

POWA Community NEWS



PROGRESS OF THE WAIKOUAITI AREA

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August 2024

Water Futures Community Hui: Understanding and responding to our changing environment

Our next POWA Hui is about coming together to understand our changing landscape and identify our unique problems with respect to water. We can begin to develop local solutions built upon *our* knowledge and *our* experiences of *our* East Otago environment. No one knows our area better than we do and no one is better placed than us to come up with suitable, community-led solutions to future situations.

Enjoy a free buffet lunch at 12 noon and then learn from the experts. Bring your questions, concerns and ideas.



Achievers: Winnie Tang and Kirsty Malloch. See page 5



Term two finished on an absolute high for Karitane School, with their participation at Hui Ako at the East Otago Events Centre. See page 7

WATER FUTURES COMMUNITY HUI

Understanding and
responding to our
changing
environment

WHEN AND WHERE

East Otago Events Centre
203 Main Road, Waikouaiti
18th August 2024 (Sunday)

12pm - 2pm *Free Event*

[All welcome. Lunch provided](#)

GUEST SPEAKERS

Jean-Luc Payan
Otago Regional Council

Simon Cox
GNS Science

Janet Stephenson and Sophie Bond
University of Otago

Kati Huirapa Runaka ki Puketeraki

Listen to the
experts, share
your knowledge
and take part in
the discussion



Mark Your Calendars

UPCOMING EVENTS



- ★ **Sunday 4 August**
Waikouaiti Market
9.30am – 1.30am
East Otago Events Centre
- ★ **Sunday 11 August**
Afternoon tea and Farewell for Bill and Kay Lang
3pm
Heritage Centre
- ★ **Sunday 18 August**
Water Futures Hui
12 noon – 2pm (free lunch at 12 noon)
East Otago Events Centre
- ★ **19-25 August**
Love the Library Week (daily events)
Waikouaiti Library
- ★ **Tuesday 20 August**
Deadline for POWA Community News contributions
Powa.editor@gmail.com
- ★ **Wednesday 21 August**
POWA AGM
7pm
Boardroom, East Otago Events Centre
- ★ **Saturday 24 August**
Heritage Centre AGM and presentation
by Allan Anderson
2.30pm
Heritage Centre
- ★ **Friday 30 August**
Daffodil Day
Waikouaiti and Karitane
- ★ **Saturday 31 August**
Firearms Licence Course
Palmerston RSA
- ★ **Tuesday 10 September**
First Aid Course for Parents
Plunket Rooms, Waikouaiti
- ★ **Saturday 21 September**
Waikouaiti Crop Swap. 10am – 11am
East Otago Events Centre

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or drop it into the POWA office, Events Centre, Waikouaiti by the **20th of the month**

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Daffodil Day; Friday August 30

The Waikouaiti branch of the Cancer Society will have stalls in Waikouaiti between the Outpost and the Waikouaiti Food Centre and at Karitane outside the Karitane Store.

Donations of plants, baking and produce will be appreciated and can be delivered to the stalls on the day.

Collection boxes and raffles will be in the Community from the 1st August.

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Caring Community: Progress of the Waikouaiti Area (POWA)

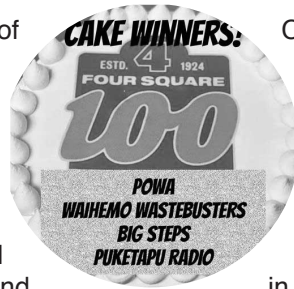
Recently, the POWA team was one of many local organisations nominated to win a cake provided by the Palmerston Four Square to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Four Square. And, the POWA team was one of four winners!

POWA receives funding from a number of organisations and plays a vital role in the Waikouaiti/Karitane/Hawksbury communities by offering events, services and information, including the POWA Community News that you are now reading. The purpose of POWA is to foster community engagement which means bringing people together, and we do this by collaborating with local clubs and groups and organising a range of diverse activities. By taking part, community members (and the POWA Team) are provided with opportunities for personal growth and skill-building. If you've attended one of our recent hui, you'll have gained some useful information that you can put into practice. You might have discussed the hui with whanau and were stimulated to research and develop your ideas further so that you can make informed decisions. But just as important, you might have caught up with someone you haven't seen for a while and renewed a friendship or support network. These intangible results of our efforts are often the most valuable.

We try to respond to the evolving needs and aspirations of our community. We're becoming more involved in environmental efforts, conservation, sustainability, resilience and we support local organisations and local businesses (and appreciate support from them).

Some of our activities since last August include: Publishing and delivering 11 editions of the POWA Community News, managing a Facebook page (647 followers) and the Waikouaiti Website. We operate the Foodbank (providing 51 parcels this year). We have expanded the Community Garden. We ran the POWA Fete along with the Garden Club's Spring Show last September and in conjunction with the Kati Huirapa Runaka ki Puketuraki we held a free Community Luncheon attended by around 80 people. Our Christmas themed High Tea in November was attended by over 60 people. It became a family affair with spot prizes and Santa in attendance.

Notable achievements include the renovation and installation of a flagpole as a directional signpost, near the



Community Gardens. And, you will have noticed our new mural in the Main Street. A sub-group researched the work of street artists, sources of funding and negotiated with the many groups involved. We appreciated the way the community and local organisations helped to fund it. Our June Community Resilience Hui was attended by around 120 people and we're in the process of planning two more hui.

There's still a lot to do and we welcome more members from Waikouaiti, Karitane, Hawksbury or the East Otago area. So, if you want to make a real difference to the lives of residents, consider joining our cake-winning team.

Commitment: Meeting, every 2nd Wednesday (mostly) of the month, from 7pm to 9pm at the East Otago Events Centre; Help out at the functions organised by POWA, if you are available; Become involved in sub-groups for activities that interest you.

The POWA AGM will be held on Wednesday 21 August at 7pm, Board Room (upstairs), East Otago Events Centre. You are invited to attend to find out more before making a commitment.

Contact: Sonya Billyard, POWA Office, East Otago Events Centre or email community.powa@gmail.com

Catherine Robinson



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Some of the POWA Team. From left Sonya Billyard, Nic Orbell, Judy Martin, Lynne Booth, Catherine Robinson and Stuart Brown
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WAIKOUAITI LIBRARY

192 Main Road, Waikouaiti ph 465 9110

Love the Library Week

Help us celebrate 19 -25 August; Scavenger Hunt for kids; Pin-up Poetry; Dragon Day Wednesday 21; Disco Day Friday 23; Fun Day on Saturday 24

Seed Library

We gave out a huge number of free seeds last year, and now we would really appreciate seeds from your garden for the coming year. Clean seed please – labelled with the plant name and date collected.

Digital Library

<https://www.dunedinlibraries.govt.nz/digital-library>
Read e-books, listen to e-audio, read e-mags (BorrowBox), read world newspapers (Press Reader), watch free movies (Beamafilm), enjoy a graphic novel (Comics Plus), do an online jigsaw (Jigsaw Explorer), get a craft lesson or idea (Creative Bug)

DCC Service Centre

Get your Bee Cards and top-ups, pay your rates, register your dog, pay parking fines, get your 75+ parking permit,
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Library Hours

Monday – Friday: 11am – 5pm
Saturday: 10am – 1pm

DCC Service Centre Hours

Monday – Friday: 11am – 5pm



poetry corner

This year, the East Otago Poets have accepted the challenge to write a poem on the theme of 'Our Place'. We hope you enjoy them. If you are inspired to join us, contact Eryn at the library: eryn.makinson@dcc.govt.nz

Waikouaiti Beach at sunset

Catherine Robinson

The bright white Otago light softens into gold.

*The craggy ridges of historic Matanaka glow,
bronze reflections in glistening sands
as the tide quietly recedes.*

*Pungent knots of tangled seaweed litter the frilly waters edge,
delicate wavelets flop listlessly while
unruly flocks of twittering, fluttering terns alight.*

*Hooves, paws, heels, toes, soles, form crumbling lines in
drying sand,*

someone's small forgotten shoe,

fading memories of those who came today.

*Driftwood sculptures, bleached and knurled, fragments of
broken scallop shells.*

*From the dunes, a pair of black oyster-catchers march,
red beaks plunging purposefully into the shallows, then
disappear among the glistening rocks.*

A gull glides overhead, wings fanned wide,

gracefully sweeping the greying pink flushed sky

*swoops, dives – splash! - to disturb the calm expanse of
evening sea.*

A seal, half buried in the cooling sand

*wakes from his dreams and yawns, shuffles on his belly
into the silvery water*

then swims gracefully. The search for dinner begins.

The fading sun behind the trees,

cast long shadows, a darkening beach,

a pale orange glow

a quite breeze, barely there

A sliver of moon on the far horizon, gathering clouds

To be alive here, now

My place

Catherine: Among other things, I'm a member of the POWA team and a boogie-boarding Silver Selkie (summer only). My favourite places are the Waikouaiti beach and our rambling garden.



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Achievers: Kirsty Malloch and Winnie Tang

Waikouaiti locals Kirsty Malloch and Winnie Tang, did their dojo and community proud at the recent Mas Oyama Kyokushin Karate National Championships in Christchurch. Kirsty a previous National title holder (2014) regained her title in the women's light weight division. Winnie in her first assay into knock down fighting put in two excellent performances despite giving away more than a third of her bodyweight to both opponents.

What's involved in making it to the mat? Preparations started 10 weeks prior with Kirsty and Winnie accepting the challenge. If you think the fights themselves - 3 minutes, bare knuckle full contact fighting with the possibility of two 2-minute extensions - sounds daunting, then the road to get there will put you right off. Ten weeks of intense bruising preparations are a genuine game changer. Their Sensei (instructor) commented: "At the start of the 12 weeks I could get away with playing. By the end of the ten weeks I had to work to keep up and I'm 35kg heavier than Kirsty and more like 50kg heavier than Winnie!"

At the competition, Kirsty faced off against North Island fighter Emily Dawson. One minute into the first round Kirsty scored her first half point with a kick to the inside thigh stopping Emily in her tracks. When the action continued Kirsty targeted the same leg, scoring a second time, Kirsty took her first victory.

Winnie was up against Becky Dack an Auckland black belt, last year's division winner. She had a five-inch height and 15kg weight advantage so it was an uphill battle for Winnie. If Becky was expecting a quick knock out finish it was denied, with the first round going the full three minutes and judges calling for an extension. In the round two, despite being tired, both fighters kept dishing it out but in the final seconds a nicely placed head kick from Becky left Winnie briefly stunned giving a half point advantage to Becky. A points advantage and the judges declared a victory for Becky Dack.

The Womens Final was between Becky Dack and Kirsty Malloch. Kirsty's approach was clinical, targeting the legs

from the outset to reduce the danger from Becky's quite exceptional head kicks, a plan that worked. They both closed the round on their feet and fighting hard. During the second round, both fighters gave their full repertoire, but fatigue set in so there wasn't a clear winner at the end of the round. Any fighter will tell you that entering the second extension becomes a battle of wills in that final round. To the audience's delight, both fighters came out energised in the 3rd round, staking their respective claim on the title. It was a tough decision for the four judges as it was a close contest. However, 1 minute 45 seconds into the final round Kirsty landed a heavy round kick to the body downing her opponent for a TKO victory.

A great day out for the Karitane team with plenty to celebrate. Kirsty brought home the Womens Light Weight title and Winnie proved that lethality and indomitable spirit can come in small packages.

If you're interested in testing your own mettle or developing a few skills alongside improved fitness, inquire through the Karitane Karate facebook page or email me: noah.heath@slingshot.co.nz

Noah Heath

Support Local:

Stardust Beauty

Tucked away in a stylish room at Petal Studios, Harwin Kaur has extended her Dunedin beauty therapy business to include Waikouaiti. Currently, she comes to Petal Studios on alternate Sundays focussing on nails and eyebrows. With her confident and friendly manner, she's built an inviting atmosphere where clients can relax and enjoy a bit of pampering.

Harwin gained her qualifications in India and her parents encouraged her to travel. She did further training in New Zealand and worked in Auckland for three years as an environmentalist. When she and her husband moved to Dunedin, she decided to do something different. 'I always wanted to work for myself, run a business,' she says. Building on her Beauty Therapist qualifications, she opened Star Dust in Moray Place. She uses quality products. 'I like to enhance people's natural beauty', says Harwin, whose clients are mainly women with a mixture of ages, 'and a lot of young girls come to have their nails done', she adds. As the business grows, she plans to offer different types of skin rejuvenation treatments in her Dunedin Salon, and extend this to Waikouaiti if there's a demand. There's a price list on Facebook or you can phone Harwin for details. If you want to treat someone, email Harwin to purchase a voucher.

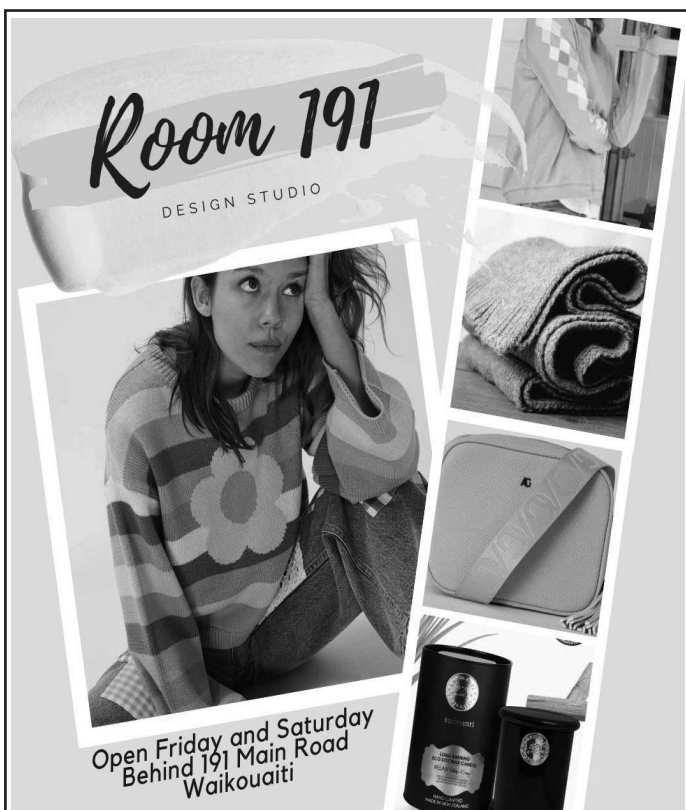
Venue: Petal Studios, Main Road, Waikouaiti

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Two ACT party ministers visited us during July. Mark Cameron is the spokesperson for Rural Communities (amongst a range of other responsibilities) and Todd Stephenson is the spokesperson for Arts, Culture and Heritage. We were pleased that Sophie Barker (and her daughter Charlotte) joined us. Sophie is a DCC councillor with a range of responsibilities who has taken an interest in our activities which we appreciate. Our visitors enjoyed a tour through the old bank building and were impressed with our 3-year-old purpose-built heritage facility. We outlined the process we went through to reach this goal and our continuing plans for restoration of the old bank building. We discussed the ongoing operating difficulties of small volunteer run museums in NZ. After a sumptuous morning tea (thank you Bev) they left in their pink van heading for Oamaru and Waimate.

We had 338 responses to our survey with 114 indicating they wanted the veranda to remain and 224 requesting it be removed. As a result, the veranda will be removed during the restoration process. A detailed summary of the survey results is on our website and Facebook page.

The Museum Committee is hosting an afternoon tea to farewell Bill and Kay Lang at the Heritage Centre on Sunday 11th August at 3pm. We extend an invitation to those who would like the opportunity to farewell the Langs before they leave for Australia.

A reminder about our **AGM on Saturday August 24th at 2.30pm in the Heritage Centre**. Allan Anderson, a well-known local fisherman will discuss the Matanaka Sea Cave system illustrating his talk with photos taken during the years when he escorted tourists through the caves. Many locals are unaware of this amazing cave system which, at 1.5km long, is the largest of its type in the world. The presentation will be followed by afternoon tea. We hope you will join us.

Shirley McKewen

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Kia ora koutou. We have another exciting term planned, around the maritime theme again. We will be building on previous learning around waka Hourua by looking at other types of marine crafts and their purposes, engaging in science (learning about floating and sinking) and technology (designing a water craft of our own. We are continuing with our successful Netball season and adding one or more basketball teams to the mix!

We finished term two on an absolute high, with our participation at Hui Ako at the East Otaga Events centre. We were proud of the brave tamariki who volunteered to present their mihi at the Hui. Our youngest speaker is only 5 years old! While we were at the Hui, back at school Ben, Kiwi and Marchell prepared our Matariki feast - an amazing Hāngī. It was wonderful to see so many of our school families, past and present, come to the school to participate in our Hautapu which culminated in clouds of steam rising from the Hāngī to feed the stars. Next it was time to feed the whānau - and feed them we did! We even had a hāngī pineapple, which was delicious with melt-in-the mouth pork shoulder with all the trimmings.

Thank you to all who helped make the last day of term two so special, including the sewing crew who repaired/made our kapa haka uniforms, our awesome hāngī helpers, people who transported children to and from the Hui Ako, whānau who donated food for the hāngī and all the people who came to enjoy our celebration. A special kā mihi nui to Nikki Crossan - our kapa haka tutor. Thank you, Nikki, your work enriches our school culture hugely - we are so grateful.

Kā mihi nui,

Nic Philip

principal@karitaneschool.co.nz

Want to get your Firearms Licence?

NZ Mountain Safety Council are holding a course at the Palmerston RSA on Saturday 31st August. This 3.5 hour session is for first-time firearms licence applicants and includes the theory test plus a practical session and lots of great safety information. To attend you need to apply for your Firearms Licence from Te Tari Pūreke/Firearms Safety Authority: <https://www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/manage-and-apply/firearms-licence/apply-firearms-licence>

Once your application is processed, you'll be asked to book this course (or one of the many NZ Mountain Safety Council run throughout the country) and then after some study and watching the great videos about the 7 safety rules, you'll be ready to attend. For more information head to Te Tari Pūreke/Firearms Safety Authority: www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz

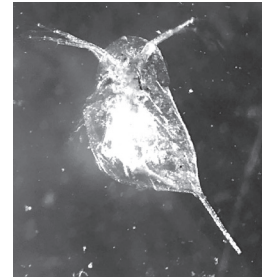
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Lagoon Creature of the Month:

Water flea *Daphnia carinata*

This is considered a native species of water flea but also occurs widely throughout the world. They are found at the lagoon. There are many different species of water fleas but only a few found in Aotearoa/NZ, with *D. carinata* being the most numerous. These tiny crustaceans, they are about 5mm long, are visible to the naked eye. Their bodies are covered by a transparent 'shell' which makes them rather interesting to view under magnification. It is possible to see their heart beating or their young present in the brood pouch. *D. carinata* are called fleas because they swim in a jerky fashion reminiscent of flea movements. They wiggle their antennae to propel them through water. Unlike their land-based namesakes they do not bite. *D. carinata* live in still fresh water, anything from lakes down to water troughs. They feed by filtering plankton out water.



D. carinata usually breed asexually producing a brood every time they moult. The eggs hatch after about 24 hours in the brood pouch and then are released into the water after about 3 days. These instars go through several moults before reaching maturity. Occasionally males will be produced enabling *D. carinata* to reproduce bi sexually.

These little crustaceans are an important food source for small fishes and other insects. They are also sold commercially as aquarium fish food and even have their own Facebook site.

Ruth Ferguson

Image from iNaturalist <https://www.inaturalist.org/taxa/661194-Daphnia-carinata>

Community Report

Community Garden The newly revamped community garden has transformed into a flourishing hub with community spirit. Featuring the addition of several fruit trees, it now has a water supply, a substantial wind break fence, lighting and outdoor furniture. The garden stands as a testament to a collective effort and dedication to the area. This revitalized space not only beautifies our community but also provides a place for fresh, locally grown produce and a space to enjoy.

We call on community members to get involved! Whether you have a passion for gardening or just want to contribute to a community project, your participation is invaluable. Join us in nurturing this shared space and help us grow a healthier, more vibrant community together. Contact me.

Join Us for Our Upcoming Hui on Water Futures This important community hui focuses on the future of our water resources amidst our changing landscape. As environmental conditions evolve, it is crucial for us to come together to understand the impacts on our land and water, and develop strategies to respond effectively. Your participation is vital in shaping a sustainable future for our community. Free lunch from noon. (refer poster on front page for details).

Sonya Billiard

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Seven

PEWS NEWS

St John's Anglican Church

Sunday, August 11th at 10 am
with Reverend Juan Kinnear
Morning tea to follow. Everyone welcome.
St John's enquiries Bev Medlin 0273079100

Presbyterian Parish of Waikouaiti - Karitane

August 4 - 10 am Shared Communion service at Karitane church, led by Rev Hilary Oxford-Smith
August 11 - 10am Eucharist at St John's Anglican church
August 18 - 10 am Combined service at Karitane led by Robertson family
August 24 - 10am Service at Kildare Street, Waikouaiti

Hawksbury Christian Fellowship

Services at 10am every Sunday at Hawksbury Village Chapel.
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Thank you to the record crowd of 130 who attended the Pink Ribbon Breakfast in Palmerston on 14 June. We appreciated your support and were pleased to be able to pay you back with some fabulous prizes in our Lucky Bags, raffles and auction. Additional funds were received from both Palmerston schools and Childcare who held multi days, the sale of BCFNZ merchandise and donations. Marie Perica organised her line-dancing social on 21 June, donating the proceeds to our fund raiser. Thanks to Carmen Brensell for sharing a moving account of her Breast Cancer journey. A huge thank you to all our sponsors and helpers.

The total amount received was \$11,165.30, an amazing contribution towards life-saving education, life-changing patient support and ground-breaking medical research. This brings our accumulated total to \$70,557.23

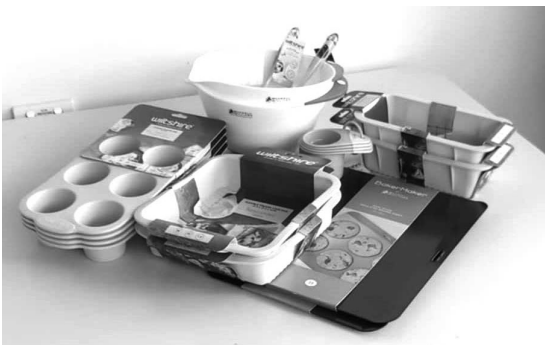
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East Otago Plunket Round Up

The East Otago Playgroup in Waikouaiti continues during Term 3, on Wednesdays between 10.00 and 12.00 at the Plunket Rooms in the East Otago Events Centre. Come along and join in to connect with other parents and caregivers in your local community and to give your child a chance to socialise and build connections with other children.

Thanks to a generous donation from a lovely donor who wishes to remain anonymous, we were able to purchase a large amount of baking equipment to use for future bake-ups to accompany our Meals for Mums initiative. Thank you!



In August we will launch our annual Spring Seeds fundraiser in conjunction with Wildflower World. Look out for details on Otago Plunket's Facebook Page which will be shared to local Facebook community groups.

If you are interested in doing a First Aid course specifically tailored to parents provided by Meditrain, the next course is scheduled for 10 September: to book a place or for any enquiries email annabel.kuzma@plunket.org

If your child needs a Plunket appointment, or for any other clinical enquiries please call 0800 184 803.

Ngā mihi nui

Annabel

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Hawksbury Lagoon

The report of the investigation of the old Inverary Street tip site and risk to human and wildlife has been completed by e3Scientific, a South Island ecological management company contracted by the Department of Conservation (DOC). It is an impressively thorough and lengthy report relying on test pits dug at different sites, visual assessment of the lagoon bank, municipal documents and correspondence (including some from the Karitane/Waikouaiti Beautifying Society objecting to the tip site), aerial photographs of the site from 1947 until 2022, and historical mapping and documentation of the lagoon. Prior to the tip site being established the lagoon edge was close to Inverary Street. Landfilling started along the lagoon edge moving out to the into the lagoon from about 1958 until mid 1970's. An estimated 27,000 m³ of household refuse and capping material is contained from the area just below the railway line down to the Inverary Street bridge.

This area is larger than expected and that documented as a HAIL site by the Otago Regional Council (who will be requested to update their records). As about 50 years have passed since the tip was closed, breakdown of organic matter will be complete meaning that hazards from leachate and gases will be past but risks associated with any dumped metals, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and asbestos will remain with dust being the main risk to people. A concern is that the depth of capping material varies over the site with the thinnest cover being near the entrance to the lagoon causeway path. Although there are frequent episodes of turf being dug up by the late night joyriders, to date no rubbish has been visible. The erosion of the tip site bank through wave action is concerning. The report recommends that an engineer qualified in coastal erosion will assess the bank when lagoon water levels are sufficiently low, that a site management plan is developed, and DOC together with the Dunedin City Council are to manage the site in the future as the area extends beyond the DOC site. DOC are following through by looking to engage a coastal erosion specialist.

Ruth Ferguson



Hikaroroa/Mt Watkins Conservation Group

During July, the group hosted two community hui, at the Events Centre and at the Puketeraki Marae. Speakers discussed the history and the cultural significance of Hikaroroa/Mt Watkins and the ecological values of the wider Hikaroroa area. This unique 660ha scenic reserve in the north branch catchment of the Waikouaiti River is right on our doorstep. A biodiversity hot spot for the region, it contains the best remaining examples of the forest types that covered coastal Otago hill before European settlement. Speakers discussed the community conservation group's involvement including planting and pest detection. More volunteers are needed for a variety of roles, so if you are passionate about conservation, you are invited to find out more and join the team.

Aiden Braid 021 1165 799

email: HMWconservationgroup@gmail.com

<https://www.predatorfreedunedin.org/groups/hikaroroa-mt-watkin-conservation-group-hmwcg>



POWA IN THE PAST:

From the POWA Community News archive

August 1999: 25 years ago

Emma wrote

Just a wee note about the DCC Fix-o-Grams . . . TRUST ME, they do work! Here's how:

Once you've filled it in and sent it off (post paid!), within 24 hours of receiving it, it is put into the computer system and referred to the appropriate Dept. This Dept HAS to reply back to you within 7 days with an answer – not necessarily an instant solution but definitely an explanation as to when it will be fixed OR why it can't be fixed at the time OR even maybe not at all. The point is DCC won't know about a problem IF NO-ONE TELLS THEM! You can. get Fix-o-Grams from Karitane Store, Library, my office, Pricerutter or ph. DCC 477 400.

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All welcome. Ph: Lorraine McLean 027 288
6081 or Laurel Caddick 021 269 0288

East Otago Art Group

Meet fortnightly at 10am – 2pm. St John's
Church, Beach Street. All welcome.
Ph: Reywa 022 254 7620

Eastern Boating Fishing Club

Ph Kerrie Boock 027 358 8769 or Eric Boock
027 686 9939. easternbfclub@gmail.com

East Otago Creative Artisans

Contact Reywa Brown 022 254 7620

East Otago Embroiderer's Guild

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

East Otago Musical Theatre

President – Dave Keen
Secretary – Sharleen Snoeck
Treasurer Sonya Watson
eomtproductions@gmail.com

East Otago Social Bridge Club

RSA, 10 Pratt St, Waikouaiti. Bridge is every
Wednesday evening. Please be seated by
6.50pm. Lessons available. All welcome.
Contact: Secretary EOBridge@outlook.com
or Susan 022 0214 722

East Otago Wood Turners Inc.

Thursdays from 1-3pm and a second session
on the same day. Thursday from 6-8pm.
Members have access to the clubrooms
at any time by arrangement with the club
secretary: Lou Tonkin 020 4037 9635

Kati Huirapa Runaka ki

Puketeraki
Monday 9am – 4pm Ph: (03) 465 7300

Otago Eastern District Camera Club

Meet every 2nd Monday at 7.30pm at
the St Mary's Church Hall, Stromness St,
Palmerston.
New members welcome. Contact Tracy Clare
027 245 6424
eastotagocameraclub@gmail.com

Palmerston Fibre Arts Collective

At the Community Centre, Ronaldsay St,
Palmerston. Every Sunday 11am – 2pm,
bring snacks to share.
Contact Christine 021 061 4485

The Waitaki Writer's Group

Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of
every month at 1.30pm in the St John Hall,
Exe St, Oamaru. President Chris Stewart
(03) 434 8800 waitakiwriters@yahoo.co.nz

Volunteer South

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

Waikouaiti Creative Crafts

Hawksbury Village Coffee Lounge, beside
the church. 9.30am – 2pm every 2nd & 4th
Wednesday. Ph Cathy 027 201 1463 or
Christine 021 235 1883

Waikouaiti Garden Club

Usually the last Monday of the month @ 7pm.
John Brown Room, Events Centre.
Ph Barb 021 180 7366 or Alison 021 652 811

Waikouaiti Golf Club

Tuesday 10am report. Friday 12.45pm
report. Saturday 12 noon report. Ph 021 663
641 or email waikouaitigolf@gmail.com

Waikouaiti Rodeo Club

Ph Logan Rowland 021 025 76513

Waikouaiti Community Garden

Ph Robin 027 440 4844

FITNESS AND FUN

Eastern Rugby Club

Ph Abby Lynch 027 885 5105
easternrugbyclub@gmail.com

Hydrotherapy & Aquasize

Thursdays 9.30am – 10.30am. Moana Gow
Pool, Hawksbury. Ph Bev (03) 465 8203

Karitane Bowling Club

Thursday from 4pm October – March. Social
bowls followed with a \$4 BBQ. Newcomers
welcome. Coaching provided. Ph Bob 021
055 8501

Karitane Indoor Bowling Club

Winter season only, April – Sept. Tues 1pm
Karitane Hall. Come and enjoy social indoor
bowls. Contact Neil 027 220 3033

Kyokushin Karate

Mon/Thurs 6 – 8pm, open to all ages & fit-
ness levels. Learn self defence and gain con-
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Hall, Kildare Street, Contact: noah.heath@
slingshot.co.nz

Line Dancing

Line-dancing, PRESBYTERIAN Church
Hall, Kildare St, Monday. 3.30 for absolute
beginners, 4pm for those who have done it
before. Cost \$5.
Heather Cox heather.cox@xtra.co.nz

Mecaela Baird School of Ballet

Ph (03) 465 8293 or 021 804 076
Email: mstutu2@hotmail.com

Moana Gow Pool

Corner of Truby King Drive and Kennard
Crescent, Hawksbury Village. Ph Jane 027
474 5263 moanagowpooltrust@gmail.com

Petanque

Wednesday & Sundays 1.15pm.
Ready to play at 1.30pm, Waikouaiti
Ph Anthony (03) 465 7662

Scottish Country Dancing

Every Tuesday 7-9pm. Childrens tuition
7-8pm. Clark Hall, Palmerston. Ph Lynne
(03) 465 7714

Steady As You Go

Wednesday mornings at 10am. If you are
interested in gentle exercise and good com-
pany for an hour come along. East Otago
Events Centre.

Tai Chi

St John's Church Hall, Beach Street
Monday 9.30am, Intermediate
Tuesday 7pm, Advanced
Thursday 2.15pm, Beginners
Friday 10am, Advanced
Contact Judy Martin ratasouthern@gmail.
com

Twilight Tennis

Thursdays 6.30pm.
Ph Sarah McMillan 021 207 2486

Waikouaiti Indoor Bowling Club

Wednesdays 7-9pm at the EOEC.
Ph Phil Hammond (03) 465 8157 or Eva
Hammond (03) 465 7790

Waikouaiti Outdoor Bowling Club

Contact Karen Kelly 027 244 3646 or Colleen
(03) 465 7558. Club Day Thursday 2pm

MEET NEW PEOPLE

High Tea Project

East Otago Events Centre
Date advertised in POWA Community News
Ph Sonya 027 253 9205

Lions Club of Palmerston

Meet 2nd Monday of each month starting at
6pm, Waihemo Lodge. Ph Bruce 027 212
7075 or Ronald 027 431 1535

East Otago Bloke'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
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Ph Warren MacLeod 021 267 9987 or (03)
465 7079. Hall hire available.

Waikouaiti/Karitane Living Alone Group

3rd Wednesday of the month.
12 mid-day @ The Outpost Cafe.
Ph Lois (03) 465 7492

FOR FAMILIES

Waikouaiti-Palmerston Toy Library

Open Saturday 12 – 1.30pm.
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East Otago Buddy Programme

2 hours fun and new experiences weekly for
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4780

Palmerston Playgroup

Coffee group for parents and children (under
5) 10.15 – 11.45am every Thursday during
School Term at Waikouaiti Plunket Rooms,
East Otago Events Centre.
Ph Annabel 027 229 1608 (Community
Support Co-ordinator for more info or just
drop in).

BBMR Motocross

Possible coaching for younger riders. If you
are responsible and happy to help with oc-
casional track maintenance, contact Lindsay
021 216 392

Waikouaiti Library Hours

Monday – Friday 11am – 5pm
Saturday 10am – 1pm

DCC Service Centre Hours

Monday – Friday 11am – 5pm

Waikouaiti Coast Heritage Centre

200 Main Road, Waikouaiti.
Open Wednesday and Thursday 1 – 4pm.
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