



The Owaka Schools Bell ... celebrating 150 years

The Catlins Connection

Community Guide ... No 70 April 2025 Calendar

Tuesday, 1 April

Search and Rescue Meeting, 7.30pm
Catlins Craft Group, 1.30–4 pm, St John Room

Wednesday, 2 April

Owaka Fire Brigade Training, 7pm
Men's Support Group, Owaka Presbyterian Church, 7pm

Thursday, 3 April

Evolution of a Crazy Artist Talk, Owaka Museum, 3 pm (see ad)
Parent Support Group, Plunket Room 10-12pm

Owaka Euchre Club, 1pm, Fire Brigade Rooms

Friday, 4 April

Catlins Senior Citizens Social Gathering 1.30 pm, Supper Room

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7.30pm. Basil & Baylys

Saturday, 5 April

Owaka Golf Club, Tee Off 1 pm

Sunday, 6 April

Daylight Saving—Clocks back an hour

Search & Rescue Recruitment Day, 11am-1pm, Owaka SAR Base

Monday, 7 April

Bingo Night, Catlins Inn, 6.30pm

Katea Indoor Bowls, 7.30 pm

Owaka Mainly Music, 10 am, Grace Hall

Tuesday, 8 April

Wednesday, 9 April

Owaka Library Book Group, 2pm at Library

Owaka Garden Club, Supper Room, 1.30pm

Thursday, 10 April

Parent Support Group, Plunket Room 10-12pm

Owaka Euchre Club, 1pm, Fire Brigade Rooms

Friday, 11 April

TCAS Swimming Sports, 9 am start

Movie night, free ice-creams, hot chocolates. 5pm for BYO dinner, or 5:30pm for movie. Owaka Grace Hall, (See ad)

TCAS—School Term ends

Catlins Senior Citizens AGM Meeting 1.30 pm, Supper Room

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7.30pm. Basil & Baylys

Saturday, 12 April

School Holidays Begin

Owaka Golf Club, Tee Off, 12.30pm

Sunday, 13 April

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

Owaka Patchwork Group Supper Room, 9.30-4pm

Monday, 14 April

NO Mainly Music

Catlins Coast Inc, 7 pm, Papatowai Fire Station

Katea Indoor Bowls, 7.30 pm

Owaka Fire Brigade Meeting, 7pm

Tuesday, 15 April

Search and Rescue Training, 7.30pm

Wednesday, 16 April

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

Owaka Fire Brigade Training, 7pm

Thursday, 17 April

Forest & Bird Native Plant Sale, 2-6pm, 30 Lanark St Balclutha (see ad)

Catlins Historical Society, 7 pm, at Museum

Owaka Euchre Club, 1pm, Fire Brigade Rooms

Friday, 18 April

Good Friday

Combined Church Service, Presbyterian Church, 10:30 am

Forest & Bird Native Plant Sale, 9am-1pm 30 Lanark St Balclutha (see ad)

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7.30pm. Basil & Baylys

Saturday, 19 April

Easter Saturday

Owaka Golf Club, Tee Off, 12.30 pm

Sunday, 20 April

Easter Sunday

Combined Church Service - Grace Church, 10:30 am

Forest & Bird Branch Meeting, 10am
F&B Working Bee in the Plant Nursery, 145 Hinahina Rd Owaka (see ad)

Monday, 21 April

Easter Monday

Forest & Bird Native Plant Sale, 21–27 April, time by arrangement, 145 Hinahina Rd, Owaka (see ad)

Katea Indoor Bowls, 7.3-p.

Owaka Lions Club Meeting, 6.30 pm

NO Owaka Mainly Music,

Tuesday, 22 April

Wednesday, 23 April

Owaka Book Discussion Group, 7.30pm

Thursday, 24 April

Owaka Euchre Club, 1pm, Fire Brigade Rooms

Friday, 25 April

ANZAC Day

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

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7.30pm. Basil & Baylys-

Saturday, 26 April

F&B Plant Care, Dutton's Bridge, 11am (see ad)

Owaka Golf Club, Tee Off, 12.30pm

Sunday 27 April

Forest & Bird Native Plant Sale, Last Day, time by arrangement, 145 Hinahina Rd, Owaka (see ad)

Puketiro Gun Club, 1pm

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

Monday 28 April

TCAS Term 2 Begins

Owaka Mainly Music, 10 am, Grace Hall

Katea Indoor Bowls, 7.30pm

Tuesday 29 April

Wednesday 30 April

Owaka Wise Owls, Community Law 10–12 noon, Owaka Library,



Steady As You Go Exercises

The exercise class is in recess at present. We hope to reconvene later in the year.

Bingo Night

Monday, 7 April,

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
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FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

MEET FROM 5 FOR BYO DINNER
 MOVIE STARTS 5:30PM
 FRIDAY 11 APRIL 2025
 OWAKA GRACE HALL
 3 CAMPBELL STREET

FREE ENTRY



FREE ICECREAM AND HOT CHOCOLATE

South Otago Forest & Bird

NATIVE PLANT SALE



Thurs 17 April 2–6pm & Fri 18 April 9am–1pm (While stocks last)
30 Lanark St Balclutha
 Ian & Wilma McDonald (03) 418 0606 ianwilma@kinect.co.nz

Mon 21–Sun 27 April Time by arrangement
145 Hinahina Rd Owaka
 Jane & Jim Young (03) 415 8532 janejimmyoung@slingshot.co.nz

Locally sourced plants at budget prices
 Forest and Bird – South Otago 



Business Opportunity

Catlins Café & BakeHouse Takeaways
 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 & accommodation (2 brm) are leasehold
 BakeHouse Foodvan is freehold
 Please contact Wendy 0279127101
 Catlins Café 034158040




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

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Waikawa Road, Owaka
Phone: 027 758 0040

Catlins Country Store & Bake House Gallery
 Homeware, Giftware, Lighting,
 Art and Furniture
 New stock arriving weekly

Restoring the Long Yellow Ribbon

Autumn tree planting!

Dutton's Bridge pull-off, Owaka Hwy
4th Saturday of every month

meet at 11am stay half an hour or half a day!

26th April, 24th May, 28th June

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

If available, bring spade, flax knife & gloves; plants (& refreshments) provided.

All welcome ☺



Wear sturdy footwear and suitable clothing, hat etc. for the weather.

For details contact: Catriona txt:0223 914 698



Congratulations

to the

150th Owaka and District Schools' Jubilee Committee

for a wonderful weekend, enjoyed by ex-pupils, staff and friends of the schools.



THE EVOLUTION OF A CRAZY ARTIST

Talk By Local Artist - Marie Reid-Beadle



RESCHEDULED!!

3rd of April at 3.33pm



In conjunction with **POWER OF 3 EXHIBITION**

OWAKA MUSEUM Community Gallery

Make Time



Watercolour Paintings

Local Papatowai Artist

Fergus Sutherland

Owaka Museum Wahi Kahuika:

18 April - 28 June

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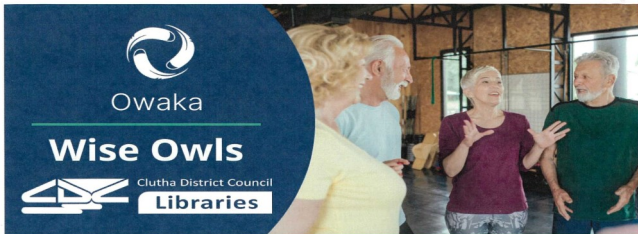
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Last Wednesday of the month | 10.00AM
Owaka Community Library

- 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

SOUTH OTAGO FOREST & BIRD

April Events – All Welcome!

Sun 13 April 1pm (time tbc)

Free a Tree – Otanomomo Scientific Reserve

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

Thurs 17 & Fri 18 April Balclutha

Mon 21–Sun 27 April Owaka

Native Plant Sale See ad for more details.

Sun 20 April

10am Branch meeting

1pm Working bee in the plant nursery

Jim & Jane's place 145 Hinahina Rd, Owaka
Contact: janejimyoung@slingshot.co.nz
027 440 9529 (03) 415 8532



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

2pm Sat 26 April 2pm

Plant care at Dutton's Bridge

Contact: Catriona txt 0223 914 698

Men's Peer Support Group

- ◆ Do you want to have successful relationships?
- ◆ Do you want to succeed in life?
- ◆ Do you want to make a difference in community and in the lives of others?
- ◆ Do you want to live a meaningful life?

Then the Catlins Men's peer support group may be the group for you.

The Catlins Men's peer support group meet at Owaka Presbyterian Church on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7pm. An opportunity for men to help each other build mental and emotional strength, share experiences, and grow towards becoming the best version of themselves.

Contact: Gregory 022 047 2973

Catlins Medical Centre –

April ... Our Monthly Update

We have just updated our Patient Management System so there has been a lot to learn and retain but I think we are all on track, although it may take us a wee bit longer to organise appointments and scripts etc please just bear with us as we go through this change.

We are very fortunate to have basically 3 locums who are continuing to return and work in the Catlins for the remainder of 2025. This hopefully will give our patients a little bit of continuity.

The health system is under a lot of pressure and we try to do as much as we are able to support with patient care.

Appointments are still at a premium so please do not leave ordering medications to the last minute as it may turn out that you need to be seen by the Doctor for these and there may not be an appointment available in the time frame you require.

Remember we have 3 very competent nurses who are happy to help if they can.

Also a reminder that you are able to order scripts & view some of your results on our **WellNZ Portal**.

Just download the **WellNZ App** on your phone and go **"Create Account"** and enter the invite code **Catlin**.

It is quite a simple process but staff are happy to help if needed.

We thank you to you all for your continued support and we continue to do our best to retain the practice in the Catlins

Debra Hollows, Practice Manager

JOIN THE TEAM

RECRUITMENT DAY



LAND SEARCH & RESCUE
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Join us to make a difference – Volunteer with Land Search and Rescue!

Date: 6th April

Time: 11am-1pm

Location:

Owaka SAR Base

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
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 Hoiha.**
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

Community Email Convener
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email Group to receive up-
to-date community notices.**
Contact:
s.carr2007@gmail.com

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Ms KI Goffe JP, 021 777732
The Catlins Region:
Mr A Keen JP, 027 208 7250
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Mrs MJ Dunn JP, 03 412 8626 or 027 6512151
Mr MJ Ford JP, 03 412 8792 or 027 4128045



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