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Editors Note ... What a great bunch of blokes. In April I had the opportunity to catch up with the new committee of the East Otago Blokes Shed aka 'Men's Shed'. I asked the question, what is a Men's Shed? And the answer can be long! but to put it in a rather large nutshell, a men's shed brings men together in one community space to share their skills, have a laugh, and work on practical tasks individually (personal projects) or as a group (for the shed or community).

Anyone is welcome to join, it's easy! A preliminary health and safety check on the wide range of equipment and tools they offer, as they don't want anyone losing a limb, then you're ready to enjoy

the wide range of projects the men have in the pipeline.

The sort of projects a shed tackles is entirely up to the shed concerned, however most sheds around New Zealand take on some community projects, examples of which include building lilliput libraries, repairing toy library stock, repairing, building planter boxes for the main street of the local central business district, and the list goes on. If you are a community group and need assistance with a project, have a chat with Men's Shed, they may be able to assist or offer great advice.

The group meet every Monday and Wednesday from 8.30am until mid-day and some Saturdays by arrangement. The large equipped premises is located at Hawksbury Village. **Email: eoblokesshed@gmail.com for more information.**

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WAIKOUAITI AND KARITANE SCHOOL

I thought things have been a bit heavy lately, so here's a bit of cheer from our tamariki. Editor's article

Harry Hurst, 8 yrs, Waikouaiti School
Have you learned anything new lately? I have learn't more about cows. *What makes you proud of your school?* We help each other when some people are sad. *If you worked for your school, who's job would you have?* My mum's. *If you had to become a teacher for the day, what would you teach?* I would teach everyone to read.

Heather Morrison, 8 yrs, Waikouaiti School
If you had all the money in the world what would you buy the school? Horses. *Tell me about the best part of your day?* Getting to play with my friends outside at school.

Olly Beel, 8 yrs, Waikouaiti School
What makes you proud of your school? Its big and lots of good people here. *What is one thing you would change about your class?* That you could bring dirt bikes to class and do wheelies *What do you want to be when you leave school?* A farmer.

Mia Gorman, 9 yrs, Karitane School
Tell me something about your teacher this year? Mrs P is hilarious and she helps a lot, she is a great teacher. *Tell me about the best part of your day?* I love playing and having fun, everyone here cares for one another. *What do you want to be when you leave school?* An art teacher.

Libby Cooper, 8 yrs, Waikouaiti School
Have you learned or tried anything new lately? Yes, different styles in maths. *If you had all the money in the world, what would you buy for the school?* Free lunch for the whole school. *What is one thing you would change about your class?* So we don't have to wear masks anymore.

Jessica Norgrove-Thorley, 10 yrs, Karitane School
Have you learned or tried anything new lately? I made a blog for my school and I have been doing coding and animating. *What makes you proud of your school?* Our equipment, bike track and fun activities. *If you worked for your school, who's job would have have?* Christine our newsletter editor.

Cyrus Burrow, 10 yrs, Karitane School
What is one thing you would change about your class? More squishy mats. *If you had all the money in the world, what would you buy for your school?* A giant pool. *What do you want to be when you leave school?* A policeman. *If you had to become a teacher for the day, what would you teach?* How to put bikes together and how to change tyres.

Theresa Mola, 8 yrs, Waikouaiti School
If you had all the money in the world what would you buy for the school? Free McDonalds for everyone. *What's the biggest difference between this year and last year at school?* Way harder and more learning.

Mae Clarkson, 10 yrs, Karitane School
What makes your proud of your school? It's a small school, but has got cool things and the teachers are nice. *What are you looking forward to at Easter?* An easter hunt with my friends. *Tell me about the best part of your day?* Playtime with my friends.

Landon Scott, 8 yrs, Waikouaiti School
Have you learned or tried anything new lately? More soccer tricks. *If you had to become a teacher for a day, what would you teach in class?* I would teach everyone soccer. *What makes you proud of your school?* We make lots of friends.

Rocket King-Raffills, 6 yrs, Karitane School
Tell me something about your teacher this year? She is a great swimming teacher, "she's our teacher". *What's exciting about the holidays?* Time with family.



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If you are sick, or can't leave home to buy food or essential supplies, you can ask family, whānau, friends or neighbours to drop off goods and groceries for you. Deliveries should be contactless and kept local. If you need food urgently (eg if you need food in the next 24 to 48 hours), our local Foodbank can help. We also have isolation food packs ready for distribution, you don't need a referral just email us powa.ed@gmail.com.

The Waikouaiti RSA

would like to take this opportunity to thank the local community for generously continuing to support the annual Poppy Appeal and for their attendance at our Anzac Day parade.

Waikouaiti RSA Executive**Alan Cooper**

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Waikouaiti Volunteer Fire Brigade April. From the writing of last month's report to this month's report we have had 7 calls for the month - MVA x 2, Fire x 3, Other x 1, PFA x 1

Electric blankets

- If your electric blanket or cord is showing any signs of wear, have it checked by a competent service person or have it replaced. Do not take the risk.
- Always make sure that your electric blanket is switched off before getting into bed.
- Never use pins or sharp objects to secure the electric blanket to the bed and never tuck it in under the bed.
- If the blanket becomes soiled, sponge it lightly and allow to dry naturally on a flat surface. Do not dry-clean or use a washing machine or spin dryer.
- When putting your electric blanket away for summer, do not fold it – roll it

Fire season

The fire season is still restricted. It's easy to apply for a permit. Just go to www.checkitsalright.nz and follow the instructions. Check the local weather conditions at www.checkitsalright.nz - if it's hot, windy or the fire danger is high - please don't light your fire - even if you have a permit.

Smoke alarms

Waikouaiti Fire Brigade can supply and install smoke alarms into your home or rental property (it is law that all rental properties have working smoke alarms). Please give us a call on a Wednesday night to see which alarm would suit your home. We still have a supply of smoke alarms that we are installing into certain homes free of charge, please give us a call on a Wednesday night to see if you fit the criteria as it would be great to see every home in our area have working smoke alarms.

David McLeod, Chief Fire Officer Waikouaiti

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High Tea Project

East Otago Events Centre
Date advertised in newsletter
Ph Sonya 027 253 9205

Lions Club of Palmerston

New members very welcome. 2nd Monday of each month, starting at 6pm, Waihemmo Lodge. Ph Bruce 465 7884 or Ronald 465 1331.

Men's Shed

New members welcome.
Contact: Neil Kennedy - kennedy.rjneil@gmail.com

R.S.A.

Meets every Friday from 4.30pm Pratt St Waikouaiti. Meet new friends over a meal and a drink in a warm & friendly atmosphere. Ph Warren MacLeod 0212679987 or 465-7079. Hall available for hire.

Waikouaiti Community Garden

Contact: Robin Mutch 0274 404 844

Waikouaiti/Karitane Living Alone Group

3rd Tuesday of the month. 12mid-day Outpost Cafe.
Ph Lois 465 7492 or Joan 465 7728.

For Families**Waikouaiti-Palmerston Toy Library**

Open Saturdays 10.30 - 12.00 Located at the Racecourse. Email or just drop in to see what we have to offer parents and grandparents alike. Variety of affordable membership options from \$5 to \$60 and free toy hire of a great range of toys 0-8 years.

East Otago Playgroup

Coffee group for parents and children (under 5) 9.30 - 11.30 every Wednesday during School Term at Waikouaiti Plunket Rooms, East Otago Events Centre. Ph. Annabel 027 2291 608 (Community Support Co-ordinator) for more info or just drop in.

Te Kakano "Free" Nurse Led Clinic

Held monthly at Puketeraki ki Huirapa Marae
Contact Tumai Ora Whanau Services 4657651
Or KTKO Ltd 4770071

Try Something New**East Otago Buddy Programme**

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East Otago Creative Fibre (Spinners & Weavers)

1st Thursday of the month, 10am - 2pm. St John's Church Hall, Beach St, Waikouaiti. All welcome. Ph: Pam Sinton 021 02745979 or Judy Watson (03) 465 1178

East Otago Art Group

Meet fortnightly at 10.30am. St Johns Church, Beach Street. All welcome.
Ph: Reywa 022 254 7620

Eastern Boating Fishing Club

Enquires: Kerrie Boock 027 358 8769 or Eric Boock (027 686 9939) easternbfclub@gmail.com

East Otago Creative Artisans

Contact: Reywa Brown 022 354 7620

East Otago Embroiderer's Guild

Hawksbury Village. New members welcome. Every 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday of the month @ 9.30am. President Pearl Stenhouse 021 262 8289

East Otago Musical Theatre Inc.

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Secretary - Sharleen Snock
Treasurer - Sonya Watson
03 465 1401

East Otago Social Bridge Club

RSA 10 Pratt St Waikouaiti Bridge is every Wednesday night. Please be seated by 6.50pm
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East Otago Woodturners inc.

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Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm. Ph 465 7300.

Movement to Music

St Johns Church, Beach St, every Tuesday 10 am,
Contact :
Lynne Holden 03 4658413 or 021 071 5562.
Gold coin drop in.
New members welcome.

Otago Eastern District Camera Club

Meet on every 2nd Monday at 7.30pm at the St Mary's Church Hall, Stromness St. Palmerston. New Members welcome.
Contact: Tracey Clare 0274 533 230
eastotagocameraclub@gmail.com

The Waitaki Writer's Group

Meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at 1.30 in the St John Hall, Exe Street, Oamaru. President Chris Stewart on 434 8800
waitakiwriters@yahoo.co.nz

Volunteer South

The Business Hive, 26 Ribble St Oamaru. On-site Wednesday only, available Mondays & Fridays, 10am to 4pm
Contact: Julia 027 237 9304
Dunedin Community House, 283 - 301 Moray Place, Dunedin
Open Monday - Friday, 10am to 4pm
Contact: Office 03 471 6206
Everyone is welcome to drop in at either locations. Email: info@volunteersouth.org.nz

Waikouaiti Creative Crafts

Hawksbury Village coffee lounge, beside the church
9.20am - 2 pm every 2nd and 4th Wednesday
Ph Cathy 027 201 1463 or Christine 021 235 1883

Waikouaiti Garden Club

Last Monday of the month @ 7.30pm. Waikouaiti Events Centre, Supper Room. Ph Stuart Brown 465 7646

Waikouaiti Golf Club

Tuesday 10am report. Friday 12.45pm report. Saturday 12.15pm report. Ph 465 7129 or email waikouaitigolf@gmail.com

Waikouaiti Rodeo Club

Ph Logan Rowland 021 0257 6513.

Waikouaiti Community Garden

Ph Robin 0274 404 844

Fitness and Fun**Eastern Rugby Club**

Ph Abby Lynch 027 885 5105
easternrugbyclub@gmail.com

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Thursday's 9.30am - 10.30am.
Moana Gow Pool, Hawksbury. Ph Bev 465 8203.

Karitane Bowling Club

Thursday from 4.00pm October - March. Social bowls followed with a \$3 BBQ. Newcomers welcome. Coaching provided. Ph Bob 021 055 8501 / Shelley 465 1404

Karitane Indoor Bowling Club

Winter season only, April - Sept. Tues 1.00pm Karitane Hall. Come and enjoy social indoor bowls.
Contact: Neil 4658184 or Murray 465 7363.

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Thursday 2pm (Beginners)
Friday 9:30 and 10:45 (advanced)
Phone Joy Justice 465-8313

Twilight Tennis

Wednesday 6.30pm. Want a game? Ph Sarah McMillan 021 207 2486

Waikouaiti Indoor Bowling Club

Wednesdays 7-9pm at the EOEC
Ph. Phil Hammond 465 8157 or Ph. Eva Hammond 465 7790

Waikouaiti Outdoor Bowling Club

Contact Eva 465 7790 or Colleen 465 7558
Club Day Thursday 2.00pm

Waikouaiti Yoga

East Otago Events Centre
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Thursday's 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Contact: Nicola 021 0862 0140
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What's going on? Eastern Boating Fishing Club

Have you noticed something fishy going on in Karitane? The Eastern Boating Fishing Club was established back in 1979 and some of the original founders of the club are still members. Nearly 60 families belong to the Club and there's a lot going on.

Club Day is once a month providing the Weather Gods are kind. At the end of a Club Day, there's always a BBQ, liquid refreshments and a weigh-in with prizes. Members who haven't been out for the day often drop in to join the BBQ and there's a get-together on Friday evenings at the Clubroom so why not drop in, meet a few members and find out a bit more. If you have a boat of any size, a waka or a kayak that you can fish from, you are welcome to join. If you don't own a boat, members with boats will always try to find a place for you. You need your own fishing gear but even if you don't have this yet, you are welcome to join for the socials.

This Club is very active. For example, every summer there a popular annual Festival Competition which is well advertised. At the end of that day, the catch is weighed and then auctioned off and the fisher folk celebrate with prizes and a BBQ at the Club House. In the spirit of community, the money raised at the auction is donated to a local good cause and earlier this year, the Waikouaiti Playcentre received \$1,100 from the Club. There's a Ladies Day Fishing Competition with a prize for the best catch and the best fascinators, so even if you don't fish, you can still get a prize for your fascinators!

The Club runs a Kids Day each year with a focus on education. Earlier this year, Kids Day involved going to the beach in Warrington to learn about shellfish and collecting cockles with a prize for the biggest, though measuring was a challenge! At the BBQ, the kids feasted on tua tua patties (with their chips) and enjoyed a lolly scramble.

This is the group for you if you enjoy a little bit of adventure on the high seas and can tell a tall tale about the one that got away. A Club for families and people of all ages. If you are new to the area, you are especially welcome – a great way of getting to know your neighbours.

More information: Phone Eric 027 686 9939 or Kerrie 027 358 8769
Email: easternbfclub@gmail.com Facebook: Eastern Boating and Fishing Club

Meeting: Monthly Club day (weather dependent). Friday night social at the Club room. Cost: \$40 per year (family or individual). Venue: Fishing Clubroom, Karitane Reserve Road. Launch at Karitane. To find out what's going on in the Waikouaiti and Karitane area go to <https://www.waikouaiti.co.nz> and check out Directories.

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WCHC Winter Workshops- Our inaugural winter workshops will be held at the Heritage Centre 200 Main Road Waikouaiti. Each workshop costs \$85 with a maximum of 10 people at each session.

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Workshop three

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Facilitator Kate Mossman
Monday 8th August 1pm - 4pm approx.

PEWS NEWS

Presbyterian Parish of Waikouaiti-Karitane

1 May 10am shared Communion Service, Karitane Church led by Rev Hilary Oxford-Smith
8 May 10am shared Communion Service at St John's Anglican Church
15 May 10am Service at Karitane Church, led by the Robertson Family
22 May 10am Service at Waikouaiti Church
29 May 10am Ecumenical Service at Waikouaiti Church, Kildare Street

St Annes Catholic Church
CATHOLIC SERVICES MASS
TIMETABLE

Palmerston - Blessed Sacrament 12pm, 1st Sunday of the month.
Waikouaiti - St Anne's 12pm, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sunday of the month

Anglican Church

8 May 10am with Rev Joy Hamilton-Jones
15 May 10am reserved sacrament
22 May 10am reserved sacrament
29 May 10am join Presbyterian at Kildare street

Hawksbury Christian Fellowship

Services at 10am every Sunday at Hawksbury Village Chapel

Also weekly bible study groups, ladies' group, and monthly men's breakfast. All welcome. For more information contact: Rodger & Ruth Mangai 021 126 5775 or Peter & Thelma Arnott, (03) 465-7898.

EAST OTAGO BLOKES SHED UPDATE

On the 2nd April a special meeting was held to elect a committee to take over from the founding group who have been successful in putting in place a framework for the new executive to administer the shed.

The founding group registered "The Shed" with the Incorporated Societies, found a building, organised a grant from the Waikouaiti Community Board for the first 3 months rent and also successfully received a grant from the Otago Community Trust to purchase the workshop machinery. While this grant was being sought, a member of the founding group purchased the machinery to ensure it stayed in the shed. Other "community personalities" assisted in the background to achieve this result which is why we have one of the best equipped Blokes Sheds in Otago.

One of our first local projects is to construct Lilliput Library Boxes for a Local Group. Despite our extensive range of tools and machinery we would like to obtain a container for our engineering types to do welding and other stuff.

Regards Neil Kennedy

Soft plastics recycling is back!

BAGS: bread, biscuit and chips, rice and pasta, fresh produce, frozen food, pet food, potting mix, courier, cereal, coffee and tea.

WRAP: bubble, confectionary, snacks, toilet roll and hygiene.

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Community Board Update

The Buses are Coming

Below is the initial timetable for the long-awaited weekend bus service. Covid has been getting in the way of things, but ORC hope to have the service up and running during May. The actual start date will be well advertised.

Palmerston to City - Saturday				
Palmerston	Waikouaiti	Karitane	Waitati	Bus Hub
8:00	8:20	8:30	8:50	9:10
11:00	11:17	11:26	11:41	12:00
16:45	17:02	17:11	17:26	17:45
City to Palmerston - Saturday				
Bus Hub	Waitati	Karitane	Waikouaiti	Palmerston
12:00	12:25	12:40	12:50	13:05
18:00	18:25	18:40	18:50	19:05
21:00	21:25	21:40	21:50	22:05
23:00	23:25	23:40	23:50	0:05
Palmerston to City - Sunday				
Palmerston	Waikouaiti	Karitane	Waitati	Bus Hub
8:00	8:20	8:30	8:50	9:10
16:45	17:02	17:11	17:26	17:45
City to Palmerston - Sunday				
Bus Hub	Waitati	Karitane	Waikouaiti	Palmerston
13:00	13:25	13:40	13:50	14:05
18:00	18:25	18:40	18:50	19:05

If you have any issues with this new extended service, please feel free to contact me.

Alasdair Morrison, Chairman, Waikouaiti Coast Community Board
info@calmarine.co.nz : Mobile 0274 354 384

GARDENING IN MAY

As the last leaves of autumn fall now is the time to protect your garden from frosts and harvest the ever classic Feijoa for warm winter crumbles.



- A greenhouse in the garden will allow you to continue to grow many salad vegetables like Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cucumbers and Capsicum in spite of cooler temperatures.
- Sow seeds of Beetroot, Broccoli, Broad Beans, Cabbage, Carrots, Onions, Radish, Spinach, Swedes and Turnips directly into your garden bed.
- As your Leeks grow, pile up the soil around the stems to provide support and keep the stem white.
- If your vege patch won't be used over winter, consider sowing blue lupin or mustard seed as a winter 'green' crop. This is an easy, natural way to add nutrients and improve soil structure for spring.
- In frost free areas plant another crop of potatoes, a potato planter will allow you to grow them in a warm sheltered area of your garden or patio.
- Plant your shallot and garlic bulbs now.
- Plant your first Strawberries -well established plants will fruit earlier and for longer this spring and summer.
- Feed citrus trees to maintain foliage colour and good health.
- Mulch vegetables and fruit trees with compost.
- Protect young seedlings from slugs and snails.
- Cut back your Asparagus to within 15cm of ground level after the stems turn yellow.



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Waikouaiti Indoor Bowls Club

The Waikouaiti Indoor Bowls Club had its opening night as planned on Wednesday 20th April at 7.00pm. There was a good turnout and it was decided to hold our postponed AGM the next week. There were fifteen attending, three apologies, a very happy atmosphere and an enjoyable evening was had by all!

The meeting decided to keep their club night fee at a very reasonable \$3 for two hours of bowling – much cheaper than a cup of coffee! Furthermore, you don't have to own your own bowls. Indoor bowls are smaller than the outdoor ones and are supplied along with the mats and scoreboards.

The East Otago Events Centre Hall is possibly the best venue in Otago owing to its lovely floor, excellent lighting and spaciousness. Being local with plenty of free parking is a bonus so come along and try it out - you'll be very welcome and your first night is free! We meet on Wednesdays from 7.00 -9.00pm. For more information, please contact Phil on 027 358 3697 or Eva on 465 7790.

Waikouaiti Bowling Club

Outdoor bowling at Waikouaiti Bowling club has now officially finished for the season. The last occasion was celebrated by holding the Drawing Button event, an afternoon tea and a barbeque at the end of the day. We are now into a period of maintenance, renovation and repairs as necessary so no doubt the Greenkeeper will be contacting people as and when the need arises.

As a club we are dependent on the good will of our members to assist with various tasks both around the green and with the organising, cleaning and catering aspects of running the club. A big "Thank You" therefore to those members who helped throughout the season, especially to our Greenkeeper, John Dempster, and our President, Colleen Lee, for her constant attendance and support both at the club and elsewhere. We are very fortunate in our personnel!

Advance Notice – The Annual General Meeting will be on Thursday 2nd June at 2.00pm at the clubhouse. All welcome. Please feel free to wear your mask. The meeting will be followed by awarding of trophies and a social cuppa. For club information please contact the Secretary Eva Hammond Ph. 465 7790.



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KARITANE PLAYGROUND UPGRADE

The Dunedin City Council is starting upgrading work on the Karitane playground. It will be closed for the next three months while the work is carried out although completion may be delayed by the time taken to import equipment.

The DCC Group Manager Scott MacLean says helpful feedback from the Waikouaiti Maori Foreshore Trust Board (the play equipment is on Maori land) and the public on the designs and choice of equipment means the playgrounds will have features wanted by the communities who use them.

The Karitane playground makes the most of the coastal environment by encouraging inventive play in a natural setting. It will be a fitness course made of natural materials. The soft fall design is by local artist Alex Whitaker.

Planting season begins at Bushey



Preparations are underway for the start of the planting season. The Source to Sea team is planning a dozen weekend planting days for volunteers throughout the year, starting at Bushey on the edge of Waihemo Shag River estuary on Sunday 1 May, 10am to 3pm.

We hope you can join us - bring a spade, gloves and gumboots, your lunch and a drink. Park in the paddock opposite the southern entrance of Walsh Road, SH1, just south of the Matanaka Shag Point turn off. Then it's on to planting at Long Beach on Sunday 15 May and Saturday 28 May (10am-3pm). You're welcome to just turn up to weekend planting days. But if you can spare some time during the week, please contact Jeanne (jeanne@haloproject.org.nz or ph 022 095 0772).

Are you keen to know which native species to plant at your place? Check out our planning and planting guides to forest restoration, available on our website or contact us to order hard copies www.haloproject.org.nz/resources.

Residents Survey highlights engagement with wildlife

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Residents Survey! We are happy with the response we've had, and the lucky winners are happy with their prizes! All our respondents have one thing in common - they take notice of wildlife in their backyards. There is also a consensus that possums, followed by mustelids (stoats, ferrets and weasels), have a high impact on native biodiversity. And, many people are supportive of humane predator control projects aimed at protecting rare and threatened species and improving habitat quality. Safe and humane methods, including kill trapping and shooting, are widely supported. Half of our respondents control mice, rats and possums on their properties (by various means). Following us on Facebook @halobeyondorokonui.



We aim to engage and work with our communities to enhance, protect and connect with the landscape.

Forest restoration planning and planting guide for landowners in the Halo Project area



A companion document to "A planning guide to native forest restoration for landowners with native forest remnants"



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PUMP TRACK BUILDING SKILLS AND RESILIENCE



Karitane kids now have one more reason to jump out of bed and go to school every morning — their own pump track.

Karitane Primary School opened the new pump track a couple of months ago and it's already proved a hit. Tamariki can use their own bikes and helmets or scooters or borrow any of the various sizes bought by the school as part of the project. These are only available during school hours. The school advises they are looking into lending bikes and scooters for other local school to use in the future.

Out of school hours and in the weekends come along with your own wheels and enjoy the pump track.



Article/Photo: Editor

Waikouaiti Coast Heritage Centre

Hallum is a well-known family name around these parts. The first Mr and Mrs Hallum were not John and Catherine. John, born in 1827 in Kincardine Scotland and Catherine (nee McGregor) in Perthshire, also in Scotland, arrived in Port Chalmers on Boxing Day, 1858.

They came out with one son, two and a half year old William, aboard the vessel Gloucester. The perilous journey took 14 weeks. All together they had 15 children, with three boys dying before reaching one year old. Many of their descendents still reside here in Otago. John passed in 1906 and Catherine in 1922.

Come in and visit the beautiful new Heritage building in Kildare Street. There is something to see, do and catch the eye of everyone. There is a facility for research and a great little retail area to match every budget. Friendly volunteers will be happy to see you. Our opening hours are Wednesday, Thursday 2-4pm and Friday, Saturday, Sunday 10am-4pm.

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Hawksbury Lagoon Committee

The Department of Conservation (DOC) reserve area on Stewart Street is progressing well. Mike Dewar has started mowing the area to create a large recreation area near the street, a smaller area proposed for picnics etc about half way to the water edge and a pathway. During the week a DOC ranger should be visiting to undertake weed spraying to keep the grasses controlled near the recently planted trees and flaxes. The design for the area was drawn up last year by local landscape architect Stefan Mutch. His vision is to create an area for both people to use and enjoy, wildlife to be safely protected and a great view of the lagoon to be visible from the street.

Some people local to Stewart Street have raised the issue of the domestic geese flock inhabiting the area. While the mowing of grass may discourage them, they can be further encouraged to return to the water by people walking their dogs in the reserve area and for them not to be fed. The photograph of the area taken by Shirley McKewen.

Pest of the Month – feral cats and domestic pussies

Feral (wild) cats and domestic cats are expert hunters and will catch not only birds but lizards, bats and insects. In built-up areas the native bird populations are declining due to people keeping cats as pets, the effect on other species is not known. A cat may kill up to 10-20 creatures a day, bringing home only about 25% of what they kill. A well-fed cat will still kill, as the drive to hunt is instinctive. The Otago Regional Council identifies feral cats as a pest species but their control is limited to specific areas and the Waikouaiti and Karitane areas are not included. For information on Project Halo covering the Karitane area, see the information below.

Cats are however beneficial to us as pets and to keep populations of vermin like mice, rats and rabbits down and out of our houses. While we have had people like Gareth Morgan calling for their elimination, some suburbs being cat-free and overseas areas introducing substantial fines if a cat strays off its property it seems timely to consider how risk to wild life can be reduced and guidelines are available. The key points covered in many of these are:

- Desexing your cat so there are no unwanted or stray kittens
- Microchipping your cat and registration on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register so it can be recognised and returned home if it is found away from your property.
- Not keeping more than one cat; not replacing a cat when it dies or replacing it with an indoor cat.
- Keeping cats indoors or in an outside enclosure such as a 'catio' or at least keeping them indoors 1 hour before dusk and 1 hour after dawn.
- Using a bell, or better several bells on a cat collar or a bright 'scrunchy' collar`

For further information see: <https://predatorfreenz.org/toolkits/know-your-target-predators/cat/> also <https://www.orc.govt.nz/managing-our-environment/pest-hub/animals/feral-cat> and <https://nzva.org.nz/resource/companion-animal/cat-ownership/>

In areas covered by Project Halo free microchipping may be available and there is advice specific to this programme. For further information see: 609db2e921d8f138091eb32f/1620947712635/Halo+cat+brochure+April+2021.pdf

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WAIKOUAITI LIBRARY

Sustainability Series: Designing and building a tiny house Catherine Barriga and Maria Callau (Architectural Designer at Sur Architecture) will talk about the process of designing and building Catherine's tiny home here in Waikouaiti. **Saturday May 14.** 11am. Booking essential, call 03 465 9110. FREE

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Saturday 7 May at 11am

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Music and movement for babies and toddlers (during school terms)
Friday mornings at 10.30am

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