



**Put your clocks BACK one hour
2 am, Sunday 7 April 2024**

The Catlins Connection

Community Guide ... No 59 April 2024 Calendar

Monday, 1 April

Easter Monday
NO Owaka Mainly Music,
Kaka Pt Ramblers Walking Group, 10 am

Tuesday, 2 April

Easter Tuesday
NO Steady As you Go Exercises
Search and Rescue Meeting, 7.30pm
Catlins Craft Group, 1.30--4 pm, St John Room
Flu Vaccines available Catlins Medical
Centre from today

Wednesday, 3 April

Owaka Outdoor Bowling Club, 6.30pm
Owaka Fire Brigade Training, 7pm
Catlins Yoga, Basil & Baylys, 7-8 pm

Thursday, 4 April

Jobbortunities & MSD, 1-3 pm, Owaka Library
Parent Support Group, Plunket Room, 10-12pm
Owaka Euchre Club, Fire Brigade Rooms, 1pm,

Friday, 5 April

Senior Citizens Social Meeting, 1.30pm
Women's Biking Group, meet playground, 6pm
Alcoholics Anonymous, 7.30pm. Basil & Baylys

Saturday, 6 April

Forest & Bird Event, "At the Wisp" 3pm (see ad)
Owaka Golf Club, Tee Off, 1 pm

Sunday, 7 April

Daylight Saving Finishes
Owaka Yacht Club, 12.30pm



Monday, 8 April

Owaka Mainly Music, 10 am,
Katea Indoor Bowls, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Catlins Coast Inc Meeting, 7pm,

Papatowai Fire Station

Owaka Fire Brigade Meeting, 7pm
Kaka Pt Ramblers Walking Group, 10 am

Tuesday, 9 April

Owaka Going Forward Meeting, Supper
Room, 7 pm (note earlier time)
Steady As you Go Exercises, 10am, Grace Church Hall

Wednesday, 10 April

Ear Micro-suction Clinic, 9.30-5pm, Catlins
Medical Centre (see ad)
Owaka Library Book Group, 2pm at Library
Owaka Garden Club, Supper Room, 1.30pm
Catlins Yoga, Basil & Baylys, 7-8 pm

Thursday, 11 April

Parent Support Group, 10-12pm, Plunket Rooms
Owaka Euchre Club, 1pm, Fire Brigade Rooms

Friday, 12 April

Women's Biking Group, meet playground, 6pm
Alcoholics Anonymous, 7.30pm. Basil & Baylys

Saturday, 13 April

School Holidays Begin
Wood Chopping Demonstration,
12 middy start, Owaka Rugby Ground (see ad)
Owaka Golf Club, Tee Off, 12.30pm

Sunday, 14 April

Forest & Bird Working Bee, 1pm, (see ad)
Owaka Patchwork Group Supper Room, 9.30-4pm

Monday, 15 April

ORC 'Have Your Say' Cross Centre, Balclutha,
12-2 pm and 4-7 pm (see ad)
Katea Indoor Bowls, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Owaka Lions Club Meeting, 6.30 pm

NO Owaka Mainly Music,

Kaka Pt Ramblers Walking Group, 10 am

Tuesday, 16 April

Catlins Search and Rescue Training, 7.30pm
Steady As you Go Exercises, 10am, Grace Church Hall

Wednesday, 17 April

Catlins Yoga, Basil & Baylys, 7-8 pm
Owaka Fire Brigade Training, 7pm

Thursday, 18 April

Forest & Bird Plant Sale (see ad)
Parent Support Group, Plunket Room 10-12pm
Catlins Historical Society, 7pm, Owaka Museum

Owaka Euchre Club, 1pm, Fire Brigade Rooms

Friday, 19 April

Catlins Senior Citizens AGM Meeting, 1.30
Community Centre

Women's Biking Group, meet playground, 6pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7.30pm. Basil & Baylys

Saturday, 20 April

Owaka Golf Club, Tee Off, 12.30pm

Sunday, 21 April

Catlins Coastal Walk, Search & Rescue,
9am start from McGill's Woolshed, (see ad)
Owaka Yacht Club, meet 12.15pm

Monday, 22 April

No Owaka Mainly Music,
Katea Indoor Bowls, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Kaka Pt Ramblers Walking Group, 10 am,

Tuesday, 23 April

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

Wednesday, 24 April

Catlins Yoga, Basil & Baylys, 7-8 pm
Owaka Book Discussion Group, 7.30 pm

Thursday, 25 April

ANZAC Day
ANZAC Day Service, Owaka Memorial
Community Centre, 10am (see ad)



Friday, 26 April

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7.30pm. Basil & Baylys
Women's Biking Group, meet playground, 6pm

Saturday, 27 April

Forest & Bird, Working Bee, Duttons Bridge,
1pm (see ad)

Owaka Golf Club, Tee Off, 12.30pm

Sunday, 28 April

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

Puketiro Gun Club, 12 middy

Monday, 29 April

School Begins Term 2
Owaka Mainly Music, 10 am,
Katea Indoor Bowls, Community Centre, 7.30pm

Kaka Pt Ramblers Walking Group, 10 am

Tuesday 30 April

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

**Remember ** Lions Fundraising Drive
for the Owaka Helipad 8-14 April (see ad)**

This edition of the Catlins Connection is brought to you by

**The Napier Family
Tahakopa**

Catlins Coastal Walk

Search and Rescue Fundraiser
21st April 2024

A beautiful 20km walk south along the coast on private land from Roaring Bay to Sandy Bay, Cannibal Bay, False Island, Surat Bay, New Haven, Jacob's hill and finishing at McGill's woolshed on Newhaven Road.

Entry includes transport to the beginning of the walk and BBQ/light refreshments on your return.

\$60 per person, \$20 per child or \$120 per family.

All participants must register and pay prior to the day.

Please visit the Catlins Search & Rescue Facebook page for more event details and link to the online registration, or request a registration form by email to Julie Morris at julie_m@windowslive.com to .

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Wanted

School Bus Driver

We require a casual/on call School Bus Driver to join our Owaka team servicing



The Catlins Area & Romahapa Schools.

Ideally you would have:

- ◇ **Classes 1 & 2 driver licence**
- ◇ **Hold a Passenger endorsement**
- ◇ **Be physically fit enough to maintain a clean & tidy school bus**
- ◇ **Able to relate well to our young precious cargo aged 5-18 years**

Minimum Hours = 2 hours per run
Maximum Hours = 4 hours per day.

- ◇ You would be required to undergo a pre-employment drug & alcohol test, provide a current medical certificate.
- ◇ A Vulnerable Children's assessment is required (an obligation to Ministry of Education) prior to driving children.
- ◇ Please go to:

careers.ritchies.co.nz or
call Erica Johnstone 0275111463



Katea Indoor Bowling Club

Begins Monday, 8 April and every following Monday until the end of August, at 7.30pm,

Owaka Community Centre

- ⇒ **New members most welcome**
- ⇒ **Come and make new friends**
- ⇒ **Have fun**
- ⇒ **A sport suitable for all ages**

Contact: Grant Bradfield ... 03 4158377

Steady As You Go Exercises

Tuesday Mornings, 10 am,

Owaka Grace Hall, (next to Owaka Motors)

These exercise sessions are for anyone.

The exercises concentrate on balance and strengthening skills and there is nothing too vigorous.

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

Gold Coin Donation

Enquiries to Glenda Landreth ... 03 4158119
Gregory Kent ... 022 0472973



THE OWAKA LIONS CLUB

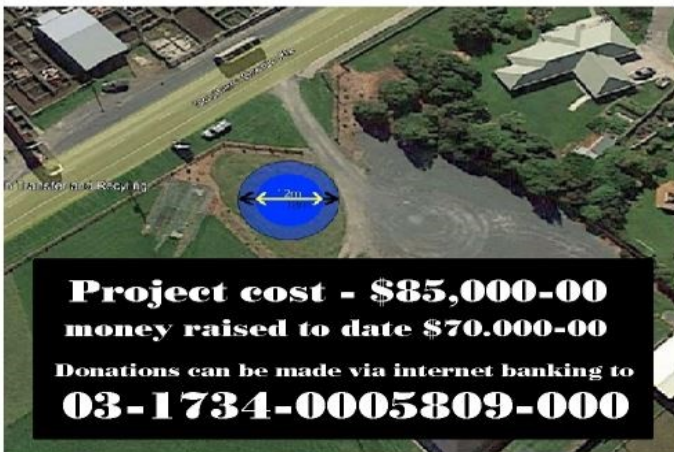


FUNDRAISING DRIVE

To build a helipad for the Otago Rescue Helicopter

LIONS MEMBERS WILL KNOCK ON YOUR DOOR BETWEEN APRIL 8th - 14th TO ASK FOR A FINANCIAL DONATION

OR TO COLLECT OLD CAR BATTERIES YOU NO LONGER NEED



ANET NEUTZE

JANE FITZGERALD

KATE WATTS

KATHARINE ALLARD

NOELYN BUISMAN-HUNG

PAM HOLLOWES

SIGURD WILBANKS

YVONNE VANNOORT

ZANTEDESCHIA ROBINI



WHAKAOHO - AWAKENING

8th Apr — 31st May 2024

**View at Owaka Museum
Community Gallery**

Owaka Museum
10 Campbell Street, Owaka
Open 8:30 — 5 daily

SOUTH OTAGO FOREST & BIRD April Events – All Welcome!

Sat 06 April 3pm Playing Pooh sticks at the Wisp

Sun 14 April 1pm Otanomomo Scientific Reserve
Free a Tree – Working Bee

Thurs 18 April 1–5pm & Fri 19th April 9am–1pm
Native Plant Sale 30 Lanark St, Balclutha

Sun 21 April–Sun 28 April Times by arrangement
Native Plant Sale 145 Hinahina Rd, Owaka

Sat 27 April 1pm Working Bee at Duttons Bridge
Riparian Planting Project

For more information:

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

Jane Young (03) 415 8532 027 440 9529
janejimyong@slingshot.co.nz

Roy Johnstone (03) 418 1319 021 174 9019
johns-stones@rivernet.co.nz



Ear Micro-suction Clinic

Wednesday April 10th

Catlins Medical Centre

9:30-5:00pm

Cost: Adults \$50

Children up to 18 \$40

To make bookings phone

Ruth O'Neill (RN)

027-419-6463



20KM/H PASSING A BUS

A reminder that if a school bus has stopped you must slow down and drive at 20km/h or less until you are well past the bus (no matter what direction you are coming from).

3pm Saturday 6th April 2024
'Playing pooh sticks at the Wisp'



This summer and autumn we are taking time to celebrate the beauty of the Catlins.

Play 'pooh sticks' under the bridge on Cairn Rd, walk across the wire bridge to be in the beautiful beech forest and look for tuna /eels in the river. Afterwards we can and have a BBQ or picnic whilst waiting for the bats to start flying. (Please bring something to share!)



All welcome – meet at the car park for Catlins Forest Walk at the end of Chloris Pass





WOOD CHOPPING DEMONSTRATION

SATURDAY 13TH APRIL

12 NOON START
OWAKA RUGBY GROUNDS

SAWING | AXE THROWING | CHAINSAWS



CARETAKER POSITION



 We are looking for an attentive, dependable and motivated individual to join our team at TCAS.

SITUATION VACANT

A caretaker is required for The Catlins Area School for up to 15 hours per week, Permanent Part-time.

The main duties of the Caretaker position include: Care and maintenance of the school grounds, BWOFF compliance checks and administration, rubbish duties and securing the school.

We seek a positive person who will take pride in ensuring the grounds and buildings are maintained in a safe, clean and attractive manner. We are looking for someone with practical skills who shows initiative and can work without close supervision. A background in relevant trades would be an advantage. Height training and chemical handling preferable or prepared to train. A full driver's license and the ability to drive a tractor on uneven terrain is essential.

Please email taniab@catlins.school.nz with a covering letter and your curriculum vitae or if you require further information.

A STRONGER FUTURE FOR OTAGO

DRAFT LONG-TERM PLAN 2024-34 CONSULTATION

Otago Regional Council is proposing some big changes to public transport, environmental funding and how they rate.

With future opportunities and challenges in mind, ORC has prepared the draft Long-Term Plan 2024-34 which sets the direction, identifies key work programmes for the next 10 years and explains the rates implications for the work proposed.

The plan is now open for your feedback.

ORC wants to know what's important to you, what levels of service communities need or want, and is mindful of affordability, so is sharing different options to see what's preferred.

The impact of the proposed changes will be different for everyone. You can see what it means for you by using the rates calculator on the ORC website.

Find out more about what's proposed and tell us what you think. Give your feedback online or pick up a Long-Term Plan consultation document from an ORC office, or call ORC on 0800 474 082 to have one posted to you.


Come to your local drop-in event or other events in Otago and talk to councillors and staff.

Have your say!

BALCLUTHA
Monday, 15 April | 12-2pm and 4-7pm
Cross Recreation Centre, 18 Glasgow St

Feedback on our Long-Term Plan is open 28 March – 26 April.

orc.govt.nz/ltp



Scan to find out more

South Otago Theatrical Society

presents

Blackadder IV GOES FORTH

7:30PM Friday April 19th | 7:30PM Saturday April 20th
2:00PM Sunday April 21st | 7:30PM Thursday April 25th
7:30PM Friday April 26th | 7:30PM Saturday April 27th

SOTS Theatre, 4 George Street, Balclutha

\$25 Adult ticket \$20 Concession ticket

Email tickets@sots.org.nz to purchase tickets

TPOMA Pop-Up Ticket Sales: 11.00am-1.00pm
27th March, 3rd April, 17th April, 24th April

The Catlins Medical Centre

We would like to point out that with **Otago Anniversary weekend, Easter and ANZAC** day all coming up in the next month it is really important that if you are needing an appointment or your script renewed please get on to this early and **DO NOT** wait until the last minute, as with short weeks it puts a lot of pressure on the Doctors and Nurses to get these processed.

We appreciate your consideration regarding this.

Flu Vaccines will be available from **2nd April 2024** so if you are wanting to receive this please give us a call nearer the date and make an appointment. Please note: there will be a 10 minute wait after the vaccine is administered.

For those who are not eligible for funded vaccines the cost will be \$30.

Again we thank everyone for their continued support of the practice

Locum Doctors in attendance for the following dates

2 nd April to 5 th April	– Dr Takla Gardey
8 th April to 26 th April	– Dr Claudia Mosavi
30 th April to 24 th May	– Dr Takla Gardey
27 th May to 7 th June	– Dr Gill Penno
11 th June to 28 th June	– Dr Takla Gardey

Debra Hollows, Practice Manager

Owaka Rugby Draw



Southern Premier Competition

6 April	Owaka	v Clutha	3 pm	at	
		Clutha			
13 April	Owaka	v Toko	3 pm	at	Owaka
20 April	Owaka	v Clinton	3 pm	at	Clinton

Round Two

27 April	Owaka	BYE			
11 May	Owaka	v Clutha Valley	3pm		Owaka
18 May	Owaka	v West Taieri	3 pm		Owaka
25 May	Owaka	v Toko	3 pm		Toko
8 June	Owaka	v Clinton	3 pm		Owaka
15 June	Owaka	v Crescent	3 pm		Owaka
22 June	Owaka	v Heriot	3 pm		Heriot
29 June	Owaka	v Lawrence	3 pm		Lawrence

Anzac Day Service

Owaka Memorial Community Centre

Thursday, 25 April, 10 am
Guest Speaker: Tiffany Jenks
Morning tea to follow
All Welcome

Lest we forget...



Stock Clearance

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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 7 days, 8.30am - 5pm

Owaka Community Library & CDC Services

PH: 03 4158371 After Hours 0800 801350
owakacomunitylibrary@cluthadc.govt.nz
Open 7 days, 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)

Basil & Baylys Ltd

Farm Garden/Permaculture
basilandbaylys@gmail.com

Catlins Coast Inc

Hilary McNab, Ph: 034158296

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

Kaka Point Ramblers

(Walking Group)
Every Monday 10am
Lorraine Barron, Ph: 03 4128016

Katea Indoor Bowling Club

Barry Gray, Ph: 03 4158415

Our Hut Heritage Hub

Films, Tahakopa
Wifi-Unifone available
Don Sinclair, Ph: 03 4158075

Owaka Badminton Club

T and S Grant, Ph: 03 4158003

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, Wendy de Boer, 03 4158799

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

Sam Landreth
Ph: 027 6430283

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

Linda Wilson, Ph: 03 4158599

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: Mick, Ph: 022 5431507
tautuku@youthadventure.org.nz

Papatowai and Districts Community Association (PADCA)

Ian Morison, Ph: 03 4749664

Papatowai Country Store & Peake's Kitchen

Tom and Nicole Peake

Ph: 0224090798

E: peakeskitchen@gmail.com

Papatowai Forest Heritage Trust

Mary Sutherland Ph:0274150205
E: marysutherland@icloud.com

Papatowai Volunteer Fire Brigade

Tony Miller, Ph: 03 4158669

Pounawea Picnic Group

Linda Mason Ph: 027 459 3659

Puketiro Gun Club

Chris Bennett, Ph: 034158513

Romahapa School

Principal: Ph: 03 4128849

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

The Catlins Area School

Glenys Hanley, Principal
Ph: 034158036

The Catlins Bat Project

Report sightings, surveys, events
Catriona Gower
catlinsbats@gmail.com

Community Email Convener

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

Contact:

s.carr2007@gmail.com

Keep this page up to date.

Please contact Helen-May or Glenda 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:

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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