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Mackies Hotel has new owners

There has been a change at the helm of Mackies Hotel. After owning Mackies Hotel for 40 years and six months raising his family there Wayne Sefton (Blackdog) and his wife Desiree have sold up and left the building.

The Calvert family are now in residence and loving it! Alicia and Jacob (pictured) are the new owners and along with their daughter (2 years) and Jacobs parents, they now live at Mackies and run the hotel. Alicia is pleased they were able to keep it open through the changeover and are so pleased to be living in Port Chalmers.

Alicia, originally from Auckland and her husband Jacob, originally from Geraldine are excited about their new life in Port Chalmers and have felt very welcome by the community. Their daughter is starting soon at the local Kindergarten.

Both have worked on super yachts in the Mediterranean and in Auckland so are no strangers to time at sea, making their move south to a Port town seems appropriate. They are both community minded and

in Auckland were on various local committees so they know the value of living in a community and plan to continue the work of Mackies support for the community through the Lion Foundation.

A Sunday roast is now available, - once a fortnight. This month will be on 12 and 26 of July from 1pm onwards so just drop in, or if you have a group, you maybe need to call ahead. It can also be a takeaway. You can also order pizza any time - a yummy range of toppings are available. Coffee is also available along with a range of non-alcoholic drink options.

Renovations are being done on the rooms upstairs so accommodation will be available as well. Alicia says she doesn't miss anything at all about Auckland as a city and is really enjoying the family's new life in Port Chalmers. Drop in and say hi if you haven't been to Mackies for a while, and enjoy meeting the new owners and enjoy a pizza or a Sunday roast.

Ange McErlane

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Sushi Johnny - a new location - much, much more space

Sushi Johnny has moved into the former Lunch Bar space, and Eva tells *The Rothesay News* they are loving it.



They moved in May and have so much more space inside the restaurant area that they can now seat larger groups, and continue to provide their yummy takeaways as well.

One of the reasons for the move is they now have a proper sized kitchen space, which is so much bigger than their previous site, (which

wouldn't be hard!) They can now provide a much more diverse menu, of Japanese and Filipino food including the Bento box (pictured).

You can now continue dropping in for your takeaway sushi and other favourites as well as take family and friends along and enjoy dining in as well!



Roger McLaughlin picks up his takeaway at the new location.



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Harbour Physio Matters Winter niggles

As winter sport hits its busiest time, physios tend to notice a common pattern where athletes continue to train and compete with injuries that would have been far easier to manage if addressed sooner.

While some injuries occur suddenly through a tackle, collision, or awkward landing, many develop gradually. What may start as minor discomfort can slowly progress into a more significant issue over the course of several weeks.

Too often, athletes push through these warning signs, hoping they will resolve on their own. Many only seek help once the injury begins to affect their performance, limits their training, or prevents them from fully participating in their sport.

Early assessment is one of the most effective ways to stay active while recovering. When injuries are identified and managed early, treatment options are often simpler. If ignored, however, minor issues can progress into more complex injuries that require longer rehabilitation and extended time away from sport.

Whether you're playing hockey, football, netball, or rugby, addressing injuries early can help reduce recovery time, support performance, and help keep you on the field for the remainder of the season.

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Port Chalmers Golf Club

Poho kererū ana mātou o te Karapu Hauporo o Koputai i tētahi tima kua eke panuku eke tangaroa. Wnaneanē!

Last month the Club celebrated the win of the Junior A Pennant team in the final playoff against Island Park. Port Chalmers were the victors winning two games to one and one match was halved. This is another outstanding result for the Club, and we would like to congratulate all those who contributed to the final result through the round robin matches and on the day of the playoff.



left to right: Steve Cogger, Brian Roper, Alan Parker and Duncan Harvie

Well done Brian Roper (Captain), Steve Cogger, Alan Parker, Duncan Harvie, Craig McDonald, Brent Jackson, Andrew Parker and Martin Debono who all played for the Junior A's this year.

Pennant competitions are no easy win with clubs across the city playing numerous rounds to determine who should make the final and ultimately claim the bragging rights. Some clubs have a much bigger membership base than Port Chalmers and therefore have more players to draw from when selecting teams. However Port Chalmers players are well known for their determination and gutsy play that often sees them through to the last round.

Ko te pae tawhiti, whāia kia tata; ko te pae tata, whakamaua tina

For information on this or anything else about the Club please contact Club Captain Brent Jackson

pcgc.clubcaptain@gmail.com or 0275 72 8810

Fiona Matapo



Port Chalmers Swim Club (PCSC) AGM

Our AGM is to be held on Wednesday 29 July, 7.00 - 8.30pm, at the Carey's Bay Historic Hotel.

Nibbles and a light refreshment will be provided, and all PCSC members and friends are warmly invited to attend. For further information, (or for a Committee Nomination Form) please contact Secretary, Hazel Scoles

From the chef...Jo's Gorgeous Gluhwein (Hot Mulled Wine)

To make this hot mulled wine recipe you first need to make the extract, ideally this is made 48 hours in advance of drinking the mulled wine.

Ingredients to make hot mulled wine extract

1 litre of water
2 lemons
3 oranges
10 cinnamon sticks
5 cloves
40g of fresh cut and crushed ginger
5g of crushed cardamom pods
2 star anise
300g soft brown sugar
300g white sugar syrup

These ingredients and measures can be changed. If you would like more cinnamon throw it in. Love cardamom? add in some more. Want it sweeter? more brown sugar. I sometimes add in some honey, mixed spice or ground ginger depending on my mood.

How to make hot mulled wine extract

Cut the fruit into wedges and then put all of the ingredients into a big pot. Bring to the boil and then remove from the heat immediately, then put somewhere cool for 48 hours. Drain the mulled wine extract and bottle (keep in the fridge).

How to make hot mulled wine (per person)

200mls of wine (any red wine - doesn't need to be a good one!)
30mls approx of mulled wine extract (depending on taste and strength of extract).
Heat in a thick glass with a handle (old beer mugs are perfect) or a coffee mug, for 2 minutes in the microwave or you can use a clean coffee machine steam wand. If you are heating a larger batch for friends, put into a pot to heat but do not boil. Add sugar to taste - only if needed. You can also add, whisky, port, rum, or cherry brandy to spice things up a bit! Serve the hot mulled wine with a slice of orange. Yum!

West Harbour Weekly Exercise Classes

Zumba with Grace

Every Tuesday night 5.45pm - 6.45pm @ Pioneer Hall, \$5.00. Everyone welcome. For information, contact Grace on 027 241 1885.

Yoga @ Port Chalmers Town Hall

Wednesday - Yoga4Life at 10.00am at Chalmers Lounge, Port Town Hall, upstairs, Lisa@ayurveda.yoga4life.co.nz www.elementallife.co.nz 027 437 0779.

Steady as you Go -

Port Chalmers

Falls prevention programme for men and women, Port Chalmers Town Hall Wednesdays 10am. \$3 per class.

Long Beach

Falls prevention exercises for women and men. Wednesdays 1.30pm \$3.00 per class. McCurdie Grimmon Hall Driver St, Long Beach.

Ravensbourne

Steady as you go exercise class to be held at Ravensbourne Hall, Wanaka St Mondays 2.00pm till 3.00pm \$3.00 per class. All welcome.

Pilates with Hayley Davey

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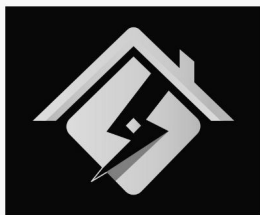
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Landscape photos for the Masthead needed, send your photos in!

Please make sure you have your activities and events with dates, times, location and any other information, in by the deadline above.

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Historic Iona Church
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Iona Church

Kia ora from the Historic Iona Church Restoration Trust! - Matariki Lights on Iona

Bruce and the Trust are going to repeat the beauty of last year's array of lights. This year Iona will be open in the evenings; from 6-9pm Thursday 9 to Sunday 12 July for anyone who would like to have a look around. The pulpit will be available for any performances in an open-mic style. Just show up, with a song, poem, or prose and share with anyone who might be there!

Volunteers Needed!

We are putting the call-out for anyone of any age who would like to be volunteer-helpers for upcoming Iona projects! We need volunteers for; section working bees, cruise ship days, open days and next month, during Matariki.

Community support is critical for the restoration work, so that the community has a place to be community.

Harbourside Table Tennis

The interclub season is in full swing! For the first time we have a team entered in A grade. The team is very competitive at this early stage and signs are looking good for a successful season. We have two teams in A Reserve and, one each in B grade and C grade. We now have the second most teams in the interclub competition. This has been quite a remarkable turnaround after starting ten years ago with a single team and small club membership. Our club night on Thursdays has been really busy with lots of new players coming along regularly. Our competition players also practice on Wednesday nights and again on Sundays!

We are very lucky to have Iona Church as our base as we are able to leave our tables permanently set up. We can still accommodate new players no matter how inexperienced on Thursdays at 7.30pm. So come along and join in with the fun!

If you'd like to join our not so little club please come along. Gear and coaching are provided and the cost is just \$3 a night.

Ian Landreth

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Pioneer Hall

Recently we hosted the Wellington Sea Shanty Society on their Never mind the Rowlocks Aotearoa tour, and a very good night was had by all.

We are enjoying having the Community Banking outreach team from Westpac on Thursdays at the Hall. They provide banking help, appointments and information. A similar outreach is being run in Mosgiel and it has been well received.

Feedback on the new ramp has been positive. It's great to have a sturdy, functional entrance to the Hall. We give thanks to Port Otago, Grassroots Trust and the Dunedin Heritage Fund for their generous help.

Our AGM is on July 21 at 6.30pm. All are welcome.

We have our fabulous Pioneer Hall T-shirts for sale if you would like to support the Hall. They are \$45, made from organic cotton and printed with sustainable ink from the Print Room. We can deliver to you locally and payment can be bank transfer or cash.

If you have an interest or special skill set that you would like to share with the wider community, we would love to hear from you. pcpioneerhall@gmail.com or 022 369 6807 and leave a message.



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Port Chalmers Women's Institute (WI)

Members and visitors gathered in the Chalmers Lounge of the Town Hall on Tuesday June 9 at 6.30pm. Beanies and wool were brought along to be donated to NICU for premature babies. This is an ongoing activity that members are doing as there is always a need for these items.

Max Quinn was our guest speaker following the meeting. Max has had a long and remarkable career filming the natural world in many and varied countries, from wintering over for 11 months in Antarctica to going to the Arctic circle, 100 miles north of Alaska. Emperor Penguin colonies in Cape Crozier which is 85kms from Scott Base, Harrier hawks in Northern Mexico, and a sloth and its baby in Brazil are just a few of the incredible photos and film we viewed.

Max was involved in the production of *Hunters Gold* and *The Mackenzie Affair*. He has written a book based on his life as a polar filmmaker titled "A Life of Extremes". And more.

We were enthralled by the photography and short film snippets he presented and learnt so much as he shared his experiences.

Thank you Max for such an informative and entertaining presentation.

If you would like to join our friendly group call Mary on 021 259 2417.

Mary Fahey



Quarantine Island/Kamau Taurua

Kia ora koutou katoa,

Our main news this month is that we welcomed the Island's new Keeper, Jesse Siebler, who arrived in late May. His partner, Taylor, and their young daughter arrived in mid-June. Our small core group of regular volunteers, and new volunteers including exchange students from Japan and U.K. have helped with grounds and maintenance work, firewood splitting and stacking, planting and seedling care, weed control, and predator control. Thanks to a grant from *The Sargood Bequest*, a non-slip mesh covering has also been installed on the jetty. A small number of groups enjoyed some 'island-time' from late May to early June including students from St. Peter's College and Waitaki Boys High School who stayed whilst attending the NZ Marine Studies Centre programmes. The Department of Conservation National Eradication Team held a three day hui on the Island.

Our next Community Welcome Day is planned for **Saturday 25 July**. To join us complete the Booking Form available on our website quarantineisland.org.nz Events page, or like our Facebook and Instagram pages to hear about all events and the opportunities to join us.

We are holding our AGM on Sunday 2 August. If anyone is interested in getting more involved in our governance committee, or helping with newsletters or fundraising, please get in touch.

To arrange a day visit or stay in St Martin Lodge, for a school camp, workshop, hui, celebration or retreat, or to hire the Married Quarters building, and for volunteer opportunities, and how to become a member, you can find information on our website quarantineisland.org.nz

Claire Hagglund



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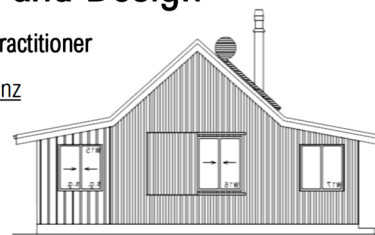
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Next time you roast a chicken keep all the bones aside and make it right away or freeze them until you're ready. Into your slow cooker put the bones, a carrot or two, a couple of stalks of celery, 4 to 6 bay leaves, a sprig of thyme, 1/4 tsp of peppercorns, 1/4 cup of apple cider vinegar or white wine (either of these aid collagen extraction) fill up with water, put the lid on and leave it for 8-24 hours. This time is needed to extract the collagen.

You can also start with a frame and roast it first with a medium sized onion and a small head of garlic. Do the same with beef bones if you prefer. If you use beef bones, roast them first because you'll want to render off some of the fat.

Extras can include 2 to 3 dried Shitakes and 2 tablespoons of dried seaweed for added collagen goodness. A thumb each of fresh turmeric and fresh ginger can be added for their anti-inflammatory actions. You can add fresh herbs at the end of cooking.

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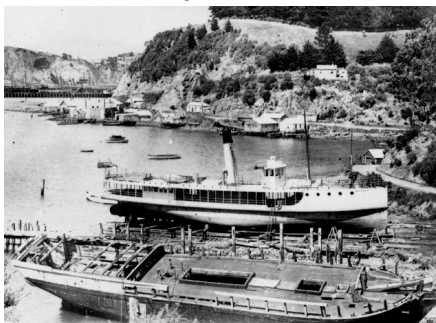
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**PORT CHALMERS
MARITIME
MUSEUM**

The latest special exhibition to be staged at the Museum has been interesting visitors since the beginning of June.

Curated by the knowledgeable Garry Bain, it traces the development of ferry transport between the various settlements around the Otago Harbour. As the new settlements grew it



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became apparent that a ferry service was necessary to link the Port with Dunedin as the inland route was a difficult 9 mile long, often muddy, track over the hills from Sawyers Bay to Dunedin via Northeast Valley.

The early ferries were usually open boats, not the most comfortable way to travel up the harbour on wet, windy

days. A regular twice weekly service started in 1849, and the first commercial paddle steamer, the *Pride of the Yarra* was assembled in Port Chalmers 10 years later. In these early years safety standards were low, and several incidents, including drownings, occurred.

The discovery of gold in Central Otago transformed the Port into the third busiest in the South Pacific. Entrepreneurs brought in new vessels from Australian ports and many were adapted to carry passengers, especially those en-route to the goldfields. Ferries plied the harbour linking Port Chalmers, Portobello, Broad Bay, Quarantine Island and Dunedin. For a few short years ferry trips across to the Vauxhall Pleasure and Tea Gardens became a popular and somewhat notorious destination. The coming of the railway link between Port Chalmers and Dunedin which opened on 31 December 1872 posed a challenge to the ferries. However, the needs of the growing communities on the Otago Peninsula meant that ferries were often a preferred option to the narrow, windy peninsula roads.

Competition for business was fierce, with vessels racing against each other to reach jetties first. Garry illustrates this by mentioning an example in January 1903 when the captains of two ferries appeared in court and were heavily fined. If these snippets from Garry's exhibition have whetted your interest in the Harbour ferries, come along to the Museum and spend time discovering more the words and pictures in the John Mill Gallery.

The Museum is open Monday to Friday 10am to 3pm; and Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4pm.

Pat Caswell

Bertha Gallery- School Holiday Workshop

Kia ora koutou. We are running a three day workshop at Bertha Artspace, Port Chalmers from Tues 7 to Thurs 9 July - in the next school holidays, for children aged 7 to 13, including a pop up exhibition at the end for family and friends.

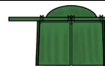
Animal Antics is an immersive three day youth workshop at Bertha Artspace for ages 7 to 13. Led by two experienced tutors, a small class of 10 students will learn to transform textiles and re-purpose soft toys into unique, contemporary works of art.

The program focuses on building technical confidence and visual storytelling across all skill levels,

Bookings can be made via this link

<https://events.humanitix.com/animal-antics-school-holiday-youth-workshop-at-bertha-artspace>

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Port Chalmers Foundry Society Update

Many of you will have noticed that there has been quite a lot of activity happening around the Sims/Stevenson and Cook Building over the past few weeks.

The DCC has had contractors clearing the bank of trees that were deemed to be a risk to the building and surrounds. They will next get on with the task of assessing what, if any, decontamination needs to occur in the grounds surrounding the building. We are really pleased to see this progress as it means that we can now take the next steps with regard to saving the building.

Our Architects, RTA Studios and Baker Garden Architects working with Stephen MacKnight Ltd Structural Engineers have prepared detailed plans for the strengthening, roofing and enclosing of the building. These plans have now been submitted to the DCC for relevant consents. We now have the task of getting on with some serious grant applications and fundraising.

We are a committee of volunteers and are looking for a volunteer to join the committee with skills in managing our website and social media. If you have skills in this area and are interested in supporting our project please contact us at portfoundrytrust@gmail.com and we can discuss what our needs are and how you might be able to contribute.

Kris Smith and Bill Brown, Co-Chairs Port Chalmers Foundry Society

Navigating Our New Coastal Protections

From July 2026, five new marine reserves will come into effect along the Otago coast, protecting roughly 300 square kilometers of our marine environment. Named *Te Au Roa o Te Rakihouia* by Kāi Tahu and the Department of Conservation, they represent the first new marine reserves in New Zealand in over a decade.

While this is a win for our local biodiversity, offering protection to species like the Hoiho (yellow-eyed penguin) and Pakake (New Zealand sea lion). The rollout has naturally left a lot of local fishers wondering what this means for them.

What This Means for Local Fishers

Understanding the differences between these new reserves and existing areas comes down to recognizing the purpose of each zone:

- **The New Marine Reserves (Strict No-Take):** From July these areas are completely off-limits to everyone. It is a total sanctuary designed to let the ecosystem rebuild itself.
- **Ōtākou Mātaitai (Commercial Ban, Local Focus):** Commercial operations are entirely banned. If you are a recreational line fisher, it is all good, but you have to operate under the local rules set by the Rūnaka.
- **East Otago Taiāpure (Regulated Sharing):** Allows both commercial and recreational fishing, but the local management committee has set strict boundaries to stop overfishing.

A Grown-Up Approach to Our Oceans

At Opportunity, we believe that true stewardship of our natural environment requires an evidence-based, long-term vision. However, protecting our oceans doesn't mean locking people out. Rather, it means ensuring that our grandchildren can stand on the beach and see a marine ecosystem that is thriving, abundant, and alive.

For more information visit - <https://www.doc.govt.nz/our-work/marine-reserves-for-the-southeast-of-the-south-island/>

Dave Bainbridge-Zafar is the Opportunity candidate for Dunedin in the upcoming election.

Sawyers Bay Reserve



The Sawyer's Bay reserve was a hive of activity on May 14th, as eager students from Dunedin North Intermediate once again volunteered to plant about 400 trees.



Many of these students live in the West Harbour area and were willing to get their hands dirty and their fitness tested as they planted and staked on the hillside.

Wheelbarrows and buckets full of mulch were lugged up the hill and spread around everything they planted. Job done! This was

education outdoors in action. Not only did they learn from Pete Hodgson how to do the task properly, but they learnt team work and one aspect of caring for their environment.

Thank you DNI. In years to come you will be able to walk through this reserve and think of your contribution with pride.

Noeline Burdon



Port Chalmers School

It's been a busy and creative Term 3 so far at Port Chalmers School, with students embracing everything from singing and art to wellbeing initiatives and live performances.

One of the absolute highlights of the term was the launch of the Mitey programme, with former All Black Sir John Kirwan visiting the school to help introduce the mental health education initiative. The programme aims to give children practical tools to understand and support their own wellbeing while helping others do the same. 'JK' was thrilled to visit our school, and the kids themselves were very excited to meet a rugby legend, with many autographs signed.

The school's talented young singers also took to the stage at Dunedin Town Hall for Kids Sing 2026. Students from several classes joined almost 700 children from across the city in front of an audience of more than 1000 people. Our students represented the school brilliantly and did us all proud.

Creativity has been flourishing in the classrooms as well. Junior students produced colourful artwork inspired by beloved New Zealand author Lynley Dodd, while older students explored New Zealand's Anzac history through thoughtful creative writing and striking visual art projects.

Students were also treated to a pair of special performances. Popular children's songwriter Kath Bee visited the school for a lively session of music, singing and participation, while entertainer Joel brought his "You've Got the Power" show to Port Chalmers, combining magic, humour and important messages about kindness and inclusion.

Students also enjoyed a Wheels Day in partnership with Sport Otago and the Dunedin City Council. Bringing along bikes, scooters and helmets, students took part in practical activities focused on cycle safety and confidence, while also learning basic maintenance skills. A highlight of the day was having bikes checked and repaired on site, helping ensure students can continue riding safely both at school and around the community.

Vicki Nicolson, Principal



St Leonards School

Reading at St Leonards School

You might have heard that kids in school these days don't enjoy reading that much, but at St Leonards W-E L-O-V-E R-E-A-D-I-N-G!!!!

Here are some examples showing you exactly how much we love reading: (intro by Xan)

Children of the Rush is a novel the seniors are reading and is set in Gabriell's Gully. The main characters are Atarangi and Michael. Atarangi is a Māori girl and Michael is a miner's son. Atarangi can sense gold under the ground. Michael can see people's feelings from what colour is surrounding them. We are really enjoying the book and we cannot wait for the next chapter. (by Amelia)

Every Friday we go to the library and we get to choose three books to take home and read. My favourite book I have read is "Mermaid's Sister". (by Rina)

Readers Theatre is when we read for our class. The juniors read little books and the seniors read a bit from a novel. We practised it for a few days and we share on Fridays. We work on using expression and improving our fluency. (by Sophie and Chloe)

All of the year 5s have started a book club. Recently we read *The City of Ember*. We think it is a really good book. It is about citizens in a HUMUNGOUS light bulb. The main characters are Lina and Doon, and they try to escape. In chapter 14 Lina and Doon find a boat but they don't know what it is. The book has 20 chapters.

Every Friday we meet in the library and we all agree on how many chapters we read, and then we have the week to read them. We ask questions to each other about what we have read during the week. It's kind of like a test but it's really, really fun. (by Freyja)

The juniors have been reading books by Joy Cowley. I like *The Terrible Tiger*. The children are hunting for the terrible tiger and they go into the jungle. They find a tail and they go and check it out. It was the tiger's tail, so they ran away. (By Roahaan)

I am thrilled by how much our tamariki enjoy reading! From the Year 5's who independently started a book club to the enthusiasm of our juniors to engage with stories of all kinds, to the incredible stamina they all have for silent reading, reading has taken on a life of its own in our kura! (by Miss T)

Sarah Thompson



Pūrākaunui School

Pūrākaunui School warmly invites the communities of West Harbour to our annual Matariki celebration on Friday 24 July 2026, 5:00pm to 7:30pm, at Pūrākaunui School, 8 Mihiwaka Station Road. This is a free community event, sponsored by the Dunedin City Council Puaka Matariki Festival, and everyone is welcome.

Matariki is a special time in Aotearoa to reflect on the past year, remember those who have passed, and look ahead to new beginnings. At Pūrākaunui School, we will mark the occasion with an evening focused on culture, connection, and whanaungatanga.

The evening will include a shared hāngī, kapa haka performances by our students, a student-led play, and storytelling from local kaumātua. We will finish around the bonfire, offering a relaxed space together, connect and reflect together.

This event is a chance for all ages to experience and celebrate Māori traditions in a welcoming, inclusive environment. Whether you are reconnecting with familiar traditions or learning something new, or whether you are part of our school community or visiting for the first time, we hope you will join us for an evening that honours the values of Matariki: remembrance, renewal, and unity.

We look forward to seeing some new faces there for a special night with our community. 022 414 6351
office@purakaunui.school.nz www.purakaunui.school.nz
Office days: Wednesday-Friday 9am - 3pm, Sara Williamson



Port Chalmers DCC Library & Service centre School Holiday Matariki Activities At Port Chalmers Library

Celebrate the magic of winter at Port Chalmers Library these school holidays!

Gather the whānau and dive into our free, drop-in Matariki crafts and activities designed for all ages. Tamariki can unleash their creativity with hands-on star crafts, vibrant colouring pages, and fun library scavenger hunts hidden throughout the bookshelves.

It is the perfect warm and welcoming space to connect, learn about the Māori New Year, and enjoy free family fun together.

Regular Programmes

Stories & Rhymes for Preschoolers - Wednesdays at 10:30am (except during school holidays)

1-2-1 Tech Help - Wednesday 1 July at 1.30pm

Book Share - Friday 3 July at 11am

CRAFTernoon - Thursday 16 July at 1.30pm

Library Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday 9.30am to 5.30pm

Late night Thursday until 8pm

Saturday 11am to 2pm

MATARIKI - Friday 10th July. All Libraries and Book Buses are closed.

The Port Library Team



Port Chalmers & District Lions

Our pea straw sales are going well and there are not many bales left. Please contact our Club Secretary Lion Ella on 03 4727770 if you wish to buy. The Lions had two sales by Sawyers Bay Railway Station SH88 and these were very successful with over 60 bales sold.

The Port Chalmers & District Lions Club had a very enjoyable evening for our handover evening at Cobb & Co. MD202 Council Chair PDG Mike Wingfield presided over the installation of the new Board of Directors.

We have a firewood raffle going so please contact any Port Chalmers Lions Club members if you wish to buy tickets. We will also be selling the raffle tickets at the Port Chalmers 4 Square foyer. Please lookout for our notice on our Facebook page.

Our future fundraising events are bingo evenings at Harbour Hawks Clubroom, a sausage sizzle at Bunnings or Mitre10 and a firewood raffle.

We are recruiting new members and would love to host you at one of our dinner meetings – they are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month so the next one will be on Wednesday 22nd July from 6.30pm at the Port Chalmers Town Hall. Don't be shy, phone Lion Merv Read on 03 472 8939 or email portlions.president@lionsclubs.org.nz to book a meal.

Any information or inquiries on our activities or about joining contact Merv Read for more information.

Email: portlions.president@lionsclubs.org.nz

Juay Lim

Club Administrator/Media Coordinator



10 Questions...with Kathryn Dawe



Each month we ask a West Harbour local to answer the same ten questions.

This month is Kathryn Dawe (pictured). Kathryn was born in Greymouth and is the oldest of four girls. Her mum and dad moved the family to Port Chalmers from the West Coast in 1973.

Kathryn went to Port Chalmers School and then Otago Girls High School and is a single mum of two adult children.

During weekdays you will find her at the Port Chalmers Dairy.

She has been coaching netball at Queens High School for over 10 years and more recently started umpiring as well.

In 2025 she was fortunate to be sponsored by the Port Chalmers Lions to attend the Berwick Outdoor Experience for a week. We went kayaking, abseiling, mountain biking and a lot of other activities. She also takes photos and videos of trucks so don't be surprised if you see her on the side of the road somewhere.



Q. If you had the chance, which three people (alive or dead) would you invite for dinner?

A. If would be my four grandparents.

Q. What are your three favourite movies?

A. The Lovely Bones, The In-between and The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas.

Q. What was your first car and if money was no object what car would you like to buy?

A. Mitsubishi Lancer and I quite like the idea of driving a shiny red Chevrolet.

Q. If you were to face the guillotine in the morning, what would you choose as your last meal?

A. Lambs Fry, Bacon and Tomatoes with Baked Alaska for dessert.

Q. Which three countries would you most like to visit?

A. Rarotonga, Hawaii and Tasmania.

Q. When you were at school, can you remember what you first wanted to be when you grew up?

A. To be honest I have absolutely no idea.

Q. What do you think is the most useful invention of all time?

A. Duct tape.

Q. What is the best book you have read?

A. *The Outsiders* by SE Hinton.

Q. If you had a time machine where in the past or future would you go?

A. Maybe the mid 70's, for the music.

Q. If you had to spend one month on a desert island, name three things you would take along?

A. My music, lots of wine and a comfy chair.

Ange McErlane



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Composters are down to earth!



What's on this month on the West Harbour

- Bertha Gallery - Workshop

- Pea Sea Art - Exhibition:
I'd Rather Be Gardening. Dallas
and Robert June 20 - July 4

- Long Beach McCurdy Grimman Hall - our hall is available for hire, e-mail your contacts to longbeachhall@gmail.com for more details.

- Port Chalmers Taekwondo - we train Monday & Thursday 6.00pm - 7.00pm at Port Town Hall, \$50 term or \$75 a family. Drop in and see us in term time.

- Ravensbourne Community Hub meets at Ravensbourne School every Monday 9.00am - 10.30pm during school term for a chat and cuppa. All welcome. Please phone 471 0410 for more info.

- Harbourside Table Tennis Club - 7.30pm Thursday nights, cost \$3, coaching and gear provided, Iona Church Hall, Mount St.

- The Murray McGeorge Toy Library. Open Sat. 2.00-4.00pm (excl. school/public holidays). 2 Athol Place, Ravensbourne (just off Ravensbourne Road). New members welcome, look for the yellow sign during opening hours. Look out for the yellow sign on Ravensbourne Road.

- Senior Citizens Meet each Tuesday at 1.00pm in the Port Chalmers Bowling Club Albertson Avenue, easy parking, open to all seniors harbourside. Information contact Margaret Hedges 472 7233.

- Port Chalmers Women's Institute. Meets upstairs in the Chalmers lounge, Port Chalmers Town Hall, on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7.00pm. For information contact Mary Fahey 021 259 2417. Come join us.

- Holy Trinity Port Chalmers. Main Service - 10.00am, Sunday. Family Service 1st Sunday of the month.

- St Mary's Star of the Sea, Magnetic St, Port Chalmers. Mass 5.00pm Saturday.

- Emmanuel Church, Sawyers Bay - There is a service at 10.00am on the first and third Sundays with an informal get-together on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. All welcome.

- Bookshare @ Port Chalmers Library - first Friday of the month at 11.00am.

- Sawyers Bay Garden Club - meets at Emmanuel Church Hall, Sawyers Bay, at 7.00pm on the 2nd Monday of the month. For information contact Secretary Karina Jackson 472 8510.

- Port Chalmers Maritime Museum - normal hours: Monday to Friday 10.00am-3.00pm, Saturday, Sunday & public holidays 1.00 - 4.00pm. Also open by special appointment. Enquires 472 8233.

- Quarantine Island next welcome day is Saturday 25 July see our website quarantineisland.org.nz

- Port Chalmers & District Lions Club, club night with dinner. 4th Wednesday of the month. We welcome anyone who would like to get involved and help their community. For information contact President Lion Mervyn Read on president@lionsclubs.org.nz:

- All fibre handcrafts e.g. knitting, crochet, patchwork, embroidery, spinning. Monday 6 & 20 July, 11am or 1.p.m. Emmanuel Church Hall, Sawyers Bay. For info contact 472 8487.

- Kirtan. Last Friday of the month (except Dec) Pioneer Hall. 7.00pm-8.30pm. Chai and chat afterwards. Gold coin koha and bring a cushion. Contact Kate 022 690 8077.

- Terra Nova Sea Scout Group - Join the adventure West Harbour Youth, welcomes all adventure-seeking youth in West Harbour to join us. We have restarted our Venturer section. Scouts work towards their Kings Scout Award (formerly Queens Scout) at this level. Session times are:
Keas (ages 5-8) 5.00pm Thurs;
Cubs (ages 8-11) 6.00pm - 7.30p Tues;
Scouts (ages 11-14) 6.00pm - 8.00pm Thurs.
Venturers (ages 14-18) 6.00pm - 8.00pm Thurs; meeting at Ravensbourne Scout Hall contact Skip (Tom) for more information at terrano-va@group.scouts.nz or 027 343 5364

- Port Chalmers Swim Club
Please contact Hazel Scales (Secretary) for information on 021 217 1117
secretarypcswimclub@gmail.com

- The Rothesay News Committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday each month, 7.00pm, Rolfe Room, Port Chalmers Town Hall. All welcome.

- Story time at the Port Chalmers library. Wednesdays at 10.30am. e after 2pm on Tuesday afternoons during the school term.

- Guitar Lessons @ Pioneer Hall
Wednesdays at 5pm. Beginners to Intermediate. For more information contact Chris on 027 2065 035.

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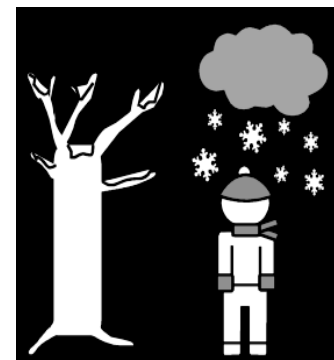
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by

Jude Newton



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West Harbour Community Board Meeting

Next meeting
5 August 2026 6.00pm

Any inquires or to submit
information or participate in next
public forum contact Wendy Collard
Dunedin City Council 477 4000.

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Magenta for the win

A recent Port Otago Facebook "Photo of the month" winning shot was such a stunner that we're sharing it here. The image was taken early on the morning of 21 May by one of our community, Ravneel. For those unfamiliar with the monthly competition, our kaimahi and community send in photos of our harbour and surrounds. We post the images on our Facebook page at the end of each month and the public vote to determine the winner. It's always a popular post and a reminder of how special our harbour taoka and community are.

New wave buoy

Two years ago, three wave buoys were deployed around our Otago coastal waters. One was a Port Otago buoy situated near Taiaroa Head in the area where our marine pilots board incoming vessels. The buoy technology provides data on swell conditions, which directly inform pilot boarding decisions. (The other two buoys belong to Dunedin City Council (informing coastal planning) and Otago Regional Council (at the Taieri Mouth bar).) We recently deployed a second Port Otago buoy, situated further out from the Heads (at the "fairway" marker) which also feeds into pilot boarding decisions. You can access all four buoys' data (wind, sea surface temperature and atmospheric pressure, wave and swell metrics) by visiting the Port Otago website home page, click on "Harbour conditions", then "Buoys' dashboard".

Taking water safety to the sea

For the past five years, we've been supporting local primary schools' swimming lessons. It's grown each year and, by 2026, we have about 300 children from six schools, with each child receiving about 18 lessons each year.

One of those schools is Pūrākaunui, which approached us to ask if we were keen to change things up a little.

Pūrākaunui School Principal Mikaela Wilson explains: "Over a three-week intensive programme, 13 of our students – aged 6 to 12 – participated in comprehensive water safety and swimming lessons. The core focus was providing students with essential experience in the sea, complemented by sessions at Moana Pool and Port Chalmers Pool."

The programme included an in-the-water beach education day with Surf Lifesaving NZ at Saint Clair Surf Club, where Pūrākaunui tamariki joined students from St Leonards, Broad Bay and Ravensbourne schools. Students also went on several visits to Pūrākaunui Estuary, Long Beach and Māpoutahi to check out their practical safety skills in an open-water environment.

Port Otago's sponsorship coordinator Jodi says the initiative is fantastic. "Taking what they learn in the controlled environment of the pool and testing those skills at the beach is a great learning opportunity."



Pūrākaunui School has taken water safety to a new level by introducing a programme where students apply the water skills they've learned in the pool, in the sea.