



Purakaunui Bay

The Catlins Connection

Community Guide ... No 69 March 2025 Calendar

Saturday, 1 March

Papatowai Challenge

Owaka Golf Club, Tee Off, 1 pm

Sunday, 2 March

Forest and Bird Restoration at Devil's Elbow Pounaweia, 1 pm (see ad)

Monday, 3 March

Marie Reid's Art Talk, Museum Gallery, 3.33pm (see ad)

Owaka Mainly Music, 10 am, Grace Hall

Tuesday, 4 March

Owaka Going Forward, Meeting, Supper room, 7 pm

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 March

TCAS Quiz Night, School Hall, 7.pm \$30 team of 4 (see ad)

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 March

Parent Support Group, Plunket Room 10-12pm

Owaka Twilight Golf, 6 pm (\$5)

Owaka Euchre Club, 1.pm, Fire Brigade Rooms

Friday, 7 March

Owaka and District Schools 150th Jubilee (see ad)

Catlins Senior Citizens Social Gathering 1.30 pm, Supper Room

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7.30pm. Basil & Baylys

Saturday, 8 March

Owaka and District Schools 150th Jubilee

Owaka Golf Club, Tee Off 1 pm

Sunday, 9 March

Owaka and District Schools 150th Jubilee

Art at the Beach (see ad)

Forest and Bird Free a Tree day (see ad)

Owaka Patchwork Group Supper Room, 9.30-4pm

Monday, 10 March

Owaka Fire Brigade Meeting, 7pm

Owaka Mainly Music, 10 am, Grace Hall

Tuesday, 11 March

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

Wednesday, 12 March

Owaka Library Book Group, 2pm at Library

Owaka Garden Club, Supper Room, 1.30pm

Owaka Outdoor Bowls, 6.30pm

Thursday, 13 March

Parent Support Group, Plunket Room 10-12pm

Owaka Twilight Golf, 6 pm (\$5)

Owaka Euchre Club, 1.pm, Fire Brigade Rooms

Friday, 14 March

Catlins Canter

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7.30pm. Basil & Baylys

Saturday, 15 March

Catlins Canter

Forest and Bird Working Bee at Plant Nursery 1 pm (see ad)

Owaka Golf Club, Tee Off, 1pm

Sunday, 16 March

Catlins Canter

Monday, 17 March

Owaka Lions Club Meeting, 6.30 pm

Owaka Mainly Music, 10 am, Grace Hall

Tuesday, 18 March

Search and Rescue Training, 7.30pm

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

Wednesday, 19 March

Clutha Development Event, Sir Ashely Bloomfield, TPOMA, 7pm, (see ad)

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

Owaka Fire Brigade Training, 7pm

Owaka Outdoor Bowls, 6.30pm

Thursday, 20 March

Grey Power Seniors Expo (see ad)

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 March

Catlins Senior Citizens Meeting 1.30 pm, Supper Room

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7.30pm. Basil & Baylys

Saturday, 22 March

Otago Anniversary Weekend

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

Owaka Golf Club, Tee Off, 1 pm

Sunday, 23 March

Otago Anniversary Weekend

Monday, 24 March

Otago Anniversary Day

NO Owaka Mainly Music,

Tuesday, 25 March

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

Wednesday, 26 March

Owaka Wise Owls, 10- 12 noon, Owaka Library, Speaker-- St John (see ad)

Owaka Book Discussion Group, 7.30pm

Owaka Outdoor Bowls, 6.30pm

Thursday, 27 March

Parent Support Group, Plunket Room 10-12pm

Owaka Twilight Golf, 6 pm (\$5)

Owaka Euchre Club, 1.pm, Fire Brigade Rooms

Friday, 28 March

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7.30pm. Basil & Baylys

Saturday, 29 March

Sunday 30 March

Puketiro Gun Club, 1pm

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

Monday 31 March

Owaka Mainly Music, 10 am, Grace Hall

Bingo Night

Wednesday, 5 March

The Catlins Inn, Ryley Street,

6.30 pm, \$10 per ticket.

Lots of prizes to be won.

All proceeds to local charities.



This edition of the Catlins Connection is kindly sponsored by
Grant and Karen Bradfield, Owaka Valley

Catlins Medical Centre –

March 2025

Well here we are well into 2025 and the sun has remembered where we are, so that is great.

We thought we had 2025 covered with locums but unfortunately Dr Takla Gardey has decided that she is burnt out and wants to have some time for herself so will not be returning to the Catlins Medical Centre.

This left us in a bit of a quandary, but we have been able to secure locums until the end of August and are still working on the remainder of the year.

Dr Claudia Mosavi will be returning for regular 3 week blocks during the year along with Dr Gill Penno and Dr Hilka Sheffield who are covering other blocks, both who have been here previously and are happy to return.

We are continuing to look for a permanent GP but there is a huge shortage of these professionals, so it is just not an easy fix.

In the meantime, we are very fortunate that we are able to secure Locums to keep the practice running.

While this does make it a bit hard for patients, some finding it difficult seeing different doctors, we do try to provide a continuity of care, and we have 3 outstanding nurses who are happy to help with patients concerns. We do thank our patients for their understanding

Our Administration team do try to accommodate patient requests as best they can, so please understand if you can't always get an appointment on the day you request.

Please allow a minimum of 24 hours for repeat prescriptions as these have to be created by the doctor between patients so may not always be done on the day requested.

We now have a patient portal, where you can order repeat prescriptions, make an appointment with a nurse and also check your results once they have been viewed by a doctor.

Access the Well portal is very easy all you need to do is

**Download the WellNZ app from the app store or
Google Play**

Register and enter the invite code CATLIN

**If you have any problems, just get in touch with one of our
admin team and we will attempt to get you logged in.**

Next Liquid Nitrogen Clinic: 11th March after 3pm

Debra, Practice Manager

Owaka & District Schools



150th Jubilee

7,8,9th March

Looking forward to seeing you all

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://www.catlins.school.nz/150th-jubilee/jubilee-arboretum> and <https://www.catlins.school.nz/150th-jubilee/buy-brick>

All links are available on our Facebook page too!

PROGRAMME

Owaka and District Schools

150th Jubilee | March 7th, 8th and 9th 2025 |

Friday 7th March

- ◆ **12.30pm – 3.00pm** | The Catlins Area School tours with current pupils
- ◆ **7.00pm** | Registrations, social time and supper (Owaka Memorial Community Centre)

Saturday 8th March

- ◆ **9.00am - 12 noon** | Registrations & photos (Owaka Memorial Community Centre)
- ◆ **12.30pm** | **Official welcome**, Kapahaka, photos, cake cutting, bell ringing (The Catlins Area School)
- ◆ **Lunch** | Food Trucks by Four Square and local cafes in town

School open in the afternoon until 4pm for displays
Museum will be open with displays
Maps of schools and districts available

- ◆ **7.30pm** | Dance and supper (Owaka Memorial Community Centre) All Welcome!!

Sunday 9th March

- ◆ **10.00am** | Official opening of Arboretum and tree planting
- ◆ **11.00am** | Church Service (Owaka Memorial Community Centre) followed by light refreshments

Farewell

(The Owaka Museum will provide free entry for the weekend to all registrants)



A Resilient Community: Lessons from Sir Ashley Bloomfield

19 March 2025

7pm

Te Pou Ō Mata-Au, 6 Clyde Street, Balclutha

Tickets: \$25 (Group bookings available, contact Clutha Development)



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 contact Wendy 0279127101

or Peter 0274352521

Catlins Café 034158040

Grey Power South Otago Inc Presents:

SENIORS EXPO 2025

Thursday 20 March, 2025 10:00am - 03:00pm Te Pou Ō Mata-Au

EDUCATION | PRIZES | GAMES

- Connect seniors with local services and support
- Empower seniors through information
- Raise awareness of available resources
- Help service agencies share vital information effectively

ALL ARE WELCOME

Contact Us 0279598570 or email gwynnyb@hotmail.co.nz

NEW OPENING HOURS

THURSDAY 11AM-3PM
FRIDAY 11AM-3PM
SATURDAY 11AM-3PM

THE BLACK SHEEP BOUTIQUE

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

LAYBUY Pay it, easy. afterpay

Waikawa Road

Bake House Gallery

Clearance Sale Continues

New Stock Weekly

Enjoy the Owaka School 150th Jubilee

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

For Seaweek 2025:

'Art at the Beach'

Sunday 9th March

Join us anytime from low tide to high tide,
7.30am - noon

Hayes Gap, Nuggets Rd, Kaka Point

An opportunity to be creative in whatever medium you enjoy - sketch, sculpt the sand, paint, write, photograph, song.....

We will be celebrating the diversity of sea life and working with both a rising tide and the rising sun.

For details, contact: Catriona 0223 914 698



SOUTH OTAGO FOREST & BIRD

March Events - All Welcome!

SEAWEEK

Sat 22 Feb - Sat 08 March

Sea week Display in the Balclutha library

Sun 02 March 1pm

Restoration at the Devil's Elbow, Pounaweia

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

Sun 09 March 1pm

Art at the Beach Hayes Gap, Nuggets Rd.

Contact: Catriona txt 0223 914 698

REGULAR EVENTS

Sun 09 March 9:30am

Free a Tree - Otanomomo Scientific Reserve

Contact: Roy (03) 418 1319 johns-stones@rivernet.co.nz

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

Sat 15 March

10am Branch meeting

1pm Working bee in our native plant nursery

Jim & Jane's place 145 Hinahina Rd, Owaka

Contact: janejimyoung@slingshot.co.nz

027 440 9529 (03) 415 8532

2pm 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

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.



Men's Peer Support Group,

The Catlins Men's Peer Support Group meets at the Owaka Presbyterian Church on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7pm. Every man needs a father, a mentor, an advisor. The Men's Group is a place to feel you are not alone and can share real life questions or issues you are facing in a sympathetic and supportive environment. If you are really in a great place in life please come and share that with us as well. Contact Gregory phone 022 047 2973

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

Catlins Café and Bakehouse Takeaway

News March 2025

The café and food van are open every day of the year – our closing time for the summer for the Bakehouse is 7pm weeknights 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.

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.



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
 📍 Age Concern Otago

ageconcernotago.com

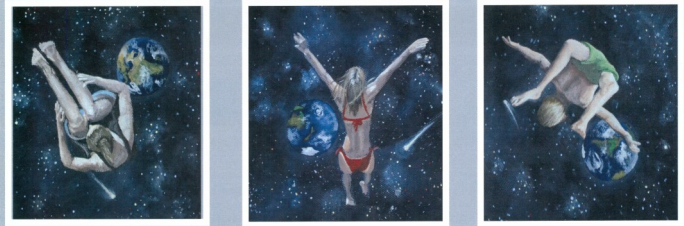
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THE POWER OF 3

By Local Artist - Marie Reid-Beadle

A fun exhibition with an educational twist

Wahi Kahuika
Owaka Museum
Community
Gallery

31st January - 28th March 2025



THE EVOLUTION OF A CRAZY ARTIST

Talk By Local Artist - Marie Reid-Beadle

In conjunction with
POWER OF 3 EXHIBITION

OWAKA MUSEUM Community Gallery

3rd of the 3rd at 3.33pm

Quiz Night

Fundraising for Year 9 & 10 camp to Rakiura/Stewart Island

\$30 Per table of teams up to 4 includes Chips & Dip!

WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH
TCAS HALL 7PM
Raffles | Drinks available

Contact Us To Enter email sarahc@catlins.school.nz or turn up on the night

The Catlins Community Directory

**For Emergencies Call
111**
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
owakacommunitylibrary@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
the Catlins Connection?**
**Contact Helen-May via email
greenwoodfarm@xtra.co.nz**

Justices of the Peace:

Owaka:
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Ms KI Goffe JP, 021 777732
The Catlins Region:
Mr A Keen JP, 027 208 7250
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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