

Kaka Point Newsletter

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Message from Kaka Point Surf Life Savers

1. Choose a lifeguarded beach and swim between the flags
2. Read and understand the safety signs - ask a lifeguard for advice as conditions can change regularly
3. Don't overestimate your ability or your children's ability to cope in the conditions
4. Always keep a very close eye on young children in or near the water - keep them within arm's reach at all times
- 5 Get a friend to swim with you - never swim or surf alone
6. Watch out for rip currents, they can carry you away from shore. If caught in a rip current, lie on your back and FLOAT, put your hand up and call for help
7. Be smart around rocks: when fishing, never turn your back towards the sea and always wear a lifejacket
8. **If in doubt, stay out!**

Remember—Be sun smart—Slip, Slop, Slap and Wrap.
Protect your skin and eyes from the sun's damaging rays

**A very merry Christmas to all
and a happy New Year !**

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How about you?

Our Place Catlins - Consultation Caravan

Council is developing the Our Place Catlins Community Plan. This will establish how we work with groups and the community to make things happen, and make The Catlins a more attractive place to live and work.

We will be out and about in The Catlins in January – gathering feedback from locals and visitors to help inform this plan. You won't miss us in our retro-style caravan and classic car! Come along to one of these locations, to talk with Council staff and Councillors about your ideas and suggestions for The Catlins.

| Town | Date | Time | Where |
|-------------|------------|---------------------|---|
| Papatowai | 2 January | 10am-1pm | Corner Alexandra Street and Papatowai Highway (by the Fire Station) |
| Jack's Bay | 2 January | 2:30pm-4:30pm | Jack's Blowhole Carpark |
| Pounaweia | 3 January | 10am-2pm | Foreshore reserve, beside the Pounaweia Motor Camp |
| Newhaven | 3 January | 2.30pm-4.30pm | Surat Bay Road |
| The Nuggets | 4 January | 10am-12pm | The Nuggets Carpark |
| Kaka Point | 4 January | 1pm-4pm | Beach Street (by the Fire Station) |
| Kaka Point | 12 January | 10am-2pm | Market Day - Beach Street (by the Fire Station) |
| Owaka | 24 January | 12pm-3pm 6pm-8pm | Catlins Information Centre/Owaka Service Centre, 10 Campbell Street |

Come along to one of these locations to talk with the Mayor, Councillors and staff about your ideas and suggestions for **Our Place Catlins**.



Clutha District Council
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Market Day! 12th January

KAKA POINT ANNUAL BEACH MARKET DAY

SATURDAY 12th JANUARY 2019

9.30am – 2pm

Come along and support the Summer Market Day

Community Hall and surrounding areas outside the hall, on the foreshore,
along the driveway & Garden Bar behind The Point Café & Bar

Car Boot Sales

60 + STALLS

NO EFTPOS AVAILABLE

Women's Clothing Crafts Jewellery Plants Artworks Travel Agent Badges

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**Lovely to welcome Sarah and her family as
new crib owners in Kaka Point.**

Activities through the holiday season:

Carol Service Christmas Eve 8.30pm Tahakopa 'Our Hut'

Christmas Day Service at Owaka Presbyterian Church 10 am

Papatowai New Year's Eve

Beach Carnival and Big Dig

Carnival 12.30 pm

Big Dig at 2 pm

Mystery envelopes, chocolate wheel, children's races and competitions

Bonfire and fireworks from 10 pm

Pouawaia Fire Works

New Year's Eve

Picnic and activities for the whole family from 6pm

Live music from 8 pm until late

Magnificent fire works display midnight at the waterfront

Admission \$5.00, children under 12 free.

Road closed to the waterfront from 4pm

Market Day Kaka Point

Saturday 12th January 9.30 am—2 pm

KP Bowling Club:

Remember to keep Wednesday 6th Feb, (Waitangi Day) free for our local Beachside tournament especially designed for all of you who want to have a fun afternoon at the club. Organise your teams now and 'side bets'. A BBQ tea will be supplied at the Bowling Club so bring the whole family.

Wednesday evenings are open club nights, weather permitting.
All welcome

Department of Conservation report

**Key message -
NO DOGS at the NUGGETS or near
penguin areas, and keep 50m away from all wildlife**



The Catlins coast is a great place to spend the summer with family, its great to see so many people enjoying the walks and campgrounds on public conservation land, gathering shellfish (of legal size and quantity of course!) and generally making the most of our open spaces.

You may have caught up with the disheartening news that **Yellow-eyed penguin** nest numbers have again decreased by around 17% along the Otago & Catlins coast. Only 212 nests have been found from Moeraki to Te Rere. Much of the decline can be attributed to disease (diphtheria, malaria, leucocytozoan) and starvation. Ten nests are at Nugget Point this season.

Frustratingly, there could have been more, if not for the two breeding adults that were killed by dogs in separate events at the Nuggets last year. And a further two were killed by dogs at Long Point.

Even more frustrating is the fact that both Long Point and Nugget Point are NO DOG areas. These yellow-eyed penguin deaths were entirely preventable!

Over the next month or so we will be keeping an eye out for **female Sealions** having pups- if you see an obviously pregnant pale coloured sealion regularly in an area, we would like to hear from you. If you think one may be settling on your property, and you don't really want her to, it is advisable to block access ways when she goes out to sea to forage, before she becomes resident.

Our **Responsible Camping Ranger** is back on deck for the summer. He is employed jointly by DOC, and the Clutha & Southland District councils, and will be making his presence felt in all those little nooks and crannies where freedom campers like to hide. Again, his focus is on education and promoting camping in approved places, but he does have the ability to issue infringement notices if required.

We have **Volunteer Rangers** operating at the Nuggets and Curio Bay again over the summer – they will be wearing hi-viz vests with DOC badges, and be there to provide information and guidance to visitors.

For all after hours wildlife concerns please call the DOC HOTline (0800 362 468)

Thanks, and have a great festive season.

Cheryl.

Department of Conservation – Owaka Field Base.

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**REX AND MARILYN BRUMBY WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE
A MERRY CHRISTMAS |**

Catlins Summer Programme.. This is a fantastic , family orientated, very popular programme of events - running in January - walks, activities and talks based on the Catlins.
You can find the programme attached at end of this newsletter or on line at www.catlins.org.nz or on notice boards in shops and hard copies from Information Centres in Owaka and Balclutha.

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From the Corner with Rona

Hello Hello to KP readers! I have borrowed this salutation from a quite unusual source and just thought I'd try it out on you .

The other day I went on a trip to Maple Glen and began with a visit to the bird sanctuary and this very pretty little bird no bigger than a budgie flew down beside me and 'Hello, Hello' as clear as a bell he twitted— what a clever wee bird. He wasn't caged - many of them just fly around wherever. The birds are beautiful, the colours amazing , the noise unreal but I could spend a lot of time looking at them. The cages are huge which gives them plenty of room to fly about in.

The gardens are lovely if you view them from the hill back towards the house, absolutely amazing really, the rhoddos a picture and mown paths everywhere for you to stroll and admire from. At one stage I was worried in case I stood on a little bird as they follow and hop around your feet but no, they are used to people and know how to keep clear. A great place to visit and enjoy.

We have had Labour Weekend and people could enjoy the beach as well as getting their cribs ready for the Christmas holidays which isn't so far off, is it? It will be nice to have some warm days as it's been so cold or is that just me? I think the summer weather will help many people I know who are unwell or are recovering from operations, to get better. A wee sit in the sun with a book or your cuppa is magic but don't forget to put your hat on and don't forget your chocolate bikkies (very important) .

Community Second Hand Book Stall

Do you have any books or good quality jigsaws that you no longer want but which others might enjoy? Donate to the Book Stall in the Point Shop and help support this newsletter and other community initiatives.

From the Corner...

We have been saddened by the passing away of three very well-known men in our district within a short space of time and all three, each in his own way, will leave their mark.

Bruce Murray was a third generation farmer and enjoyed the outdoor life and was a very successful competitor at the calf sales. When KP used to have the huge bonfires on New Year Eve Bruce was always there with his truck gathering up wood and whatever else people had to burn to build it with and the same on Christmas Eve only this time the truck was crammed with people and he drove them around the streets with his passengers singing Christmas carols. Great memories.

Geoff Kitto was a sheep farmer too. He lived on the hill with his wife, Andrina, their son being in London. . He also ran a helicopter business which kept him very busy as he was much in demand Sadly Geof became unwell and had to readjust his life . There was a time when he gave free flights over KP and The Nuggets to people who wouldn't have had the chance otherwise, Geoff loved the beach and the muffins his sister Glennis made him.

Ted Ruffell has lived here a long time. And with Tui they were a well-known pair. Ted could fix most things and was what is known as a 'handy man'. He was always ready to help. He had a very good singing voice and was often asked to sing at functions. Ted was very much a family man and was often seen helping out when jobs needed doing - even the Clutha Council weren't too proud to avail themselves of his expertise when it came to drains etc. A very capable person and a great friend .

KP readers extend the hand of friendship and aroha to the families concerned.

**Take the greatest care of each other and yourselves ,
Rona Williamson**

News from Kaka Point Surf Life Savers

On Sunday 2 December, Kaka Point hosted the 2nd Senior Interclub competition of the season.

Competitions included beach flag races, relays, ski and board races, the taplin race (board, swim, ski) and short and long canoe races.

Let's not forget the "Bone of Contention" race for mono hull canoes .

Congratulations to Warrington Club.

These carnivals are fun and a great introduction to surf sports.



On Sunday 9th December we hosted the Junior Inter-Club Carnival at the beach. Conditions were fantastic.

What a wonderful bunch of athletes we have, along with equally wonderful supporters. It was great to see everyone having a go, and entering events for the first time.

Our wee under 7's weren't to be outdone and competed in their own mini carnival, complete with a trophy.



Kaka Point Surf Life Savers Junior Inter-Club Carnival, Sunday 9th December



Thanks to Shelley Povey for this stunning photo.



Congratulations to our Junior Surf members Olivia, Graycen, Danielle, Tyler and James. They have achieved their Level 4, 200m badge which is the pathway towards becoming a life-guard.



1st Dec
Doug Henderson celebrated his 60th birthday.
Thank you Doug for all that you do for our club.

News from the Nuggets with Marilyn Dunn

The vandals have been at work again, ripping off the three letter boxes at Tirohanga, also four of the name -the- bay signs have been ripped off. Very disappointing.

On 13 Dec another transferable home arrived in town as a new holiday home for Tom and Jenny Galletly at 532 The Nuggets Road.

Here it is,

12th December, resting at the car park, overlooking Port Molyneux beach. And negotiating Esplanade the next morning



We also welcome Mark and Raewyn Sinclair as permanent residents.
Lots of driftwood piled up on the beach after the recent flood in Balclutha.

We have just arrived home from a wonderful 7 week holiday to London and back to Singapore on an amazing cruise for 38 days. Christmas dinner twice a day almost (The food was amazing) and we got to tour for a day, 18 different countries. But no better place than home and Tiger the puss survived (with Willy Simpson's help) to greet us at 11pm the following night and smooched us all night and hasn't left our side since. .

The Clutha District Council has kindly agreed to take over the mowing of the picnic spots we have developed and maintained for the last 12 years, plus the fishing camp area. I can still manage the spraying and weeding. It is so good seeing them being used so regularly. Time for me to put out the sun umbrella's as the weather has got better. Weeds have had a great time growing so tall along the road and in my garden. Lots to do!!!!

Merry Xmas to all of the Newsletter readers and we hope to see you all at the KP Market Day 12 Jan 2019

Cheers Marilyn and Oscar Dunn



Hi everyone, a big thank you for your support during 2018. We're looking forward to a busy summer season ahead. If you have any queries or would like to make a booking you can contact us at hello@catlinskayak.co.nz or via our website www.catlinskayak.co.nz .

Wishing you all a happy and safe Christmas break.

Cheers
Jared and Anna.



CAVALCADE TEAM HONOURED

We had five Kaka Point members as part of the Owaka Cavalcade Host Town Committee of Feb 2018, which took top honours at the Clutha District Volunteers Trustpower Community Awards. They are Katy Button, Winston Parks, Hazel Parks, Oscar Dunn and Marilyn Dunn.

For winning the supreme award the Host Town

Committee received a framed certificate, a trophy and \$2000 prize money. Two Owaka members will be representing the Committee in Tauranga next year in the final awards.



EDITOR'S NOTE :

Many thanks to all the contributors who have made this Newsletter possible and to those who deliver it.

January edition : We would love to see your photos and a few notes about activities around the Kaka Point area over the summer . I will hope to bring out the next Newsletter in late January.

Let me know if you would rather have this newsletter in email form instead of hard copy.

May you have a very joyful and worthwhile Christmas and feel hope for the New Year.

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Catlins Christmas Day Service will be held at the Owaka Presbyterian Church, 10am All welcome

At Christmas we celebrate the coming to earth of the Lord Jesus, as a baby born to poor folk in the most humble of circumstances.

And the angels sang : 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men.'

Let's not lose sight, over this busy holiday period, of why this baby Jesus was born—we celebrate the promise of eternal life made possible by His life, death and resurrection.

Kaka Point Community Group Inc 13th Annual Report 2018

The wash down area on the beach front is nearing completion. Ken has organised this project with the council and various tradesman who volunteered their time and materials. The Kaka Point Community Group would like to acknowledge the financial contribution of the Community Trust of Otago. Unfortunately, the name place information signs have continued to be damaged in 2018. A police security camera was installed but unfortunately it was unable to record any offenders. Not long after the camera was removed the wilful damage continued. Ken and Oscar Dunn have continued to repair and replace the damaged signs for the time being. Their efforts are appreciated by the Kaka Point Committee. More bench seats have been organised due to the efforts of Ken Stephens and the South Otago Woodcraft Club.

The Information panels are now very nearly completed and ready to be installed at Molyneux Bay. The exact location of installation is yet to be finalised by the committee, but the expectation is that the panels will be installed shortly. Thanks go out to Kate, Carolynne and Marilyn and James Buchan of Buchan Design for producing the finished panels.

Plantings have continued in 2018 - thanks go out to the members of the community who help with this. The Penguin sign from the playground has been repaired by Ken. Ken is currently organising the pole that supports the sign to be lowered, refurbished and painted.

Thanks to the continued persistence and skill of Lisa we were able to complete and record the funding for a laptop from TTCF and GOGS. This enabled the continuation of the production of the Kaka Point Directory. Thank you, Lisa, for your advice and involvement in this work.

Pauline once again ran a successful Market day with all her dedicated supporters. Thanks goes out to the suppliers of sausages, bread and onions etc and to all the helpers involved in the day.

Hilary Mc Nab and a Clutha District Council representative attended a monthly meeting. The point of discussion was about the Council's 10 year forward plan and the submissions that might be proposed by the Kaka Point Community. An initial discussion revolved around the possible upgrade of the surrounding Clutha District and in our case specifically Kaka Point. The discussion included what we might like to see happen within the next 10 years, a possible a wish list. Different ideas were discussed by members such as an upgrade to the playground.

The Committee is grateful to and would like to acknowledge the effort of Moira Spicer who is producing a wonderful regular newsletter. Thanks also for sending out the email reminders for the monthly meetings.

A further thanks to Wilma for her continued efforts regarding the valued treasurer's work. Our grateful thanks for what you have done over many years.

Also a big thank you to Kate, our secretary, for organising the minutes for the monthly meetings.

Finally, I would like to thank all the people who have attended and contribute in whatever way. The community has benefited from the new amenities whether it be via discussion or the more visually obvious installations of plants, bench seats, signage, wash down area etc

Thank you for the opportunity of being Chairperson in 2018 Sabin Perkins



News from The Catlins Coast Incorporated (CCI)

The Catlins Coast Incorporated are happy to announce the launch of their new website

www.catlins.org.nz

The website is a community-based website and includes information on 'what is happening' in The Catlins, what to 'do and see' in The Catlins for those visiting the area and how 'to care' for The Catlins, to name but just a few of the things you can find on the website.

Newsletters i.e. Catlins Connection, Kaka Point and Catlins Coast Inc. newsletters can also be found on the website seen on the Catlins Community page.

If you have any queries or would like anything included on the Catlins Community page of the website re news and/or up and coming events, please do not hesitate to contact me. Have a great Christmas and New Year

Lisa Biginato CCI Project

Bowling Club News:

The club is well into the competition phase of the season now and as usual the teams have been performing well in the Men's competitions. Upcoming events include the "Tom Sheppard Memorial" tournament which is played annually, starting at 10am On Boxing Day at our Club. This tournament is one of the longest running tournaments held in Otago and to date 14 teams have been entered from around Otago and Southland. Also our annual

Holiday Tournament on Wednesday 2 January 2019 at p.m. is popular with Bowlers.

Remember to keep Wednesday 6th Feb, (Waitangi Day) free for our local Beachside tournament especially designed for all of you who want to have a fun afternoon at the club.

Organise your teams now and 'side bets'. A BBQ tea will be supplied at the bowling club so bring the whole family.

Wednesday evenings are open club nights, weather permitting . All welcome.

Kaka Point Directory 2019

Just a reminder the 2019 edition of the Kaka Point Directory 2019 is now ready for pick up. Please contact one of the named street coordinators below for a copy of a Directory. Directories will not be left in mail boxes.

There have been a lot of changes made to the Directory for various reasons. To keep the Directory 'current' we rely on you to let us know of any changes required to your contact details, as we do not make changes unless advised otherwise by you.

Thanks again to all the street coordinators in helping distribute the 2019 KP Directory and for your continued support in making the Directory what it is today. We are all volunteers and as we know, it takes a lot of time and effort pulling the Directory together, so all support is appreciated.

Thank you and keep safe - Lisa Biginato, Raewyn Budge, Martin Ford

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Thank you to Telford Students....

The Telford students did a rubbish pick up before they left (from 35K corner back towards Telford).

Ka pai !



Leopard Seals

These beautiful creatures have started returning to our coast. Researchers are very interested in sightings and photos so individuals can be identified. Please contact LeopardSeals.org who will send someone down here if at all possible.

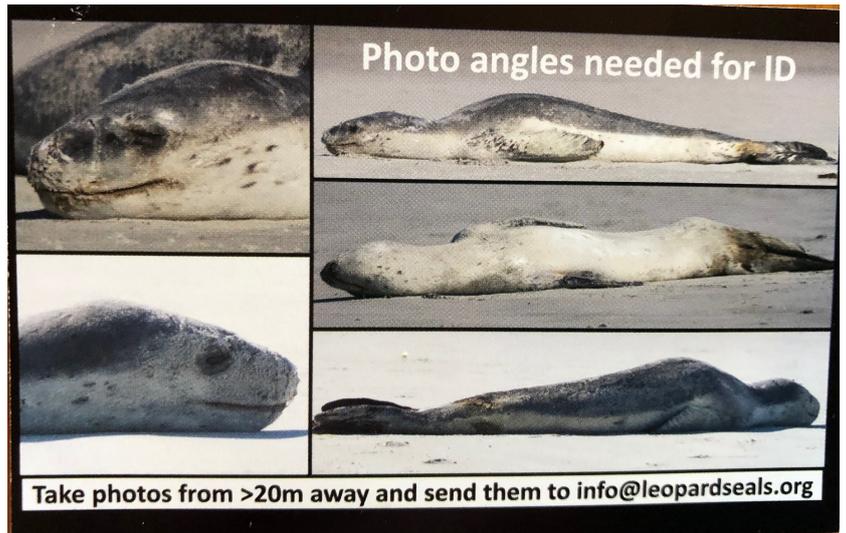


Photo Tony Somerville

Sea Foam: according to Wikipedia- algae, salts, dead plants, decomposed fish and seaweed excretions, sand etc .get churned up together by the waves, which cause the water to form bubbles. The bubbles float up through the moving water and mass together to become foam -usually just a brown scum on NZ beaches but more impressive after the storms we had in late November.



Have a great summer and take care:

On the beach and in the water

Driving

Locking homes, sheds, garages

Keeping dogs off penguin beaches

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