group only, the group where you live so you can literally "give where you live". This is what builds community. In this group there is no buying or selling, no trades or bartering, no soliciting for cash. We're an adult only, hyper-local gift economy. We are not a charity or community bulletin board. To confirm that you meet our membership criteria, we may contact you via Facebook messenger.

### Did You Know?

⇒ A Netflix recent release "The Royal Treatment" was filmed at Fable Dunedin, Vogel Street, Princes Street, Olveston, Larnach Castle and the University of Otago around Dunedin and in Oamaru's Harbour Street and Tye Street.



## Food Banks

As we all know, food prices are rising steadily at the moment. This has caused the food banks in the city to be very short of supplies at a time of high demand. If we all buy one extra item and pop it into the food bank basket, we will be helping many people survive.

## POSSUM REPORTS

If you see a possum—dead or alive—we want to know about it. Send your **possum sighting reports** to Brenda: [possums@opbg.nz](mailto:possums@opbg.nz).



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