

Nationally endangered yellow-eyed penguin/hoiho

The Catlins Connection

Community Guide ... No 68 February 2025 Calendar

Saturday, 1 February

Owaka Golf Club, Tee Off, 1 pm

Sunday, 2 February

Monday, 3 February

NO Owaka Mainly Music

Tuesday, 4 February

Search and Rescue Meeting, 7.30pm

Catlins Craft Group, 1.30--4 pm, St John Room

Steady As you Go Exercises, 10am, Grace Church Hall

Wednesday, 5 February

Bingo Night, Catlins Inn, 6.30 pm, \$10 per ticket (see ad)

Owaka Outdoor Bowls, 6.30pm

Owaka Fire Brigade Training, 7pm

Men's Support Group, Owaka Presbyterian Church, 7 pm

Thursday, 6 February

Waitangi Day

Speed Shear, Catlins Inn

Owaka Twilight Golf, 6 pm (\$5)

Owaka Euchre Club, 1.pm, Fire Brigade Rooms

Friday, 7 February

Catlins Bat Walk, 9.pm (see ad)

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7.30pm. Basil & Baylys

Saturday, 8 February

Niagara Bluegrass Festival (see ad)

NZ Wool Handler of the Year & Otago

Shearing and Wool handling Champs, Te Houka, Begins 7am

Owaka Golf Club, Tee Off 1 pm

Sunday, 9 February

Niagara Bluegrass Festival (see ad)

Owaka Patchwork Group Supper Room, 9.30-4pm

Monday, 10 February

Catlins Coast Inc, Papatowai Fire Station, 7pm

Owaka Fire Brigade Meeting, 7pm

Owaka Mainly Music, 10 am, Grace Hall

Tuesday, 11 February

Steady As you Go Exercises, 10am, Grace Church Hall

Wednesday, 12 February

Owaka Library Book Group, 2pm at Library

Owaka Garden Club, Supper Room, 1.30pm

Owaka Outdoor Bowls, 6.30pm

St John First Aid Registrations close (see ad)

Thursday, 13 February

Parent Support Group, Plunket Room 10-12pm

Owaka Twilight Golf, 6 pm (\$5)

Owaka Euchre Club, 1.pm, Fire Brigade Rooms

Friday, 14 February

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7.30pm. Basil & Baylys

Saturday, 15 February

Owaka Golf Club, Tee Off, 1pm

Sunday, 16 February

Monday, 17 February

Owaka Lions Club Meeting, 6.30 pm

Owaka Mainly Music, 10 am, Grace Hall

Tuesday, 18 February

Search and Rescue Training, 7.30pm

Steady As you Go Exercises, 10am, Grace Church Hall

Wednesday, 19 February

St John First Aid Course (see ad)

Men's Support Group, Owaka Presbyterian Church, 7.pm

Owaka Fire Brigade Training, 7pm

Owaka Outdoor Bowls, 6.30pm

Thursday, 20 February

Owaka Twilight Golf, 6 pm (\$5)

Catlins Historical Society, 7 pm, at Museum

Parent Support Group, 10-12pm, Plunket Rooms

Owaka Euchre Club, 1.pm, Fire Brigade Rooms

Friday, 21 February

Catlins Senior Citizens Meeting 1.30 pm, Supper Room

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7.30pm. Basil & Baylys

Saturday, 22 February

Forest & Bird Event, Duttons Bridge, 2pm (see ad)

Southern District Arts Trust Exhibition

Opens, Waikawa, until 2 March

Owaka Golf Club, Tee Off, 1 pm

Sunday, 23 February

Owaka Patchwork Group, Supper Room, 9.30am-4pm

Puketiro Gun Club, 1pm

Monday, 24 February

Owaka Mainly Music, 10 am, Grace Hall

Tuesday, 25 February

Steady As you Go Exercises, 10am, Grace Church Hall

Wednesday, 26 February

Owaka Wise Owls, 10- 12 noon, Owaka Library, 'LIVING WELL' resources with Rochelle (see ad)

Owaka Book Discussion Group, 7.30pm

Owaka Outdoor Bowls, 6.30pm

Thursday, 27 February

Parent Support Group, Plunket Room 10-12pm

Owaka Twilight Golf, 6 pm (\$5)

Owaka Euchre Club, 1.pm, Fire Brigade Rooms

Friday, 28 February

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7.30pm. Basil & Baylys

Clutha Agricultural Development Board

Telford Scholarship Closes

Saturday, 1 March

KCC Event at Kaka Point, 1 pm

Contact: southotago@kcc.org.nz

Papatowai Challenge (see ad)

Owaka & District Schools



150th Jubilee

Don't forget to register for the 150th Jubilee of schooling in The Catlins via [https://](https://www.catlins.school.nz/150th-jubilee/registrations)

www.catlins.school.nz/150th-jubilee/registrations

If you would like to sponsor a tree for the Jubilee or purchase a brick for the repairing of the path leading to the site of the old school visit [https://](https://www.catlins.school.nz/150th-jubilee/jubilee-arboretum)

www.catlins.school.nz/150th-jubilee/jubilee-arboretum

and [https://](https://www.catlins.school.nz/150th-jubilee/buy-brick)
www.catlins.school.nz/150th-jubilee/buy-brick

All links are available on our Facebook page too!

Sponsors needed please
for the continued publication of the Catlins Connection. We value your support.

Please contact:

Glenda: Phone, 03 4158119, 027 2736314, cjgalandreth@gmail.com

Helen-May: 027 4384538, greenwoodfarm@xtra.co.nz

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STEADY AS YOU GO Exercises

What: Exercises designed by Age Concern for Seniors to help prevent falls. We sit on chairs, stand beside chairs and walk around chairs!

Good social time and a chance to meet others. Come along – we would love to meet you!

Time: Tuesday mornings 10 -11 am

Where: Grace Church, 2 Campbell St, Owaka



Men's Peer Support Group,

At Owaka Presbyterian Church on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7pm.

Starting: February 5th.

Contact: Gregory, 022 047 2973

Bingo Night

Wednesday, 5 February

The Catlins Inn, Ryley Street, 6.30 pm, \$10 per ticket.

Lots of prizes to be won.

All funds go to the Speed Shear Committee.



Catlins' Bat nights!

Saturday 28 December 9.30pm
Saturday 18 January 9.30pm
Friday 7 February 9pm

Catlins River Rd, Tawanui
meet 1km before campsite

(carshare may be possible: meet outside the Lumberjack 40mins before start)

BOOKING ESSENTIAL!

For more details & offers/requests for car shares – contact **(text is best!)**: Annette 0274 158 168 annetepowaka@gmail.com

Find out more about our local bats and the moths they may be eating!

We don't walk far – bring a chair if you like. Wear warm clothes as it gets cool later on. Also sturdy footwear and bring a torch.

All equipment provided.
Free – koha welcome!

NB. Will be cancelled if weather is very cold or wet



Forest & Bird
GIVING NATURE A VOICE

Restoring the Long Yellow Ribbon

Plant care for the summer!

Dutton's Bridge pull-off, Owaka Hwy
4th Saturday of every month
meet at **2pm** stay half an hour or half a day!

25th January, 22nd February, 22nd March

Together we are planting back the kōwhai, ribbonwood, mataī, tōtara, mikimiki and others on the Owaka River side.

Bring shears, flax knife & gloves, if possible; plants (& refreshments) provided.

All welcome ☺

Wear sturdy footwear and suitable clothing, hat etc. for the weather. For details contact: Catriona txt:0223 914 698



Forest & Bird
GIVING NATURE A VOICE

SOUTH OTAGO FOREST & BIRD

Events Feb–March – All Welcome!

Fri 07 Feb 9pm

Catlins Bat night at Tawanui

Contact: Annette 0274 158 168

Sat 08 Feb/Sun 09 March 1–3pm

Free a Tree – Otanomomo Scientific Reserve

Contact: Roy (03) 418 1319 johns-stones@rivernet.co.nz
Jim: 027 440 9529 janejimyoung@slingshot.co.nz

Sun 09 Feb 10am

Join Dolphin Defenders for an activist picnic at Porpoise Bay

Contact: Jane 027 440 9529 janejimyoung@slingshot.co.nz

Sun 16 Feb Details tbc

SOFB Annual General Meeting



Sat 22 Feb/Sat 22 March 2pm

Plant care at Dutton's Bridge

Contact: Catriona txt 0223 914 698

Forest & Bird
TE REO O TE TAIAO
Giving Nature a Voice

Sat 15 March 1pm–3pm

Working bee at Pro Rātā Native Plant Nursery

Contact: janejimyoung@slingshot.co.nz 027 440 9529

SEAWEEK – details to be announced

Sat 01 March–Sat 08 March

Display in the Balclutha library

Sat 01 March

KCC events at the Nuggets

Contact: Catriona txt 0223 914 698

Sun 02 March 1pm

Restoration at the Elbow, Pounaweia

Contact: janejimyoung@slingshot.co.nz 027 440 9529

<https://www.facebook.com/ForestAndBirdSouthOtago>

Business Opportunity

Due to an unexpected health event Catlins Café & BakeHouse Takeaways are reluctantly offered for sale as a going concern.

Ideal opportunity for a couple or a family to operate this essential local business and build on a great reputation.

Café and accommodation (2 brm) are leasehold

BakeHouse Foodvan is freehold

Please ask to speak to Wendy or Peter

First Aid Course, Level 1

Wednesday, 19 February

8.30 am to 5 pm

\$195 per person

Owaka St John Rooms, 11 Waikawa Road, Owaka

Phone/text/email Lynelle to enquire or book for one-day course

Registrations close, Monday 12 February, 2025
lynelle.barrett@stjohn.org.nz or 027 4158045



St John

Sea Week 1-10 March

'Catlins - a special place for seabirds'.

Sat 1st March, a KCC event along the coast at Kaka Point looking at all the seabird colonies from spoonbills to terns, 1pm. Contact southotago@kcc.org.nz



A huge thankyou for local support.

Rock on 2025.

Open Seven days.

Waikawa Road, Owaka

Living Treasure

Wildlife of The Catlins



Sculpture exhibition by Satori Mayell

Owaka Museum
December 20th - March 1st 2025

Clearance Sale

Niagara Falls
Bluegrass & Roots Festival 2025
Two Days of Bluegrass, Country, Folk, Blues and Jazz
8th - 9th Feb
Featuring...
Valley Bluegrass
Folkinfusion
The Diagonals
The Commoners
Lachie Hayes
Andy P Parsons
The Hayes Family
Callum Gerry Hamptone



Niagara Falls Cafe Southland

with help from: the MLT  MATAURA LICENSING TRUST Check out Niagara Falls Bluegrass and Roots on Facebook.

THE BLACK SHEEP BOUTIQUE




11 Main Road Owaka
theblacksheepboutiqueowaka@gmail.com
theblacksheepboutiqueowaka.myshopify.com

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MAINLY MUSIC

What: A music based movement programme for preschoolers 0-5yrs designed for parents, grandparents and caregivers. Come and have fun with your child before they start school! There is a supervised playtime while you enjoy a home-baked morning tea and chat with other Mums!



Start: Monday 10th February ... **Where:** Owaka Grace Church ... **When:** Mondays, 10 – 11am during school term.... **Cost:** \$5 per family, \$3 per child, first time is free!

Catlins Café & The BakeHouse Foodvan

3 Main Rd, Owaka

Open 365 days of the year

BakeHouse Takeaways opens from 11am until at least 7pm every day

Fish & Chips, Burgers, Pizza, Fried Chicken, Curries, Donuts, Milkshakes, Ice creams, Cold Drinks and Coffee

Thai Specials – Pad Thai or Thai Green Curry

Takeaways can be ordered in advance 0272679839

Catlins Café opens from 8am (9am on Sundays & Public Holidays) to late afternoon

Cabinet Food, Panini, Cheese Rolls, Scones, Waipiata Pies, Homemade Cakes, Sausage Rolls, Pasties, Dine in food, Coffee and Cold drinks.

Catlins Café accepts dinner and function bookings by arrangement

OWAKA AND DISTRICT SCHOOLS'
150TH JUBILEE ... 1875-2025
Celebrating: 7, 8, 9 March 2025



email 150jubilee@catlins.school.nz
or School office. Phone: 4158036
or phone Karen Bradfield 027 4158104

REGISTER NOW

Catlins Café and Bakehouse Takeaway news February 2025

The café and food van are open every day of the year – our closing time for the summer for the Bakehouse is 7pm week-nights and Sunday and 7.30pm Friday and Saturday. If you know that you might be late please give us a call.

We have added homemade Sausage rolls and Cornish pasties to our range of home baked goodies and we have the famous Waipiata Pies back in stock

Molly can bake and decorate cakes for special occasions such as birthdays etc. Please come and talk to Molly about your requirements.

If you need a soothing and relaxing massage Nok is now offering authentic Thai Massage right here in Owaka by appointment. Nok is a trained Thai masseuse with many years of experience.

Due to a sudden and unexpected health issue we have made the reluctant decision to put Catlins Café and the BakeHouse on the market – we are willing to consider all options including outright sale/lease/rent etc – the business is ideal for a couple or family and includes 2 bedroom accommodation.

Please remember that both businesses are open on all Public Holidays including Waitangi Day.



Owaka
Wise Owls
Clutha District Council
Libraries

Last Wednesday of the month | 10.00AM
Owaka Community Library

- Featuring guest speakers
- Open to anyone over 65
- Refreshments provided
- Pick up / drop offs to be arranged

10am - 12pm

Contact Owaka Community Library for transport on 03 415 8371



For more information:

☎ 03 418 0536

✉ balclutha@ageconcernotago.co.nz

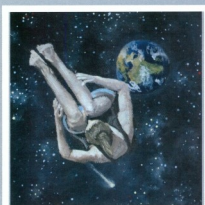
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ageconcernotago.com

Thanks to Helen-May our co-editor for her work with the Catlins Connection.

All the best to Helen-May and Alan for their move to Mosgiel ... Helen-May will continue to be the co-editor .

Please continue to send information, dates and events to Glenda and Helen-May each month.



THE POWER OF 3

By Local Artist -
Marie Reid-Beadle

A fun exhibition
with an educational
twist

Wahi Kahuika
Owaka Museum
Community
Gallery

31st January -
28th March 2025

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PAPATOWAI CHALLENGE Saturday 1 March 2025

15.5km Walk 12:00pm
15.5km Run 1:00pm
5km Run/Walk 1:10pm



Register/information at
www.sportotago.co.nz or
simply scan the QR Code

Major Sponsors



The Catlins Community Directory

**For Emergencies Call
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Catlins Medical Centre

Ph: 03 4158006 (24 hours)

Catlins Health and Gifts Pharmacy Depot

Open 9.30am-5.30pm Mon-Fri
Prescription Collection Point
from 4.30pm, Wendy Dewe
Ph: 03 4158109

Catlins Information Centre

Ph: 03 4158371
catlinsinfo@cluthadc.govt.nz
Open 7days, 8.30am-5pm

Owaka Community Library & CDC Services

PH: 03 4158371 After Hours 0800 801350
owakacomcommunitylibrary@cluthadc.govt.nz
Open 7days, 8.30am-5pm

Owaka Transfer Station

Open 1-3 pm, Sundays
Waikawa Road, Owaka

Owaka Museum

Mike McPhee (Manager)
Open 7 days, 8.30am-5pm
Closed Christmas Day
Ph: 03 4158323
owakamuseum@outlook.com
Follow on Facebook Wahi Kahuika,
Owaka Museum

Alcoholics Anonymous

Basil and Baylys Hall
35 Main Road, Owaka
Friday 7:30 pm
0800 AAWORKS (2296757)

Bakehouse Takeaways

Open 11am to 7pm every day except
7.30pm Friday and Saturday
Ph 0272679839

Basil & Baylys Ltd

Farm Garden/Permaculture
basilandbaylys@gmail.com

Catlins Cafe

Open 8am to 5pm every day except
9am - 5pm Sundays & Public Holidays
Ph 03-415 8040 or 0274352521

Catlins Club for Kids (Yr 1-8)

Mike and Steph
catlinsclub@gmail.com

Catlins Coast Inc

Hilary McNab, Ph: 027 4166819

Catlins Community Co.

Hamish McDougall
Ph: 03 4158273

Catlins Craft Group

St John Rooms, First Tuesday of
month, 1.30-4 pm
Lenore Kopua, Ph: 0274517797

Catlins Early Learning Centre *Little Hoiho*.

8am to 5pm Mon to Fri
Manager: Lisa Foster,
Ph: 0273599178

Catlins Historical Society

Leadman Ibbotson, Ph: 03 4158889

Catlins Historical Society Volunteers

Jenny O'Connell, Ph: 027 4128071

Catlins Search and Rescue

Greg Ramsay, Ph: 03 4158437

Catlins Senior Citizens

Ron Gallagher, Ph: 03 4158176

Catlins Yoga

Mel Wenlock, Ph: 027 5106008

Hina Hina Hall

Melanie Burgess, Ph: 027 4826260

Katea Indoor Bowling Club

Barry Gray, Ph: 03 4158415

Our Hut Heritage Hub

Films, Tahakopa

Wifi-Unifone available

Don Sinclair, Ph: 03 4158075

Owaka Book Discussion

Group

Meets 4th Wednesday of month in
different homes at 7.30pm

Marian Smith, Ph: 027 3803132

Owaka Combined Sports

Bodies

Nathan Wilson, Ph: 03 4158599

Owaka Cricket Club

Francis Parker Ph: 027 8244587

Owaka & Districts

Parenting Support Group

Abigail Tarbotton, Secretary,
03 4158975

Owaka Euchre Club

Dawn Miller, 0272345056

Pat Ratahi 0274158873

Owaka Garden Club

Meets 2nd Wednesday of month
Community Centre Supper Room
1.30pm, Anne Berney, 034158216

Owaka Going Forward

Committee

Marion Leslie, Ph: 03 4158588

Owaka Golf Club

Every Saturday tee off at 1pm
Doug Dewe, Ph: 03 4158060

Owaka Grace Presbyterian

Fellowship (next to Owaka

Motors), Sunday Services: 10.30 am

Visitors Welcome, Pastor: Matt
Tarbotton, Ph: 034158975

Owaka Hall Committee

Debra Hollows, Ph: 03 4158428

Owaka Ladies Golf

Tuesdays, Christine Mitchell
Ph: 03 4158 386

Owaka Community Library

Book Group

2nd Wednesday of month, 2pm
Ph: 03 4158371

Owaka Lions Club

Warren Burgess, 03 4158019

Owaka Mainly Music

Monday, 10am, Owaka Grace Hall
(next to Owaka Motors)

Heni Landreth, Ph: 03 4158117

Owaka Outdoor Bowling

Club

Dawn Smith, Ph: 0276574012

Owaka Patchwork Group

Meets second and last Sundays of
month at Community Centre
Supper Room, 9.30am-4pm
Marion Leslie, Ph: 03 4158588

Owaka Presbyterian

Church

Sunday Services: 10.30 am

Visitors welcome

John Spicer, Ph: 03 4128184

Owaka Rugby Club

Chris Chittock, Ph: 027 3182388

Owaka St John

Ambulance Volunteers

Jim Young, Ph: 03 4158532

Owaka St John Committee

John Spicer, Ph: 03 4128184

Owaka Swap Shop

Rear of Owaka Community Centre

Open: Mondays 12-1pm,

Thursdays 2.30-4pm

Annette Patterson Ph: 03 4158491

Owaka Swimming Baths

Alyssa McDougall, Sec, 027 3052159

or 03 4158273;

Sarah Chittock, Pres

Owaka Volunteer Fire

Brigade

Mark Cuthbert, Ph: 03 4158509

Owaka Yacht Club

Hina Hina Estuary

Mark Preddy, Ph: 03 4128674

Otago Youth Adventure

Trust (Tautuku Outdoor

Education Centre)

Warden:
tautuku@youthadventure.org.nz

Papatowai and Districts

Community Association

(PADCA)

Ian Morison, Ph: 021 2797170

Papatowai Country Store

& Peake's Kitchen

Tom and Nicole Peake

Ph: 0224090798

E: peakeskitchen@gmail.com

Papatowai Forest Heritage

Trust

Mary Sutherland, 0274150205

E: marysutherland@icloud.com

Papatowai Volunteer Fire

Brigade

Tony Miller, Ph: 03 4158669

Pounaweia Picnic Group

Linda Mason. Ph: 027 459 3659

Puketiro Gun Club

Chris Bennett, Ph: 034158513

Romahapa School

Principal: Ph: 03 4128849

Romahapa Women's

Institute, Romahapa Hall, 7.30

pm, 1st Wednesday of month.

Shona Preddy Ph: 034128674

South Otago Forest & Bird

Jane Young, Ph: 03 4158532

South Otago Pony Club

(Owaka)

Wednesdays 4pm

McGill's Farm, Newhaven

Denise McGill Ph: 03 4158358

Tahakopa School

Principal: Cherie Zoutenbier-

Bisset

Ph: 03 4158085

Tahakopa Fellowship

Our Hut, Tahakopa

Fortnightly services

Keith Olsen Ph: 0274158244

Thai Massage by Nok

Monday to Saturday by appoint-

ment, Txt or call 02729227768 or

enquire at Catlins Cafe

The Catlins Area School

Glenys Hanley, Principal

Ph: 034158036

The Catlins Bat Project

Catriona Gower

catlinspekapeka@gmail.com

Wise Owls

Owaka Community Library

Ph: 034158371

Community Email Convener

Join the Catlins Community

email Group to receive up-

to-date community notices.

Keep this page up to date.

Please contact Helen-May or Glen-

da with any changes

Would you like an email edition of

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Contact Helen-May via email

greenwoodfarm@xtra.co.nz

Justices of the Peace:

Owaka:

Mr MI Patterson JP, 03 4158491 or 027 9076677

Ms KI Goffe JP, 021 777732

The Catlins Region:

Mr A Keen JP, 027 208 7250

Mr BH Wilson JP, 03 415 8282

Kaka Point:

Mrs MJ Dunn JP, 03 412 8626 or 027 6512151

Mr MJ Ford JP, 03 412 8792 or 027 4128045



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