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Ravensbourne Fire Brigade 150 Years, 1926 – 2026 Centenary

As the *Rothsay News* highlighted in the September edition both West Harbour brigades will be celebrating milestones during October.

The Ravensbourne Brigade will be celebrating its centenary over Labour weekend, 23 -25 October 2026. The brigade will have a variety of activities over the three days.

Activities will include a Friday night get together for invited guests, members and ex-members. Saturday between 10 am and 2 pm the brigade will be holding an open day, a chance for the community to see firefighting displays, our station's history of ex-appliances along with specialist appliances from Dunedin city. These will be on display at the Ravensbourne school grounds, Wanaka street. The Dunedin Fire Brigades Restoration Society will be providing a sausage sizzle for a gold coin donation.

Saturday evenings function for Past and present members with their partners and invited guests will celebrate 100 years of the brigade along with brigade service honours including a 25 years' service medal presentation to be held at the Ravensbourne hall.

Patrick Smit

West Harbour Arts Charitable Trust (WHACT)

The West Harbour Arts Charitable Trust is excited to announce our 2026 artist-in-residence, Bruce Mahalski. Bruce (pictured) is a local legend, well-known for his eye-catching murals, his insightful comic strips, and his intricate bone sculptures. You can view his artwork alongside his large collection of skulls and natural history specimens at The Dunedin Museum of Natural History.



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It is well worth the visit! His murals are also easy to spot, with many being located in Otepoti, as well as all around Aotearoa and in cities across Great Britain.

We are confident that Bruce's exciting idea for this year's residency will catch all of the kids' imaginations about who they could be, and may produce some surprising insights into each of their personalities.

This year we have added Ravensbourne School to our list of participating centres, alongside Port Chalmers School, Pūrākaunui School, Kōpūtai Pioneers ECE and Port Chalmers Kindergarten.

Look out for posters for our event! Sunday 6 December, 1.00pm-3.00pm:

Please come along to Port Chalmers School for a community event to celebrate the efforts of the children involved with this project. As well as an opportunity to view and take home the creative results, we will have refreshments available and stalls with baking and other treats to enjoy.

WHACT Trust Members

Kōpūtai People's Party and The Wild Chitokakas bring you Election Tour 2026! Come and join us for a night of political satire and groove-heavy mischief on Saturday October 17th at the Waitati Hall. Doors open 7.30pm, band starts at 8pm. \$15 on the door - cash only. BYO refreshments. Kōpūtai People's Party hails from Kōpūtai Port Chalmers. Aotearoa New Zealand. Recorded and mixed by Sublime Studios in Kuro, their debut EP features seven funky, original tunes with blues, pop and reggae influences. They recently returned to Sublime to record five new songs that feature in the upcoming Election Tour. The Election Tour is supported by The Wild Chitokakas, Swamp Rocksteady straight from the streets of Waitati. Classic soulful jams with Jamaican and New Orleans vibes, driven by infectious positive energy. You will be movin' and groovin'! You can listen to KPP's tunes here - <https://kptaipeoplesparty.bandcamp.com/album/k-p-tai-peoples-party>



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Hi All,

We're reaching that time of year when sellers start to ask me when a good time is to sell around the festive period.

From my experience, I recommend not launching your property to the market in December or early January. There are still people looking to buy during this time, just not as many. Buyers are often starting to get distracted with Christmas functions, end-of-year school productions and, of course, Christmas holidays.

Homes still do sell during this time, and we can absolutely still make it happen. However, if you can go to market before or after this period, there will generally be far more buyers around who are actively looking to buy.

If you're thinking about selling and are unsure about the best timing, it's always worth having a chat early so we can work out the best strategy for your property. As always, if you ever want to chat real estate, I would love to hear from you!



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Harbour Physio Matters - How good is your balance?

Your muscles, joints and nerves are constantly working together to keep you in the right position and help you stay balanced. This becomes even more important during activities such as mobilising on uneven ground, jumping and landing, or changing direction.

If your balance or control is reduced, your ankle may be more vulnerable to injury. Your ankles work hard to keep you supporting your body weight. They constantly make small adjustments to keep your foot and leg stable.

Research has found that athletes with poor balance can be up to seven times more likely to sprain their ankle. Balance can also differ between your left and right legs. We often naturally favour one side, which can lead to differences in strength, coordination and control. This may leave one side more vulnerable to injury.

Why does balance matter?

Good balance helps your body move more efficiently and improves your control during everyday activities and sport. The better your control, the better your body can respond when things don't go to plan.

Try this simple balance test

Stand on one leg for 30 seconds with your eyes open.

- Easy? Try closing your eyes.
- Struggling? This may be an area worth working on.

Remember to do this somewhere safe and have something nearby to hold onto if needed.

Good balance isn't just about preventing injuries - it can help you move better, perform better and stay active.

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Krystal Cameron



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Historic Iona Church Restoration Trust AGM - the HICRT AGM will be held at Iona Church, Mount Street, Port Chalmers on Tuesday 27 October at 6pm. Everyone is welcome. If you are interested in seeing what we have done and would like to be part of what we plan going forward, please come along!



Quarantine Island /Kamau Taurua Community Inc

Ka tangi te Pipīwharauroa, ko te karere a Mahuru

Tēnā koutou katoa

Spring is here and new flowers are blooming all around the island. The new keeper whānau, Jesse, Taylor and Zella, have set up a fresh new veggie garden, and been very busy managing all the new growth going on. A lot of our mahi recently has involved fixing tools, traps and tracks - all in need of a good spring cleaning. We are grateful to North Dunedin Shed Society Inc, who donated a bunch of great tools and helped fix and sharpen an entire tub of broken tools.

Now is a wonderful time to visit the island and help release some of our newly planted trees from the strangling arms of the fast growing grasses!

For more details about...

- Who QI/KT Community area,
 - How you can get visit the island,
 - How to support our mahi by making a donation, becoming a Member and/or volunteering.
- Arranging a visit or stay on the island ... check out our newly refreshed website: quarantineisland.org.nz

If you haven't visited before, we host Community Welcome Day on the last weekend of each month. Just a short boat ride from Back Beach, Port Chalmers, or Portobello pontoon by arrangement. We organise boat transport. Details and booking forms for events are on our website or posted on our Facebook and Instagram pages, or you can join our volunteer database to receive emails about opportunities.

Mahi days - Saturdays 10 and 24 of October

See our social media pages for details, or join our Volunteer Database.

Saturday 31 October - Welcome Day

Volunteer, relax or explore, or all three! Come for the day or stay overnight!

To arrange a day visit or stay in St Martin Lodge, for a weekend holiday, workshop, hui, celebration or retreat, to hire the Married Quarters building for an event, to hear about volunteering opportunities, and to become a member, you can find information on our website quarantineisland.org.nz with up-to-date contact details.

Tōrea Scott-Fyfe

From the chef.... fragrant & spicy tofu burger

The Tofu burger is a hit even with the meat-eaters in our house! It is layered with spices and packed with flavour. This recipe makes enough for two people.

You will need:

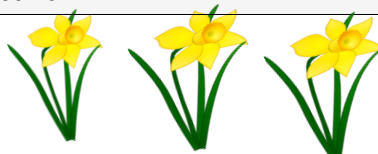
1 block firm tofu
2 quality burger buns
15g (half sachet) Wild Fennel Co. duck seasoning
¼ cup cornflour
1 spring onion
¼ cucumber
Small bunch fresh coriander
½ fresh chilli (optional)
1 tsp sesame oil
Hoisin sauce
Butter
Cooking oil
Aioli
A squeeze lime juice

To make: Finely slice your cucumber, spring onion and chilli (if using) and place in the same bowl with the coriander. Drizzle with sesame oil and a squeeze of lime and mix to combine. Set to one side.

Slice and butter your burger buns, and set to one side.

Slice the block of tofu through the centre horizontally. In a bowl, mix the duck seasoning and cornflour to combine, then pop your tofu in the bowl coating both sides. Heat your frying pan with a splash of cooking oil on a medium-high heat, and fry the tofu for 2-3 minutes either side until lightly brown and crispy. Whilst the tofu is frying, toast your burger buns under the grill.

Remove your buns from the oven, and spread the hoisin sauce generously over the bases, place your tofu on top, followed by a handful of salad. Spread the lid with a healthy amount of aioli and place on top - your burgers are ready to serve!



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**Copy deadline
is 10 October 2026**

**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. Forward your stories (max. 280 words)** photos, news, upcoming events, or if you have not received the *Rothesay News* to: editor.rothesaynews@hotmail.com

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

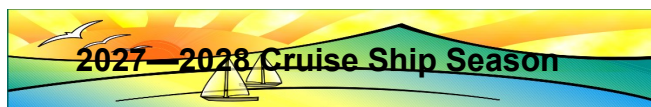
Steady as you go exercise class to be held at Ravensbourne Hall, Wanaka St Mondays 2.00pm till 3.00pm \$3.00 per class. All welcome.

Pilates with Hayley Davey

Monday evening at 6 and 7 pm, Thursday morning at 9.30 and 10.30. No walk ins, enquiries welcome. Please contact Hayley Davey 021 183 5352

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21 October 2026 - Celebrity Edge
27 October 2026 - Celebrity Solstice
1 November 2026 - Celebrity Edge



Port Chalmers School

It's been another busy and positive term at Port Chalmers School, with our tamariki enjoying plenty of opportunities to learn, lead and try something new.

Our new student council has been finding its feet, helped by a visit from Dunedin City Councillors Steve Walker and Micky Treadwell.

They shared their experiences of local government and answered questions about how councils work, giving our students plenty of ideas for their own council.

Our maths skills were put to the test at the OMATHalon at the Edgar Centre, where our Year 6 and Year 8 teams both finished in the top 20 against strong competition from schools across Dunedin.

Four of our nine-year-old students also enjoyed a poetry workshop at the University of Otago with author Swapna Haddow. The timing was perfect, with students already exploring poetry in class, and they returned keen to share what they had learned with their classmates.

We also welcomed families to our Year 7 and 8 Information Evening, where our senior students did a fantastic job showcasing the confidence, leadership and opportunities offered in our senior school.

And, to top off a busy term, sunshine arrived for our annual Cross Country and Colour Run, with plenty of great racing, colour, laughter and fun.

Vicki Nicolson, Principal



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Pioneer Hall

We have many things happening at the hall. Pilates, Zumba, Kirtan, guitar lessons, breathwork sessions and offerings, Port Wave dance, also Embodied Dance flow sessions, including pop-up sessions.

We also often host gigs and other performances. Please contact us or see our Facebook page for further information.

We also often host family celebrations. The Hall is an excellent place to hold such happenings, we get excellent feedback about accessibility and ease of use. If you would like to book for a family event, we would love to hear from you.

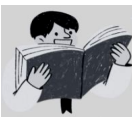
We have our fabulous Pioneer Hall T-shirts for sale if you would like to support the hall. They are \$45, made from organic cotton and printed with sustainable ink from the Print Room. We can deliver to you locally and payment can be bank transfer or cash.

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. ppioneerhall@gmail.com or 022 369 6807 and leave a message.

Terra Nova Scouts

Three young men who grew up in West Harbour and attended Terra Nova scouts have won national awards. Aiden Fraser won the Prince of Wales Award from the NZ Institute of Forestry for his commitment to Forestry Management, Professional Development and community involvement. Galen and Cairn Monks work for Custom Fencing which won the Large Fence Award at the recent Fencing Contractors Association with the Port Otago boundary fence. Galen lead the team that built it.

Do you find it hard to find time to read?



This is an invitation to spend a quiet, peaceful evening with a book, and gentle music.

Followed by a time to chat over a light supper before heading home. Don't have a book? Some books are available to loan! To be held the last Thursday of the month 7.00pm - 8.30pm at Emmanuel Church Hall, Station Road Sawyers Bay.



Hosted by Emmanuel Church, Koha welcome but no necessary

Quick Spring Gardening tips by Blueskin Nursery

Pant an orchard - It is not too late to plant fruit, nuts and berries in your garde.

- New spuds - Sprout your new potatoes ready for Christmas dinner.

- Cutting back - Prune back old wood and spent stems on Perennials and Hydrangeas ready for the season ahead.

-Vegetables - Sow vegetable seeds for the season ahead. Time to plant seedlings including lettuce, spinach, broad beans and peas, if you haven't already direct sown these earlier in the year, add lots of organic matter to the soil, sheep pellets, compost or manure.



Port Chalmers Maritime Museum volunteers wanted

The cruise season is almost upon us and here at the museum we are expecting to be busy with many cruise ships visiting Port Otago over the coming months. As a result, we're keen to recruit more volunteers to share our great museum with the wide range of tourists who will be here this summer. Our volunteers are the friendly faces that greet visitors, share knowledge, answers questions and maybe have stories they can share. Maybe you can help us by working a regular slot on cruise ship days. Other arrangements, to suit you, can be negotiated. You'll get a personalised induction by working alongside a volunteer.

If you're looking for an interesting group to get involved with, the museum would welcome your contribution. For more information pop into the museum and chat to one of our volunteers or email us at shirley.jack@portmuseum.co.nz, phone 027 255 1904

The museum's normal hours are Monday to Friday 10am. to 3pm. Saturday, Sunday and public holidays 1pm. to 4pm.

Pat Caswell



Port Chalmers Golf Club

ACED IT!

On the 22 August an extraordinary feat was achieved by one of the club's regular Saturday golfers. Mamanu Mamanu was having an 'ok' round when he stepped up to the tee at the No. 12 hole, a Par 3, known as the 'Crossover'.

This hole used to be part of the original 9 hole course layout when the club moved to their current location in Reservoir Road but was largely retired when a new par 3 was constructed on the former landfill site at the top of the course. The Crossover only comes in to play when the course is extremely wet and the other Par 3 hole 'Harwood's' has to be closed.

According to Mamanu he didn't even see where the ball landed after he teed off and so was very surprised after walking with his group up to the hole to find his ball in the cup.

What makes this achievement worth mentioning is that the odds of an average player shooting a hole in one are roughly 1 in 3,500 for a low handicapper and around 1 in 12,500 rounds for an high handicap golfer. Of course low handicappers have more chance of making a hole in one as they generally speaking hit the greens more regularly. What is generally accepted and recognised amongst the golfing fraternity is that a hole in one is heavily reliant on luck and frequency of play.

There are some remarkable stories of how hole in ones were achieved including one of a Christchurch golfer playing off a 21-handicap who famously hit two holes-in-one in a single round at McLeans Island Golf Club - a feat with astronomical odds of roughly 67 million to one.

Some golfers may play their entire lives without having ever aced a hole and some of them might even declare that a hole in one is overrated. We congratulate Mamanu Mamanu for his and with that his name is added to the Board at the club that recognises all those who whilst playing in an official competition achieved the same feat.

Ko koutou kai runga!

If you would like any information about the Port Chalmers Golf Club please contact Club Captain Brent Jackson pcgc.clubcaptain@gmail.com or 0275 72 8810

Fiona Matapo

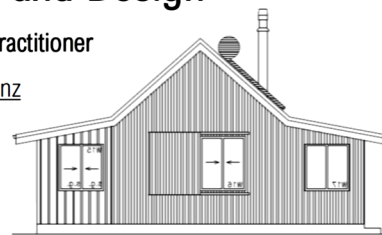
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Backyard Medicine

To further aid the work of the Cleavers you tried last month, a vigorous walk will do wonders because our lymphatic system works the very best with physical movement. If you haven't tried the Cleavers infusion yet, you still have time just look for young plants.

Try adding some chickweed (*Stellaria media*) to the jar, for additional clearing/cleansing, look for young plants here too. Chickweed is high in calcium, magnesium, manganese, zinc, iron, phosphorus, and potassium, vitamins -- especially C, A (from carotenes), and B factors such as folic acid, riboflavin, niacin, and thiamine. And, of course both chickweed and cleavers have chlorophyll in them.

If a cold infusion is not your thing, why not try adding some so-called weeds to your Spring salads? Young dandelion leaves, chickweed, calendula petals, heartsease/viola flowers, violet flowers and leaves, young leaves of ribwort/plantain, some nasturtium leaves would add a peppery flavour.

Toss a small handful of these in with some greens, dress with lemon, salt, pepper and a little olive oil, and yum!

As always, pay attention to what goes in your mouth! If you have any concerns or are on any medications, talk first with your health-care provider before exploring any of my suggestions. Of course if you have serious conditions, a consultation with your healthcare provider is essential. Please do not use any plant you suspect has been sprayed.

Please note: you **must** positively identify the plant before you try anything with it!

Francisca Griffin, Naturopath

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St Leonards School

PolyFest

We have done Polyfest with two other schools (Pūrākanui and Broad Bay Schools). We had video calls on Thursdays with the other schools to practice for Polyfest. On Monday the 31 of August Pūrākanui and Broad Bay came to St Leonard School for a big practice. We sang Te Iwi E (Broad Bays song of song) Ka Pīoioi (our song) and Rona (Pūrākanui School's song). **By Xan**

Enviro clubs; are when we do gardening, weeding, trapping and other projects. We sow seeds and harvest fruits and vegetables like apples, pears and carrots. Weeding is when we pull out weeds that kill our crops. We always like to check with a teacher first. We check traps behind the school. We trap rodents to stop them from killing our native birds. like NZ fantail, tūi and kereru. **By Amelia**

SSG (School Gate Greens)

At St Leonards School we have a stall called SGG. SGG is going to open up for the season this month (October). At SGG we sell veggies and fruits and seeds and dried herbs. The kids at St Leonards run this shop. When they first opened last year it was just a wheelbarrow now it's a whole stall! The kids have a company meeting every Friday, and make decisions about what they will do and how to budget. **By Freyja**

To find out about our upcoming community events and the great learning our tamariki are doing, check out our Facebook page: **Sarah Thompson Tumuaki**

DCC seeks public feedback on Ōtepoti Pathways Strategy

Dunedin (Monday, 14 September 2026) – The Dunedin City Council invites community feedback on a draft 30-year strategy that aims to make walking, wheeling and cycling a safe and attractive option for visitors and the people of Ōtepoti Dunedin. Consultation opens Monday, September 14 and closes 16 October and the public is invited to share their opinions and ideas through [Currently consulting on](#). More information about the draft strategy can be found [Ōtepoti Pathways Strategy](#).

The draft Ōtepoti Pathways Strategy sets a long-term direction for improving connections across the city for everyday travel, recreation and tourism. It recognises that walking, wheeling and cycling are part of a resilient and efficient transport network that supports communities now and in the future as our city grows.

The draft Ōtepoti Pathways Strategy responds to NZTA co-funding requirements, coordinates citywide improvements by teams and stakeholders, and supports funding decisions.

The draft strategy has been shaped by Government and DCC strategies, transport planning, community feedback, targeted stakeholder input and Council workshops.

The draft 30-year vision is: 'In Ōtepoti Dunedin, it is safe and easy for people of all ages and abilities to walk, cycle or wheel for everyday travel'. This vision is supported by four goals:

Safety and accessibility

All people in Dunedin can travel safely and independently to where they need to go in their everyday life and when visiting destinations across the city.

Choice and wellbeing

Our active transport system is safe, well-connected, attractive and easy to navigate, giving people a genuine choice to travel in ways that support their wellbeing and the environment.

Economic prosperity and tourism

Our city has strong active transport connections to tracks, trails and key destinations, which will strengthen tourism and support local businesses and our economy.

Traffic reliability and resilience

Our transport system continues to support reliable traffic flow while our city grows and is resilient to local and global disruptions.

Help shape the future of walking, cycling and wheeling in Ōtepoti Dunedin.

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while our city grows and is resilient to local and global disruptions.

Five priority areas have been identified where investment will be focused:

- Central City
- Hill Suburbs (Kaikorai, Māori Hill, Roslyn, Helensburgh, Wakari, Halfway Bush, Brockville)
- South Dunedin and Caversham
- Mosgiel
- Andersons Bay and Musselburgh.

These areas have been prioritised because of their population density, many schools and workplaces. They also enable travel to and from key visitor destinations, supporting economic development through tourism growth.

The strategy includes an investment hierarchy that outlines that closing gaps and connecting existing routes within identified priority areas are a priority. Aligning with other investment and development opportunities outside of priority areas is a second priority.

Future connections across the Dunedin region and city are shown on maps, with more detail provided within the five priority areas. These connections link key locations that could be improved for walking, cycling and wheeling over the next 30 years.

Following consultation, Council will consider feedback before deciding whether to adopt the final Ōtepoti Pathways Strategy.

If adopted and following decisions on the DCC's 10 year plan 2027-2037, Council will continue to work with residents, property owners, businesses, mana whenua, community organisations and government agencies to advance walking and cycling projects and improvements.



Justice of the Peace - Service Desk

Port Chalmers Library

Our friendly Justice of the Peace are available to assist you with documentation.

Our services

- Statutory declarations
- Witnessing of signatures
- Document certification
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11.00am – 1.00pm every Friday.



Port Chalmers DCC Library & Service centre

Celebrate spring at Port Chalmers Library with our "Hello Spring" school holiday activities! Tamariki and whānau can enjoy free self-directed spring crafts in a warm, welcoming space. Enjoy a spring scavenger hunt, colouring pages, and hands-on activities perfect for families to learn, connect, and play.

CRAFTERNOON

Get crafty at the library! Join us on the third Thursday of every month for a FREE CRAFTernoon session. FREE, Thursday 15th October, 1.30 – 2.30pm. All materials supplied.

TECH HELP 1-2-1 (Drop-in sessions)

From apps and smartphones to digital photos and editing. Help is available for a range of tech needs. FREE First Wednesday of the month, 2.00pm - 3.00pm

WIFI, PRINTING AND SCANNING

Port Chalmers Library provides: FREE WIFI via the Aotearoa People's Network Kaharoa (APNK), available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, inside and outside of the building.

A4 black & white or colour printing available including print from your own device. (Charge Applies) FREE scanning to a USB or email.

Library Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday 9.30am to 5.30pm

Late night Thursday until 8.00pm

Saturday 11.00am to 2.00pm. **The Port Library Team**



Port Chalmers & District Lions

The Port Lions Club collects **used eyeglasses and sunglasses** for recycling and distribution across Pacific Island nations. Prescription glasses are refurbished and matched to new owners, while sunglasses help protect patients recovering from cataract surgery.

If you have surplus eyeglasses, please drop them at Port Pharmacy or Digiart, or pass them to any Lions member. Your donation gives someone the chance to see the beauty of life that many of us take for granted.

Our annual Lily Bulbs sales has started. Bulbs will cost \$4.00 each. There are nine varieties available - Liber Snow and White Tornado (white); Concor D'or (Yellow); Imax, Palazzo and Mundana (Red); Liber Lady and Waverider (Pink). Please see our Facebook page for the photos of these lily bulbs and how to order the them.

We have another successful project manning a water station with the Terra Nova Sea Scouts for the Emerson Dunedin Marathon at the Vauxhall Yacht Club carpark in Anderson Bay supporting the Terra Nova Sea Scouts with their participation at the New Zealand Scouts Jamboree in December.

Like many volunteer organisations we need new members to help continue the work we do to support the West Harbour community. We need new members and would love to host you at one of our Dinner meetings – they are held on the **4th Wednesday of the month**. The next one is on **Wednesday October 28** from 6.30pm at the **Port Chalmers Town Hall**. Come along and meet our members and learn more about how you can be involved. Don't be shy. Please contact our Lions Club President **Merv Read** on 03 472 8939 or email: portlions.president@lionsclubs.org.nz

For any information or inquiries on our activities or about joining the club, please contact **Club President Lion Merv Read** for more information.

Email: portlions.president@lionsclubs.org.nz

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10 Questions...with Barbara Olah

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

This month is Barbara Olah (pictured). Barbara is originally from Hungary but has lived in NZ since she was 15, with a four year stint in Aussie as well. She has been a resident of West Harbour for about 10 years now. Barbara is a firefighter and while she doesn't have too much time for hobbies, she is elected to the West Harbour Community Board and the Port Chalmers School Board and she loves travel, reading, fitness, food and training her Doberman, Bubbles.



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

A. Any of my ancestors I never got the chance to meet, especially on my dad's side, also my brother and sister in law from the UK. The shadow side of living on this beautiful land at the end of the earth is missing family...

Q. What are your three favourite movies?

A. The Godfather series, the Neverending Story and Spaceman.

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

A. My first car was a Mark 4 Ford Cortina station wagon that I traveled around the country in and slept in the back. If money was no object, I'd have a limo with a driver and all the mod cons!

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

A. Beef pörkölt (known as goulash in English) with home made pasta and a selection of Hungarian pickles, with a lovely glass of red and some cake to finish it off with.

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

A. Costa Rica, any tropical Pacific Island and some of the many states in the US that I haven't been to yet, like Texas, Vermont and New Hampshire.

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

A. Probably a doctor or lawyer. My dad always said I have a knack for arguing so should go into law.

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

A. Writing.

Q. What is the best book you have read?

A. *The Clan of the Cave Bear* by Jean M. Auel.

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

A. .Ooh, so many places and times, but firstly I'd visit the Danube Delta around 4000BC for it's amazing biodiversity and also the Crimean Peninsula around 45,000BC to check out the prehistoric humans who lived there, so I could see for myself whether the Clan of the Cave Bear is historically correct.

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

A. Lighter with fuel, machete and fishing equipment.

Ange McErlane

Special General Meeting The Rothesay News

The Rothesay News is holding a Special General Meeting on Wednesday 14 October 2026 at 6.30pm in the Rolfe Room (opposite the Library in the foyer). All welcome.

What's on this month on the West Harbour

- ELECTION Q & A - With Opportunity David Bainbridge-Zafar, Wednesday 7 October, 7.00pm - 8.30pm, Port Chalmers Library. Come along and ask him anything.

- Kōpūtai People's Party and The Wild Chitokakas bring you Election Tour 2026! Come and join us for a night of political satire and groove-heavy mischief on Saturday October 17 at the Waitati Hall. Doors open 7.30pm, band starts at 8pm. \$15 on the door - cash only. BYO refreshments

- Dunedin Brain Sing - for anyone with a neurocognitive condition, their carers or supporters. A fun and casual singing group for people affected by brain injury. Tuesdays, Caversham Baptist Church, 239 South Road, 10.30am to 11.30am, Gold Coin Donation. For information and to register contact: manager.dunedin@brain-injury.org.nz Brain Injury Otago phone: 03 471 6156

- 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 and Thursday from 6.00pm to 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 to 10.30pm during school term for a chat and cuppa. All welcome. Please phone 471 0410 for more information.

- 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 Saturdays. 2pm to 4pm (excluding school/public holidays) 2 Athol Place, Ravensbourne (just off Ravensbourne Road). New members welcome. Look for the yellow sign during opening hours and for the yellow sign on Ravensbourne Road.

- Senior Citizens Meet each Tuesday at 1pm 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 second Tuesday of each month at 7.00pm. For information contact Mary Fahey 021 259 2417. Come join us.

- Holy Trinity Port Chalmers. Main Service - 10am, Sunday. Family Service first Sunday of the month.

- St Mary's Star of the Sea, Magnetic St, Port Chalmers. Mass 5pm 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 second and fourth Sundays. All welcome.

- Bookshare @ Port Chalmers Library - first Friday of the month at 11am.

- Sawyers Bay Garden Club - meets at Emmanuel Church Hall, Sawyers Bay, at 7pm on the second Monday of the month. For information contact Secretary Karlina 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 26 September 2026 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 and spinning. Monday 05 and 19 October, 11am or 1pm. 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. We welcome 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 Thursdays Cubs (ages 8-11) 6.00pm - 7.30p Tuesdays; Scouts (ages 11-14) 6pm to 8pm Thursdays. Venturers (ages 14-18) 6pm to 8pm Thursday; meeting at Ravensbourne Scout Hall contact Skip (Tom) for more information at terranova@group.scouts.nz or 027 343 5364

- Port Chalmers Swim Club Please contact Hazel Scoles (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.

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

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Saturday 9.00am - 3.00pm

We are now doing
vaccinations for both the flu
and COVID 19

Monday - Friday 3.30pm -
5.00pm

Saturday 9.00am - 3.00pm

Port Chalmers Swimming Pool

Hours

School Term (1 & 4)

Lane Swimming only

Mon-Fri 6.00am - 9.00am
12 noon - 1.30pm

Tues & Thurs 5.30pm-7.00pm
Sat & Sun -10am - 11am

Leisure Swimming

Mon, Wed, Fri - 3pm -7pm
Tues & Thurs 3pm - 4.30pm
Sat & Sun - 11am - 5pm

School Holiday Times

Lane Swimming only

Mon-Fri 9.30am - 11am
Sat & Sun -10am - 11am

Leisure Swimming

Mon - Fri - 11.00am - 5pm
Sat & Sun 11am - 5pm

Please note: during the week the pool may be open for swimming at times outside of those listed above, Please phone the pool (03 471 9780) or check the whiteboard at reception for availability.

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West Harbour Community Board Meeting

Next meeting

21 October 2026 6.00pm

Any inquires or to submit
information or participate in next
public forum contact Lauren Riddle
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The Rothesay News community October 2026. Circulation 2,540, Ravensbourne to Aramoana. Copy deadline 10th of the month prior. Copy should be submitted as a virus-free emailed text document. Images should be greyscale with a minimum of 300 dpi in jpg format. Community News articles should be 100-280 words, and may be abridged at the editor's discretion. Any notices not submitted as paid advertisements are subject to space availability. Preference is given to news of interest to the wider community, and promoting future events. Photos to be captioned and named. Contributions to have a contact name and phone number. The views and opinions expressed by contributors and correspondents in printed articles, are not necessarily shared by the editor, or any member of The Rothesay News Committee.



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Port invests \$28m in new straddles

The new dredge Kapuka is only a few short months away. The Lower Harbour channel is now at 14m and ready to accommodate mid-size container vessels (up to 10,000TEU). Tug Ōtepoti has seamlessly joined our marine fleet as the second 70t bollard pull tug, alongside Tug Taiaroa. The new rail pad at Port Chalmers Container Terminal is operating like clockwork. And progress on Southern Link inland port at Mosgiel is ticking along in a positive direction. What next...?

How about 10 new straddle carriers for the Port Chalmers Container Terminal.

We've just placed an order worth \$28m for 10 Konecranes Noell hybrid straddle carriers. They will be built to order in Würzburg Germany, with a scheduled delivery of August 2027.

The terminal's current fleet of 14 straddle carriers has an average age of 17 years. (We strategically extended their working lives, while we determined their optimal replacement machines.) Ten of the existing fleet are diesel fuelled and four are diesel/electric. The 10 new straddles will replace the 10 diesel machines.

Hybrid straddles represent 90-95% of current world-wide straddle production, and the Konecrane model is capable of being converted to fully electric or hydrogen when these alternative fuels become economically viable.

Port Otago has ordered 10 new Konecranes Noell hybrid straddle carriers for the Port Chalmers Container Terminal. They are scheduled to arrive in August next year.



Locals appreciate the beauty of St Clair and soon the world's best surfers will be appreciating it too.

[Photo courtesy of Nick Beadle, STW Studio.]

Port gets behind World Surf League

In a South Island first, St Clair Beach is hosting the World Surf League's (WSL) Qualifying Series and Pro Junior competition from March 16-21 2027, and again in 2028 and 2029. And Port Otago is on (the surf ;)) board as a major partner.

When it comes to surfing events, this is big. Around 200 surfers – including local top New Zealand surfers Alexis Owen and Zara Owen – will compete with the goal of earning up to 4000 ranking points toward qualification for the elite Challenger Series and future Olympic qualification.

As for St Clair, it's the WSL's southernmost event and the only South Island location on the regional circuit. It's estimated to bring 2500 visitors and NZ\$4.16m to the Dunedin economy during each of the three years.

Expect a festival atmosphere alongside the surfing. Organisers are planning live music, food and coastal sustainability activities.

It's the sustainability activities that we're planning to get in behind. Through WSL One Ocean, the league actively promotes the importance of protecting the ocean for the generations of surfers to come. Priority actions are coastal restoration and conservation, eliminating plastic and taking climate action. Expect a strong Port Otago presence at the March event's coastal clean ups – and for us to be encouraging locals, schools and community groups to come along and make a difference, while also enjoying the atmosphere.