



The Catlins Connection

Community Guide ... No 82

May 2026 Calendar

Sunday, 10th May

Friday, 1 May

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7.30pm. Basil & Baylys

Saturday, 2 May

Owaka Golf Club, Tee Off, 12.30pm

Sunday 3 May

Yacht Club Closing Day, 3pm

Owaka Grace Church Service, Morning tea

10.30, Service 11am

Owaka Presbyterian Church Service, 10.30am

Monday, 4 May

Mainly Music, 10am, Grace Hall

Katea Indoor Bowls, Community Centre, 7.30pm

Tuesday, 5 May

Search & Rescue Meeting, 7.30pm

Catlins Men's Group, Presbyterian Church, 7pm

Steady As You Go Exercises, 10 am, Owaka

Grace Hall

Wednesday, 6 May

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

Owaka Volunteer Fire Brigade Training, 7 pm

Thursday, 7 May

Parent Support Group, Plunket Room, 10-12pm

Owaka Euchre Club, 1pm, Fire Brigade Rooms

Friday, 8 May

Beef & Lamb NZ, Feral Animal Control Mtg, Toko Rugby Club, Milton, 1-4 pm (see ad)

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7.30pm. Basil & Baylys

Saturday, 9 May

Owaka Golf Club, Tee Off, 12.30pm

Sunday, 10 May

Mothers Day

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, 11 May

Katea Indoor Bowls, Community Centre, 7.30 pm

Catlins Coast Inc. 7pm, Papatōwai Fire Station

Owaka Fire Brigade Meeting, 7 pm

Mainly Music, 10am, Grace Hall

Tuesday, 12 May

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

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

Wednesday, 13 May

Owaka Garden Club, 1.30pm Supper Room

Thursday, 14 May

Parent Support Group, Plunket Room, 10-12pm

Owaka Euchre Club, 1pm, Fire Brigade Rooms

Friday, 15 May

Catlins Senior Citizens Meeting, 1.30pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7.30pm. Basil & Baylys

Saturday, 16 May

Catlins Bat Project Meeting, 2-4 pm, Phone Catriona for details. 0223914698

Owaka Golf Club, Tee Off, 12.30pm

Sunday, 17 May

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

Owaka Presbyterian Church Service, 10.30am

Monday, 18 May

Owaka Lions Club, 6.30pm, Supper Room

Katea Indoor Bowls, Community Centre, 7.30pm

Mainly Music, 10am, Grace Hall

Tuesday, 19 May

Catlins Men's Group, Presbyterian Church, 7pm

Owaka Search & Rescue, Training, 7.30pm

Steady As You Go Exercises, 10 am, Owaka

Grace Hall

Wednesday, 20 May

Owaka Fire Brigade Training, 7pm

Catlins Club, 3-30pm—4.30pm, Museum

Thursday, 21 May

Catlins Historical Society, 1.30 pm

Parent Support Group, Plunket Room, 10-12pm

Owaka Euchre Club, 1pm, Fire Brigade Rooms

Friday, 22 May

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7.30pm, Basil & Baylys

Saturday, 23 May

Forest and Bird Planting at Duttons Bridge, 1pm (see ad)

Owaka Golf Club, Tee Off, 12.30 pm

Sunday, 24 May

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

Owaka Presbyterian Church Service, 10.30am

Monday, 25 May

Mainly Music, 10am, Grace Hall

Katea Indoor Bowls, Community Centre, 7.30pm

Tuesday 26 May

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

Wednesday 27 May

Wise Owls, Death without Debt,

Lee-Anne Mitchell, 10am –12 pm, Owaka Library

Thursday, 28 May

Owaka Euchre Club, 1pm, Fire Brigade Rooms

Parent Support Group, Plunket Room, 10-12pm

Friday, 29 May

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7.30pm. Basil & Baylys

Saturday, 30 May

Kings Birthday Weekend

Owaka Golf Club, Tee Off, 12.30pm

Sunday, 31 May

Kings Birthday Weekend

Owaka Patchwork Grp, 9.30am-4pm Supper Rm

Puketiro Gun Club, 12 Middy

Owaka Grace Church Service, Morning tea

10.30, Service 11am

Owaka Presbyterian Church Service, 10.30am

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

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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.

Owaka Swimming Pool

The Owaka Heated Swimming Pool Committee would like to extend a sincere thank you to our wonderful community, dedicated volunteers, generous sponsors, and all competitors for your incredible support of our Owaka Speed Shear event. Your time, enthusiasm, and contributions made the day a great success, and we are extremely grateful.

Ginny Ridgen and the Committee



Practical feral animal control tools

Friday 8 May, 1.00pm - 4.00pm

Toko Rugby Club, Milton

Come and hear Sam the Trap Man and Peter Preston share their knowledge on how to reduce pest populations and protect your land.

Visit beeflambnz.com/events and search for this event to register.

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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



SOUTH OTAGO FOREST & BIRD

Environmental Events

May 2026

Sat 16th May 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 17th May 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 23rd May 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@slingshot.co.nz
027 440 9529 (03) 415 8532



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

Catlins Medical Centre

Autumn Update from Catlins Medical Centre

As the weather cools, it's a good time to think about your flu vaccine. Appointments are still available, so please get in touch if you'd like to book.

You may receive a request from us to update your details. This is a requirement from the Ministry of Health, and we appreciate your help in keeping your information current.

Our Health Coach, Pia, is available on Tuesdays and has FREE appointments to support you with diet, lifestyle, and wellbeing. We'd also like to let you know that our Health Improvement Practitioner, Natalie, has recently finished up with WellSouth Primary Health Network, and we hope to have a replacement in the future.

Some patients may receive an invitation to join our Long-Term Conditions Programme, which offers additional support and some free appointments to help manage ongoing health conditions.

Don't forget to follow our new Facebook page Catlins Medical Centre (photo of the Nuggets) to stay up to date with news and health reminders from the practice.

Thank you for your continued support—we're proud to be part of this community.

Tracy Jury, Practice Manager

PHONE: 03 415 8006



South Otago
BRANCH

SOUTHERN REGION RUGBY 2026 DRAW

Owaka Rugby Club

9 May Owaka v Clinton at Clinton
 16 May Owaka v West Taieri at Owaka
 23 May Owaka BYE
 30 May Kings Birthday Week at Southern Venue



Senior players wanted

Put your boots on for training
 Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7pm

Enquiries to **Chris Chittock, 0273182388**



Under New Ownership

Open 7 days a week, 11am 'till late

Restaurant open plus bar meals

Courtesy bus available

Accommodation, powered and non-powered
 caravan and motor home sites

owakahotel@gmail.com

Phone: 020 4002473 or 03 4158350

Coming from 15 May in the Gallery of the Owaka Museum . . .

People in The Catlins

2000-2018

Photos from Carolyn Deverson's work
 for the *Clutha Leader*



Farming people, Sporting people, Volunteering people,
 Artistic people, Working people, people and Events,
 people at School.

It's recent Catlins history on show

SOUTHERN REGION RUGBY 2026 DRAW

ROUND ONE - 2nd April (Easter Thursday)

Heriot vs Owaka @ Heriot
 Clutha Valley vs Lawrence @ Clydevale
 Toko vs West Taieri @ Milton
 Clutha vs Clinton @ Clutha
 CRESCENT - BYE

ROUND TWO - 11th April

West Taieri vs Heriot @ Outram
 Lawrence vs Clutha @ Lawrence
 Owaka vs Toko @ Owaka
 Crescent vs Clutha Valley @ Kaitangata
 CLINTON - BYE

ROUND THREE - 18th April

Heriot vs Lawrence @ Heriot
 Owaka vs Clutha @ Owaka
 Crescent vs Clinton @ Kaitangata
 Clutha Valley vs Toko @ Clydevale
 WEST TAIERI - BYE

ROUND FOUR - 25th April (Anzac)

Clutha vs Heriot @ Clutha
 Clinton vs West Taieri @ Clinton
 Toko vs Lawrence @ Milton
 Owaka vs Crescent @ Owaka
 CLUTHA VALLEY - BYE

ROUND FIVE - 2nd May (Duck Shooting)

Lawrence vs Owaka @ Lawrence
 West Taieri vs Crescent @ Outram
 Clutha vs Clutha Valley @ Clutha
 Clinton vs Toko @ Clinton
 HERIOT - BYE

ROUND SIX - 9th May

Heriot vs Clutha Valley @ Heriot
 Crescent vs Toko @ Kaitangata
 Clinton vs Owaka @ Clinton
 Lawrence vs West Taieri @ Lawrence
 CLUTHA - BYE

ROUND SEVEN - 16th May

Toko vs Heriot @ Milton
 Clutha Valley vs Clinton @ Clydevale
 Clutha vs Crescent @ Clutha
 Owaka vs West Taieri @ Owaka
 LAWRENCE - BYE

ROUND EIGHT - 23rd May

Heriot vs Clinton @ Heriot
 Clutha vs Toko @ Clutha
 West Taieri vs Clutha Valley @ Outram
 Lawrence vs Crescent @ Lawrence
 OWAKA - BYE

30th May - TOPP CUP

KINGS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND
 @ SOUTHERN VENUE

ROUND NINE - 6th June

Crescent vs Heriot @ Kaitangata
 Clutha Valley vs Owaka @ Clydevale
 Clinton vs Lawrence @ Clinton
 West Taieri vs Clutha @ Outram
 TOKO - BYE

ROUND TEN - 13th June

Heriot vs West Taieri @ Heriot
 Clutha vs Lawrence @ Clutha
 Toko vs Owaka @ Milton
 Clutha Valley vs Crescent @ Clydevale
 CLINTON - BYE

ROUND ELEVEN 20th June

Owaka vs Heriot @ Owaka
 Lawrence vs Clutha Valley @ Lawrence
 West Taieri vs Toko @ Outram
 Clinton vs Clutha @ Clinton
 CRESCENT - BYE

ROUND TWELVE - 27th June

Owaka vs Lawrence @ Owaka
 Crescent vs West Taieri @ Kaitangata
 Clutha Valley vs Clutha @ Clydevale
 Toko vs Clinton @ Milton
 HERIOT - BYE

ROUND THIRTEEN - 4th July

Lawrence vs Heriot @ Lawrence
 Clutha vs Owaka @ Clutha
 Clinton vs Crescent @ Clinton
 Toko vs Clutha Valley @ Milton
 WEST TAIERI - BYE

ROUND FOURTEEN - 11th July (Matariki)

Heriot vs Clutha @ Heriot
 West Taieri vs Clinton @ Outram
 Lawrence vs Toko @ Lawrence
 Owaka vs Crescent @ Owaka
 CLUTHA VALLEY - BYE

**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
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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

Catlins Search and Rescue

Greg Ramsay, Ph: 03 4158437

Catlins Senior Citizens

Eleanor Sinclair, Ph: 03 4158075

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

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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