



Sunrise over the Catlins Lake

The Catlins Connection

Community Guide ... No 83

June 2026 Calendar

Monday, 1 June

King's Birthday Holiday

No Mainly Music,

Katea Indoor Bowls, Community Centre, 7.30pm

Tuesday, 2 June

Owaka Going Forward 7pm, Supper Room

Search & Rescue Meeting, 7.30pm

Catlins Men's Group, Presbyterian Church, 7pm

Steady As You Go Exercises, 10 am, Grace Hall

Wednesday, 3 June

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

Owaka Volunteer Fire Brigade Training, 7 pm

Thursday, 4 June

Parent Support Group, Plunket Room, 10-12pm

Owaka Euchre Club, 1pm, Fire Brigade Rooms

Friday, 5 June

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7.30pm. Bake House Gallery, Waikawa Rd

Saturday, 6 June

Rugby: Owaka v Clutha Valley at Clydevale

Owaka Golf Club, Tee Off, 12.30pm

Sunday, 7 June

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

Owaka Presbyterian Church Service, 10.30am

Monday, 8 June

Owaka Fire Brigade Meeting, 7pm

Katea Indoor Bowls, Community Centre, 7.30pm

Mainly Music, 10am, Grace Hall

TCAS Teachers Only Day

Tuesday, 9 June

Bingo Night: Catlins Hotel, 7pm

Owaka library Book Group, 2-3pm Library

Steady As You Go Exercises, 10 am, Grace Hall

Wednesday, 10 June

TCAS Quiz night, 7 pm

Owaka Garden Club, 1.30pm, Supper Room

Thursday, 11 June

Parent Support Group, Plunket Room, 10-12pm



Owaka Euchre Club, 1pm, Fire Brigade Rooms

Friday, 12 June

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7.30pm. Bake House Gallery, Waikawa Rd

Saturday, 13 June

TCAS School Formal Dance

Rugby: Toko v Owaka at Milton

Owaka Golf Club, Tee Off, 12.30pm

Sunday, 14 June

Owaka Patchwork Grp, 9.30am-4pm Supper Rm

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

Owaka Presbyterian Church Service, 10.30am

Monday, 15 June

Owaka Lions Club, 6.30pm, Supper Room

Katea Indoor Bowls, Community Centre, 7.30pm

Mainly Music, 10am, Grace Hall

Tuesday, 16 June

Catlins Men's Group, Presbyterian Church, 7pm

Owaka Search & Rescue, Training, 7.30pm

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

Wednesday, 17 June

Owaka Fire Brigade Training, 7pm

Catlins Club, 3-30pm—4.30pm, Museum

Thursday, 18 June

Catlins Historical Society, 1.30 pm

Parent Support Group, Plunket Room, 10-12pm

Owaka Euchre Club, 1pm, Fire Brigade Rooms

Friday, 19 June

Catlins Senior Citz Meeting, 1.30pm, Supper Rm

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7.30pm. Bake House Gallery, Waikawa Rd

Saturday, 20 June

Rugby: Owaka v Heriot at Owaka

Owaka Golf Club, Tee Off, 12.30 pm

Sunday, 21 June

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

Owaka Presbyterian Church Service, 10.30am

Monday, 22 June

Mainly Music, 10am, Grace Hall

Katea Indoor Bowls, Community Centre, 7.30pm

Tuesday, 23 June

Steady As You Go Exercises, 10 am, Grace Hall

Bingo Night: Catlins Hotel, 7pm

Wednesday 24 June

Wise Owls, Speaker: Ruth Baldwin + Oral History Book Launch, 10am -12 pm, Owaka Library

Thursday, 25 June

Owaka Euchre Club, 1pm, Fire Brigade Rooms

Parent Support Group, Plunket Room, 10-12pm

Friday, 26 June

Alcoholics Anonymous, Bake House Gallery, Waikawa Rd

Saturday, 27 June

Rugby: Owaka v Lawrence at Owaka Forest and Bird Planting at Duttons Bridge, 1pm (see ad)

Owaka Golf Club, Tee Off, 12.30pm

Sunday, 28 June

Owaka Patchwork Grp, 9.30am-4pm Supper Rm

Puketiro Gun Club, 12 Middyay

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

Owaka Presbyterian Church Service, 10.30am

Monday, 29 June

Mainly Music, 10am, Grace Hall

Katea Indoor Bowls, Community Centre, 7.30pm

Tuesday, 30 June

Steady As You Go Exercises, 10 am, Grace Hall

Owaka Going Forward

Donations or Sponsors appreciated for the Catlins Connection. This is a community project ...

The Catlins Connection

New publishing costs

Sponsorship.....\$250

Half page ad.....\$75

Small business ad\$30

Community NoticesFree

Bank Number: 031734 0526858 00

Use your name as a reference.

This edition of the Catlins Connection is kindly sponsored by

Owaka Golf Club Inc

New Members Welcome

3 Pounaweia Road Ph: Bruce Thomson 0276866075, Em: brucethomson77@gmail.com

SALE

Massive Clearance Sale

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11 Main Road Owaka

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we have purchased Philproof bait stations
at a discounted price of
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If you would like to place an order or
would like more information

contact

Rachel Napier

Ph 021 294 3447

projects@catlins.org.nz

The Catlins Biodiversity Group (with support of Catlins Coast Inc.)



Steady As You Go®
Age Concern Otago



Exercises

Tuesdays 10 am

Grace Church Hall (next to Owaka Motors)

**Benefits: Balance, Leg Strength,
Flexibility, Mobility, Coordination,
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Glenda Landreth 027 273 6314

Social time and morning tea.

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Board Games available
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Sundays and Mondays (during the winter months)

Catlins Coast Inc. Annual General Meeting

Monday 13th July 2026 at the Papatōwai Fire Station @ 7pm

All Welcome



Please contact projects@catlins.org.nz if any queries

Restoring the Long Yellow Ribbon

Tree planting along the Owaka River this winter
Dutton's Bridge pull-off, Owaka Hwy

4th Saturday of every month -

~~23rd May~~, 27th June, 25th July, 22nd August

all welcome ☺

meet at 1pm, stay half an hour or half a day!

Wear sturdy footwear and suitable clothing for weather.
Bring a spade if possible, plants & refreshments provided.

Contact: Catriona txt:0223 914 698



Owaka Golf Club Inc Hay & Baleage Competition

Friday 31 July

At Owaka Golf Club, 3 Pounaweia Road



Judging 2 pm
Prize Giving 3 pm
Auction
Afternoon tea
All welcome

Sponsorship support wanted

for the forthcoming

Annual Hay and Baleage Competition

Friday, 31 July.

Sponsorship could be: Vouchers or prizes from
your company or business

President: Bruce Thomson,

027 6866075, or brucethomson77@gmail.com

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Under New Ownership



Daryl & Carmen

Open 6 days a week (Closed Mondays)

Check out our new menu

Main Meals until 7pm, Bar Food & Dessert onwards



Bingo is Back

9 & 23 June, 7pm

Courtesy bus available

Accommodation: powered & non-powered
caravan and motorhome sites

owakahotel@gmail.com

Phone: 020 40002473 or 03 4158350

Catlins Medical Centre

Practice Update

As some of you will already know, our wonderful receptionist Sue will soon be leaving us after more than 30 years at the practice, as she prepares for an exciting move to Wanaka. Sue has been a familiar and friendly face to generations of patients and families, and she will be greatly missed by both staff and the community. We thank her sincerely for her many years of dedication and care, and wish her all the very best for this next chapter.

We are currently in the process of recruiting a new receptionist and appreciate everyone's patience during this transition.

Our fabulous Health Coach, Pia, is also starting a local walking group on Tuesdays. This is a great opportunity to get moving, enjoy some fresh air, and connect with others in the community during the winter months. Please contact the practice to register your interest or to find out more information.

With winter certainly making its presence felt, now is a good time to remember to keep warm, dry, and look after yourselves. The colder months can also affect our mental wellbeing, and seasonal low mood can sometimes creep up unnoticed, so please remember to check in on yourself and those around you.

There are currently a number of winter illnesses circulating in the community, including coughs, colds, flu, and COVID-19. We have a limited supply of free COVID tests available — please feel free to pop into reception to collect one while stocks last. Flu vaccinations are also still available at the practice.

As always, if you have any health concerns or would like advice, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the team.

Thank you to our wonderful community for your support!

REMEMBER: Registered children under 14 are now free for the nurse and doctor.

The team at Catlin's Medical Centre

Tracy Jury

Practice Manager

Catlins Medical Centre (2017) Ltd

Main Road, Owaka



Owaka Museum Community Gallery

Photographic Exhibition

Visit a collection of Catlins photos from the Clutha Leader through the years 2000—2018

by reporter Carolyn Deverson

Many locals feature ... you may be one of them

Prints may be ordered



Owaka Museum

Upcoming Exhibition

ART FROM OUR ARCHIVES

Featuring Catlins Paintings
and Photography from the
Museum's Collection.



SOUTH OTAGO FOREST & BIRD

Environmental Events

June 2026

All members & supporters welcome

Sat 20th June 1pm

Free a Tree – Otanomomo Scientific Reserve

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



Sun 21st June 145 Hinahina Rd, Owaka

10am **Forest & Bird Branch meeting**

1pm **Working bee in F&B's plant nursery**

Contact: janejimyoung@gmail.co.nz
027 440 9529 (03) 415 8532



Sat 27th June 1pm

Tree care at Dutton's Bridge

Contact: Catriona txt 0223 914 698



Native Plants for sale

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



For general enquiries:

SouthOtago.Branch@forestandbird.org.nz



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Save the Date

1 August 2025

CATLINS WINTER BALL

Boots &
Ballgowns

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Enquiries: Lynley Daly,

027 2299840

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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
Week days, 8.30am-5pm
Weekends & Public Holidays 9.30am-4pm

**Owaka Community Library
& CDC Services**
PH: 03 4158371 After Hours 0800 801350
owakacommunitylibrary@cluthadc.govt.nz
Open 7days, 8.30am-5pm

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
Bake House Gallery
Waikawa 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

Catlins Search and Rescue
Greg Ramsay, Ph: 03 4158437

Catlins Senior Citizens
Eleanor Sinclair, Ph: 03 4158075
Four Square Owaka (7 Days)
034158201, owaka@foursquare-si.co.nz
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
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 Tuesday 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
Meet second & last Sunday of month
at 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 (Senior Citz)
Owaka Community Library,
Last Wednesday of month, 10-12 pm
Ph: 034158371

Community Email Convener
Join the **Catlins Community
email Group** to receive up-
to-date community notices.
Contact:
catlins-community@googlegroups.com

**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

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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