

Blueskin News



Doctors Point, Waitati, Evansdale, Warrington, Seacliff

1 July 2009

Warrington teacher heading to Antarctica

by the editors

Warrington School teacher Trisha Korth has been awarded a Science Teacher Fellowship for terms three and four this year. The fellowship is awarded to teachers to enhance their science understanding and to inspire and promote learning and teaching of Antarctic science in primary schools.

Trisha will be heading to Antarctica with a group of scientists to study the effect of environmental change on marine life. This is very exciting as part of this study will be using video links with her whilst she is away.

Swine flu and community resilience

by Geraldine Tait

Swine flu is the latest hot topic in the media. Not many people have had it yet but there is a good chance lots of people will eventually get the flu. So what is the best response? Should you PANIC or just ignore the media beat-up?

We could think of this as a potential Civil Defense situation such as an earthquake or a flood. Is your household and neighbourhood ready to cope if you were quarantined to your house for a week or just too sick to get out of bed? While we have time we should calmly make some preparations. If you want to be proactive check your cupboards. Is there enough extra food to last 4-6 days? If not, next time you are at the supermarket pick up some emergency supplies which will store well and are easy to prepare. If you've got the time, make some meals and put them in the freezer.

Good personal hygiene habits are important to help stop the spread of bugs. Remind children about washing hands after using the toilet and before eating or serving food. Don't share cups and if anyone is sick at home get them to use separate face cloths and towels. Other things to think about are: medicine such as paracetamol, sore throat lozenges, disinfectant and, of course, a few boxes of those nice soft paper tissues. Check your first aid kit. Have you got a thermometer?

High temperatures often go with flu. Think about personal items you might need such as medications, nappies for the baby etc.

Have a stash of books or board games you can pull out to entertain the kids. The library is a good place to find books, magazines, CDs and DVDs to help keep housebound people happy.

Talk to extended family, friends and neighbours about how you can support each other and prearrange to run errands and drop off food or medicine if needed. Also remember to check in with anyone who is elderly or living alone. Have you got the phone numbers of your immediate neighbours? This may be a good time to sort out your emergency phone list.

A common sense approach to managing the flu

How will you know if you've got it? Reports say it can start as a very sore throat or ears, rapidly progressing to an aching body and a high temperature. Cold symptoms such as a running nose, coughing and sneezing may also include vomiting and diarrhea. The flu is always much worse than a nasty cold and although swine flu has been described as mild that does not mean you personally will not feel rotten. At this stage, unless you are frail and have a chronic illness you are most likely to recover.

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So if you get sick and think it might be swine flu (this is much more likely if you have had close contact with someone who has had the flu), ring your GP clinic (don't go in, ring for instructions) or the Health Help line 0800 611 116 for assistance with diagnosis and management of symptoms. Don't be a hero and go to work or school when you are sick. If it is likely to be swine flu it is important to notify health authorities as they need to track cases and try to prevent it spreading further. If you or someone else in your household does get a swine flu diagnosis make sure you tell your workplace or children's school. Ask your health professional about Tamiflu; this drug works a bit like antibiotics do for bacterial infections. It will not stop the flu

virus but it may reduce the effects and speed up recovery. It needs to be taken within 48 hours of the onset of the infection; it is no good waiting until you are almost better.

As far as coping with flu: keep warm, go to bed, make sure you keep up your fluids even if you don't feel like eating or drinking, keep an eye on your temperature and if you get progressively worse, not better, make sure you seek medical advice.

No doubt there will be more information coming from the government health agencies as the flu spreads more widely. As a community we should act now to be ready within our own families and also be willing to help others around us. This is especially important in a semi rural area with few shops and services.



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Dance Drama July Holiday Programme

Dance drama for kids (5–10 years)
for July school holidays
10 am to 11am at Waitati Hall

Tuesday 7 July: Animalia
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NOTICES

Creative Memories workshops
by Dawn Hope

Getting Started Class

Learn how on Sunday 12th July 2-4pm at
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Digital Scrapbooking

Learn how at a beginners session on Sunday 26th
July 2-3pm at Warrington Hall. FREE to attend but
bookings essential.

To register and for more information and other
class dates phone Dawn 482-2787.

Blueskin Bay Cafe

by Lee Hastie

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OPINION

Money more important than service?

by Karen Osborne

At the end of June we are losing our country bus service to a large company which usually works in areas where there are bus stops.

We have a bus stop, but it's down at the shop, 2 or 3 km from where I live. I have been lucky enough to be brought with my weekly groceries to where I live in Thornicroft Road (at an extra cost to me) by our existing bus service. And it's a great help as I'm home in a quarter of an hour instead of 2-2½ hours later, walking with heavy groceries.

It was our downfall when the Regional Council decided to contract out our service. Another owner/driver will no longer exist, because to Regional Council money is more important than service.

The Regional Council's attitude to Graeme McDonald's Palmerston Minibus Services is that his extra help with service was his choice. Don't they realise it was because of this extra help that his service was being used?

Thank you Graeme.

Waitati Toy Library

We are open again following the school holidays Our hours are as follows:

- Saturday 2nd May 10.30-11.30am
- Monday 4th May 6.30-7.30pm
- Saturday 16th May 10.30-11.30am
- Monday 18th May 6.30-7.30pm

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

WAITATI EDIBLE GARDENERS

The Weggies are branching out

by Jason Ross and Jackie Fanning

Initial moves are underway to start a Waitati Open Orchard initiative in our community.

Open Orchards are fruit/nut trees and other edibles (e.g. herbs) planted in public places for all the community to harvest. An Open Orchard is not necessarily one space with many trees but can include many spaces such as the roadside, banks, community areas and unused areas.

There are a few things we would like your help with:

- What edible trees do you know of in Waitati's public spaces?
- Do you know of a public space near your home that might be suitable for planting edible trees?
- Are there any other locations in the community you think may be suitable?

We are still in the initial stages but ideas for the bigger picture include running a series of community workshops on all the stages of tree care, from selecting the right trees for the location through to soil preparation, planting, pruning, and harvesting. These are all knowledge and skills that you can apply to your own properties.

Later on we will also be asking for community input on the type of edible trees you would like in the Waitati Open Orchard locations.

If you are interested in helping to progress this initiative or have some suggestions for the above questions please email us at waitatiopenorchard@gmail.com

Community gardens

by Lynnaire Johnston

Another WEGies initiative is the possible development of a community garden on Bland Park. While still being negotiated with a number of parties, it is envisaged this would be based on the English allotment system.

Under this system, allotment holders are allocated a piece of land that is theirs to develop into a garden for growing the crops of their choice.

The next step in developing this project will be a needs analysis to determine whether there is sufficient interest in the community. However, a number of local residents have already indicated they would like an allotment plot. If you wish to be involved with this project, would like an allotment, or simply wish to know more, please contact Lynnaire Johnston, 482 1364 or lynnaire@wordwizard.co.nz

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OROKONUI ECOSANCTUARY

by Sue Hensley



Orokonui Ecosanctuary is celebrating the birth of its first two Jewelled gecko. Eagle-eyed ranger, Kelly Gough, spotted the 6cm-long babies in mid June. Jewelled geckos, like all New Zealand geckos, do not lay eggs like almost all others in the world. All give birth in winter to live young which is thought to be an adaptation for a cold climate.

Stone carver Moira Crossman, who has a workshop in Waitati, has joined the team at Orokonui on a 6-month contract to carve two Kaka out of local stone for the entrance to the Visitor Centre. Thanks to the DCC for sponsoring the materials that will be used in the project. Previously Moira has created beautiful public works based on native fauna that are on display in the Waikouaiti Town Garden, Macandrew Intermediate and the University of Otago Library.

Counting birds in the garden—phase four

by Michael Fay

Most readers of the Blueskin News will know by now that there is an ongoing project to try and measure changes in the numbers of species of birds in our gardens with the long term aim of trying to see if the eco-sanctuary is having any effect on garden populations.

Those taking part in the survey sit in their garden for an hour and record the maximum number of birds of each species that they see or hear. The table opposite lists the results from the first three surveys, which were carried out in October 2007 and July and October 2008. The different months plainly produce different results, largely due to all the silvereyes clustered around feeders, but apart from this the small variations seem to be random. This suggests that it may take

Moira has other community projects in mind including some soft stone workshops later in the year. Dates and details for these will be posted in the usual places.

We also welcome our new ranger Megan Blok, from Purakauuni. She is on a 6-month placement and is a recent graduate from the Conservation Corps course.

Remember to keep an eye out for wandering (and banded) Kaka and Saddleback and please ring the office with any sightings. One Kaka has been seen twice up at Karitane and once at Warrington. Some Saddlebacks (very similar to blackbirds although adults have a large reddish-brown patch over their back) have been seen outside of the fence - one making its way appropriately enough to the Waitati home of ornithologist Derek Onley.

The Ecosanctuary is open exclusively for guided tours at present. Bookings are essential. Tours cost \$20, adult \$10 child, with half price for members. Tours are for 1–2 hours for a maximum of 8 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.

some years to see any effect, or that the technique is just not sufficiently sensitive.

There are two new species around now, kaka and saddleback, but their small numbers make it very unlikely they would be picked up during one survey hour, although a kaka did make a very brief visit to our garden soon after their release. And, during an half-hour sitting at the Sanctuary's viewing platform I saw six native species: pigeon, tui, bellbird, rifleman, tom tit and fantail, and heard a fernbird whilst walking back along the track. This number of native species is more than we see in most months in our garden.

The next survey will take place during the last week of July which will allow us to make a direct comparison with last year's July survey. This may

Average number of birds in the gardens per site (27 sites)							
Species	Oct 07	July 08	Oct 08	Species	Oct 07	July 08	Oct 08
Blackbird	2.4	2.2	1.9	Skylark	0.2	0.0	0.1
Song-thrush	2.0	0.8	1.6	Fantail	0.2	0.5	0.1
Starling	1.5	2.0	1.1	Pukeko	0.2	0.3	0.0
Silvereye	1.4	9.7	0.3	Cuckoo	0.1	0.0	0.1
House sparrow	1.2	1.2	0.9	White-faced Heron	0.1	0.1	0.0
Bellbird	1.1	1.1	1.5	Paradise duck	0.1	0.1	0.1
Chaffinch	1.0	0.7	1.1	Brown creeper	0.1	0.2	0.0
Kereru (pigeon)	0.9	0.6	0.3	Gull (black-backed)	0.1	0.0	0.0
Dunnock	0.8	1.0	0.9	Harrier hawk	0.1	0.1	0.0
Goldfinch	0.8	0.4	0.4	Magpie	0.1	0.4	0.0
Redpoll	0.7	0.0	1.0	Spur-winged plover	0.1	0.1	0.1
Yellowhammer	0.5	0.3	0.5	Rifleman	0.1	0.0	0.0
Greenfinch	0.4	1.4	0.5	Rosella	0.1	0.0	0.2
Mallard	0.2	0.2	0.1	All birds	16.2	25.0	13.9
Tui	0.4	0.8	0.5	Total species	30	24	24
Grey-warbler	0.3	0.3	0.4	Most birds	42	70	31
Kingfisher	0.2	0.1	0.1	Most species	14	14	12

give a hint towards seeing whether or not the safety of the eco-sanctuary is beginning to have an effect on bird numbers outside the fence.

We will be in touch by email with all those already involved and would welcome any others who would like to be. Survey forms and easy to follow instructions can be obtained via a phone call to Mike Fay at 4822806 or by email to mikeandvalfay@paradise.net.nz

If numbers warrant it, Derek will run a training session on bird identification just before the survey

is due to start. Just let us know if you would be interested in participating; you will enjoy it.

Our survey takes place at the same time as Eric Spurr's national survey which uses the same methodology. The web address (see below) provides a great identification poster of most of the birds you are likely to see. I will try and get some copies for the library to have available too. www.landcareresearch.co.nz/research/biocons/garden_bird/



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BLUESKIN GARDEN CLUB

by Lesley Smith

The Blueskin Garden Club held its monthly meeting at the Waitati Hall on Thursday 11 June 2009. As the Committee had not met following the AGM we decided to have an informal evening sharing memories of different gardens we had visited or had fond memories of. A small number of members turned out for the meeting where we welcomed a new member-Sue-who is living in Doctors Point with her family.

Different members shared their memories of visits to overseas gardens where everything was laid out neatly. Some members spoke of the way they liked their own gardens - wild and rambling - and other

members told us of how they associate different plants with different family and friends.

It was a very interesting evening with lots of the usual chatter interspersed with a bit of shaking of the body to the music from the dance class which was being held in the Hall.

The best bloom competition was won by Glenys Clements with a beautiful blue delphinium.

At this stage the July meeting has not been finalised so please watch out for an email (or a phone call) regarding the details. New members are always welcome.

Contact: Lyn Hastie on 4822896

WAITATI FILM SOCIETY

by Leonie Rousselot

All welcome to join us at Bill's Place, corner Orokonui and Mt. Cargill Roads on Tuesdays at 8.00pm. Drama, comedy, history or just plain entertainment in a warm, pleasant environment with convivial company.

Ring Brigitte 482 2829 or Leonie 482 2508 for more information or visit: www.nzfilmsociety.org.nz/waitati.htm

Tuesday July 7, 8.00pm

BERLIN-SCHOENHAUSER CORNER

East Germany 1957

Not your normal teen cult film as this one is set in East Berlin in pre-Wall days. Youngsters rebel against the ever-tightening state control and fantasize about fleeing to the West. Frowned upon by the authorities, the film was a sensational success with the locals who considered it a true depiction of everyday life. 79 min

Friday 11 July, 8.00pm

Waitati Film Society fundraiser

BREATH OF PEACE

Waitati Hall

Filmmaker Kathleen Gallagher (of Earth Whisperer) will be talking to us about her unique documentary.

Tickets: \$10 & \$12

Tea and coffee included otherwise BYO.

'Breath of Peace' is a fascinating story of effort towards global peace, featuring eight peace people of Aotearoa New Zealand - spanning some seven decades - peace walkers, petitioners, and folk in small boats and on the surfboards sailing out into

the harbours in the face of huge warships.

A unique documentary, bedded in the movement of aiehe (dolphins), tohora (whales), kotuku (white herons), toroa (albatross) and with an original score blending contemporary waiata and traditional Maori musical instruments.

This film tells the story of how Aotearoa New Zealand became nuclear free and anti-war. It is an inspiration for all people, young and old, and for peacemakers everywhere.

Tuesday July 14, 8.00pm

I WAS NINETEEN

East Germany 1968

As a very young child Gregor's parents fled with him from Germany to the Soviet Union. He returns at 19, a Soviet trooper at the end of WWII conquering what he still thinks of as his homeland, a victor, yet one of the vanquished. 115 min

Tuesday July 21, 8.00pm

HER THIRD

East Germany 1972

Egon Guenther's film received many accolades and was a box office success. It depicted female self-liberation in East Germany where the trend was just emerging. Jutta Hoffmann gave an award winning performance as Margit, an emancipated woman determined to swim against the strong tide of social norms in pursuit of her own happiness.

107 min



WARRINGTON PLAYCENTRE

by Christine Rainbow

SPACE

Six young babies have attended our first SPACE (Supporting Parents Alongside Childrens Education) sessions which are held on Mondays 10.30-1.00 at Warrington Playcentre (Closed for the school holidays 6 and 13 July). SPACE caters for under-1s from Waitati to Palmerston.

They have enjoyed exploring in the warm relaxed environment, while parents have spent time getting to know each other over a cuppa and home baking.

We have started the babies' portfolios with photos and footprints, parents using their creative skills while the babies practise their own stages of development: rolling, tummy time, sitting, reaching, grabbing and chewing, playing with our heuristic baskets.

At SPACE we include:

- Play sessions with age appropriate equipment that supports infant's learning and development.

- Discussions and information on relevant child development and parent topics
- An introduction to rhymes, music, and books for infants.

All this for \$2, sorry no children over 1 year.

If you would like to attend, or find out more about SPACE (or about Playcentre for older children), contact Christine: 021 237 1158 or if you are lucky I might be at home: 482 2005



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each Sun.
11.30am

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Seacliff
Market
11am - 2pm

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Waitati Toy
Library
6.30-7.30pm
ALSO
July 20

Holiday Programme 7
Animalia
10 - 11 am
Waitati Film Soc.
"Berlin-Schoenhauser
Corner"

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Creative
Memories
"Getting Started"
Workshop
2 - 4pm
Warrington Hall

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Holiday Programme 14
Circles & Stomps
10 - 11am
Waitati Film Soc.
"I was nineteen"

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Term 3 begins 20
Pete Hodgson
2.30pm
Blueskin Library
Surf Lifesaving
Club Meeting
7.30pm

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Waitati Film Soc.
"Her Third"

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Creative
Memories
"Digital Scrapbooking"
Workshop
2 - 3pm
Warrington Hall

SPACE@ 27
Warrington
Playcentre
10.30 - 1pm
each Monday
during term time

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... community events

	thursday	friday	saturday
1	2	3 End of School Term 2	4 Waitati Toy Library 10.30-11.30am
8	9 Holiday Programme Fairies & Princesses 10 - 11am	10	11 Waitati Film Soc. Special Fundraising Screening "Breath of Peace" Waitati Hall 8pm
15 Waikouaiti Coast Board meeting Civic Centre Dunedin	16 Holiday Programme Forces of Nature 10 - 11am	17	18 Waitati Toy Library 10.30-11.30am
22 Blueskin News Deadline	23	24	25
29	30	31	Whole of this last week of July "Garden Bird Counting Week"

WARRINGTON SCHOOL

by Warrington staff and Peter Dowden

Our marae visit in early June was an enjoyable experience. Many of the senior children slept over and wish to repeat the visit. During our stay we were given the opportunity of being part of a powhiri and had the carvings on the whareniui explained, we worked with harakeke and rakau, and had some local history lessons. We were invited at the powhiri to open our eyes, ears and hearts. The positive attitude that the pupils showed both on the marae and back at school would suggest they met this challenge.

We prepared for our Matariki festivities with Juliet working with groups of children getting lanterns and masks ready. For Matariki on Wednesday 24 June we all cleaned rubbish from Warrington Beach, then in the evening we had lantern parades from four corners of Warrington, arriving together at the School for dancing, singing and food sharing.

The re-written School Charter is undergoing the final part of community consultation with the Puketeraki Runaka.

The builders are cracking along with both the classroom extensions and office upgrade. To celebrate having a roof on the extension, we held

a traditional 'roof shout'. The builders are hopeful we can move back into the admin area before the end of the term.

After the holidays we welcome our new teacher for Term 3 in Room 1, Renee van Tuel.

Stories from Room 3

On Friday Alex's tooth fell out and he was excited and he told everyone that he was excited.

by Mikey

Yesterday we went to Floyd's house. We went at 3 o'clock and we played with the kittens and he had 99 kittens. We got to go on the trampoline. He had a tickly mouse. I put it on my cheek and it was fun.

by Maddy.

Today it is Dawn's birthday and she is turning 41 years old. I think she is happy or excited. It seems that she is very happy. Dion's mum is 41 too. Mrs Russell is 41 too.

by Phoebe.

Dad went to Perth yesterday.

by Jacob.

Crayfish are orange and pretty. I love them.

by Olive-Coco.

WARRINGTON RESERVE GROUP

by Karen Hobday

Come one, come all, to our merry planting day on Sunday, 26 July, 10.30am. Turn up with spades, and we'll provide cups of tea and food to feast upon. Bring a plate of food to add to the table if you wish.

We have 600 native plants to put in the ground, so all help gratefully received! Don't be daunted by having to come and work for hours. Just come

for half an hour to put a few plants in the ground, and be part of creating a windbreak and home for birds.

Bring the children, and let them watch things they've planted grow taller than themselves over the years. We have a lot of fun. All welcome.

Any queries ring Karen 482 2762

BLUESKIN BOOK CLUB

by Elizabeth Knife

Until further notice the above club is in recess. Due to member commitments and lack of new members we have decided to stop our meetings for the time being.

BLUESKIN BAY LIBRARY HOURS

Monday:	2.00 pm – 7.00 pm
Tuesday:	2.00 pm – 5.30 pm
Wednesday:	2.00 pm – 5.30 pm
Thursday:	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
Friday:	10.00 am – 12.00 pm 2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
Saturday:	10.00 am – 1.00 pm

THE BLUESKIN BAYLEAF Omani Chicken

by Rowan Holt

I hope you will accept my apologies for my absence the last few months. What excuses do I have? I have been on holiday to Morocco and Oman, I've been tired, I was busy, I had the flu, I had a tummy bug, hey I even had a baby! All of this is true, and actually nothing more exciting than spaghetti on toast has been coming out of my kitchen lately.

All is back on track now and I have a bit of catching up to do! This month's recipe is one I came up with while cooking a meal for a Warrington family now living in Oman. Half the fun of course was shopping for the ingredients and checking out the markets and "Lulu's", Oman's equivalent of Gardens New World. Oman imports a substantial amount of food and produce, simply because of the climate and growing restrictions. However, the country is rampant with limes, lemons, dates and great spices.

Omani Chicken

1kg of semi-boned chicken thighs or breasts
1t turmeric
1t cumin
4 cinnamon sticks or 1t cinnamon
8 whole star anise
10 whole cardamom pods
3 onions, thinly sliced
1T butter
2T grated fresh ginger
4 cloves minced garlic
1T brown sugar

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1t salt
3 dried lemons
1 cup rough chopped dried dates
¼ cup malt vinegar
1 ½ cups boiling water.

Mix the spices together, sprinkle over the chicken in a bowl and stir through.

Heat 2T oil in a stove-top casserole and brown the chicken all over (for approximately 10 minutes). Return the chicken to a clean bowl to rest while you get the other part ready.

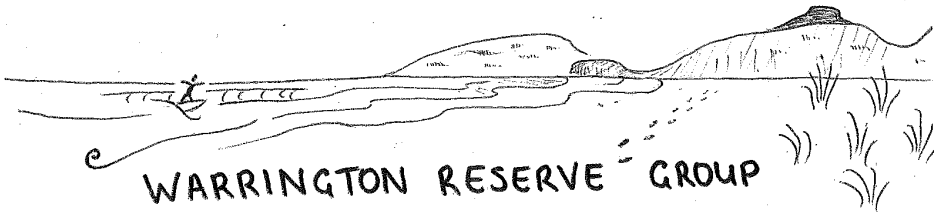
Saute the onions in butter slowly until they are transparent. Add the sugar, salt, ginger and garlic and stir until the mixture is a bit sticky. Add the dates, lemons, vinegar and chicken and stir well. Add ½ cup water and simmer for 5 minutes, letting the sauce reduce. Add another 1 cup water and simmer a further 15 minutes.

Saffron Rice

3 cups cooked basmati rice
Dissolve a pinch of good saffron in ¼ cup of boiled hot water. Stir and dissolve for a couple of minutes. Liquid should become a deep saffron colour. Stir through cooked rice and serve with Omani Chicken and a green salad.

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MINISTRY OF BLUESKIN BAY TRANSPORT

by Rudie Verhoef, Liz Abbott and Peter Dowden

The Otago Regional Council (ORC) provides a bus along State Highway 1 which goes in and out of Karitane via Coast Road then back to State Highway 1, with three return trips each weekday.

The contractor who provides this service for the ORC has just changed (on 1 July). The service formerly run by Palmerston Minibus Services is now operated by Passenger Transport, a private company which originated from the Invercargill City Council bus department. PT will operate a 33-seater, leather-upholstered bus with a DVD player on the route. It remains to see if people on the new bus appreciate the DVD player, but certainly Graeme McDonald, the previous bus driver, will be missed by many of his happy passengers.

We would like the current service to be rerouted to continue along the Coast Road past the communities of Seacliff and Warrington. A bus shelter has been recently relocated and refurbished at Seacliff and there is an existing bus shelter at Warrington.

We understand a service along the Coast Road was last trialled in 1999 for four days. Since then, the demographics of the area have changed with more young families moving to the area. The road has also been completely sealed and the cost of fuel has escalated in this time.

Resource consents have been given for a backpackers and a cafe at Seacliff. Residents should be able to shop at the closer neighbouring villages of Waitati, Karitane and Waikouaiti where improved community amenities are available. A public bus service would improve community health in the area.

The ORC commissioned a report on the Feasibility of Public Transport Services to Warrington and Seacliff. The report concluded "it is not viable to run a special bus service to Warrington and Seacliff at this time. Instead residents of these localities should be encouraged to take the weekday Palmerston-Dunedin bus, using informal park and ride at Evansdale and Waitati." Note the discussion of a "special service" to Warrington and Seacliff: the report did not explore the option of rerouting the current service along the Coast Road.

The ORC's director of policy and planning Fraser McRae said that they did not compare 2006 census data quantifying Coast Road residents versus Merton Waikouaiti-Waitati Highway residents when deciding the route. Fraser did not comment on how many school students use the current service or tell us what patrons were asked, including demand for a weekend bus service.

The last trial of a bus on Coast Road was in 1999. ORC transport manager Bruce Ramsay comments, "Commercial operator Ross Mini Services undertook a trial routing the service along the Coast Road to assess demand. Despite advance publicity to the community, he stopped the trial after four days as he had carried a total of only four passengers in these four days."

Fraser McRae declined to comment on changes in the Coast Road area since the trial and how or whether these were taken into account.

Along with many other submitters to the ORC's Annual and Long Term plans, we have suggested that rather than promoting further the current "park-and-ride" option via Evansdale, they could connect Warrington and Seacliff residents by rerouting the existing Palmerston service along the Coast Road where bus shelters already exist at Warrington and Seacliff. (Of course, then Hawkesbury, Merton, Kilmog and other Waikouaiti-Waitati Highway residents would need, in the regional council's words, to use "informal park-and-ride at Evansdale.")

Fraser McRae's reply to this suggestion is, "Commuters prefer direct routes when travelling", to which we say, "Exactly! Which is why Coast Road residents don't want to drive their car several kilometers, leaving it parked on the side of State Highway One".

We at the Ministry of Blueskin Bay Transport would like readers to think about this: that Coast Road rather than State Highway One is the "direct route" between Palmerston and Dunedin, since it serves the most populated areas. This route through Karitane Seacliff and Warrington adds approximately 5 minutes to the trip for the passengers from Palmerston and Waikouaiti.

- to be continued next month

WAITATI ENERGY PROJECT

by Scott Willis

Rounding up the Retrofit Rollout

Even since before the Budget insulation has been in the news and now that the WEP Retrofit Rollout is winding up it's great that a new nation-wide retrofit programme is being established. The whole WEP Retrofit Rollout process has been very rewarding (378+ applications!) and nothing beats the appreciation expressed by someone whose health and budget has improved dramatically with the insulation retrofit. It's not something that can be easily explained, it really has to be experienced, but an insulation retrofit in the middle of winter really is instant gratification. A big thank you to all who have shared the retrofit experience with us: feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. As you can imagine, the last weeks of June have been pretty mad, and a final round-up will only be possible once all the dust has settled (end of July).

The new subsidies from the 1st of July mean one third (up to \$1300) of costs covered for all New Zealanders wanting to retrofit insulation, and up to 60% of costs for Community Service Card Holders. There is an additional \$500 subsidy for a clean heat source (further details can be found on our website, or call the WEP).

Renewable Generation

Let's imagine that the current wind testing (at sites on the ridge below Mopanui and off Double Hill Rd) gives results showing we have the perfect wind profile for a 500 kW wind turbine. Where to from there? At our June 17th OERC-WEP meeting Bob Lloyd, head of Energy Studies at the University of Otago was very clear about the immediate necessity to construct renewable generation. Essentially, Bob argues, as we enter Peak Oil we're entering an 'energy crunch'. You need energy to build energy generators: wind turbines and solar panels need to be built now using oil and gas (in fact they needed to be built 20 years ago). In 30 years the world will have half the easy energy we have now and the climate change challenges along with population pressures will further complicate an already very difficult predicament: how to build infrastructure with even fewer resources and many more demands on what we have? Bob offers a clear rational voice when it comes to formulating action on renewables.



A Windflow turbine, from www.windflow.co.nz

In New Zealand we have the best possibility of anywhere in the world to get enough renewable generation up and running and maintaining a sustainable way of life, but only if we act quickly. Could we do it in Waitati and in Blueskin Bay? OK, suppose the tests are in, and the reports are good. Where to from here? The site: some express concern that a turbine might become a lethal obstacle for new populations of sea-birds the eco-sanctuary may wish to introduce to Blueskin Bay (can they dodge trees in the wind at night? Could they dodge one turbine with slow blades?). How would we ensure the gains would be shared equally, and how would we pay for it anyway? Would we go for a second-hand turbine or buy NZ-made, such as the Windflow 500? These questions have to be addressed, and over the next few months the WEP will be collaborating with our partners and knowledgeable individuals to formulate some social business ownership and management models for renewable generation. We'll also be talking with suppliers about our

potential turbine needs and the sites, and we'll seek to open up the discussion about the merits or otherwise of a community wind turbine.

In other renewable action, closer modelling of micro-hydro has revealed less potential than originally thought (we should have clear information on what we're doing here in July), while Lindsay Graham is talking with suppliers of photovoltaics and solar hot water units for local grid integrated generation (and reduction of demand). The questions here: Do we have the demand for bulk purchase? What would be the cost per household? Again, if we do this collectively we may be able to use innovative social business

WARRINGTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

by Lyn Hastie

An important task for our Life Guards and Patrol Supports, who are the only beach safety patrol between St Kilda and Christchurch, is to keep their swimming performance and fitness up through the winter months. This is also an important learning time for our Junior members, who we all hope will become Life Guards in a year or three. Swimming continues throughout the winter months. There are pool champs coming up later in the year and we hope to have some young clubbies taking part.

Otago Surf Life Saving has recently held its break-up for the year, apparently the entertainment was much enjoyed by young and old alike. A magician provided some wonderful tricks and had many wondering just how that happened or where it went. The prize giving saw one of our members receive the top Life Guard of the Year Award.

W3 RIDESHARE

by Jackie Fanning

W3 Ride-Share is the no obligation, one-way ride sharing scheme begun last year for commuters between Waikouaiti, Warrington, Waitati and Dunedin.

Although we have over 80 people currently registered with W3, it has not been as successful as it could be. We want you to tell us how you think W3 can be improved.

I have found the scheme to work quite well for me, however, I do hold out the W3 sign rather than wear the armband. Maybe the arm bands aren't visible enough?

W3 has a page or two on the Transition Towns (TT) website – one of which is the W3 Forum
1 July 2009

models to secure funding for this initiative. Our renewable generation team is working on solving these questions and we have the partners to support our efforts, so if you have a passion for problem solving or a technical skill and would like to play a part in getting the blades turning, the turbine spinning or capturing the solar energy, please get in touch.

Contact the WEP at: waitatienergy@gmail.com, or by calling 482 2048. You'll also find plenty of regularly renewed information on the website (<http://transitiontowns.org.nz/waitati>) or by going on the email list.

Congratulations to Pru Casey who has received this award and also brought along a number of new guards to our club.

Warrington patrollers gained 100% in all three of their patrol inspections this past season which is a great achievement.

Our next club meeting will be held on Monday July 20 at 7.30pm in the club rooms. Don't worry if it's a cold night as the room is always warm with heaters and hot drinks for all.

Our club Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 14 August at 7pm. There will be food and drink and it will be for all family members. Please give some thought to what positions you and your family can take on. There WILL be positions up for grabs. More details next month.

where you can post your comments. To do this you will have to register or log on to the TT website (easy to do – just yet another password).

The idea is that this is an online forum where participants and others can communicate with each other, make recommendations on how the scheme should run, or use it to establish more formal carpooling arrangements. A number of comments on people's experiences have been made already.

The TT site is www.transitiontowns.org.nz/waitati and you will see the W3 Ride-Share link from there. This site is also great for finding out about other activities in the community.

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Depart from											
Warrington	—	—	—	9.45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Evansdale	—	7.55	—	9.50	12.40	—	13.11	—	16.55	19.25	22.39
Waitati	—	8.00	—	9.55	12.45	13.25	13:13	—	17.00	19.27	22.41
Return from											
Dunedin	7.45	8.45	12.50	15.45	15.30	14.20	—	17.15	17.20	—	—
(destination)	(CHC)	(Palm)	(CHC)	(Oamaru)	(Palm)	(CHC)		(CHC)	(Palm)		

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