



**Daylight Saving Ends.**

**Clocks go back 1 hour, Sunday 5 April**

# The Catlins Connection

## Community Guide ... No 81 April 2026 Calendar

### **Wednesday 1 April**

**Owaka Fire Brigade Training**, 7 pm

**Owaka Bowling Club**, 6.30pm

### **Thursday, 2 April**

**TCAS End of Term One**

**Owaka Euchre Club**, 1.pm, Fire Brigade Rooms

### **Friday, 3 April**

**Good Friday, School Holidays Begin**

**Easter Service**, Owaka Presbyterian Church, 10.30 am

**Alcoholics Anonymous**, 7.30pm. Basil & Baylys

### **Saturday, 4 April**

**Owaka Golf Club**, Tee Off, 12.30pm

### **Sunday 5 April**

**Daylight Saving Finishes**

**Owaka Grace Church Easter Service** 10.30am

### **Monday, 6 April**

**NO Mainly Music**

**Katea Indoor Bowls**, Community Centre, 7.30pm

**Catlins Men's Group**, Presbyterian Church, 7.pm

### **Tuesday, 7 April**

**Easter Tuesday**

**Search & Rescue Meeting**, 7.30pm

**Steady As You Go Exercises**, 10 am, Owaka Grace Hall

### **Wednesday, 8 April**

**Catlins Club** (3.30 -4.30pm), Owaka Museum, Primary School children (Years 1-8)

**Owaka Outdoor Bowls**, 6.30 pm

**Owaka Garden Club**, 1.30pm Supper Room

### **Thursday, 9 April**

**Owaka Euchre Club**, 1.pm, Fire Brigade Rooms

### **Friday, 10 April**

**Alcoholics Anonymous**, 7.30pm. Basil & Baylys

### **Saturday, 11 April**

**Otago Rally**

**Owaka Bowling Club Closing Day**, 2pm (see ad)

**Owaka Golf Club**, Tee Off, 12.30pm

### **Sunday, 12 April**

**Owaka Patchwork Grp**, 9.30am-4pm Supper Rm

**Owaka Yacht Club, Hook Aggregate**, 10 am

**Owaka Grace Church Service**, Morning tea 10.30, Service 11am

**Owaka Presbyterian Church Service**, 10.30am

### **Monday, 13 April**

**Katea Indoor Bowls**, Community Centre, 7.30 pm

**Owaka Fire Brigade Meeting**, 7 pm

### **Tuesday, 14 April**

**Owaka Library Book Group**, 2-3pm, Owaka Library

**Steady As You Go Exercises**, 10 am, Owaka Grace Hall

### **Wednesday, 15 April**

**Owaka Fire Brigade Training**, 7pm

### **Thursday, 16 April**

**Catlins Historical Society**, 1.30 pm

**Owaka Euchre Club**, 1.pm, Fire Brigade Rooms

### **Friday, 17 April**

**Catlins Senior Citizens AGM Meeting**, 1.30pm

**Alcoholics Anonymous**, 7.30pm. Basil & Baylys

### **Saturday, 18 April**

**Search & Rescue Walk** (see ad)

**Owaka Golf Club**, Tee Off, 12.30pm

**F& B Free a Tree**, Otanomomo 1pm (see ad)

### **Sunday, 19 April**

**F& B Branch Meeting**, 10 am (see ad)

**F&B Working Bee** 1pm. (see ad)

**Owaka Grace Church Service**, Morning tea 10.30, Service 11am

**Owaka Presbyterian Church Service**, 10.30am

### **Monday, 20 April**

**TCAS Term Two Starts**

**Owaka Lions Club**, 6.30pm, Supper Room

**Catlins Men's Group**, Presbyterian Church, 7pm

**Katea Indoor Bowls**, Community Centre, 7.30pm

**Mainly Music**, 10am, Grace Hall

### **Tuesday, 21 April**

**Owaka Search & Rescue**, Training, 7.30pm

**Steady As You Go Exercises**, 10 am, Owaka Grace Hall

### **Wednesday, 22 April**

**Catlins Club**, 3-30pm—4.30pm, Museum

### **Thursday, 23 April**

**Parent Support Group**, Plunket Room, 10-12pm

**Owaka Euchre Club**, 1.pm, Fire Brigade Rooms

### **Friday, 24 April**

**Alcoholics Anonymous**, 7.30pm, Basil & Baylys

### **Saturday, 25 April**

**ANZAC Day**

**ANZAC Day Service**, 10 a.m. Owaka Memorial Community Centre, All Welcome, Morning Tea Follows

**Owaka Museum Free Entry in afternoon**

**F&B Restoring Long Yellow Ribbon** (see ad)

**Owaka Golf Club**, Tee

Off, 12.30 pm

### **Sunday, 26 April**

**ANZAC weekend**

**Owaka Patchwork Grp**, 9.30am-4pm Supper Rm

**Owaka Grace Church Service**, Morning tea 10.30, Service 11am

**Owaka Presbyterian Church Service**, 10.30am

**Puketiro Gun Club**, 12 midday

**Owaka Yacht Club Burke Trophy**, 10.30am

### **Monday, 27 April**

**Anzac Holiday**

**Katea Indoor Bowls**, Community Centre, 7.30pm

### **Tuesday 28 April**

**Steady As You Go Exercises**, 10 am, Owaka Grace Hall

### **Wednesday 29 April**

**Wise Owls**, 10am—12 pm, Library

### **Thursday, 30 April**

**Owaka Euchre Club**, 1.pm, Fire Brigade Rooms

**Parent Support Group**, Plunket Room, 10-12pm



## **Owaka Rugby Club**

### **Senior players wanted**

**Put your boots on for training**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7pm**

Enquiries to

**Chris Chittock**

**027 3182388**



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## **The Catlins Craft Group**

**Thank you from Lenore Kopua for the attendance and companionship of members over the years.**

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## Exercises

Tuesdays 10 am

Grace Church Hall (next to Owaka Motors)

**Benefits: Balance, Leg Strength, Flexibility, Mobility, Coordination, Spatial Awareness, Wellbeing, General Fitness, Social Connections**

Gold Coin Donation

Enquiries to Liz Rowe 027 259 6193,

Glenda Landreth 027 273 6314

*Social time and morning tea.*

Donations to help cover the costs of the printing of the Catlins Connection may be made to

## Owaka Going Forward

Bank Number: 03 1734 0526858 00

Please use your name as a reference.

This is a community project

*Any donations are very much appreciated.*



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In  
The Catlins'



Marie Reid-Beadle  
Sue McPhee

13 March - 8 May 2026

Owaka Museum Gallery  
Wahi Kahuika

**Dive into Art with the  
Yellow Submarine  
Artists**



## Owaka Museum Gallery Exhibition

*Come along and take a selfie with the Yellow Submarine portholes. Be part of the exhibition.*

*Open 8.30am to 5pm. Monday to Friday*

*Weekends/Public holidays: 9.30am—4 pm*



**SOUTH OTAGO FOREST & BIRD  
Environmental Events  
April 2026**

**Thurs 9th April 12pm–6pm &  
Friday 10th April 9am–3pm** or while stocks last  
30 Lanark St, Balclutha

**Native Plant Sale**

Contact: Ian McDonald (03) 418 0606  
Jim: 027 440 9529 janejimyoung@slingshot.co.nz



**Sun 12th April 11am–4pm**  
Forsyth Barr Stadium Dunedin

**Nature Dome** We'll be joining up with local conservation groups at this fun day out during the Wild Dunedin Festival.

wilddunedin.ssboxoffice.com/events/nature-dome/



**Sat 18th April 1pm**

**Free a Tree – Otanomomo Scientific Reserve**

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



**Sun 19th April 145 Hinahina Rd, Owaka**  
**10am Forest & Bird Branch meeting**  
**1pm Working bee in F&B's plant nursery**

All members & supporters welcome  
Contact: janejimyoung@slingshot.co.nz  
027 440 9529 (03) 415 8532



**Sat 25th April 2pm**

**Tree care at Dutton's Bridge**

Contact: Catriona txt 0223 914 698

For general enquiries:  
SouthOtago.Branch@forestandbird.org.nz



**OWAKA OUTDOOR BOWLING  
CLUB**

**CLOSING DAY**

**Saturday, 11 April, 2 pm**

This is a social event with afternoon tea provided

Enquiries to Dawn Smith

027 6574012

**Catlins  
Medical Centre**

I am Tracy, the new Practice Manager at Catlins Medical Centre. It's been a pleasure settling into the role, and I'd like to sincerely thank Debra for her many years of dedication to the practice and our community. I'm very grateful for her ongoing support as she steps back a little—her knowledge and commitment have been invaluable during this transition.

I'm really enjoying being part of such an amazing community and look forward to meeting more of you over time. We'd also love to hear your ideas or suggestions on how we can better support our community—please feel free to share them with us.

A few quick updates:

- **Flu vaccinations** will be available from 1 April—please phone the clinic to book your appointment.
- **COVID-19 and influenza** are still circulating. 4-in-1 tests are available from most pharmacies if you need to check symptoms.
- Our **new Facebook page** is now up and running. If you have trouble finding it, please let us know—we'll be sharing updates and helpful community information there.
- We're pleased to welcome **Pia, our new Health Coach**, to the team.
- **Natalie, our Health Improvement Practitioner**, will be finishing up with WellSouth at the beginning of April. We thank her for her contribution and wish her all the best.
- **Shingles vaccines** are funded during your 65th year, so please make sure you don't miss this window.

Over the coming weeks, we'll be updating patient **eligibility information** in line with Ministry of Health requirements. You may receive a text or email from us—thank you in advance for your help with this.

We are also welcoming new patients, so if you or someone you know isn't enrolled, we'd love to have you join us.

Thank you for your ongoing support

**Tracy Jury, Practice Manager**

03 415 8006

**Owaka Memorial Community Centre**

**Bookings for functions & activities  
including prices please phone:**

Louise Burgess (caretaker) 027 4385589

## Catlins Walk

Search and Rescue Fundraiser  
18th April 2026

Entry includes BBQ/light refreshments on your return  
\$70 person, \$20 per child, or \$150 per family

All participants must register and pay prior to the day

Please scan the QR code with your phone camera to register on line or visit the Catlins Search & Rescue Facebook page for more event details and link to the online registration.



Email enquiries to Tarsha Shute:  
secretary@catlinslandsar.org.nz  
or to request a registration form.

Owaka Lions Club

## ANZAC DAY SERVICE

Owaka Memorial Community Centre,

Saturday, April 25th, 10am

Speaker is Kevin Baff who has served in Afghanistan

Morning tea to follow the service

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Thank you to all those who donated lambs, monetary donations and to our sponsors. We value and appreciate your support.

## Restoring the Long Yellow Ribbon

**Plant care for late summer!**

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

~~29<sup>th</sup> February, 29<sup>th</sup> March,~~ 25<sup>th</sup> April

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 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@cluthadac.govt.nz  
Week days, 8.30am-5pm  
Weekends & Public Holidays 9.30am-4pm

## Owaka Community Library & CDC Services

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

## Owaka Transfer Station

Open 1-3 pm, Sundays  
Waikawa Road, Owaka

## Owaka Museum

Mike McPhee (Manager)  
Week days, 8.30am-5pm  
Weekends & Public Holidays 9.30am-4pm  
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)

## 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 Early

## Learning Centre *Little Hoiho.*

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

## Catlins Historical Society

Karen Bradfield, 034158377

## Catlins Historical Society Volunteers

Jenny O'Connell, Ph: 027 4128071

## Catlins Men's Group Gregory

Kent, Ph: 022 047 2973

## Catlins Motors, (Matt),

17 Main Road, Ph: 034158179

[catlinsmotors@outlook.com](mailto:catlinsmotors@outlook.com)

## Catlins Search and Rescue

Greg Ramsay, Ph: 03 4158437

## Catlins Senior Citizens

Ron Gallagher, Ph 03 4158176

## 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 Combined Sports Bodies

Nathan Wilson, Ph: 03 4158599

## Owaka Cricket Club

Francis Parker Ph: 027 8244587

## Owaka & Districts Parents 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 Mo-

tors), 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

Wayne Hollows, Ph: 0274374619

## Owaka Mainly Music

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

Heni Landreth, Ph: 03 4158117

## Owaka Memorial Community Centre

Caretaker: Louise Burgess  
PH: 027 4385589

## 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 Pilates, (HT Pilates Plus)

Hollie Turner, Ph: 0221944265,  
holliephysio@gmail.com

## 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: J Geissler,  
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

## Puketiro Gun Club

Chris Bennett, Ph: 034158513

## Romahapa School

Principal: Ph: 03 4128849

## Romahapa Women's In-

stitute, Romahapa Hall, 7.30 pm,

1st Wednesday of month. Shona

Preddy Ph: 034128674

## S.O.Branch of NZ Deerstalkers

Assoc. 5 Glasgow Street, Balclutha

1st Wed of Month, 8 pm.

southotago@deerstalkers.org.nz

## 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

## Tahatika Collie Club Lyndon

McNab, (Sec) Ph: 0273159738,

tahatikacollieclub@gmail.com

## Tahakopa Fellowship

Our Hut, Tahakopa

Fortnightly services

Keith Olsen Ph: 0274158244

## The Catlins Area School

Glenys Hanley, Principal

Ph: 034158036

## The Catlins Bat Project

Catriona Gower

catlinspekapeka@gmail.com

## Wise Owls

Owaka Community Library

Last Wednesday every month

Ph: 034158371

## Community Email Convener

Join the **Catlins Community  
email Group** to receive up-  
to-date community notices.

Contact:

[catlins-community@googlegroups.com](mailto:catlins-community@googlegroups.com)

## Would you like an email edition of the Catlins Connection?

Contact Helen-May via email  
[greenwoodfarm@xtra.co.nz](mailto: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

### 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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