

Blueskin News

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Blueskin Nursery and Café burgled

Last Sunday night a neighbour heard what sounded like wood being dropped from the Blueskin Gardening Centre and Café. Instead, it was the sound of the centre being broken into and robbed.

Items stolen included a computer and a digital camera, CDs and 50 bottles of fizzy drinks.

Also taken was the money collected for the Warrington Lifesaving Club's jandal day and the Orokonui Ecosanctuary.

Café workers were the first to discover the break-in. They arrived to find rubbish strewn around the floor and the gas oven on full.

Repairs required included replacement deadbolts and the two sliding doors in the gardening centre where locks had to be changed.

"I would quite like the camera returned. It has a lot of photos on the memory card," says café owner Lee Hastie.

The police have no leads at the moment but fingerprints have been taken and footprints were found.

The store will also erect a new fence around the car park to stop people from using it as a thoroughfare.

"In the past we haven't minded but now...?" says owner Mark Brown.

The garden centre, which won the New Zealand Gardening Centre of the Year last July, is looking towards the future, however, with plans underway for the next competition.

"We have got to start coming up with some more ideas, the girls are very excited about it," Mark says.

By Stacy-Ann Campbell



Harmonious farm internships in Waitati Valley

Waitati Valley natural health practitioner David Baillie is keen to see people having the chance to learn a sustainable building method – earth and cob.

The two-day 'Cob Earth Building Workshop' in early February is one of many learning opportunities David hopes to offer at 'Harmony Farm'.

Other courses will be offered over two weeks at a time and participants will be able to

attain certificates at very low cost, by also volunteering their time at Harmony Farm, David told 'Blueskin News'.

Other courses proposed include: Conscious Living with All Beings, Forest Gardening and Permaculture, Herbal Medicine, Native Forest Guardianship and Monitoring, Sustainable Building and Energy Systems, and Organic Trail Making.

by the editors

Blueskin News news

The team of helpers in Blueskin Media, the publishers of 'Blueskin News' and the blueskin.co.nz website, just keeps on getting bigger. This month we thank Lynnaire Johnston for taking on the difficult layout editing job while Craig Marshall is in Antarctica, and we welcome Stacy-Ann Campbell as our newest reporter.

There will be a meeting of Blueskin Media this month to discuss our plans for 2009. Like all of our meetings, this one is open to the public and everyone is welcome. Our meetings are renowned for informality and brevity!

The meeting will be at 7pm on Monday 23 February in the Blueskin Bay Library.

by Louise Booth (president)

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Mouse comes to New Year's dinner

Upper Waitati Valley farmers David and Lorraine were enjoying their first dinner of the year in Upper Waitati when a little mouse climbed up to the top of a bag right by their table on the porch, looked at them and sniffed at their strawberries. When told "You're welcome on the porch, but don't climb on the table", the mouse climbed on down.

They wondered if it is the same mouse that got shut in Lorraine's cabin after she had told it to leave. Lorraine came home at the end of the day to find the edge of her door mat and the door chewed where they touched each other. Clearly that mouse was trying to get out: "It was such a long day—I was away about 12 hours," Lorraine told 'Blueskin News'.

A mouse had been making several trips under their noses carrying paper bark to its nest near David's newly built clinic. It was found to be a little brown field mouse taking the dry bark from the base of a

fuchsia tree down to its burrow.

Another mouse had been seen tunnelling in the wood-shavings of the farm's compost heap and living underneath the black plastic.

The mice have learned that David and Lorraine don't chase them, and have become quite relaxed in human company, as each species respects the other's space. As David says, "As long as they don't come into the buildings."

Mice can be spotted where grass quivers as they pass by. Some of it even bends as they climb up the stems to the seed-heads.

by David Baillie



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Children's activity will be held monthly

Art in the Arvo, a community based arts and performance programme for children will now be held from 2 to 3.30 on the first Saturday of every month.

The first session will be held on Saturday 7 February at the usual venue, the Bland Park Pavillion in Waitati.

A meeting was held on 20 January to gauge support for the project, organiser Sophia Leon de la Barra told 'Blueskin News'.

"The two bits of feedback we got from participants' parents were that 4.30 to 6 was a

bit late for the young ones and that once a month would be better," Sophie said.

"We are taking both suggestions on board and changing the schedule around.

"Since we have had a greater expression of interest regarding music from adults rather than children, we thought maybe we could organise a monthly musical jam session as well."

Sophia Leon de la Barra and Miguel Molina offer kids' activities such as music, drawing, puppet making, treasure hunting and movie making.

"We really need to have parents and kids commit to it as we are arranging for people to take time out of their day to come and do something for the kids," Sophia said.

Sophia and Miguel offer kids a chance to say what they want to do and they are in the process of getting equipment such as musical instruments.

"If kids want to learn an instrument they need to be here every month," Sophia said.

by Stacy-Ann Campbell and the editors



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More market approach works for Seacliff

Seacliff's Coast Road Market has held its sixth market day since starting in August 2007.

Sunday 4 January provided plenty of sunshine and the opportunity for everyone to clean up odds and ends and the chance to show off their selling voices.

Coast Road Market grew from Liz Abbott and Rudie Verhoef's project to build a cafe in the former Catholic church next to Liz's studio, the Art Shed. With the building taking a while the couple thought that a market would be a good way to open up the area as a public place.

Holding a market once a month forces her to open the Art Shed, with lots of bargains to be had direct from the artist, Liz told 'Blueskin News'.

Even when the cafe is opened the pair would like the market to continue as it is a happy

WARRINGTON PLAYCENTRE

What a fabulous summer we have had, and hopefully we can continue to enjoy this great weather as we welcome the first term of 2009.

Having fine days means we can really get outdoors and explore.

Towards the end of last year we had a nature trip to Evansdale Glen, a morning at Warrington Beach and our end of year party at the Truby King Reserve in Seacliff. It is wonderful to have such special places on our doorstep that we can use and make a part of our adventures. Special thankyou to all on our supervision team: Christine, Jan, Mireka and Laura for making 2008 such a successful year.

We have a number of children off to school this term that we will surely miss – Playcentre will seem very quiet without you! Best wishes to Olive-Coco, Floyd, Dion, Harry and Zach – have fun!

We always welcome new people at our centre – so if you would like to drop in and have a cuppa, a chat and a play please do. Warrington Playcentre is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9am – 12pm.

Contact person is Rowan Holt, president, 482 2153.

by Rowan Holt

occasion and Liz loves the diversity you get with the different generations selling and the huge range of things being sold from trampolines to tadpoles.

The market was a good day for local Seacliff child Tad as he sold his old boxing gloves for a \$1 lottery ticket and won \$4 on it. "I'm saving up for a Nintendo game," he said.

The stall gave kids the chance to sell the things they no longer wanted and things they had made and gave them the chance to have some money to buy toys from each other.

The Coast Road Market is held on the first Sunday of every month from 11am to 2pm.

by Stacy-Ann Campbell



The logo features the text "COAST ROAD" in a large, stylized, serif font at the top, with "MARKET" in a similar font below it, and "SEACLIFF" in a smaller, simpler font at the bottom. The text is enclosed in a decorative, rounded rectangular border with ornate corner flourishes.

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Waitati Toy Library

We are open at the Waitati Hall every fortnight on Saturday mornings from 10.30am until 11.30am and on the immediately following Monday evenings from 6.30pm until 7.30pm.

We have a fantastic range of children's toys for hire.

New members are very welcome. For more information contact Liz 482 1450 for forthcoming dates.

BLUESKIN BAY LIBRARY

High summer. Sand between your toes. Deep green leaves moving slowly above your head. Have you got a book?

Winner of our competition to design the cover of our 2008 poetry book. And the winner is ... RUBY HARRIS!

Our competition for the 2008 cover drew some delightful entries, but Ruby's kereru on its nest won our hearts. You too can admire this serious-minded bird, when 'Blueskin Poets 2008' is launched and becomes available for sale. Ruby will receive her prize at the launch. Congratulations Ruby, and thank you to all who entered. Be planning your entry for the cover of 'Blueskin Poets 2009'.

'Blueskin Poets 2008'

This has turned into an impressive volume. As well as some amazing poems, this year we have illustrations for some of the work. It will be launched on February 20, at 4pm in the Waitati Hall. At this stage we are unsure of the price, but we will sell copies at cost.

Complementary copies will be given to the Library, and to Waitati and Warrington schools, who always give great support to this project.

Summer Reading Prize Giving

This too will be on February 20, 4pm in the Hall. We will have a guest speaker, yet to be named, and prizes and certificates will be awarded to all of the children who reached their reading goals over the summer holidays. Usually, this is almost everyone. Hands will be raw from clapping. It's a great celebration of reading and of what our children achieve.

Our book recommendations

'The Magician of Hoad' by Margaret Mahy

Margaret Mahy has a soaring imagination, and it's in full flight in this novel. Heriot Tarbas is a farm boy, born with strange abilities.

Against his will he is taken to be magician to the King of Hoad, to create fantastic entertainments for the King's guests, but especially to read the minds of those who come to court, to assess their truthfulness. The King, a remote, but well meaning figure, is trying to create a

lasting peace in his warrior society, and has many enemies in this. It's an exciting tale, complex, and surprising. The blurb calls it 'cerebral' and it can be read as a fantasy for young adults, or as a sophisticated exploration of a journey towards wholeness, for many of the characters, and for the society as a whole. I found it engrossing.

-- Carolyn

'Contact' by Carl Sagan

Though I enjoy science fiction, I'd never read any of the fiction written by this respected man of science before. I intend to find more of his work. As a leading US astronomer, Sagan worked on the SETI project, scanning the skies for signs of extraterrestrial intelligence, and this novel is about a fictional character, Ellie, who holds a similar position. But on Ellie's watch, such intelligence is not only found, but comes streaming in from some point near the star Vega. This story is exciting, surprising and insightful, and it also includes clear explanations of the astronomy and physics involved, woven into the story.

-- Carolyn

'Cholas in Bowlers, Journey to Bolivia' by Jane Mundy

In Bolivia, the Cholas, or indigenous women wear bowler hats. This image of women in funny hats was almost all that the author knew about Bolivia, before she set off with a man she had known for only six months, to seek adventure in this fascinating country. A good bedtime read, ideal for summer.

-- Louise

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Saturday:	10.00 am – 1.00 pm

Local librarian drawn to community

The Dunedin Public Library's Blueskin Bay branch librarian Louise Booth, who recently moved to Waitati after several years of commuting, says she was drawn to the community as she liked the "feel", the people and being helpful.

"It felt right here, it seemed the right fit," Louise told 'Blueskin News'.

For five years Louise has been getting in books that local library users have requested and organising holiday programs whenever she and the rest of the

library team felt there has been a need. These events have included soirées, Turn off TV Week, book readings and clubs.

Before Louise came to Blueskin Bay Library she completed the Bachelor of Information Technology as an adult student of



Otago Polytechnic.

Louise plans to travel at some stage but says she is not ready to leave our little community yet.

By Stacy-Ann Campbell

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OROKONUI ECOSANCTUARY

There has been a fantastic start to the Ecosanctuary's new year with the translocation of 18 jewelled gecko. The 18 include six pregnant females and were sourced from an area of land where their habitat will soon be lost. It was a community effort with representatives from STOP (Save the Otago Peninsula), Dept of Conservation, University of Otago and Ecosanctuary personnel involved in the spotting and capture of these beautifully patterned green geckos that once lived in our area.

This is the very first time that a translocation of jewelled gecko has ever been undertaken. Ongoing monitoring of these notoriously difficult to see animals is essential (it took some spotters 5 hours to find one!) and to enable this to happen they have been released into purpose-built pens. Herpetologist Dr Mandy Tocher is the lead scientist for this project.

The six juvenile kaka have been at large for two and a half months now and although some leave the Ecosanctuary at times, they appear



happy to return for company and supplementary food. One kaka was caught by a falcon and lived to tell the tale – pretty impressive for a captive-bred bird!

Thank you to those who have rung about sightings of the kaka. These have included Waitati (Ree St), Orokonui Estuary, Careys Bay, Mihiwaka and Purakaunui. The kaka are monitored closely within the Ecosanctuary, but outside sightings add important information to the whole picture. If you see one please ring the office and leave your phone number so that we can get back to you for further information.

Please abstain from the temptation of feeding them if they come to your property as some foods can be harmful to them. Keep cats and dogs away and don't handle them – they have strong beaks!

The rain and warmth over the Christmas break has encouraged great plant growth but also weed growth. There are regular weeding days, often on Mondays and Saturdays. If you would like to help please ring our planting coordinator Valerie Fay on 482 2806.

The Ecosanctuary is now open for guided tours. Bookings are essential. Tours cost \$20 adult, \$10 child with half prices for members. Tours are for 1½ hours for a maximum of 10 people per guide. Come and see this fantastic forest restoration project in progress, learn about the changes that have already been made and support the development of the Ecosanctuary.

For enquiries the office number is 482 1755.

For further information on the Ecosanctuary, visit www.orokonui.org.nz or see our box at the Blueskin Bay Library.

by Sue Hensley

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THE BLUESKIN BAYLEAF

Summer Tastes

I love summer. I love summer fruit. My kids love summer fruit as well, the only thing is their little tummies are somewhat smaller and often they can't quite finish that peach or apricot or only eat half a banana or a quarter of a pottle of yoghurt . . . or a third of a kiwifruit.

I find myself picking through the fruit bowl each morning and notice how quickly fresh fruit can spoil in the warm weather. So, to satisfy my resentment at turfing otherwise perfectly good food and in my bid to create baking that is as healthy as possible, I've come up with Summer Cake. Your family and friends will never notice it is their leftovers!

SUMMER CAKES

- 150g butter
- 1/3 cup apple juice
- 1 large egg
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 3/4 cup bran (or leftover muesli? Haven't tried it but I don't see why not)
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 cups mixed fruit (for example: mashed banana, mashed kiwifruit, chopped apple, apricots, peaches)
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
- 1/2 cup yoghurt (any flavour)

Turn oven to 180°C. Grease a 20cm square tin and line with two layers of waxed paper, or you could make mini cakes using 12 medium muffin tins.

Put butter into a big pan. Melt it very gently. Take it off the heat and let it cool a little. Add juice. Whisk in egg and sugar. Add fruit, yoghurt and lemon rind. Mix gently. Add flour, bran and baking powder. Mix it all well. If it's really too runny, add an extra 1/4 cup of flour.

Spread evenly into large tin or muffin trays.

For large cake, bake for 1 hour or for mini cakes cook for 15minutes.

Cool in tin for 10 minutes then remove and leave until cold.

Glaze

3/4 cup icing sugar

Juice of one freshly squeezed lemon

1 teaspoon coconut essence. (Note: if this is not yet a staple of your pantry next to vanilla can I strongly recommend it becomes one? Add it to shortbread, pavs, Anzacs...lots of things! Often you can't pick up a strong coconut flavour but it's a secret ingredient, which makes baking extra 'tasty'.)

Mix together thoroughly. Drizzle on top of cake/s. This glaze will sort of sink into the cake – finish off with a good flurry of shredded coconut.

by Rowan Holt

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WAITATI EDIBLE GARDENS

Happy new Julian year! By the time you read this column, three things will have happened: (1) Jason's summer pruning workshop, (2) the edible garden tours—if you missed out on these events and are wondering how on this good great earth to let their prolific success drift past you like the last few surviving whitebait, you can email or ring me (misslucyjack@hotmail.com, 03 482 1773) to be included in our mailing list for a heads up next time.

I said three: (3) the weeds at the Waitati School edible garden will have grown enormous during the school holidays. Anyone/everyone with spare time (or not) should call Michaela Wilson (03 482 2888) or, even better, go over there with a bunch of mates and get your hands dirty and make it nice before the kids get back to school.

Harvest market

This market will run every **THIRD SUNDAY** of the month starting Sunday 15 February, so get your Blueskin Bay grown or made goodies together in a basket or a barrow (fruits, veg, pickles, jam, honey, eggs), and get down to the Old Waitati Stores, Harvey Street,

Waitati (near the Waitati River bridge) for some trade and barter with your neighbours.

Call Rayna (482 2504) for more info or to organise selling space.

Ask Aunt Lucy

Could someone please write to me and ask me a gardening question? I can't make them all up, you know!

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by **Lucy Jack**



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DEREK'S GARDEN DIARY

The February garden It is now a year since I first started writing this column so not only do I risk repeating myself but from now on evidence of my inconsistent approach to gardening will accumulate monthly. Letters to the editor are welcome.

By the first week or so of February you should have organised all of your winter vegetables. It really is too late to plant seeds of brassicas (cabbagey things) so now you will have to buy, beg or steal plants of broccoli, kale, Brussels sprouts, cabbages and cauliflowers and plant them out as soon as possible. Likewise leeks and celery. All of these like the soil slightly alkaline, so toss on some lime before planting. Brassicas also like seaweed and are not averse to the salty unwashed stuff (wild cabbages grow on sea cliffs) and if you collect it from the shelly part of the beach, you may well be able to dispense with the lime.

You can still sow seeds of carrots, spring onions, speedier leafy greens like lettuce, silver beet and the increasing variety of vegetables eaten when little more than spindly seedlings. My dad, who grew good solid cabbages big enough to threaten the suspension of his Morris minor, would have called them rabbit food. Mesclun is a mix of these leafy greens and includes mizuna, mibuna (brassicas again), kailaan and tatsoi (types of chinese broccoli and cabbage), lollo rossa, romaine, curly, oak leaved, frilly, red and green lettuce, endives, raddichio, rocket, cresses, beets, purslanes and parsley . . . all of which can be sown now and grown separately if you prefer.

My runner beans are entwined with sweet peas and flanked by sunflowers which provide support for the more wayward vines, but which in turn can be tied up to the bean poles in their heavy-headed, round-shouldered old age. It's a good idea to have your vegetables all jumbled up together, and jostled by flowers and herbs.

This variety and chaos ensures that different things are sucked out of and put back into the soil. Unwanted insects are confused; the scent of carrots is hidden from carrot fly with essence of calendula, feverfew and onion.

The flowers attract beneficial insects, predatory hoverflies and bees to pollinate beans and peas.

For *Pieris rapae*, the cabbage white butterfly, your garden is an insect heaven; fast-food nectar and pollen, and larval food plants. This pale, ethereal beauty was first found in Hawkes Bay in 1930 but within six years, cabbage and turnip growers throughout New Zealand had to deal with its green caterpillars. Unless you do something about it those caterpillars will demolish the small brassica plants you should be planting now and, by winter, only the leeks will be left standing.

When the plants are small, the caterpillars and the tiny yellow eggs, which are usually found underneath the leaves, can be squashed with finger and thumb but as the plants grow there are far more interesting things to do on a warm summer evening than to hunt amongst cabbage leaves for well-camouflaged caterpillars. Last year I suggested a quick puff of derris dust. You don't need to do it often; twice from January to April may well be enough. But derris is now no longer considered acceptable in organic gardens, so you will have to resort to the caterpillar-killing bacteria *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) if you want to get down to the beach for a swim now and then.

Like many other controls, Bt is sprayed on to plants where it is eaten by caterpillars and they die within a few days. As it is soluble only in the guts of butterfly and moth caterpillars, the stuff appears to be safe for humans, animals and most other insects.

This is the same "Bt" by the way, that you see in the "Bt crops" that are now commercially grown in the USA; "Bt corn", "Bt potato", "Bt cotton" and "Bt soybean". Since 1996, crop plants have been genetically engineered to contain a gene from *Bacillus thuringiensis* so that insects that feed on the crops are killed. Indications are that the bacterium is becoming less effective as resistance develops to the toxin due to perpetual, long term exposure. Another reason to oppose genetic engineering of plants in New Zealand.

by Derek Onley

WAITATI ENERGY PROJECT

I hope you've had a good start to the New Year: for the WEP it's been a busy but productive one!

First, however there are a couple of things from 2008 to catch up on: 1. Waitati Energy Survey: The University of Otago still wants survey forms back – so please fill in what you can and return your form if you have it floating around the house. Prizes for the early returners have already been distributed: congratulations to Ronda Trent (1st Prize), Louise Burnside (2nd Prize) and Cushla McCarthy (3rd Prize). Meanwhile I've seen some preliminary results: for example, 70% of Waitatians want to reduce energy consumption, either to save money or to conserve the environment – that's great news! 2. Blueskin Resilient Communities Trust: the trust had a meeting on the 18th of December, 2008, and began fine-tuning the strategic plan.

The good news for the Waitati Energy Project is that the BRCT's focus at present is in supporting the WEP, which leads me up to the present...

At the tail end of last year, and intensively this year the WEP has been putting together a

funding bid to the Sustainable Management Fund. We believe we've put together a really strong bid this year, with our partners (the Otago Energy Research Centre, the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority and Powerhouse Wind) all signing up for a series of events and activities, and outcomes we're planning for the next year and a half. When we actually sat down at the end of last year to assess what had been achieved, we were surprised at how long the list of accomplishments was, and humbled by the support received. And it was clear that the momentum had built up to take a wider approach than just building awareness. This year we'll also tackle demand more forcefully, increase energy efficiency and begin developing local generation options, and we will keep you all informed in upcoming issues of 'Blueskin News'.

The first exciting thing is the progress being made on Powerhouse Wind's prototype installation. The Waitati site chosen by PHW is Sabina Lobitz's and Hagen Brueggerman's property at Dons Creek. Hagen has the bit firmly between his teeth, and we'll be seeing the blade spinning before winter, I'm betting. The WEP will be meeting with DCC staff in February to talk about local micro-generation collaboration, and later in the year there'll be students measuring wind flow on at least two sites around Waitati. Look for them on the horizon-line.

Our focus is much broader than just Waitati however, so if you receive this 'Blueskin News' you're in our zone of activity: we're collecting names of people interested in bulk insulation purchase, in retro-fitting and more generally from people wanting to work on making the transition to more sustainable lifestyles and communities.

You can join the email list by emailing scott.willis@otago.ac.nz or visit the web-pages (<http://www.transitiontowns.org.nz/waitati>) or just come along to the events publicised here and on the noticeboards.

Enjoy your summer, and solar hot water!
by **Scott Willis**



Rape Crisis Needs You – Because We're Still Needed

Are you interested in supporting women affected by rape or sexual abuse?

The Rape Crisis Volunteer Training Programme 2009 will take place this April. If you are a good listener, keen to learn new and valuable skills and are interested in working in a collective we would like to hear from you.

For more information please contact us.

Rape Crisis Dunedin Inc.
Telephone: (03) 474 1592
Email: rcrisis@xtra.co.nz
Website: www.rapecrisisdunedin.org.nz

MOGGIE NEEDS HIS HOME

Does anyone know who this cat belongs to? He's been in the Waitati area for the last three months.

If you know, please contact Louise at the Blueskin Bay library on 482 2444.





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WAITATI FILM SOCIETY

We start the year again with fortnightly screenings, the first being held on Tuesday, 17 February at 8pm. Come along to Bill's Place, corner Orokonui and Mt. Cargill Roads.

Membership for one year is \$55 and covers 29 nights of entertainment. But we also have some additional special screenings planned. We offer Drama, comedy, history or just plain entertainment in a warm, pleasant environment with convivial company.

For info ring Brigitte 482-2829 or Leonie 482-2508.

by **Leonie Rousselot**

Tuesday, 17 February

SCIENCE OF SLEEP (DVD) France 2006
Cinemagician Michel Gondry (Be Kind Rewind) returns to his native France to direct his own original screenplay, delving deep, with his own sweet brand of uninhibited delight, into

the subconscious lives of two people in love.

This film is set in the far reaches of inner space, namely the surreal, fanciful dream world of one shy guy, Stéphane. 105 min.



Tuesday, 3 March

BRICK (DVD) USA 2005

Brick is an inspired fusion of teenage confidential and hard-boiled 'film noir' set in the mean corridors and power cliques of a contemporary Southern California high school.

It starts, as all good detective stories should, with the disappearance of a young dame, who has just enough time to make a desperate appeal to her ex-boyfriend for help before vanishing. 110 min.

WAITATI TOY LIBRARY

Happy 2009—we hope you have had a fun and relaxing start to the year so far. To all our existing members, toy library is now open again and we look forward to seeing you all very soon. To all our prospective new families we invite you to come along and see what an exciting range of toys, books and puzzles toy library has to offer. We are open at the Waitati Hall each fortnight

on these dates:

Saturday 7th February 10.30-11.30am

Monday 9th February 6.30-7.30pm

Saturday 21st February 10.30-11.30am

Monday 23rd February 6.30-7.30pm

Thank you to Jo, Liz and Sharon for running our fundraiser Sausage Sizzle in January.

If you would like any further information please contact Liz on 482-1450.

by **Dawn Hope**

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EVENT REPORT: Waitati School Fair

Face painting, clothes, jewellery, food, play dough, horse riding, race cars, plants, homemade baking, cleaning products, horizontal bungee jumping, magic shows and musicians, ice-cream, a cycle that grinds coffee and even scarecrow making. If all this was too much and you just needed a break there was even a café. All this was at the Waitati primary school fair that held at the local school on Sunday December 7.

For a dollar you could make your own scarecrow which was then put in the community garden at the school. The gardeners use the produce to make a healthy lunch every Friday for the students.

The café provided training for the older students of the school to teach them about waiting tables, dealing with money and customer service. The students sold baked goods that they had made.

The café's profits are being put towards the older students' end of year activity which this year involves going out for dinner, followed by paintball and surfing.

by Stacy-Ann Campbell

DANCE MAKING CLASSES
an opportunity to fuse moves together
with RACHEL McHILLAN (registered teacher)

WAITATI HALL
MONDAY

* 2:20-2:50pm 0-4yr olds \$3 (adults free to join in)
* 3:25-4:10pm 5-10y olds \$4

Wear comfortable clothes and shoes (that you can move in)!

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Karitane Beach Surfing Festival 10th Anniversary

When the sun shines and the waves are peaking at a metre or so with clean lines and a light offshore wind, you've got it right for a surfing competition. More often, organisers are greeted with a sea flat as a lake or sloppy on shore, or howling southerlies, or icy rain.

But despite the conditions the Karitane Beach Surfing Festival has never lacked entries to run a competition, in the 10 years its been held.

"Once or twice we've come close to cancelling the day due to lack of surf," organiser Sally Henderson told 'Blueskin News'.

"But when faces drop and ever enthusiastic surfers keep arriving, we just get on with it and as nature would have it, usually by midday and change of tides, the surf comes up and a good competition ensues."

Since the event began in 1999, surfers from age 8 to adults have taken part.

The competitions are organised by Sally Henderson and Vicki Blair and judged by South Coast Board Riders and attract a huge group of surfers, including many girls and women, from

around Otago as well as Christchurch, Timaru and Invercargill. The event is well-known now throughout the surfing calendar.

Many of the local community come along and view the days activities as a day at the beach.

The festival will take place this year on Sunday 8 March at 9am.

by the editors



WARRINGTON TAEKWONDO CLUB

Now is the time to act on that New Year resolution to get fit.

You are invited to drop in to the Warrington Taekwondo classes FREE for one month.

We train every Monday and Wednesday evening 6-7:30pm at Warrington Hall.

We take a holistic approach to training, which includes the achievement of physical health, harmony of mind and body, self-confidence and the ability to defend oneself.

If you have any questions contact:
Paul Foley 03 478 1113, Tim Bain 03 482 2690, Meaghan Kelly 03 482 1020, Eric Ko 03 482 1499.

by Tim Bain



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WARRINGTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

This summer we have welcomed many new members to our club, we now have over 50 junior members and the club is in great shape.

Three of our girls have been selected for the Under 14 development squad: Sarah, Rebecca and Talia. They are training hard and hope to be chosen for the team to travel to the North Island.

Our volunteer patrols have been very busy over summer weekends, while professional lifeguards have been patrolling on summer weekdays, partly financed by Dunedin City Council ratepayers.

Our lifeguards really appreciate swimmers and boogie boarders who stay between the flags: it is easier to keep an eye on you all in the water. Don't forget if you are boogie boarding you should be wearing flippers for extra safety in the water.

The Surf Club buildings are at their best ever thanks to the help of our hard-working members who have painted the outside of the new blockwork, made a path and steps and mended a large hole under the A-frame. Our new buildings are now complete and ready for a grand opening.

The surf life saving event at Kaka Point in December was a great day from start to finish for Warrington. Special congratulations to Elsa, top under 8 girl and Ali top under 10 girl. Well done also to the older competitors, Johnny, Matt, Jordan, Tarn, Talia, Sarah, Rebecca, Sam, Alan and Cameron. In the "Bone" canoe race, Ken, Gerard, Jock and Michael were placed 2nd.

Warrington Juniors were placed 2nd out of the six local clubs and came very close to

winning. They are a force to be reckoned with this year!

Congratulations to Rebecca, Arthur and Michael who have all been chosen for Surf League Teams - go well, go hard. Talia and Sarah and Matt were also chosen for the squads and will hopefully represent us next year.

Coming events at Warrington 14-15 February:

Southern regional oceans athletes
Saturday 28 Feb and Sunday 1 March: Senior Otago Champs
Sunday 1 March: Junior Otago Champs
Saturday 7th March: Warrington will host the South Island Inflatable Rescue Boat champs. A great spectator sport.

Saturday 28 March: Monster Garage Sale. This is an important fundraiser for our club and a great way to show your support for our volunteer life guards. You can help by donating goods for sale (except for clothes) and by supporting our Garage Sale on the day. Full details in next month's 'Blueskin News'.

A huge thank-you to everyone who supported us in the National Jandal Day Appeal on December 5th 2008. To all the club members who stood out collecting donations and selling the very popular Jandal key rings, thank you! Special thanks to local business folk, Blueskin General Store, Blueskin Bay Cafe, Blueskin Nursery, Karitane Stores, all the local shops in Waikouaiti and Palmerston . . . everyone was friendly and generous and we look forward to an even better day in December 2009. As yet we are still awaiting a final tally of what our club's share of the money is.

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by **Lyn Hastie, Kaye Burns and Peter Dowden**

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LONG BEACH NEIGHBOURHOOD

GARAGE SALE

Sunday February 8, 9am–12 noon. "Trash and Treasure", some items free. Organised by Long Beach Amenities Society. Contact Edna Wheeler 482 1086 or Nic McArthur 482 1615.

CAREGIVER REQUIRED URGENTLY

A position has become available in Waitati caring for an elderly gentleman in his own home. You would be part of a team of workers and required for one or two days, possibly weekends. Five hours per day and a good hourly rate. If interested phone 482 2752 or 482 2713.

HOUSESIT IN SUNNY WARRINGTON AVAILABLE

2-br house in Warrington available for house-sit, Saturday 31 January and Sunday 1 February. There are uncomplicated, human-friendly pets to feed; unfortunately additional pets would not be appropriate. Please phone 482 2441.

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for mother with one young child. We have a small semi-self contained house bus, so ideally we would love a park up site with access to bathroom and laundry facilities. Alternatively a small cottage to rent with space to park up our bus. Waitati area preferred. We are quiet, responsible and tidy tenants. Please phone 027 529 6887.

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I can walk your dog, cuddle your cat, water your plants and mow your lawns. I'm available in February and March 2009. Minimum stay two weeks. Contact me at jeffreYRObinson@yahoo.co.nz or 027 4467 915.

COB EARTH BUILDING WORKSHOP

9am – 5pm, Feb 7-8th, Harmony Farm, 239 Waitati Valley Rd. Bookings essential. Visit www.gemstonetherapy.info/courses.htm or phone 0211 22 0910.

Local Bus Timetable

Always confirm these times with the bus company

Monday-Friday to Dunedin:

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Evansdale:	7.55	<i>9.50</i>	12.40	4.55
Waitati:	8.00	<i>9.55</i>	12.45	5.00
Return from Dunedin	8.45	<i>3.45</i>	3.30	5.20

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