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**With your help, the Portobello Domain Pump Track has reached its funding goal!**

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# Portobello Community Inc. Update

## CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Kia orana everyone and Happy New Year!

E rere ana aku mihi o te tau hou Pākehā ki a koutou!

This issue shares some very special news from Portobello Inc. Even though it's only the beginning of 2023, we are coming to the finish line regarding one of our bigger projects: the Pump Track.

These types of projects take a lot of voluntary work and I want to acknowledge the people who really drove the Pump Track project: Portobello Inc. member Dan Parker and Kitty Brown. Without these two, Portobello would not be getting a quality outdoor resource built right here for us to enjoy. They have worked for years on this project while working and raising a young family. I know many people across Portobello feel a great sense of gratitude and admiration for their generosity and willingness to invest in our community.

I also want to acknowledge the amazing people who create this newsletter throughout the year. Again, there is a lot of

work that goes into collecting the contributions for this newsletter and presenting them for us all. Like Dan and Kitty, Portobello Inc Secretary, Michael Lascarides and Laura Shepard create the newsletters while juggling jobs and raising young children. Thank you so much to both of you!

Lastly, thank you to the volunteers who make sure the newsletters get to local mailboxes. Many of the people who deliver the newsletter have done it for years and we can't thank you enough.

These examples of work are very different but both require the same thing: the willingness to contribute and set aside time from already busy lives to invest in our community.

If this sounds like something you'd like to try, drop in to our next meeting. We're always happy to have more people who share our passion for this special place.

Again, wishing everyone all the best for the upcoming year.

Meitaki,

*Stacey Kokaua*

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the contributors and not necessarily those of  
Portobello Community Inc.*

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in Portobello, Harwood, and Ōtākou

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# Otago Peninsula Pump Track Fundraising Goal Reached

## CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN MARCH 2023

For the past four years, members and volunteers of Portobello Community Inc. have worked tirelessly for an all-ages, all-stages Pump Track playspace for the Otago Peninsula community. With the generous support of many funding organisations, private and public donations, and some outstanding community fundraising, the goal of \$275,000 that we needed to build the track has now been reached!

Portobello Inc. would like to thank you, **the Otago Peninsula community**, who supported our various fundraising initiatives over the last four years. These included the community quiz that was held at the Portobello Pub, the comedy night at Coronation Hall, a massive mud race, various raffles at Portobello Market days, auctions and endless sausage sizzles. The people have truly been behind this initiative and it is so exciting that they will soon get to see the rewards.

During 2021-22, Portobello Community Inc. worked to create an agreed MOU with the **Dunedin City Council** to build the track on the grounds of the Portobello Domain on Allans Beach Road. Centrally located in the village with car-parking, toilets and other playspace amenities, the track will help revitalise the Domain and its use for the future.

Our grateful thanks go to stalwart institutional supporters of the Pump Track project, who have contributed in different ways and advocated for our project: the **Otago Peninsula Community Board**, **Te Rūnaka o Ōtākou**,

**Portobello, Broad Bay and Macandrew Bay Schools, Portobello Kindergarten**, and many Dunedin business owners.

We also greatly appreciate the major funding contributions from the following organisations, which have ensured the realisation of this community playspace dream: the **Alexander Macmillan Fund, The Otago Community Trust, The New Zealand Lotteries Commission**, a wide range of **public and private donors**, and of course the passionate **Otago Peninsula community**.

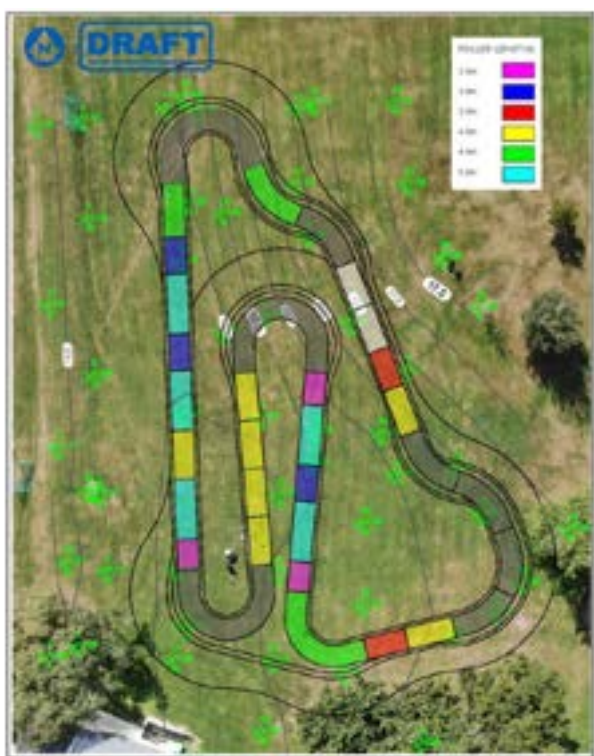
Community organiser and Portobello Inc. member Dan Parker has been working with track builders **Empire of Dirt** behind the scenes to ensure that construction will commence on schedule once all the funds are in place. He says, “We’re so excited to see this dream turn into a reality for our community! It will be a brilliant playspace for everyone to use.”

The build is planned for March 2023 and will take around three weeks to complete.

One more push for funds to enhance the space, including native plantings around the completed pump track, will see Portobello Community Inc. host a giant sausage sizzle/toastie bonanza at the **Ngāi Tahu Treaty Festival at Ōtākou Marae on Monday 6 February** from 10am.

We hope to see you there and again, thank you so much for your continued support!

– Dan Parker & Kitty Brown, Pump Track Organisers



# Otago Peninsula Community Board News

Kā mihi o te tau hou. Happy new year and welcome to 2023! I trust everyone in the community has had an enjoyable break. For me, I didn't venture too far from Portobello this year for a variety of reasons, but the summer weather was not disappointing.

## ELECTIONS 2022

With the elections over in October it was a pleasure to be re-elected to the Board as the Chairman. This will be my third term as your Chairman and I have continued to enjoy the challenges and successes that the role brings in leading the Board and community. I'm delighted to have Hoani Langsbury return as the Deputy Chair and welcome new board member Stacey Kokaua-Balfour to the table. If I'm not mistaken Stacey is the first Pasifika woman to be elected to a Dunedin Community Board, which is a great achievement. I also welcome returning Board members Cheryl Neill, Lox Kellas and Edna Stevenson. We are a good team with a wide range of interests and skills that represent the Otago Peninsula well. To those of you who stood in the elections but were not successful, my thanks to you all for showing an interest in your community and for putting yourself out there. Persevere, your time will come.



## BOARD MEETING & ELECTIONS

Our next Community Board meeting is on 16 Feb 2023 10:00 AM at the Portobello Bowling Club. This is our first meeting of 2023 and our agenda will no doubt be a busy one once again. The last three years seem to have flown by and there has never been a dull moment. We have tackled many issues on behalf of the community and while not everything has fallen our way, we have worked hard to represent you to the best of our ability. That work will continue.

## FACEBOOK

Please take the opportunity to use our Facebook page to share information with your friends, neighbours and whānau: <https://www.facebook.com/pencomboard/>

If you have any issues that you would like to raise or discuss please don't hesitate to contact myself or your local Board member. We are here to help you and only a phone call away. Be patient and kind with your whānau and take care of your friends and neighbours in the community.

— Paul Pope, Otago Peninsula Community Board Chairman  
[paul.peninsula@xtra.co.nz](mailto:paul.peninsula@xtra.co.nz) (03) 4780630 or 0274668446

## Portobello Police Station

Tēnā koutou everyone,

Well, that's Christmas and the holidays, over for another year. I firstly want to thank you all for your ongoing support and it's hard to believe that we have been down here on the peninsula for nearly five years. Time has flown. I am totally committed to this community and this wonderful role. Although I don't always get things right, I always strive for the best outcome for all involved in any situation.

I hope you all had time to relax, reflect and spend some quality time with your family and friends over the past few weeks.

I have had a few weeks off over this time (It was needed) and the wife and youngest son have been in the UK for five weeks seeing Jo's parents, so that's why you won't have seen me around much. It is pleasing to say that things have

been going relatively well on the policing side of things with Dunedin only having to come down a few times.

It was disappointing to hear that there has been some vandalism to the container at the end of Bacon Street. If anyone has any information around who may have been involved, please drop me a line or pop in. From what happened, it sounds a bit like a younger brigade - but who knows these days.

Wouldn't be an article from me if it didn't contain a pet hate of mine in regard to drivers. I am constantly observing drivers travelling so close to the vehicle in front of them that they wouldn't be able to stop in time should the front vehicle have too suddenly. Please don't be impatient, please leave that comfortable and safe gap. Being so close just puts pressure on the driver in front and could cause them to make rash decisions. I'm really going to be focusing on this.



Vehicle crashes out this way have dropped considerably over the past year, and I would love for that to continue. Thanks to those who are now accepting of the new speed limits and are just getting on with business.

With school on the horizon let's remember our vigilance at drop off and pickup times. Keep those eyes peeled for our young ones that at times don't have an understanding around the dangers that lurk.

After some issues on the school bus over the past couple of years things were going well at the end of 2022. If your child takes the bus, please remind them that this is a privilege and great asset to have to get to and from school.

## Portobello School

Sadly, this will be my final article as I step down from the role of Acting Principal. Portobello School and the Portobello community have been welcoming and supportive, which I am extremely thankful for. I leave knowing that the school will continue to flourish under the care of Tom Hobbs and staff, our progressive Board, POPs fundraising team and school whānau.

Looking back, although Omicron changed the way we operated, there have been many highlights along the way, such as Parihaumia under the dedicated guidance of Moana, Nadia and Kitty, presenting to council, and the ANZAC Day service.

2022 has also seen our school's exterior paintwork completed. Over the holidays the pendulum swing is to be installed and consent has been issued for the retaining wall project which is due to start in March 2023.

This term we had many wonderful events both on and off-site. The Peninsula Athletics Day went ahead after cold weather postponed our initial date. It was lovely to see such great enthusiasm and team spirit. Pet Day was another highlight where we had traditional sand saucer decorations, floral displays, baking competitions and many pets attended. Some of the more unusual pets were an axolotl, quail and sheep.

The Senior and Junior Camps were awesome, here is what was written about our Senior Camp:

*There was a lot happening at our Waitahuna camp. We arrived and pitched tents and set up our beds. Little did we know that some of them would not be quite as waterproof as we thought! A walk to a mining monument soon followed with what turned out to be one of many epic thunder and lightning storms that we experienced during the week. Drenched, we made our way back to camp and by the time we got back, it was bright and sunny and we were half dry as we walked up the driveway.*

With some amazing experiences with eeling, biking, kayaking, the Tuapeka Museum, gold panning, swimming

Any nonsense will not be tolerated and will be dealt with accordingly in conjunction with the service provider and police (if it warrants our intervention)

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.

Until next time, take care of each other and remember my door is always open for advice or just for a cuppa and a chat. Let's have a really good year.

—Sr. Constable Aaron Smith

and plenty more; it was a great camp that I'm sure all students will remember.

Gladly, we managed to find a Pool Operator in time to prepare our Community Pool for opening. Our tamariki have enjoyed their time in the water and look forward to swimming lessons in Term One.

Continuing on the theme of water, Surf Life Saving New Zealand conducted water safety education down at the jetty. Children were taught how to be safe in and out of the water. Our end of year concert celebration made me so very proud of all students and their achievements. They all put such effort into their singing, Parihaumia and classroom performances which was delightful to watch and hear.

Kā mihi,

— Ruth Faulkner, outgoing Acting Principal

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Tara McGoff has been appointed to teach in Room 4 as Tom Hobbs's principal release. Tara grew up in Brighton and has lived in Dunedin all her life. She is a passionate, enthusiastic beginning teacher who is looking forward to working with the ākonga in Room 4 as well as the getting to know the rest of the school community. She comes highly regarded by her final practicum school and we are fortunate to have her on the team. Here is what she has to say about herself:

*Kia ora, my name is Tara McGoff and I'm delighted to be joining Portobello School as a teacher for 2023. I have lived in Dunedin my whole life, grew up in Brighton and graduated from Otago University. I have many different passions including the outdoors, sports, art, and teaching. I look forward to the year ahead and can't wait to build relationships with the tamariki, whānau and the wider community of Portobello.*



# Otago Peninsula Museum

Happy New Year to our community. The Museum has had good visitor numbers over the holiday period. We had a good tidy up of the grounds before Christmas and they look lovely. You are most welcome to just bring your lunch and have a picnic in the grounds. The grounds are always open even though the buildings are only open on Sundays (12.30-3.30) or we can open as requested.



OTAGO PENINSULA MUSEUM  
& HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

17 Havelock Point Road, Portobello, Dunedin 9014

Many thanks to Wilma and David and to Sonya who have stepped down as Sunday volunteers for this year. There are now 2 spaces available for anyone interested in our local history and want to help us out by opening on a Sunday - it is usually 2 Sundays a year. We can help you by showing you the ropes. email the museum at [theotagopeninsulamuseum@gmail.com](mailto:theotagopeninsulamuseum@gmail.com) or ring 4780-512. The new roster for 2023/24 starts in March so please let us know as soon as possible.

We still have our book "Portobello - A Brief History" available from the Portobello Store for \$25.

*100 years ago this month...*

***A horse walked OUT of a bar.***

*Otago Daily Times, 7 February 1923  
(via Papers Past)*

STRAYED (from Portobello Hotel), dark bay MAKE, with cover on; near foot white, and star on face, long tail; reward.—  
William Mackintosh, Portobello Hotel.

## Plunket Home Help

### Happy New Year – Time to Volunteer?

If helping out in your community is one of your New Year's Resolutions, the Plunket Home Help Programme would love to hear from you.

Young whānau are facing new and increasing challenges and sometimes need a helping hand to get them through difficult times. Plunket's Home Help service aims to lighten the load through our volunteer-based programme. Our volunteers provide practical assistance to families with six 1-2 hour visits over six weeks, helping with things like laundry, vacuuming, general cleaning or meal preparation. A kind and compassionate ear is also

appreciated by our clients. The service is invaluable to our clients, and our volunteers find the role very rewarding.



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Making sure we have volunteers all over Dunedin ensures we can support all whānau that are referred to us. We currently have a shortage of volunteers in the Portobello area and would love to welcome some more people to our friendly team.

If you would like to chat about volunteering, or think your family could benefit from receiving this service, contact: [josie.garner@plunket.org.nz](mailto:josie.garner@plunket.org.nz), or 027 208 6774

— Josie Garner, Home Help Coordinator

# Portobello Public Library

Open 11am-1pm Thursdays and Sundays. **Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday the 16th February at 1.30pm in the Library.** Pop along, get your books and stay for the meeting.

## BOOK REVIEW

You have probably come across Bear Grylls on TV. This book by Bear has two stories in it: Facing Up and Facing the Frozen Ocean. Bear spent three years as a soldier in the SAS before breaking his back in three places from a free fall parachuting accident in Africa. After months of rehabilitation he went on to become one of the youngest climbers to summit Everest. I have read many books on Everest, and I really enjoyed Bear's account of the climb.



Facing the Frozen Ocean tells of his adventures with four others in an open IRB in which they crossed the North Atlantic Ocean. They started at Nova Scotia and called into Newfoundland, Greenland, Iceland, the Faroe Islands and ultimately landed at John O'Groats, Scotland. They also stopped at the Westman Islands (Vestmannaeyjar), just south of Iceland. I Googled the Westman Islands and the Faroe Islands, what fascinating places they are.

*The Portobello Public Library is open Thursdays and Sundays 11am - 1pm at the Portobello Hall.*

# Broad Bay Boating Club/Sailability Otago

Fundraising for the Boat Club Rebuild – help support our upcoming **RUMMAGE SALE – 11 & 12 Feb**

Please donate goods: If you have any stuff cluttering your cupboards, drawers, sheds or garages please consider donating it to the Club to sell for fundraising for our boat shed Rebuild Project.

Preferred drop off at the Community Centre on Friday 10th, from 2pm. We can collect stuff if that makes it easier for you. Early drop off at the clubhouse by arrangement.

Contact Lynn Cooke on 022 4572352 / 476 1283 or Ruth Seeney on 027 4780322.



**Broad Bay Boating Club**

# RUMMAGE SALE

**Sat & Sun**  
**11 & 12 FEB**  
**10am - 3pm**

Community Centre Hall

*Find a bargain or a hidden treasure*

**BBQ & Bacon Butties**      **Grocery Raffle**  
**Music**

Fundraising for the Clubhouse Rebuild Project      Donated goods drop off to the hall after 2pm 10 Feb - Or by arrangement @ boat club

## STOP (Save The Otago Peninsula)

The tree growth has been amazing during the last few months. Do visit the Future Forest Walk starting from the first gate off the Bacon Track (at the end of the no-exit end of Bacon Street, Turnbolls Bay) and see how it has changed since your last visit.



Unfortunately, the grass growth has also been spectacular! Volunteers are now turning their attention to releasing trees planted in previous years to maximise their survival rate. This involves cutting away the grass that is blocking the light to the plant and digging out any grass roots that are competing with the plant for nutrition. Some volunteers are also cutting and pasting patches of currently flowering gorse that threaten to overtake plantings.

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

If you have a special birthday or anniversary coming up this year and would like to donate some trees to commemorate

it (or invite your friends to contribute a tree), ask for information on how to do this.

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



## Invasive Weeds Update from SWAT

**CFC ALERT!** It is that time of the year again. Keep an eye out this festive season and into February for the distinctive brilliant red flowers and shamrock-looking leaves of the **Chilean Flame Creeper (CFC)**. You might see it flowering on road verges or at the edges of bush blocks while you're out walking the dog. It's an invasive climbing perennial fine stemmed vine which climbs into the canopy of our native bush where it blocks light and smothers and kills trees. The vine develops a thick rhizome root mass which can extend for 10m. It is very hardy and extremely difficult to kill once it is established. SWAT has found that new vine infestations are more easily eradicated than established vines so early detection is vital



and now is the best time to detect it as the thin stems die back in winter making it harder to spot. We are lucky it is not widespread on the Peninsula yet with Pukehiki being the main infestation area, however there are several locations in Broad Bay and Portobello where it has recently been found, presumably spread by birds. Good surveillance is key to spotting a new pest plant before it has a chance to spread, so if you spot some CFC, please email us with the location.

Have you any invasive weed questions for us? Seen something suss and weedy on your block? Email us at [SWATweeds@gmail.com](mailto:SWATweeds@gmail.com) for help and advice!

— Cheers from SWAT



# Quarantine Island/Kamau Taurua Community Inc.

Kia ora koutou,

It has been a busy couple of months on the motu with many day visitors and family groups choosing to stay overnight in the Lodge on weekends and in school holidays to enjoy some 'island time' or celebrate a birthday. The island's native plants and trees, grasses and weeds, have been thriving and the bush, shore and seabirds have been busy caring for nestlings and fledglings.

A number of local and regional schools held camps on the island or used the Lodge as a base for the Marine Studies Centre programme. Local band Soaked Oats held a recording/writing residency, a nonviolent communication retreat for mothers was held, the W.E.E. (Women's Empowerment Experience) Treat women's retreat returned, and we hosted former Syrian refugee women and their children for a few nights 'island' holiday.

Day visitors have included teams from Fisher & Paykel, Otago Regional Council, Kāinga Ora, New Zealand Ecological Society and a group of post-grad students from the School of Medicine and School of Pharmacy, University of Otago held a writers retreat. QuakeCoRE Emerging Researchers Chapter (QERC), students interested in earthquake resilience (predominantly from Geography, Geology and the Centre for Sustainability) also held a postgraduate student writing retreat. Taskforce Green spent a day taming grass around the buildings and paths leading up to the Reserve, and at the causeway.

We've held a number of mahi volunteer days and our Welcome Day's have all been enjoyed by new visitors and regulars/Community members getting stuck into caring for seedlings and weed control, improvements to the Keepers Cottage, sorting the wool and tool shed, and replacing the jetty timber decking.

Broad Bay resident, Petra Hass, who kayaks over to spend time on the island, and to visit the Knudson Chapel, chose

the motu for her summer school assignment and joined a small group of Community members and volunteers at one of the December mahi days. "I enjoyed the day on the island blessed by gorgeous weather. I also enjoyed being able to make a small contribution to the upkeep of this very special place...Thank you so much for making it so easy for me to join in as a volunteer despite my obvious lack of experience. I did learn a lot!..Such a magical place, a true source of spiritual calm and nurture."

Thanks to all our volunteers and Community members for their efforts on and off the island over the last few months. Mahi has included caring for new seedlings planted by the Aurora Energy team and individuals and groups from the wider community in September, releasing and watering, weed control, monitoring predator traps and tracking tunnels, helping with the final Spring bird count, and leading groups, the Keeper's Cottage improvements and replacing jetty decking timber.

We are grateful to Otago Peninsula Community Board for funding towards jetty decking timber, Otago Regional Council ECO Fund, and Rotary Club of Dunedin South for funds to help us to continue our regeneration project involving the wider community, Paul Clements for all his mahi on the Cottage upgrades, and general maintenance, and Port-To-Port Cruises and Wildlife Tours, and East Coast Charters who have provided boat transfers. Thanks also to Bill Boes for shearing the sheep flock.

Would you like to join our Volunteer Database? Complete our Volunteer Form here and read our

Volunteer Information Sheet here for some ideas of how you could help and what to expect.

If you'd like to visit or stay on the island, as a family group, as a group of friends, for a retreat or to use it as a workshop venue, see our website [quarantineisland.org.nz](http://quarantineisland.org.nz) for details.

You can also subscribe to our monthly e-newsletter to learn about island news, events and opportunities, or join our Facebook Public Group Quarantine Island Kamau Taurua Community, or contact the island Keeper (Resident



Manager) on 03-478-0874 or email [quarantineisland@gmail.com](mailto:quarantineisland@gmail.com).

If you haven't visited before, we host a Community Welcome Day on the last weekend of each month. Just a short boat ride from Back Beach, Port Chalmers, or Portobello by arrangement. We organise boat transport. Details and registration forms for events are on our website or Facebook group page Quarantine Island/Kamau Taurua Community too.

There is something for everyone on Kamau Taurua/ Quarantine Island. From relaxing and recharging in solitude and peaceful surroundings, to learning about Island history and ecology, volunteering, and experiencing what makes the Island so special.

### Upcoming Welcome Days

*Volunteer, relax or explore, or all three!*

- Saturday 28th January 2023
- Saturday 25th February 2023

## NZ Penguin Initiative

Are there little penguins in your neighbourhood, or your favourite beach? Would you be interested in looking after them?

We are here to help. The New Zealand Penguin Initiative has created a network of community groups throughout NZ that are monitoring little penguins, and we're always looking for more people to join the



cause. We provide free support for monitoring, protection, and advocacy, to better understand penguin populations throughout NZ, and to improve conservation measures to protect them.

If you are interested, please get in touch either on our website [www.nzpi.nz/get-involved](http://www.nzpi.nz/get-involved) or e-mail us: [admin@nzpi.net](mailto:admin@nzpi.net)

## Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Group

### Fruit trees and possums! ... and dog detection

It is that time of year when possums will start to look for fruit. They love the sweetness of a ripe plum, apple or pear and they will seek these out once they are ripe. For the Peninsula residents that live between Portobello and Harington Point your fruit will be safe, as well as your roses.

We are becoming more and more confident that we are down to an extremely low number of possums. We have had a specialist dog detector and trainer out in the rural areas this week and they have found only two spots so far and are covering quite a big area. They are working with their dogs for the next three weeks



to mop up the last possums in the Portobello to Headland and around Papanui Inlet, Cape Saunders.



There have been two possums detected and one of them caught in the Portobello township over the last 6 months. We are tracking well but need to be vigilant with trapping as they can move into the village from further down the Peninsula, especially if you

have fruit trees. So please set your traps, get in touch if you need any lure for your traps and let us know if you see or hear a possum.

Here's to a possum free 2023!!

— Paula Cross, Community Coordinator  
([peninsula@opbg.nz](mailto:peninsula@opbg.nz) • ph 021 242 4944)

## Otakou Golf Club

.Let the games begin.

Down at the jewel of the Peninsula, at the Ōtakou Golf Club to be precise, we have had the opening day of our new season. This was a perfect day for golf and a clubhouse full of mostly happy golfers complete with their hard luck stories of what might have been. The winners on the day were the team known to some as 'Potter's People' and they took away the Colin Hurley Trophy. And the club would like it back some time soon please.



That was an easy Ambrose tournament and soon we will get into more serious competitions but before that we have another fun day with a South African Stableford. For those of you who think we make these things up, let me explain. For this you are paired with a partner and the scoring goes like this – should you score 3 points on a hole and your partner also scores 3 points then you multiply the score together and get a total of 9 points and so on. Easy, eh? However, should you score 3 points and your partner scores nothing then  $3 \times 0 = 0$ . Yes, zero. You can bond or un-bond very quickly with your partner in this version of golf. I can hear even more hard luck stories in the clubhouse even as I write.

So we have a full program lined up for the year for our Club day on Sundays and we have even included provision for another 3 putt trip one weekend early in November.

Besides the club day we have the ongoing Twilight Golf 9 hole competitions every Wednesday. We start any time between 4 and 6 o'clock. For the \$5 entrance fee there are prizes for the best score of the night and an accumulated prize at the end of the season. And the season ends when Daylight Saving ends in April so the last evening will be March 29th.

And in between times we might slip in additional fun days. For example, Saturday 18 February, if the weather is good and if members are up for it then we will have a 9 hole mixed ambrose followed by a sausage sizzle. It saves having to cook tea when you get home.

That's all the good news I have for now because to spoil the moment I have to remind you that your annual subscription is due and we recommend internet banking directly into our account, details of which are on your invoice.

As I said at the beginning:- Let the games begin.

*Hit'em Straight!*

## Portobello Bowling Club

.Situating 5 Sherwood Street. New Members are always welcome. Bar & kitchen facilities for all types of functions – full size billiard table

This 2022/23 season is well underway. We finished off 2022 with a potluck Christmas meal. We have our regular club night for darts and snooker on a Tuesday and Thursday nights are reserved for Twilight Bowls which is proving very popular with our social members and it is a great way to learn the intricacies of the game. Through the week our

bowlers participate in regular competitions, mainly as teams within the Dunedin Bowling Community.

We always welcome new members, any age group, especially younger people. If you are interested in joining then contact our Secretary, Brian Cameron. Feel free to come along on a Thursday, around 5-5.30pm and you can see for yourself what we are all about.

— Contact Secretary, Brian Cameron, 4780 816 or email [pbo26@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pbo26@xtra.co.nz) for further information.

## Another Day In Paradise—from Olly's Pen

Kia ora everyone – I'm looking forward to having a great time this year and I hope you are too. My biggest challenge at the moment is "being patient" as in, being a good patient while my physical body heals itself, which it is doing really well – thanks to the wonderful medical practitioners at our Medical Centre plus all of the fabulous medical team in our hospital all of whom keep an eye on me on a regular basis.

Taking the prescribed medications, exercising regularly, eating well and being constantly aware of how my body feels plus maintaining a positive attitude by being grateful and appreciative of family, close friends and others is a delight. Theraze and I are still enjoying potatoes out of our garden. I'm getting corn plants to put in. So far we've got lettuce, cabbage, spinach and tomatoes plus of course spuds. I am so thankful that we can just go over the road and load up a barrow full of seaweed for the garden. I haven't been out to get clams for a while so I must do that soon.

Oh yes – can someone tell me when is the best time and place to see the southern lights clearly? I saw the doco on our harbour and how it's teeming with marine life etc... and the southern lights featured in it as well. As I write this from our top storey overlooking the harbour I can see someone ploughing through the water at speed on a jet ski obviously enjoying the freedom of being able to travel fast over the water without having to worry about lots of traffic. Such is the beauty of our wee part of paradise aye.

On that positive note, stay well and I'd appreciate knowing about the southern lights. You can call me on our landline 03 478 0220. Thank you in advance.

I'll sign off with this oft' quoted saying:

***Kia mau kia whakatina! Haumie! Hui e! Taiki e!***

Meaning: Whatever you desire, remain focused and resilient and know that you will succeed .

– *Olly Ohlson*

## Portobello Presbyterian Church

Can you help us please? We are looking for an organist to provide back up when our lovely Pat is not available to provide our music. Happy to discuss this opportunity should you be available or know of anyone who might like to provide this service to our little local church in Portobello.

Please contact Jane on [janecox456@hotmail.com](mailto:janecox456@hotmail.com) or call 021 670 446 if you require more information on the above.

### **Programme of 2023 Church Services.**

*10am unless otherwise noted*

5th February – Jane Cox – Church Svc

19th February – Rev Alofa Lale – Communion

5th March – Jane Cox – Church Svc

19th March – TBA – Study Group

9th April – TBA – Communion

23rd April – TBA – Study Group

7th May – Jane Cox – Church Svc

21st May – TBA – Study Group

4th June – Jane Cox – Church Svc

18th June – TBA – Study Group

9th July – Jane Cox – Church Svc

23rd July – TBA – Study Group

6th August – Jane Cox – Church Svc

20th August – TBA – Study Group –

3rd September – Jane Cox – Church Svc

17th September – TBA – Communion

1st October – Jane Cox – Church Svc

15th October – TBA – Study Group

5th November – Jane Cox – Church Svc

19th November – TBA – Study Group

3rd December – TBA – Communion

17th December – Jane Cox – Church Svc

24th December – 19.00pm – Jane Cox – Xmas Carol Singing



*New roundabout taking shape...*



*Great to see the road to the pool next to the cemetery finally getting resurfaced as part of the roadworks. We've heard from more than one local resident that this bit has been treacherous since their kids were in school... and those kids have kids of their own now!*

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**NGĀI TAHU TREATY FESTIVAL AT OTĀKOU MARAE**  
6 FEB 2023

**Bring the whole whānau**

**Programme**

- 10:30 AM** Pōwhiri
- 11:30 AM** Opening of festival at the lower car park with stalls and entertainment
- 12:45 PM** Panel Discussion: He Waka Unua, akahatā, whakamātauia
- 3:30 PM** Festival Closes

TE RŪNANGA O OTĀKOU | TE RŪNANGA O NGĀI TAHU

Join Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou in a full day of festivities at Ōtākou Marae, starting with pōwhiri at 10am.

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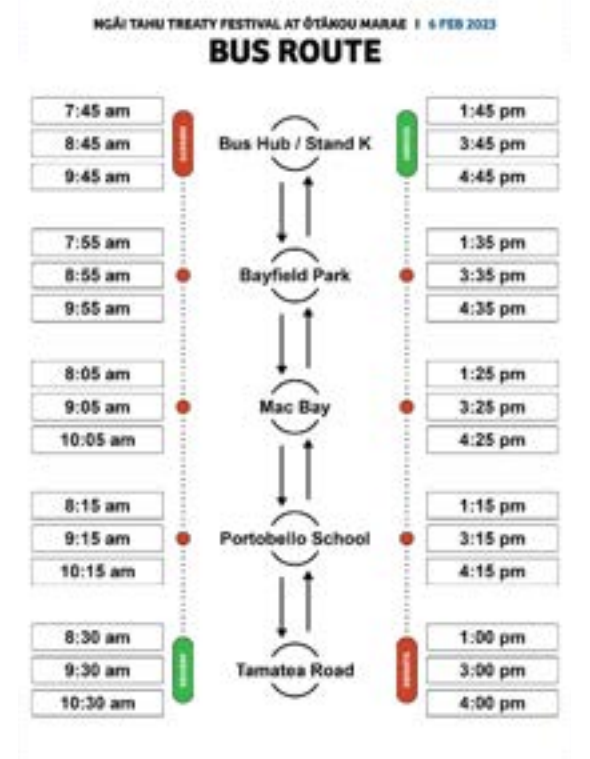
There will be craft stalls and food trucks. Please bring cash (some eftpos will be available).

We encourage arriving before 10am if you wish to attend pōwhiri and using public transport (we will have a free bus service from town, first in first served). Bus route shown below.

Please allow for peak traffic on this day. Shuttle service from carparks, expect some walking from additional carparks to festival. No parking on Tamatea Road or at the Marae.

Easy access for you to drop off and pick up Kaumātua to the marae and festival. **Open to the public, all welcome!**

Check out our festival page on our website for up to date information <https://www.otakourunaka.co.nz/new-events-1/2023/2/6/ngai-tahu-treaty-festival-2023>



Market day save the date

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**NO LIQUIDS:** i.e. liquids including oil

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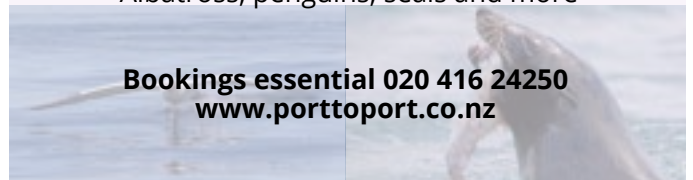
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**We meet at our group leader's house. Just contact us for the address:**

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Classes 2023 will commence in the first week of March – a firm date to be decided.

Anyone interested contact me at [espilo@gmail.com](mailto:espilo@gmail.com) or phone me on 03 478 0220. Classes will cover conversational “te reo Māori” ideal for beginners including pepeha and mihi mihi and basic marae protocols i.e what to do and why. This includes the meaning of the meeting house and the marae and how they are related to real life including the philosophy and wisdom behind them.

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- Seasonal Market Days
- Paddock Pursuit
- Local clean-up days
- "Pirate Ship Playground" at Latham Park
- Major fundraising for the Jetty
- Installing a Defibrillator
- This newsletter
- *and more!*

We meet **7:30pm on the third Tuesday of each month** at Portobello Coronation Hall (Next meeting—15 November)

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Jackie Clearwater - 4780 508
- **Broad Bay Community Centre**  
Zoë Fox - 027 285 4569 / zoefoxnz@gmail.com

## PORTOBELLO LIBRARY

The **Library** is open on Thursdays and Sundays, 11am–1pm. You can find the library in the Coronation Hall, Portobello. If you are wanting to join, it costs \$5.00 per family, and nothing thereafter except for 20 cents per book to take home.

## BOOK BUS

The Dunedin Public Library **Book Bus** visits the Peninsula every Wednesday. At Portobello School 9:45-10:15, in front of the pub 10:15-11, and at Broad Bay School at 11:15-11:45.

## PENINSULA TOY LIBRARY

Our **Toy Library** is open every Sunday morning from 10:30–12:30. We have a wide variety of toys, puzzles, games, dress-ups, and ride-on toys. At the Portobello Domain Pavilion, Allans Beach Road.

## PENINSULA MEDICAL CENTRE

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## LOCAL PHONE BOOK

**478 Local Phone Books** are available for purchase at the Portobello Store for \$10.

## PORTOBELLO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

All are welcome to our friendly little church on the Peninsula. **22 Harington Point Road, Portobello.** Services every other Sunday at 10:00am.

## BADMINTON CLUB

**Badminton Club** plays Sundays at 7:00pm, Coronation Hall. new members very welcome—come along and give it a try! We have club rackets for new players to use. Any enquiries phone Geoff on 0275 784 758.

## DEFIBRILLATOR

There are **Automated External Defibrillators** located outside Portobello Store (1 Harington Point Road) and the Broad Bay Boating Club (683 Portobello Road).



## HOT WATER URN RENTALS

We have two **20 litre Water Urns** available for community use. If you wish to use these for an event, email pbocomm.inc@gmail.com. All we ask for is a donation.



# community calendar

Monday 6 February  
**Ngāi Tahu Treaty Festival**  
*Ōtakou Marae, 10am*

Sat-Sun 11-12 February  
**Broad Bay Boating Club Rummage Sale**  
*Broad Bay Boating Club*

Monday 13 February  
**2023 Steady As You Go classes begin**  
*Coronation Hall, 10am*

Thursday 16 February  
**Portobello Library AGM**  
*Coronation Hall, 1:30pm*

March/April date TBD  
**Autumn Market Day**  
*Coronation Hall*

Tuesdays & Sundays 9:30am  
**Hereweka Planting Bees**  
*Bacon Street, Broad Bay*

Sundays 12:30-3:30pm  
**Peninsula Museum open**