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Also, a big thank you to the people who hand-deliver our *Bay Views* to approximately 680 households in the Macandrew/Company Bay area. We couldn't do it without you.

Please also remember to let us have any items of news you want to share, plus deaths and notices of births in our area. The Newsletter is deposited in the Peninsula Museum in Portobello and remains an historical record of the 'life and times' of 21st Century Macandrew Bay and surrounds.

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Sunday March 17

11 am

The Macandrew Bay School Fair is a truly community event with welcome support from donations of goods as well as community presence (and purchasing!) on the day.

Donations of good quality books, toys, clothing and plants can be brought to the school, and white elephant items can be brought to the Playcentre from Monday 26 February.

See you there

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION

Thursday 25 April 2024

Macandrew Bay
Memorial Hall
10am



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We're open 5.30-7.30pm Wednesday
2.30-4.30pm Friday
and 4.00-5.00pm on the last Sunday of the month.

Wild Dunedin Festival 19 – 28 April 2024

This year's 9th *Wild Dunedin Festival* in the April school holidays has a record number of fantastic events and activities on Otago Peninsula for all ages and interests.

Children can see a magic show on Port to Port's Sootychaser, go on a treasure hunt at Quarantine Island, experience the Marine Studies Centre's touch tanks at the Wild Fun Day at Portobello and learn about native plants at Larnach Castle, with free entry.

The Marine Studies Centre at Portobello has a range of fascinating activities for all ages exploring the coastal marine environment including looking at coastal wonders with VR headsets.

Wild Fun at Portobello on 24 April builds on the success of this event in 2023 with a focus on conservation and sustainability with contributions from community groups.

Gardeners can take a tour of Hereweka Garden, learn about gardening for climate change with Fiona Eadie at Larnach Castle, go to a workshop at Macandrew Bay on permaculture or organic greenhouse gardening, and go on a bus tour of peninsula gardens – Peninsula People, Plants and Pets.

Foodies can do some wild dining at Glenfalloch, and for those who love to dress up, there's a Wild Night Masquerade at Larnach Castle in aid of yellow eyed penguins.

Fancy a yoga session on a Portobello hilltop? There will be two opportunities to do this.

We are thrilled to announce that The OPERA (formerly Penguin Place) is supporting Wild Dunedin as a Platinum sponsor. The Otago Peninsula Eco Restoration Alliance is dedicated to the conservation of Otago Peninsula's native flora and fauna. They are developing a 50-year planting plan that will see the full restoration of all areas on the property being transitioned to native forest.

The OPERA will be running wildlife photography tours, and also offering deals, along with the Royal Albatross Centre, Blue Penguins Pukekura, Monarch Wildlife Cruises, and Clearwater Wildlife Tours.

These are the Otago Peninsula highlights of the Wild Dunedin Festival. There are many more fantastic opportunities to do crafts, see wildlife and Suzy Cato, learn about bees, compost, sustainable gardening, weather, sea lions, frogs and albatross, go foraging, tramping, indoor climbing and diving in a kelp forest. Many of these activities are free.

The Festival programme will be available from Friday 15 March. Visit our stall at the South Dunedin Street Festival on Saturday 16 March where there will be free face painting and we'll be handing out programmes. If you'd like to volunteer for the Festival, please contact Suzanne Middleton smiddleton7@yahoo.co.nz.

Bookings are essential for most events and all the wildlife tourism deals. Check it out at wilddunedin.nz and on social media.



Macandrew Bay Garden Club

Our first meeting of the year will be held in the Macandrew Bay School on Thursday 21st March at 7pm. Please bring plants to swap or give away. Also bring any surplus garden produce for the Pataka Kai (community pantry).

New members of the Garden Club are always welcome. If you are interested you could call either Linda Seddon on 476 1799 or Polly Higham on 476 1056.

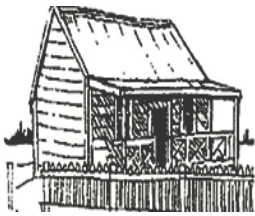
The Macandrew Bay 'Steady As You Go' (for falls prevention) meets every Friday at 1.30pm sharp.

The exercises are gentle and help with balance, leg strength, flexibility, general fitness, wellbeing and peripheral vision and are open to anyone with no pressure on what you can and cannot do.

We are a very friendly group and enjoy a cuppa and chat afterwards. Come and give it a try! For further information, phone Helen on 4761519 or 0274761519

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19 – 28 APRIL 2024



OTAGO PENINSULA MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

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Museum News

Thanks to the five folk who have volunteered to help on this year's roster. It is much appreciated.

Some Museum members attended the Edendale Crank Up in January and took one of our old machines down. This machine was probably attached to a dairy shed and used for making cheese and butter. We think about 1905 era, with a hot bulb Bradford oil engine and was built by Alex Storrie Ltd of Invercargill. The men at the Museum have been lovingly restoring the machine and are very proud of their effort. It was a great day with lots of old and new tractors, cars and steam engines. We would highly recommend it as a great family day out with plenty of fun stuff for children as well.



Our two books *Portobello - A Brief History* and *Otago Peninsula Then and Now* are available from the Macandrew Bay Library, Portobello Dairy, Peninsula Medical Centre and the Museum.

We are open Sundays 12.30-3.30pm. Copies are \$30 each.

If you need to get in touch with the Museum our email address: theotagopeninsulamuseum@gmail.com

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(See website www.dunedincycleway.co.nz for ideas on things to do along the way.)

It takes approx 2 hours to cycle all the way around, without any stops. A good amount of time to allow is approx 3 hours, including a coffee stop and the ferry trip across the harbour, which is approx 10 minutes.

On the boat the skipper loads the bikes for you and gives a full and professional commentary along the way. There are many locals trying it out on electric and manual bikes.

The boat can take up to 15 bikes at a time. It has become a favourite for work groups to get together to 'cycle the loop' and stop at restaurants along the way. Give it a go, while the weather is still warm!

\$35 per person, with a bike, to cross on the ferry, or buy a local's concession card (For yourself or somebody else!). Buy four crossings and you will get an extra one for free.

The quickest, easiest way to purchase tickets is on the website www.porttoport.co.nz.

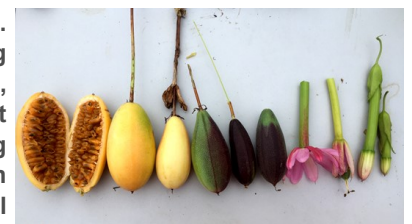
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What has SWAT been up to lately? From mid November to early February our prime target is Chilean flame creeper (CFC). We initially check out known CFC sites to deal to young vines before they climb high into the canopy and flower, then search for new infestations. Some of the sites are in dense native bush, full of tall tree ferns and ancient broadleaf trees, very beautiful but not that easy to get around. We are very fortunate to have access to a drone, thanks to the generosity of a local film maker. The

drone camera provides an 8 minute movie of the bush canopy and any red CFC flowers are very obvious. Thanks to these drone flights, we are confident that no new CFC vines have flowered in the native bush we surveyed over the past 3 years.

Our attention now shifts back to trying to stop the spread of Banana Passionfruit (BPF). In order to prevent the spread of pest plants it is important to stop the seeds getting from one place to another. A study undertaken by the School of Biological Sciences, University of Canterbury, indicated that one animal which is particularly good at transporting seeds of BPF is the possum, with the seeds found in possum poo having an excellent germination rate. For many years those pesky possums have been spreading BPF around the Peninsula. An introduced plant and an introduced animal have teamed up to their mutual advantage!



Now, with far fewer possums, the spread of BPF should slow down. However, when a ripe fruit drops from the vine onto the ground those seeds will still germinate. So, if you have a BPF vine on your section that is difficult to kill, then removing the fruit and disposing of them with your rubbish (not your compost) is well worth doing.

Remember, if you would like advice or help controlling pest plants on your property, or find a plant that you think could be a problem weed we would be keen to hear from you.

Contact the team at SWATweeds@gmail.com

People in the Bay

Isn't it great having the Macandrew Bay Grocery store open again? Not only open every day of the week from 8.00am until 8.00pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 8.30am until 8.30 pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday, but well stocked and really clean. I was so impressed that I wanted to thank them for re-opening the shop, having a product I urgently needed and being so positive and welcoming even though I was right on closing time the first time I shopped there just after they opened.

Huaran Li and his wife Chengai Yin left China fifteen years ago. They lived and worked in the hospitality field in Singapore for five years while studying and learning English. In 2014 they moved to New Zealand. I am always so impressed by people who can speak and write in two languages especially when they are so very different. English can be such a confusing language. I remember talking to an Italian geologist who was waiting for his wife to join him and I said, "Do you miss your wife?" he looked horrified and said "I do not hit my wife." That made me realise how difficult it must be to learn, understand and communicate in English. Huaran communicates well. He is a very positive person with a great sense of humour.

Huaran grew up in the country in Shandong Province on the northern coast of China. His mother is still there and can't travel so it is important for the Li family to go back every few years to visit, if possible. Huaran and Chengai live in Andersons Bay. They have three daughters. Fangy who is 11 and at Intermediate school, Jiayi, 6 and Shuyi 4. The children speak both English and Chinese. On Sundays, the family attend a Chinese culture group at the Chinese gardens where they are taught to read and write in Chinese. Embracing the traditions of their heritage and participating in cultural activities that enrich our community is important to the Li family. Celebrating the Chinese New Year is a joyous occasion and Fangy, who loves dancing and singing, was part of the performance this year. Chengai and Huaran share both the shop and home duties so life is very busy.

Huaran, a skilled chef with two decades of experience, has some great ideas for expanding food choices but is very limited by the small kitchen available to him at this time. He really wants to offer a diverse selection of quality foods at reasonable prices. Huaran has been horrified at the prices he has to pay to wholesalers. For the first few weeks it kept him awake at nights trying to think of how he could cut the prices down for his customers. This is really important to him and he is doing the very best he can. It is almost impossible to compete with the big supermarkets. Everything seems to have escalated in price. He shops around for the best deals and would welcome any ideas or fresh food from locals that he could sell at a reasonable price.

Kimi is the other person you will meet each day. She is the shop manager and has a wonderful smile and a bubbly personality. Kimi left Indonesia ten years ago. After completing school, she studied Hospitality management in Tauranga. She always wanted to live in the South Island and after a good look around, chose Dunedin.

Kimi has two jobs. She works from 4.00am until 1.00pm in PAK'nSave then catches the bus to Macandrew bay and works here from 3.00 – 6.00pm but she absolutely loves it.

Macandrew Bay store is a cornerstone of our community. Next time you pop into the store, providing essential goods and convenience for us, take a moment to appreciate the dedication and warmth of Huaran, Changai and Kimi that make it more than just a grocery store.

Lynne Aldridge



NEW SEASON - NEW MENU
Autumn is upon us which means our new menu is coming to you in mid-March! From small plates to meals, little ones to grown-ups, we like to make sure everyone has something to eat. We have even designed vegan, dairy & gluten-free menus that are available on request.

THURSDAY & FRIDAY EVENING DINING

Craving some relaxation after a hectic day? Pop in for a quick drink, or stay a while... And hey, don't miss out on our Live Music Fridays! Make a booking, or just just pop in!
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Macandrew Bay School

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The new school year started on Wednesday 31st January. It has been great to see everyone back at school and connecting as a community of learners for the start of 2024.

We have been making the most of the good weather and getting outside for lots of fun learning including gardening, games, picking plums, and making good use of our school pool. JC Swim School have been in the school this week delivering quality swimming lessons for our tamariki- they have made great progress!

We are also very excited to launch our new design thinking model Tūhura/Discover in 2024. The staff and tamariki were really fortunate to work with Iain Cook- Bonney from Learning Architects as part of our Professional Learning Development. This is focused around increasing our Digital Fluency Skills and enhancing our localised curriculum. As a result of this mahi, we have a new framework for our learning called Tūhura which is the Māori word for Discover (also the name for The Otago Museum)...watch this space.

Each year we create a localised curriculum, based on wonderings that our tamariki have identified that they are keen to learn about. We formulate an overarching concept or theme that runs across the year. Driving questions are explored through a series of integrated programmes and this year our new Tūhura/Discover framework. Technology, Science, Social Sciences and Health are all taught in this way and integrated with English, Maths, Te Reo and The Arts.

Finally mark SUNDAY 17th March (Yes St Patrick's Day) on your calendar as we have changed our biennial School Fair to earlier in the year. Come on down for lots of FUN from 11am. All fundraising is going towards a Pump/Bike track for our kura.

Nic Brown
Tumuaki/Principal
Macandrew Bay School

Peninsula Community Initiatives Meeting Sunday 3 March 12.30pm Coronation Hall Portobello

If you missed this meeting and are interested in assisting with the formation of a 'Library of Things' that people may only need occasionally; Community or shared workshop spaces; a bulk buying grocery co-operative; Te Reo Maori Conversation Groups; Seed sharing, etc, contact Alicia Monteith

Contact alicia.monteith@gmail.com in the first instance, to see if you can assist."

With the Christmas/New Year holiday season behind us, and life resuming regular family, school, work and recreational routines, the OPCB has also come out of holiday mode and is ready for another busy year.

At present the Dunedin City Council is preparing to consult with the community on the draft 10year plan 2024-2034. The OPCB will be focussed on having the Peninsula Connection/Road Safety Project completed, along with the completion of the agreed landscape design works at the old Tomahawk School site. Both these projects have been ongoing for over a decade, and we believe with the proposed monetary constraints, Council should focus on completing projects before funding new ones. As soon as dates are confirmed for engagement and submissions we will post these on our Facebook page:

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

The Otago Peninsula Community Board will provide one scholarship per year up to the value of \$1000. This is for enrolled secondary school students who live in the Board area. Applications close on 30 April each year. For further information and application forms go to

<http://www.dunedin.govt.nz/your-council/community-boards/otago-peninsula>

Please ensure you read the Scholarship Criteria thoroughly and send your application form in before the closing date.

Our next Board meeting is at 10a.m. on 18th April at Portobello Bowling Club. If you have an issue you would like to discuss in the Public Forum, please contact our Governance Support Officer to ensure you are included in the agenda.

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We look forward to working for you and with you for 2024.

Edna Stevenson
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We send our condolences to the families of local residents, Brent McLachlan and Linden Moody, who have died recently.

Linden was a founder member of the Bay Views newsletter group and a much valued friend to many in Macandrew Bay.

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Macandrew Bay Bowling Club

With the bowling season nearing the end, the Club Members are now busy playing our Club ties for the glory of seeing our names (hopefully) on our Honours Board. Good luck to everyone.

Ally Campbell, our Greenkeeper has kept our Green in tip top condition, so thanks to him along with the men who help with the cutting and rolling. Neville Barker, a long time member, always has the surrounds neat and tidy and with these enthusiastic members our grounds are a pleasure to play on.

We have welcomed a number of new members this season, both as players and social members which is exciting to see and we wish them all the best for their future years bowling. We would love to encourage more along, young or old. So many of our players state that they had wished they had started playing earlier.

On the 24th February, the Club is hosting the Dunedin Junior Women's Championship finals. A Junior is any member of any age who has played less than 5 years for the Club. This is quite an honour for our Greenkeeper to be asked to hold a final and this is due to the condition of our Green.

In the Winter months, we are extremely lucky to have the Dunedin Bowls Stadium to play in. There you can play competitively or enjoy a more relaxing Monday afternoon with others in a mixed team playing 4's.

Anyone interested in joining our Club, please contact our President Roy Almond on 027 420 0429 or Helen Ashton 027 476 1519.

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Parish Office [454 4724](tel:4544724)

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Rev Alison Latton [476 1168](tel:4761168)

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Public Library

Tel: Anne Pentecost [027 671 6297](tel:0276716297)

School Office

Tel: [476 1004](tel:4761004)

Otago Peninsula Lions Club

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Peninsula Bays Women's Institute

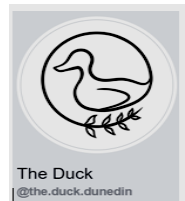
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March 15:
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Otago Peninsula Anglican Parish



Two special events are coming up in March. The first is a community clean up of the shoreline at the Andersons Bay inlet on **Saturday 9th March**. We'll meet at 10.00am at the playground near Bayfield High School for a cuppa and shared morning tea. After a community prayer for the care of creation, we will pick up rubbish. Bring gardening gloves and smiles - we will bring rubbish bags. All welcome.

On **Wednesday 20th March** at 7.00pm we are hosting a concert at St Michael and All Angels Church at 44 Elliot Street, Andersons Bay, headlining Vienna singing blues gospel (<https://viennacarrollmusic.com/press-kit>), and Dee St Band, playing blues and folk music with Paul Allen on bass. Tea, coffee, and finger food will be offered at the interval. All proceeds will go to Al Ahli Hospital Gaza.

Our Easter services – everyone is welcome

Sunday 24th March at 10.00am at St Michael's - Palm Sunday family service

Thursday 28th March at 7.30pm - Maundy Thursday service with hand and foot washing

Good Friday 29th March at 9.30am - carrying the cross from Lanarch Road playground to St Philip's, Belford Street, Waverley with a shared morning tea to follow. (Those who prefer not to walk with the cross meet at St Philip's at 9.30am.)

Good Friday at 7.00pm at St Michael's - shared hot drinks and hot cross buns, followed at 7.30pm by a Tenebrae service ("Service of Shadows") with silence, meditation.

Sunday 31st March at 6.30am at Broad Bay - Easter Dawn service, followed by BBQ fish on the beach and, for those who would like to, a 'plunge in the sea', a reminder of being raised in Christ.

Sunday 31st March at 10.00 am - Family Service with an Easter egg hunt.

Our regular services are at 10.00am on Sunday and Wednesday each week, and all are welcome. Our Macandrew Bay House Group meets at 10.00am on Tuesday mornings, and on Thursday mornings during school term-time our parish runs a very popular Music and Playgroup for toddlers and babies and their parents/carers at the St Philip's Church complex in Belford Street, Waverley.

Currently three study groups are meeting in the parish during Lent, and anyone interested is most welcome to join one. Two groups meet on Tuesday evenings one in Andersons Bay and one in Macandrew Bay. The third meets over morning tea on Wednesday mornings after the 10.00am Eucharist at St Michael's. Our study is called "God's Call: who is God calling us to be?"

For more information about our parish, its services and activities, and for details of our study groups, please contact the Reverend Michael Holdaway (027 236 8714) or the Parish Office (454 4724).

Peninsula Bays Women's Institute

Our Women's Institute is open to anyone on the Peninsula and is a great way to meet other women for a couple of hours every month.

We meet on the first Thursday of each month in the Macandrew Bay Bowling Club-house. In the summer months our start time is 7.30pm and in the winter, we have lunch time meetings.

Competition between members with baking, flower arranging, vegetables, flowers etc are held each month with points added up at end of year. However, there is no pressure to participate in this. If you would like to join us, you are most welcome to turn up on the night, or for further information please phone Helen on 4761519 or Cynthia on 4761152



Save The Otago Peninsula (STOP) News

It has been a great growing season – for the grass that smothers the plants as well as for the seedlings and young trees. Working bees (releasing young seedlings from the exotic grass so they are not out competed) will continue until planting starts in May on Tuesday and Sunday mornings starting at 9.30am at the end of Bacon St.

Contact stopincsoc@gmail.com or Lala (text only) 027 87560 20 for more information about working bees. New volunteers always needed and welcomed.

Unfortunately "Trees That Count" was over-subscribed and is not available again as a source for funding for this year's trees. If you would like to commemorate a milestone in yours or your family's life you may like to consider having a tree – or a grove of trees planted. Each tree plus the protective cage, the fertiliser tablet, the stake, the labels and the wire pegs to fasten down the weed mats and the cage cost STOP \$20.

As a charitable donation you can also claim back a third on your tax. See the contact details above to ask how to donate.

You can read Bay Views on our
website in colour at
macandrewbaynews.org.nz

Portobello Presbyterian Church

(Sundays 10am)

March 3: Service - Jane Cox
March 17: Study Group - Jane Cox
March 31: Easter Communion Service
with Rev Russell Thew
April 7: Service - Jane Cox
April 21: Study Group - Jane Cox
May 5: Service - Jane Cox
May 19: Service - TBA



All are welcome at our small Church on the hill next to the
Portobello Cemetery,
Harrington Point Rd, Portobello



Tena Koutou everyone

Well, it's a new year and I ponder what it will bring. I hope you all had a good break and are refreshed as we head into 2024.

The children are all back at school and Kindy (Yes, I can hear you all saying "yay") so a reminder to drivers to please take care at drop off and pick up times around our Kura. Our little ones are unpredictable around roads.

I recovered a stolen vehicle a few weeks ago out at Hoopers Inlet. Unfortunately, there are a lot of vehicles being taken at the moment in and around Dunedin so please ensure you keep yours locked and don't leave any important/valuable items in view. Don't be complacent. The go to vehicles are Demio's, Tiida's and Aquas for the most part, but anything is game for these people.

Still getting reports of poor driving (only been receiving them for the nearly 6 years I've been here) and again have witnessed some myself when travelling to and from Dunedin. It's about time these people took a long hard look in the mirror. I am quite frankly sick and tired of poor decision making when it comes to our roads. It's only a matter of time before something goes horribly wrong and I'm not looking forward to that. Please slow down and be patient. I make no apologies if you end up on the receiving end of an infringement notice.

If you're going out possum or rabbit shooting (day or night), could I ask that you either give me a call to advise or ring 105 to log it. I had a job a couple of weeks ago where multiple gunshots were heard during the day, and someone called it in. It turns out it was someone legitimately shooting but given today's society, someone had concerns and rightly so. This just makes it a bit tidier, and I don't have to go into a situation not knowing what is happening. Many of you already do this and it is really appreciated.

A vehicle was broken into in Company Bay a week or so ago. These crims are random and take any opportunity they get, so a few good things to remember are to not leave valuables visible in the car and lock it at all times.

There has been a Burglary at a boatshed in Broad Bay. So a reminder to those of you who own them to make sure they are as secure as possible and tasty items stored away out of sight, if able.

If you're travelling through Pukehiki please adhere to the posted speed limits. Some don't seem to understand what those big round red and white signs mean with the large number in the middle. Highest speed recorded by me up there in past couple of weeks is 72kmph in a 40 zone. This is not acceptable and, had it been a bit higher, this person would have lost their licence. Please respect the residents up there. This goes for all of our areas on the Peninsula.

If you are a victim of any type of crime, please ring and report it. I have recently been told of a couple of things that have happened that I was not made aware of.

It is important because (a) you've been the victim of a crime and (b) there may be a bigger picture to it all. I do care and that is my job so please make a report by either contacting me or again ringing 105 if it is historic and you don't need immediate police assistance.

A reminder of the School Fair coming up on St Patrick's day. I look forward to catching up with many of you there.

Well, that's it for the first blurb of the year. Wishing you all the best for the year ahead.

Snr Constable Aaron Smith



Kia ora,

Our team is ramping up our efforts as we try to close in on our ambitious goal of peninsula-wide possum eradication. The possum numbers are very low thanks to our team's efforts and all the hard work from our wonderful community of volunteers and supportive landowners. So far this year, we have only had one community catch between Challis and Taiaroa Head (see image below), which just so happened to be in Macandrew Bay. We know there are still some more wily possums lurking about the area and locating them continues to be a major focus since it's the first step in being able to target them. We're using a range of monitoring tools, but community reports are invaluable. So if you see a possum, hear a possum, or even find signs of a possum, like fresh scat or bite marks on tress, please get in touch. We think the males are on the move in search of a mate and we're seeing them in areas we previously thought were possum-free, so even if you haven't had possums in your backyard for ages, please **KEEP SETTING YOUR TRAPS** in case one comes wandering through.

As always, it's been wonderful working with our community to achieve eradication and continue to benefit from increased native birdlife and healthy native vegetation.

Ngā mihi,
Maggie Evans



FIRE STATION OPEN DAY

16th March 12:30 till 2:30

1 Hereweka Street Portobello

Portobello Volunteer Fire Brigade turned 60 in February! Come along to the Fire Station and have a look at our new fire appliance and tanker. Check out the fire safety displays etc. All welcome.



Thank you!

Thank you so much to our Otago Peninsula community for your continued support this summer. It's very much appreciated.

What's On at the Castle?

Barden in the Garden

Saturday 16 March, 5.30pm

Tickets: Adult \$50, Child \$15, Loyal Local \$28

Imagine the classic love story of Romeo and Juliet with a twist, being played out in a garden near you! Award-winning theatre company, The Barden Party is bringing their usual fun-loving spin to R&J and filling Shakespeare's most famous play with their general hilarious, heartfelt antics!

Wild Dunedin Festival celebrations

Plant Detectives

During the April School Holiday's: 13 to 28 April

Kids Go Free during School Holiday's: must be accompanied by a paying adult (see website for T&C's)

Want to be an ace plant detective? Find the hidden clues using the native plan map. All completed entries to into a draw for a Children's High Tea with three friends at Larnach Castle.

Gardening with Climate Change

Saturday 20 April, 2pm

Tickets: \$45 or Loyal Local \$30

A talk and a walk with Fiona Eadie (Head Gardener), whilst pondering gardening in a changing climate, finishing with a tasting of Sandymount Gin and canapes.

Wild Night | Masquerade at Larnach Castle

Saturday 27 April, 7pm

Tickets: \$200 (+ booking fee) all inclusive

We are excited to announce a new event with Wild Dunedin! Wild Night at Larnach Castle is a fundraising gala to raise money for Partners with Purpose in support of our hoiho!

Dress to impress and create your most extravagant nature-themed mask and enjoy a night all-inclusive of music, entertainment, great food, tasty beverages and return transportation.

There will be fundraising auction and money from ticket sales will go to Partners with Purpose – Dunedin Wildlife Hospital, Otago Shore & Land Trust and Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust!

Annual Winter Ball

Friday 19 July, 8pm

Tickets: \$140

More information and to purchase tickets

Visit our website www.larnachcastle.co.nz

New Events Coming

We're adding new fun events each month. Keep an eye on our website and social media channels for more information.

Welcome to 2024!



4 Conway Street, Macandrew Bay

Our year has started off wonderfully already! We started our Monday Outdoor Sessions with a Sandymount trip on the 19th of February. It was a fantastic trip even with the weather giving out on us. We walked through the trees, past the sheep shed with its ramp that the tamariki were very interested in and down through the field to the lookout. Our Outdoors Sessions will take place every second Monday with the location changing each term.

Macandrew Bay School have kindly allowed us to join their school fair on the 17th of March with the White Elephant Stall. All profits from the stall will go towards the centre rebuild we are hoping to get underway this year. We have had a big clean out of the storage spaces around Playcentre so we are ready for your good condition household donations. We would love it if you could collect these items at your home until the 2 weeks leading up to the Fair when we will be able to collect them at Playcentre.

The firewood for our next fundraiser has all been cut and is now stacked and drying so it will be ready for your fire in winter! Keep an eye on our Facebook page next term for more information.

We have had lots of new members visit this term as well as new babies born into our whānau with gorgeous little Hamish joining big sister Lucy at Playcentre this year. Congratulations to Georgie and Andrew on your adorable little boy!

As always, if you would like to come along for a visit we are open Monday through Friday 9am-1pm at 4 Conway Street, Macandrew Bay. You can get in contact about organising a visit through our facebook page, the Playcentre Aotearoa website, or through emailing macandrewbay@playcentre.org.nz

Did You Know?

- ⇒ Toitu Otago Settlers Museum has developed *Journey to New Edinburgh*, a series of documentaries tracing the footsteps of Otago's early European pioneers from Scotland. The link to view these documentaries is on the Toitu website : <https://www.toituosm.com/'whats-on/watch'>. Follow the challenging realities these early settlers faced when they arrived in Aotearoa/New Zealand.
- ⇒ Leisa Browne of *Leaf & Flower Farm* in Lower Portobello is passionate about seasonal, spray free and sustainable floristry. Her flower bouquets are grown from seed on the Otago Peninsula and are available to order from her. Telephone 027 415 6555 for more details.

SUMMER VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES ON THE OTAGO PENINSULA

DAY	TIME	WORK TYPE	LOCATION	GROUP	CONTACT	EMAIL
VARIOUS	tbc	Trapping, monitoring	<u>Sandymount</u> , other areas	OPBG	Maggie	peninsula@opbg.nz
VARIOUS	tbc	Pup pool monitor	<u>Allans Beach Rd</u> , <u>Hoopers Inlet</u>	NZSLT		info@sealiontrust.org.nz
SUN and TUES	9:30 - 12	Tree releasing, <u>trackwork</u>	Top of Bacon St, Broad Bay	STOP	<u>Lala</u>	stopincsoc@gmail.com
TUES and THURS	10 - 4	Potting up, seed sowing, weeding	TSBT Nursery, 470 Tomahawk Rd, Ocean Grove	TSBT	Nicole	beachcare@zoho.com
WED	9:30 - 12:30	Prep native plants for planting	YEPT Nursery, 12 McTaggart St, Company Bay	YEPT	Louise	nursery@yeptrust.org.nz
FRI	9 - 12	Pest plant control	Broad Bay, <u>Macandrew Bay</u> , Pukehiki	SWAT	Moira	SWATweeds@gmail.com
SAT/SUN	9:30 - 3:30	Weed and predator control, lizard surveys	Quarantine Island (via boat transfer)	QI/KT	Claire	<u>secretary.quarantineisland@gmail.com</u>

Do you have a few hours to spare each week?

Would you like to help a project on the Peninsula?

Check this list for work that might interest you then email the contact person for more info.

Showing up at a working bee is a great chance to meet new people, learn new skills and have some fun. Your energy and work would be much appreciated by the seven groups listed here!

OPBG – Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Group, NZSLT – New Zealand Sea Lion Trust, STOP – Save The Otago Peninsula, TSBT – Tomahawk Smalls BeachCare Trust, YEPT – Yellow-Eyed Penguin Trust, SWAT – Seek Weeds and Terminate, QI/KT - Quarantine Island/Karau Taurua Community Inc Charity

Housekeeping for 2024

- ⇒ Dispose of your lightbulbs at Mitre 10. Any traditional typical household bulbs, either Fluorescent or LED. This programme is not designed to manage commercial volumes of bulbs and is aimed at supporting residential customers. Any household bulb has the capacity to be recycled. Bring it into the store and they will recycle this for you via their partner Interwaste.
- ⇒ Taste Nature is calling out to our Dunedin community to donate and drop off unused jars at their store, 131 High Street, Dunedin. Shop hours Mon—Fri 8am to 6pm, Sat 9am—4pm. They accept jars with lids, but without any labels, and in clean reusable condition. They sterilise the jars and sell them to their customers for \$1 with any purchase of dry goods, all to support waste minimisation.
- ⇒ Cargill Enterprises e-Waste department offers you an opportunity to dispose of your electronic waste in an environmentally friendly and ethical way. Their no fuss drop off service is situated behind their office building at 199 Hillside Road, South Dunedin. Simply drive down the driveway off Hillside Road at the side of the building. Open between the hours of 8.30 and 4.30, Monday to Friday. Most batteries can also be taken there.
- ⇒ Presbyterian Support Otago's foodbank needs clean food containers to decant bulk supplies into smaller portions. Plastic and glass are suitable as long as they have lids, so save those jam jars and ice-cream, yoghurt, takeaway and margarine pottles, and drop them into PSO in Moray Place.
- ⇒ Hearing aid batteries are accepted at the supplier of your hearing aids.
- ⇒ New Rules for Food Labelling standards designed to protect customers with severe allergies are now in force. Food packaged before February 24 can still be sold without new labels for the next two years or until expired.

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