



Daylight Saving Begins

28 September ... Clocks Forward 1 Hour

# *The Catlins Connection*

## Community Guide ... No 75 September 2025 Calendar

### **Monday, 1 September**

**BINGO Catlins Inn, 6.30pm**

**Proceeds to Prostate Cancer Soc.**

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

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

### **Tuesday, 2 September**

**Catlins Search & Rescue Mtg, 7.30pm**

**Catlins Craft Group, 1.30--4 pm, St John Room**

### **Wednesday, 3 September**

**Open Mic Music & Poetry Night, 6-8 pm, Catlins Café**

**Owaka Fire Brigade Training, 7pm**

**The Catlins Club, 3.30-4.30pm, at Museum**

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

### **Thursday, 4 September**

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

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

### **Friday, 5 September**

**Meditation Class, 7.30-8.30, Catlins Retreat,**

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

### **Saturday, 6 September**

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

### **Sunday, 7 September**

**Fathers Day**

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

**Owaka Presbyterian Church Service, 10.30am**

### **Monday, 8 September**

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

**Owaka Fire Brigade Meeting, 7pm**

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

### **Tuesday, 9 September**

**Owaka Going Forward AGM, Supper Rm, 7 pm**

### **Wednesday, 10 September**

**Owaka Library Book Group, 2pm at Library**

New book lovers welcome

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

### **Thursday, 11 September**

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

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

### **Friday, 12 September**

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

### **Saturday, 13 September**

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

### **Sunday, 14 September**

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

**Forest and Bird, Free a tree, Otanomomo Reserve, 1-3pm (see ad)**

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

**Owaka Presbyterian Church Service, 10.30am**

### **Monday, 15 September**

**Owaka Lions Club Meeting, 6.30 pm,**

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

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

### **Tuesday, 16 September**

**Catlins Search and Rescue Training, 7.30pm**

### **Wednesday, 17 September**

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

**Catlins Club, 3.30--4.30pm, Owaka Library**

**Owaka Fire Brigade Training, 7 pm**

### **Thursday, 18 September**

**Catlins Historical Society, 1.30pm, at Museum**

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

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

### **Friday, 19 September**

**TCAS Term 3 Finishes**

**Senior Citizens Open Day (see ad)**

**Catlins Senior Citizens Meeting, 1.30pm**

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

### **Saturday, 20 September**

**School Holidays begin**

**Family Movie Night, 5.30 pm, Owaka Grace Hall,**

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

### **Sunday, 21 September**

**Forest & Bird Branch Mtg & Working Bee**

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

**Owaka Presbyterian Church Service, 10.30am**

### **Monday, 22 September**

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

**NO Owaka Mainly Music,**

### **Tuesday, 23 September**

### **Wednesday, 24 September**

**Owaka Book Discussion Group, 7.30pm**

**Wise Owls, (65+ years) Knox Podiatry and Morning tea, Owaka Library, 10-12 noon,**

### **Thursday, 25 September**

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

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

### **Friday, 26 September**

**Meditation, 7.30-8.30pm, Catlins Retreat, (see ad)**

**Forest and Bird, Myth busting, De-extinction talk, 7 pm, Balclutha TPOMA, (see ad)**

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

### **Saturday, 27 September**

**Tree Planting, Dutton's Bridge, 11 am**

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

### **Sunday, 28 September**

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**Puketiro Gun Club, 12 pm**

**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, 29 September**

**NO Owaka Mainly Music,**

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

### **Tuesday, 30 September**

## **Catlins Community Email**

As of the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 the email address for any Catlins Community notices and information will be.

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

If you are already a member of the current distribution list, then your email will automatically be added to this new group.

To unsubscribe from this group and stop receiving emails from it, send an email

[catlinscommunity+unsubscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:catlinscommunity+unsubscribe@googlegroups.com)



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**Contact: Wayne Hollows ... Phone 027 4374619**

## Catlins Medical Centre (2017) Ltd

Catlins Medical Centre– September Report

There seem to be a lot of winter illnesses around at present and if you have any concerns then do call and speak with a nurse but mostly the advice is rest, fluids, time, regular pain relief and basically taking care of yourself.

We would like to point out that if you have an appointment that you please **arrive on time** as the doctor has other patients booked in and if you arrive late then that puts everyone behind.

At present we have Dr Hilka Sheffield working until 29<sup>th</sup> August, followed by Dr Brent Maxwell until 12<sup>th</sup> September and then Dr Claudia Mosavi is back for a short spell with Dr Hilka Sheffield here again for 3 weeks in October. Dr Sheffield & Dr Maxwell have both been here as locums before so it is lovely that they want to come back and work in our practice.

**Debra Hollows, Practice Manager**

## Owaka Lions Club

The Owaka Lions Club are undertaking the Slink Skins Collection again this year, with the collection of lambs and calves.



A club member will be in contact with past clients and if any new farmers are interested then please **contact John Niles, 027 2066031**.

**The club is welcoming new members to join us.  
If you are interested contact Wayne Hollows,  
President, 027 4374619**

**Come along to a meeting and see what we do .**



**Support the Owaka Museum &  
have a great day out at the  
Catlins Historical Society's**

## Annual Market Day

**Labour Day Weekend**

**Saturday 25th October**

**9am – 1pm**

**Owaka Community Centre**

**Stall bookings now open**

**Sites: \$25 single \$40 double**

**Contact Glenda Landreth (03) 415 8119  
027 273 6314 cjgalandreth@gmail.com**



Spring 2025

**THE BLACK SHEEP BOUTIQUE**

11 Main Road Owaka

theblacksheepboutiqueowaka@gmail.com

theblacksheepboutiqueowaka.myshopify.com



**South Otago A&P Society**

## Show Queen Contest 2025

**Entries open now ... Close 12 November**

**Phone Diane Storer: 0276645467**

**For enquiries and details**



**Stella Smith**

**Senior Stylist  
Mobile Hairdresser**

**0273392185**

**31 Main Road Owaka**

**coastalhairdesign1@gmail.com**



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**VOTE 2025**  
LOCAL ELECTIONS

**PŌTI 2025**  
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**OPEN MIC NIGHT**  
CATLINS CAFE



*Music and Poetry*

**Wednesday, 3 September**  
**Free Entry 6-8 pm Welcome**  
**Food available to Order**

**SPRING PLANT MARKET**

**SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> OCT**  
**10AM – 2PM**  
At Basil & Baylys Farm Shop  
**35 MAIN RD, OWAKA**

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## **SOUTH OTAGO FOREST & BIRD Environmental Events September 2025**

**Sun 14 September 1-3pm**

**Free a Tree – Otanomomo Scientific Reserve**

Contact: Roy (03) 418 1319 [johns-stones@rivernet.co.nz](mailto:johns-stones@rivernet.co.nz)

Jim: 027 440 9529 [janejimyoung@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:janejimyoung@slingshot.co.nz)

**Sun 21 September**

**10am Branch meeting**

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

Jim & Jane's place 145 Hinahina Rd, Owaka

Contact: [janejimyoung@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:janejimyoung@slingshot.co.nz)

027 440 9529 (03) 415 8532

**7pm Fri 26 September Te Pou Ō Mata Au**

**Mythbusting de-extinction to sort**

**fact from fiction** De-extinction hit the headlines

recently with the 'resurrection' of the dire wolf and the push to bring back the moa. However, can scientists actually de-extinct animals, and more importantly, should they bring them back? In this talk Associate Professor Nic Rawlence from the Otago University Zoology Department will delve into the science, ethics, and indigenous concerns surrounding de-extinction.

**11am Sat 27 September**

**Planting 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](mailto:janejimyoung@slingshot.co.nz)

027 440 9529 (03) 415 8532

NB We won't be having a Spring Sale this year but you're always welcome to come and buy plants by arrangement.



We will be listening out for the boom calls of our rare bittern, Matuku-Hūrepo, again this spring. Dates will be in early October, November & December. All welcome.

Contact Catriona: [catlinspekapeka@gmail.com](mailto:catlinspekapeka@gmail.com)

& for general information, look up:

<https://www.lovebittern.com/thegreatmatukumuster>

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**Catlins Club**

**For Primary School Students**

**Owaka Community Library and Owaka Museum**

**3.30 to 4.30 pm**

**3 September and 17 September**

**Contact Mike or Steph**

**034158 371**

**NEW**  
Day change to  
Saturday

# **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**

BRING A  
BEAN BAG  
AND  
BLANKET

MEET FROM 5:30 PM  
MOVIE STARTS BY 6 PM  
SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2025  
OWAKA GRACE HALL  
3 CAMPBELL STREET

**FREE  
ENTRY**

**FREE  
ICECREAM  
AND HOT  
CHOCOLATE**

## **Owaka Memorial Community Centre**

**For all your functions, meetings,  
social activities, weddings, etc,**

*Make your bookings with*

**Louise Burgess, 027 4385589**

**Community Centre Caretaker**



## Final Meditation classes

It's not too late to learn how to calm, tame and train your mind with Teacher **Geshela Lobsang Dhönye** from the **Dhargyey Buddhist Centre** in Dunedin.

Final 2 classes on **Friday 5 September** and **26 September**

**7.30 – 8.30 pm** at the **Catlins Retreat 27 Main Road Owaka**

A **koha** to help cover expenses is appreciated

For more information or to register your interest: 0220907157

# SHINING THE LIGHT ON

Weekly school transition visits for 4 year-old visits to TCAS

25 Graduates since 2022 to TCAS

Catlins Early Learning Centre

## LITTLE HOIHO

Established 2022

Community owned & operated in Owaka

35 tamariki enrolled

### Staff

**Manager:** Lisa Foster  
**Head Kaiako:** Bex Ryan  
**Kaiako/Teachers:** Nadine Perrin, Kaitlyn Hammer, Lowana Brain, Ria Tyrell, Kasey Valli

### Spaces

Licensed for 28 tamariki /children

- 7 Under 2 year old's
- 21 Over 2 year old's

### Board

**Chairperson:** Sarah Cairns  
**Secretary:** Becky Leslie  
**Treasurer:** Robyn Burgess  
**Board members:** Paul Corboy, Sophie Rowland

for more information or to enrol email [Lisa@littlehoiho.co.nz](mailto:Lisa@littlehoiho.co.nz)

**Digital Device Help**  
**Drop in Sessions**  
**Daily as required**

at the



**Owaka Community Library**

## Catlins Senior Citizens Club

### Open Day

19 September, 1.30pm

At Supper Room

Afternoon tea and entertainment

*Are you new to the district?*

*Do you Live alone?*

*Do you enjoy company?*

You are invited to join and participate in the club

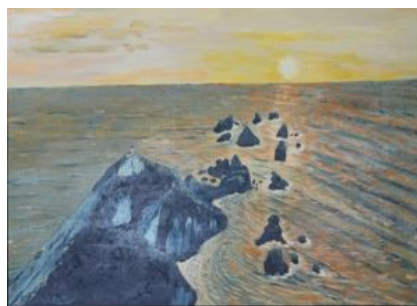
Enquiries: Eleanor Sinclair: 03 4158075



**Uniquely Catlins**  
Original artworks ... Owaka Museum  
*'Showcasing the Catlins'*

**Beth and Peter Linklater ...**  
Art ... Nuggets Gallery

**Lisa Winslade ...**  
**LW Framing ...**  
Romahapa





# The Catlins Community Directory

**Keep this page up to date.**  
Please contact Helen-May or Glenda with any changes

## 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@cluthadg.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  
owakacomcommunitylibrary@cluthadg.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 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 Men's Group

Gregory Kent, Ph: 022 047 2973

### 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 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

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,  
holliophysio@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

Institute, Romahapa Hall, 7.30  
pm, 1st Wednesday of month. Sho-  
na 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

### Steady as You Go Exercises

Tuesdays 1.30 pm, Owaka Grace  
Hall, Liz Rowe, 0272596193

### 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:

**s.carr2007@gmail.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



## The Catlins Connection is an initiative of the Owaka Going Forward Committee

The Catlins Connection is published monthly. Information or events from all Catlins organisations must be submitted before the 20th of each month to

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