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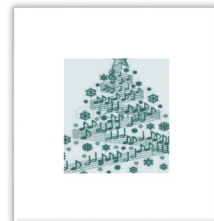
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## Otago Peninsula Christmas Carols

Tuesday 10 December 7pm

Mary, Queen of Peace church,  
Broad Bay.



You are all warmly welcome to come along to relaxed Christmas Carol singing led by Peter Hayden as our MC. This always feels like the start of the Christmas season for many locals. The church is located back from Portobello Rd on the hill nearby to Fletcher House. Parking in Fletcher House carpark.

Sunday 15 December 7pm



Time once again for this year's Pukehiki Community Church Carol Service. This service promises to be another of Trustee Pat Robertson's wonderfully unique gems.

As all who have attended our carol services at Pukehiki in the past will attest, there is nothing that compares to the fun and joy of singing carols centered around one of Pat's annual creations – that she has been writing for 30 years now!

As usual, a community supper will follow in the Pukehiki hall.

All welcome – bring an item for the Food Bank and a plate for supper afterwards.

Sunday 22 December 7pm

Community carol singing: Macandrew Bay Hall  
Supper provided.





Macandrew Bay Library

The library is ticking over very well. When we buy a large number of books and send a list around members, it is very gratifying to see people coming in to get them immediately. Last time we had people waiting while we finished processing them. We must be choosing the right books!

The subscription is still only \$5.00 a year per family. The number of new members is increasing and the library is sometimes a very busy meeting place.

The last open session this year will be Sunday 22 December. We will re-open 17 January.

Wednesdays 5.30 to 7.30pm  
Fridays 2.30 to 4.30pm  
and the last Sunday of the month  
4.00 to 5.00pm

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**Macandrew Bay Bowling Club**

belongs to the Community around us and not only do we have bowls and bowling events there, but the Lions Club, Women's Institute, Steady As You Go and Qigong group also use the facilities. We also have Social Members who don't play bowls competitively.



This month the Cubs and some of their parents came along for a game of bowls, helped by two of our members. Fortunately the weather was fine and everyone appeared to enjoy themselves with a few showing potential as good bowlers.

We have welcomed three new members this season and they are thoroughly enjoying the interclub matches and doing very well. At times playing better than the longer playing members!

Our Christmas Pot Luck Tea is to be held on Saturday 14 December and at last years 'do' we were spoiled by a gorgeous array of foods.

We are always looking for new members of any age, so if interested, please phone our President Roy on 0274200429 or Helen on 0274761519

The Club would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.



**Peninsula Bays  
Women's Institute**

Our meetings are held at the Macandrew Bay Bowling Club on the first Thursday of the month, except January. Meetings start at 11.30am with a shared lunch. At the December meeting, members will enjoy a potluck Christmas lunch, followed by games and Christmas activities.

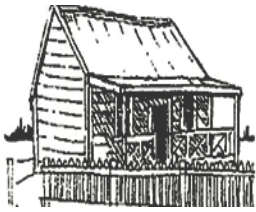
At all our meetings, members can enter our monthly competitions which can include baking, handcraft, bloom, floral arrangement or a vegetable. A raffle and market table to raise funds for our organization are held each meeting. The annual subscription is \$50.00, and all donations of money and goods are voluntary.

In November some of our members joined the Women's Institute members belonging to the Eastern Otago Federation to celebrate this organisations 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. A Federation is the next level of the New Zealand Federation of Women's Institute, and we have five Institutes in our Federation. The Federation organizes the Annual General Meeting, Competition Day and Harbourside fun and friendship gatherings. Forty plus members from our sister institutes enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Diggers RSA Restaurant, in Mosgiel and the time to have social time with other members.

If you are interested in joining us at our meetings, please contact Cynthia on 4761152 or Helen on 4761519.

Lost, Macandrew Bay Beach  
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Thanks Peter [petenev@xtra.co.nz](mailto:petenev@xtra.co.nz) Tel:476 1521



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Season's greetings everyone from the Museum. Have a safe and happy holiday. Come in and visit us over the holidays. We are open every Sunday 12.30-3.30pm and can open for groups or if someone is especially keen to look at family info and can't come any other time. Get in touch – our email address is: [theotagopeninsulamuseum@gmail.com](mailto:theotagopeninsulamuseum@gmail.com)

We have two new members on our Museum Committee this year and will also need a couple of new volunteers to help with our Sunday roster which starts in March 2025.

We get many requests for family information and recently had to send one of our books – *Portobello – A Brief History* to the UK. This book plus our other book – *Otago Peninsula Then and Now* would make a great Christmas gift. The books are available from the Museum, the Macandrew Bay Library or the Portobello Shop. \$30 each.

We have also been asked, from Hastings, for information about the Reverend Alexander Greig. Mr Greig served as minister to the Peninsula Presbyterian parishes for 36 years, from its founding in 1868. He travelled by horse, gig or walked between each parish. The first Presbyterian Church built on the Peninsula was at Pukehiki in 1868. Rev Greig married his wife Jane in Aberdeen in 1867 and two weeks later boarded the ship *Robert Henderson* bound for Port Chalmers. He died in 1938 aged 99 years and is buried, alongside his family, in the Portobello Cemetery.

Recently we were donated a doll, which looks old but it's not. Bartholomina dolls were made in limited numbers in South Africa between 1976 and 1982 and were porcelain dolls to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of the 1820 settlers in the Eastern Cape, South Africa. This doll belonged to a person from Macandrew Bay.

In the next week or so we will be holding our annual BBQ lunch at the Museum to thank our wonderful volunteers who have supported us over the year.



Christmas Greeting and a happy New Year to you all from the Newsletter Group:  
Lynne Aldridge, Colleen Bond, Lyn Dowsett, Sue Pierre, Colin Aldridge and Linda Seddon (Editor)

# Christmas Opening Hours

## Dr Paul Sabonadiere

Waverley Health, 97 Larnach Road, Vauxhall

Closing 1pm on 24 December

Closed Statutory days

Open for urgent appts 9am-12, 27, 30, 31 Dec and 3 January

Normal hours resume on 6 January 2025

## Otago Peninsula Medical Centre

11 Allens Beach Road, Portobello

Closing 24th December

Re-opening 6th January 2025

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## Waverley Pharmacy

Open (9am—6pm) except for statutory days

Phone 454 3838

## A+Physio

40 Filleul Street clinic will be available, apart from the Statutory Days. Phone 471 7391 for an appointment.

## Veterinary Centre

Humanimals Team at 44 Rankeilor Street, South Dunedin. Tel 456 2345

Open except for statutory days

Emergency contact available by phoning number shown above

## Macandrew Bay Library

Last opening for the year will be Sun 22 December

Re-opening Fri 17 January 2024

## Macandrew Bay Grocery Store

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## Artifolk

Closed Wed 25 December to 2 January

Opening Fri 3 January 2025

Resuming normal opening hours of 12.30—4pm



# People in the Bay

Macandrew Bay is full of amazing people. On a lifestyle property near you lives **Samantha Montgomerie** with her husband, an IT Architect and her 16 year old son Flynn. I read an article in the ODT earlier this year about Samantha Montgomerie, a local teacher and prolific author of more than 70 education readers, being invited to attend the HarperCollins author party in London. Education readers may seem simple but they all have a specific purpose to help young children learn to read. It is imperative that the stories are engaging and capture the interest of the child so they want to read. Being a teacher and a writer sounded an amazing combination of skills to have and of course I wanted to find out more about her and how the author party had gone.

The trip to London and the author party was a fantastic experience for Samantha. After five years of writing for HarperCollins, she finally got to meet and talk with her editors and publishers. Samantha has always loved reading and writing her own stories so encouraging her own students to become lifelong readers has been a strong focus in Samantha's teaching. She excitedly told me that her year 7 English classes read over 800 books in eight weeks! She loves teaching and says that children inspire her writing. That is a teacher that you want your children to have.

In 2022 Samantha won the Storylines Janice Marriott Mentoring Award for junior or young adult fiction. Her novel *The Cloudkeepers*, is set at Allans Beach, a favourite place of mine, is now completed and is currently out with publishers. For lovers of poetry, a real Dunedin treat Samantha is recommending, is a collection of poetry called PERCH which consists of poems written about Dunedin by Dunedin poets including herself. This book is available at the University bookshop.

Samantha has published a large and diverse volume of works including fiction and non-fiction stories, novels and poetry. Many of her books are available to purchase at very reasonable prices. Go to her website and have a look. It is certainly worth a visit. I was blown away by the many beautiful books and poems Samantha has written. Go to [www.samanthamontgomerie.com](http://www.samanthamontgomerie.com)

2025 will be a different and exciting year for Samantha as she will be The Otago College of Education/Creative New Zealand Children's Writer in Residence. Being granted this prestigious University of Otago Fellowship, means she will spend the year writing a fiction novel for 8 to 12 year old children called *Sea and Sky Collide*. Set in the Marlborough Sounds, this promises to be an action packed story that addresses a variety of topical issues

showing readers they are never too young to stand up for what they believe in. She will miss her students, but being able to focus solely on her writing for a whole year is "Living the dream".

Lynne Aldridge

## Local Contacts in Macandrew Bay

### Bowling Club

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### Boating Club

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

### Churches

Tel: Anglican—Elizabeth Purdie [476 1650](tel:4761650)  
Parish Office [454 4724](tel:4544724)

### Gardening Club

Tel: Annette Marshall [476 1347](tel:4761347) / [022 1819 800](tel:0221819800)  
Vicki Begg [020 4195 8677](tel:02041958677)

### Hall Bookings

(Macandrew Bay) Colleen Bond [476 1551](tel:4761551)  
(Broad Bay) See [www.broadbay.co.nz](http://www.broadbay.co.nz)

### Justice of the Peace

Tel: Lyn Dowsett [476 1260](tel:4761260) / [021 144 7329](tel:0211447329)

### Marriage Celebrants

Tel: Rev Alison Latton [476 1168](tel:4761168)  
Michelle Coleclough [027 415 6391](tel:0274156391)

### Macandrew Bay Library

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

### Otago Peninsula Lions Club

Tel: Paul Bernard [027 437 6929](tel:0274376929)

### Peninsula Bays Women's Institute

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Helen Ashton [476 1519](tel:4761519)

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**Macandrew Bay School Office** Tel: [476 1004](tel:4761004)

### Scouts and Cubs

Tel: Mike McCaw [027 958 2000](tel:0279582000)

### Steady-as-you-Go

Tel: Helen Ashton [476 1519](tel:4761519)



It has been a while since we have done a whole school production and we are still coming down from the huge high of our recent performance. On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November at the King High School Performing Arts Centre, our tamariki brought their groovy dance moves and talented acting skills to the stage in our production *All Systems Go*. Our production has been wonderful learning for our children and a fun and exciting culmination of our year of discovery in Tūhura. In Term 3 and 4 we have explored the question: *How can we as ākoka of Macandrew Bay kura share our understanding of how the brain works/body systems with our school community through the medium of The Arts in our school production?*

During the year we have done lots of learning about Human Body Systems. So it was very special for the tamariki, with their teachers to design and write the scripts, choreograph the dance moves and design a lot of the props and costumes.

We have had many sporting highlights this term including: Touch Rugby, Futsal, Athletics and we have our annual cross country coming up on December 3<sup>rd</sup> up in the paddocks on the Campbell's farm. This is always a really fun and challenging day.

Our tamariki play an active role in writing their school reports. They have been fine tuning their reflections for their end of year school report on their learning and goals they have set this year. We believe that involving children in reporting leads to more successful outcomes for our learners.

It has been another great year of learning and Macandrew Bay School and we would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone all the best for the festive season and summer!

**Nic Brown**  
Tumuaki/Principal  
Macandrew Bay School

### **Portobello Presbyterian Church**

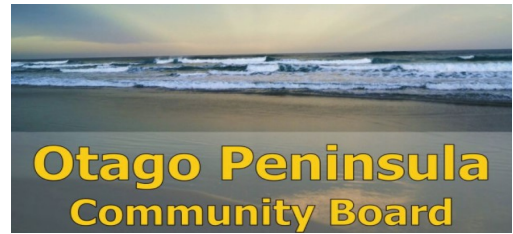
**(Sundays 10am)**



**Services will continue to be held on the First and Third Sundays of each month in 2025, except 5 January.**

**All are welcome at our small Church on the hill next to the Portobello Cemetery,**

**Harrington Point Rd, Portobello**



As we move toward Christmas and hopefully a settled Summer season, it is time to reflect a little on 2024. We have had a number of memorable events, some good and some not so good.

Generally, vegetation issues have been on the radar this year. While it took some time, we finally got the shrubbery around the beach lowered to improve visibility for both pedestrians and traffic. The downside this year is the funding cuts which affect the maintenance of grass verges, and unfortunately the harbour edge will be a victim with less regular trimming. Go to [dunedin.govt.nz/services/transport](http://dunedin.govt.nz/services/transport) which gives DCC maintenance schedule. 'Maintaining our roads, verges and vegetation.'

With the October rain event we have had a lot of damage, mostly with slips causing road closures. While most were cleared up quickly, some areas have required major rebuilds. This results in traffic management issues which just require patience from road users. Living on the Otago Peninsula is a hazardous privilege some might say, but we all know the afflictions and either accept them with good grace, or relocate.

Next year Council will be consulting on the 9 Year Plan and Annual Plan. Our Board will continue to advocate for Macandrew Bay beach area to have new toilets installed, and the shared pathway upgraded. While we have lots of wants, unfortunately with the financial squeeze we are struggling to even get needs attended to. Your input with submissions always helps for Council to see the importance of these needs. Dates will be published in the New Year.

A reminder to Senior School students to consider applying for Scholarship funding for extramural activities next year. If you have an event coming up, get application details early in the year for consideration. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

For all those annoying little issues needing attention, call Customer Services 4774000, or send a Fix It form <http://www.dunedin.govt.nz>.

We wish you all a happy and safe holiday season, and look forward to working with you in 2025.

Edna Stevenson  
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We send our heartfelt condolences to the family of Ruth Macpherson, and former resident Maureen Cruise, who have died recently.



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You may have heard that the Bowling Club Eatery, at 337 South Road, Caversham is now delivering their full menu every Tuesday and Thursday to drop off points across the Peninsula.

The deliveries have been running successfully for a number of months here and we are starting to expand across other suburbs too (Mosgiel and Port Chalmers) Anyone can join and have delicious, low cost meals delivered.

Ordering from the Bowling Club helps them to continue their amazing mahi across the city. Not only do they provide low cost meals to everyone but also around 1,000 free meals every week to anyone in need.

Please join their Facebook group to see the new menu which is posted every Friday. Instructions on how to order are on the page.

If you don't have Facebook you can still order. Call Amber ph 022 5909 300.

Copy this link into your browser or search Bowling Club Kai Delivery - Peninsula.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1214962213162992>

We hope to share kai with you soon. Lots of love!

Summer is kicking off around Ōtepoti Dunedin, and with that comes sea lions!



Walking along beaches in the Otago and Southland area you may come across individual or groups of sea lions. This can be exciting but it is very important to keep a distance of at least 20 metres between you and the nearest sea lion for both your own and the sea lion's safety. Dogs must be controlled by leads within 20 metres of sea lions or any other coastal wildlife.

Sea lion pups and yearlings can be very inquisitive and at times can approach people out of curiosity. If this happens, back away slowly and try to be as uninteresting as you possibly can!

Whilst numbers of sea lions are increasing on the New Zealand mainland, they are still an endangered species numbering less than 12,000, so it is a privilege for us to be sharing our beaches and coastline with them. If you have any concerns for a sea lion (or any other native wildlife) in danger, please contact 0800 DOC HOT (0800 362 468) in the first instance.

If you are keen to help out in terms of volunteering, or have any other concerns/questions, please feel free to contact us at [info@sealiontrust.org.nz](mailto:info@sealiontrust.org.nz) or check out our website at [www.sealiontrust.org.nz](http://www.sealiontrust.org.nz).



## Invasive Pest Plants Update

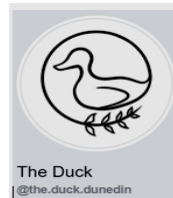
### ORC Eco Fund Darwins Barberry Project

SWAT obtained a grant from the Otago Regional Council ECO Fund in May to tackle invasive Darwin's Barberry (DB) in the Pukehiki area. We were also awarded ORC funds for a separate but related project to check for outlying DB bushes at the Sandymount and Sandfly DOC Reserves. Here's a quick summary of what we've achieved so far on both projects. With the DB in full orange flower and highly visible from July onwards, the volunteer team eradicated large numbers of bushes and pulled seedlings on properties across the 85 ha Pukehiki project area. We engaged contractor Habitat Restorations to tackle the larger trees and thickets on one property in August and they will return later to sort out other difficult DB areas. We also asked OPBG (the Biodiversity Group) to spot DB bushes for us during their possum work on the DOC Reserves. Suddenly the three bushes we knew about on the DOC Reserves expanded in number to 12 including discoveries at Boulder Beach, thank you OPBG. All 12 DB bushes are now eradicated.

But there may be more DB out there. So Portobello resident Ryan Adams (Peak Geospatial) flew high resolution drone surveys at Sandfly and Sandymount Reserves (with permission) in September and produced high quality orthophotos from which we will try and identify DB bushes. We can then use the Avenza app to locate where these suspected DB outliers are on the ground. We have no idea how many new bushes we may find out there.

This project is exciting and daunting in equal measure for our small team of volunteers. We get to use new technology and we have the focus of a funded project to spur us on. Thank you ORC, thank you Ryan and thank you to Pukehiki landowners for granting us access.

If you would like advice or help controlling pest plants on your property or if you find Darwins Barberry in flower, we would love to hear from you. Contact us by email at [SWATweeds@gmail.com](mailto:SWATweeds@gmail.com) and we'll be in touch!



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Last opening day 22nd December

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## From – OpenArts – the past year and beyond

Our Art year has been exceptional. The 'Almost an Island' exhibition, was as usual, a great success with 1100 visitors who enjoyed our art and artists 150 exhibits. There were good sales and many compliments on the works. Each year we seem to exceed the previous. Exhibitions are not just about sales (yes of course they are to some extent) but it's about being a part of something. Being able to place yourself, your feelings, hopes and dreams in front of, not just other Artists, but those who are just wanting to see, to feel the emotion, and beauty of how the artist creates, in all forms.

We moved through winter to spring and 'Now – that's Different'. That strange and unusual exhibition with a theme, our schools contributing, and different Judging. No, not judging – liking. A fantastic contribution from Peninsula organisations. This exhibition has become a huge favorite with the Peninsula Artists and public – and the wider Dunedin and Otago people who come from our fabulous city and region - just to see it all. This year we had just under 1300 visitor.

The most important part of being 'OpenArts' - exhibiting our work, is the amazing support we get from the local Peninsula communities and businesses. For this we thank you. Without you and of course the 'City' folks, our exhibitions would not be successful.

We are already planning the new art events Calendar. We also hope to produce a YOUNG PERSONS ART EXHIBITION – an introduction to being an artist. This will be a proper event and will be open to all young persons (8 – 18) who reside from Musselburgh to Taiaroa Head. We have penciled it in for 5 days over King's Birthday. Look for more details in the New Year. This could be a fantastic event.

So a very big THANK YOU to all who support us and come and see our work. We wish you all health and happiness for the Festive season and look forward to seeing you all, and many new faces again in 2025.

Roger - Chairman/Events Coordinator

### Steady As You Go

We are a small but dedicated group of men and women who regularly turn up every Friday at 1.30pm for gentle exercises to help with mobility, balance and peripheral vision. These exercises take three-quarters of an hour and we follow this with a cup of tea/coffee and a chat. On a personal note, I can certainly vouch that regular exercise certainly has helped with my arthritic knees. Use them or lose them!

The group are missing two of our regular lovely members. Jane Edwards who has shifted to Christchurch and Graeme Garside. We wish them all the very best in their new homes. Our break up afternoon tea is Friday 6th December and re-opening on Friday 31 January 2025.

Anyone interested in giving it a go, contact Helen on 4761519 or 0274761519. Cost is only \$20 a year.

### Save the Otago Peninsula

(STOP)



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. The main task in summer (the off season for planting) is the releasing of trees planted in previous years to give them maximum chance of survival, as is the control of pest plants. Thank you to all who have come along to assist. New volunteers always needed and welcomed. All tools provided.

Almost a thousand trees were donated and planted in 2024. Some were to commemorate milestones like births, birthdays and deaths. Others donated because they value the area, or because they wish to carbon-offset their other activities and recognise the importance of tree planting. "Think globally, act locally". Trees also make great gifts.

If you wish to have a tree – or a grove of trees – planted, each tree costs STOP \$20. That is not just the cost of the tree but also the protective cage, the fertiliser tablet, the stake, the labels and the wire pegs to fasten down the weed mats and the protective cage. As a charitable donation you can also claim back a third on your tax. See the contact details below to ask how to donate.

Contact [stopincsoc@gmail.com](mailto:stopincsoc@gmail.com) or Lala (text only) 027 8756 020 for more information about joining working bees, or how to donate trees.

Thank you to everyone who has visited the Farm Store and Kitchen in Portobello over the past two weeks! It's been wonderful getting to know this amazing community, and we're so excited to see more of you.



We're located at 33 Hereweka Street (just past the campsite), and every Friday, join us for Locals Day – no reservations, just walk-ins! We're also offering takeaway treats all weekend long, including fresh homemade pastries, coffee, and delicious sandwiches, so you can grab something tasty on the go.

For special occasions, weekend bookings are still available for those celebrating with visitors or family. While weekends have been filling up with bookings from out-of-town guests, we'd love to see more locals reserve a table too—whether it's for a celebration or just a treat! Simply book at [www.augustinesofportobello.com](http://www.augustinesofportobello.com).

We'll be open Friday through Sunday throughout the holiday season, except for the weekend of January 17–19, when we'll be closed. Otherwise, we're here and ready to serve you fresh and delicious food from 8:30am to 2:30pm on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. See you soon!

Warmly,  
Gus, Jana, Anouk, and Jitske



Tena Koutou everyone

As I pen this I am currently still off with an injured hand and the typing is slow. It's been 17 weeks now and I am no closer to knowing if surgery is needed as I have two different people saying two different things.

With this in mind can I ask that you please use the 105-reporting line for things that don't need immediate attention and the 111 line if you require assistance now. This will get your complaint or information entered into the police system quickly. I've had a few people come into the station and I have not been able to help and have had to point them in another direction (apologies again). For those unaware there is a phone at the front door of the station that connects you directly to our staff that take complaints or information, so this is also an option. Dunedin is covering whilst I mend.

You can still e-mail me on [Aaron.Smith@police.govt.nz](mailto:Aaron.Smith@police.govt.nz) if you need a question answered or advice as I will check them when able. In the past two weeks we have had some of the community officers from town come out for a bit to keep an eye on things. I believe there has been an advertisement for someone to come out and cover for me. Hopefully this will get actioned sooner rather than later as I just don't know when I will be back up and running.

With the weather getting better there is already a new round of tourists heading our way. We all know that some of their driving is average at best (and some of our community also). I'm aware some people are videoing it and putting it on social media. It's OK to video for evidential purposes (if not driving), but please don't just post it online for everyone to comment on. Please call \*555 or 111 if it is dangerous and there is an imminent risk to other road users. Facebook hasn't ever prevented a serious crash, given an infringement notice, or prosecuted anyone from my knowledge.

Around this time, we see staff parties and general get-togethers ramping up. It goes without saying to please not partake in the Christmas cheer and drive home. Make prior arrangements, it's not that hard. The booze bus will be more active over the next 2 months, and I expect it to be out here randomly. Please don't be that person.

This time of year, also brings stresses and pressure for many reasons. These can make us do things we wouldn't do normally and if you're finding yourself in an uncomfortable situation reach out, whether that be to friends or family or any of the services available. It's ok to ask for help.

This will be the last newsletter before Christmas and the New Year. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support of not only myself but also of Jo and the boys. We continue to love being a part of this community. I can't believe it's been over 6 years already.

I also want to acknowledge all of you who do great stuff in and around the community, whether you're on a committee, taking classes, helping neighbours, providing help, or just picking up a piece of wayward rubbish. Too many to name but you know who you are and contribute to make this place as awesome as it is.

Please have a safe and wonderful holiday period. I hope Santa is good to you all. All I am asking for from the big guy is that I can get back to work ASAP.

Aaron, Jo and the boys

Snr Constable Aaron Smith  
710 Highcliff Road, Portobello 2014  
Email: [Aaron.Smith@police.govt.nz](mailto:Aaron.Smith@police.govt.nz)



### House to Rent in Macandrew Bay

Private listing for comfortable 1950's home, suitable for professionals and mature students, pets negotiable.

Elevated, sunny section with lovely rural and harbour views.

- 15 minutes to CBD • heat pump and log burner
- 3 bedrooms & 1 bathroom • sunroom and decks
- open plan living • carport and off street parking

Available from 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 \$500/week

## Otago Peninsula Anglican Parish

8 December 10 am

Celebrate St Nicholas - spud in the bucket. Also at this service we begin a parish 'Posada' - Spanish for INN :St Michaels 44 Elliot St, Andersons Bay



16 December 10 am

Seven lessons and carols, with Eucharist.: St Michaels

22 December :10 am

Family service, story and welcoming Mary, Joseph and donkey (figures) ready for birth of Jesus on Christmas day: St Michaels 44 Elliot St

22 December 7pm

Community carol singing: Macandrew Bay Hall supper provided.

24 December 10.30 pm

Port, Christmas pie. 11pm midnight mass service : St Michaels 44 Elliot St

25 December 8.30 am

Christmas Breakfast ALL WELCOME 10 am  
Christmas service : St Michaels 44 Elliot St

31 December 7.30 pm

We have a New Years Eve party and games ALL WELCOME: St Michaels 44 Elliot St

# What's on at the Castle

## Thank you!

Thank you so much to our Otago Peninsula community for your continued support this year, it's very much appreciated!



## *Christmas Shopping Night for Loyal Locals*

Wednesday 4 December | 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Join us for a special evening to thank our Loyal Locals at the Larnach Castle Gift Shop! Enjoy a festive night with Christmas cake, bubbles, and non-alcoholic beverages on arrival; 10% off all Gift Shop products; and free gift wrapping.

Feel free to take a relaxing evening stroll through our beautiful summer gardens. This event is open to current pass holders, and if your pass has expired, it's the perfect time to renew it!

## *The Naughty Christmas Horror Ball*

Friday 13 December | 7.15pm – midnight | \$145 pp

Doug Kamo and his team of misfits are back, transforming Larnach Castle into their playground for the Naughty Christmas Horror Ball.

Includes return bus transfer from Dunedin Railway Station, bubbles on arrival, 2-hour interactive musical show, 3 course dinner and DJ until midnight.

Visit [larnachcastle.co.nz/whats-on](http://larnachcastle.co.nz/whats-on) for details.

## We're hiring

Larnach Castle is seeking engaged hospitality professionals to join our dynamic team. Job opportunities include Senior Chef, Experienced Chef, Kitchen Hands, Housekeepers, Café Supervisor/Barista, Reservations.

To find out more and apply, visit [larnachcastle.co.nz/careers](http://larnachcastle.co.nz/careers) or [jobs@larnachcastle.co.nz](mailto:jobs@larnachcastle.co.nz)

## Gift vouchers

Treat your family and friends with a special gift from Larnach Castle. Ideas include a Victorian High Tea, Castle and Garden Entry, Dinner in the Castle and Accommodation Stay. Reach out to Reservations on 03 476 1616 or [reservations@larnachcastle.co.nz](mailto:reservations@larnachcastle.co.nz)

## Holiday hours

Larnach Castle is open 365 days a year from 8.30am to 5pm. We're also open on Christmas day for self-guided Castle and Garden Tours, as well as our Gift Shop (the Ballroom Café is closed).

## More information

For more information on the above, please visit [larnachcastle.co.nz](http://larnachcastle.co.nz)

# CHRISTMAS PARTY IDEAS



**Cycle The Loop, Otago Harbour-**  
Experience cycling around the Otago Harbour  
Stop at cafes/ restaurant/pubs.

**-\$35 per person, one way, with your bike** Hire a bike from Dunedin Ebike Hire, extra cost



**Albatross Wildlife And Harbour Cruise-**

Join from either Portobello or Port Chalmers. Albatross, Seals, birds, penguins and more. have dinner on the other side of the h before or afterwards, add a ferry trip to return (extra charge).  
**Adults \$120 each. Approx 2 hours in duration, (With locals discount)**



**Pub To Pub Ferry-**

**Between Portobello, Port Chalmers/ Careys Bay**

Go between pubs on the Otago Harbour. See birds, boats shipwrecks and more. Enquire for longer transfers to Dunedin, extra cost. **Adults from \$20 per person, each way. Approx 10, 15 minutes each way.**

**To from Dunedin, 45 mins, from \$80 per person, one way.**

**Mini Harbour Tours**

Approx 25 minutes. Or extend to an hour.

Full commentary, see shipwrecks, birds, boats and more. Longer cruises ideal for groups. Have food and drinks onboard

**Adults \$40-\$80 each. 25 mins, 1 hour**



**Isolation Escape, Quarantine Island**

An escape experience on Quarantine Island! Receive some clues, to figure out on the island. As a group you'll explore the island while collecting items as you go. Prizes include a bar tab for a nearby harbourside pub. For groups or 6 or more. **\$58 per person** includes prizes and bar tab. **Approx 1-2 hours**



**Visit Quarantine Island**

Stay for a couple of hours, or the whole day.

There are tracks to walk, picnic tables, old buildings to explore. Its possible to hire the buildings for a donation to the island.

**Adults \$40 return.**



**-Liquor licenced.** We can have a bar available onboard, on request.

**-Bathroom onboard.**

**-Heated cabin**

**-Music or commentary or a mixture of both.**

**-Can take up to 20 people at a time. Multiple trips if more than 20.**

**-Can take up to 15 bikes and people at a time. Bike Barge for larger numbers.**

**-All options available for Port Chalmers or Portobello.**

[www.porttoport.co.nz](http://www.porttoport.co.nz) 020 416 24250 [info@porttoport.co.nz](mailto:info@porttoport.co.nz)

## Exciting News from Waverley Pharmacy

Under NEW MANAGEMENT, we're proud to be your trusted neighbourhood pharmacy.



At Waverley Pharmacy, your health and well-being are our top priorities. We offer:

- Prescription Medications
- Over-the-Counter Remedies
- Expert Advice from our friendly team

Visit us for quality healthcare services and products tailored for our community. Follow us on Facebook for health tips, special promotions, and the latest updates.

We invite you to stop by, say hello, and discover how we can support you.

**Waverley Pharmacy: Here for You!**

**Waverley Pharmacy**

97 Larnach Road, Vauxhall, Dunedin 9013

Phone: 03 454 3838





## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ON THE OTAGO PENINSULA

DAY	TIME	WORK TYPE	LOCATION	GROUP	CONTACT	EMAIL
SUN	10:30 – 1	Tree releasing, trackwork, planting	Top of Bacon St, Broad Bay	STOP	Lala	stopincsoc@gmail.com
TUES	9:30 - 12	Tree releasing, trackwork, planting	Top of Bacon St, Broad Bay	STOP	Lala	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
THURS	1 – 3:30	Predator control, track work, planting, weeds	OPERA, 45 Pakihau Rd	OPERA	Ariel	ariel@theopera.co.nz
FRI	9 - 12	Pest plant control	Portobello, Pukehiki	SWAT	Moira	SWATweeds@gmail.com
VARIOUS	9:30 – 3:30	Weed and predator control, seedling care, bird counts	Quarantine Island (via boat transfer)	QI/KT	Claire	<a href="mailto:secretary.quarantineisland@gmail.com">secretary.quarantineisland@gmail.com</a>
EVENINGS	5-8 PM	Wildlife Ranger	Sandfly Bay	DOC		Volunteer South website

**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.

Your energy and work would be much appreciated by the seven groups listed here!

STOP	Save The Otago Peninsula Inc Soc
TSBT	Tomahawk Smalls BeachCare Trust
YEPT	Yellow-Eyed Penguin Trust
OPERA	Otago Peninsula Eco Restoration Alliance
QI/KT	Quarantine Island/Kamau Taurua Community Inc Charity
SWAT	Seek Weeds and Terminate
DOC	Department of Conservation

## Ōtākou Golf Club

welcomes new members with a range of membership options – see below. Green fees players are also welcome.

Full Member: \$395

Limited Member: \$200

Student Member (tertiary): \$200

Student Member (primary): \$50

Social Member: \$50

Summer Membership: \$250

(Summer = during daylight saving period)

Green fees = \$20 for 18 holes (EFTPOS available)

Twilight golf: Wednesday 4pm – 6pm  
(during daylight saving period)

Sunday = Club Competition Day; 10am - all members welcome

Monday to Saturday -- available for members and green fee players

[OtakouGolf@outlook.co.nz](mailto:OtakouGolf@outlook.co.nz)

Ph. 03-478 0864

For other news and events see our Facebook page at Ōtākou Golf Club.

Harington Point Rd, Ōtākou;

### Did You Know?

Shukuru's calendar is available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/14aCSnvn3D/>

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