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Owen Pickles recognised for 45 years' service. More on page 3

## From the editor

The number of times I've heard about how quickly the year has gone by is incredible and yes it has. Being in anything to do with publishing you are always working on deadlines that can be months ahead so that doesn't help.

Thanks to all of you who have contributed over the past year – it makes a huge difference to have such a range of stories and all those wonderful photos. Thanks also to Dianne who never misses a deadline. And Peter the designer who is based in Hawkes Bay and always does a fabulous job.

Finally thanks to everyone who has a subscription or advertises and contributes towards the cost of publishing The Chatham Islander which is still free on the islands.

Wishing you all a safe and restful Christmas and looking forward to being back in 2020.

*Rosemary*

# Health centre news

### It's summer time!

Summer is here, school is nearly finished for the year and with the warm evenings it's time to clean off the barby and relax a little more with our friends and whanau.

It's a great time to get outside and keep active with our whanau and mokopuna. Give smoking the flick and get into some physical activity that will keep you healthier for longer.

### Slip Slop Slap and Wrap



Be safe, be SunSmart. Our sun can have high levels of ultraviolet (UV) radiation, which can cause skin and eye damage.

To protect you and your whanau – slip on a shirt, slop on sunscreen, slap on a hat and wrap on sunglasses. Be especially mindful of our mokopuna, a bad sunburn now could be the start of skin cancers later in life.

### Food safety

Every year around 200,000 New Zealanders are struck down with foodborne illness. Good hand hygiene practices and the four Cs – clean, cook, cover, chill – can keep you safe from food poisoning this summer.

The Community Dental team have just visited and they noticed an increase in dental decay in our children. Be mindful that fruit juices, fizzy drinks and snack foods are high in sugars. We can all have and enjoy treats as long as we

remember to brush using fluoride toothpaste and the "Spit Don't Rinse" method. Brushing our teeth twice daily reduces the risk of tooth decay.

### Be responsible this summer

Keep your mates safe around water this summer and remember, if you drink and swim – you'll sink and drown!

Speak up, YELL if you have to - but please keep your mates safe!



Remember to arrange the sober drivers before you invite your mates over – it's your responsibility to keep them safe. If your mates have had a few too many don't let them drink and drive; show them the couch.

And remind each other to lay off the sauce and know when you've had enough.

And lastly, share this free confidential HOTLINE number: 0800 920 928 which anyone can call 24/7 if they ever need someone to talk to. Let's look out for each other and our whanau as a community.

Tu roroa, ārahi i te mua – Stand tall young leaders

From Sally and all the team at Chatham Islands Health Centre

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# Roy George Hough 1931-2019



A lifetime of Chatham Islands voluntary and community work, interspersed with shearing, fishing and carpentry, ended recently with the death of Roy George Hough, a well-known and respected island identity. He was in his 89th year.

A descendant of a runaway Irish convict, James Coffee, and his wife Wikitoria Patea, he numbered among his ancestors some of the earliest European settlers, including Joseph Dix from the Azores and his wife Ngahiwi, Frederick Hunt from England and the American whaler William Grinnell. He had a prodigious knowledge of island whakapapa.

Schooling for George stopped at Standard Six and he moved to Wellington. As a 15-year-old cabin boy on the Government steamer Matai in 1946, he later served on the Richardson Line vessels loading wool off the beach with surf boats at sheep stations on the East Coast of the North Island. His experience of crewing surf boats on the Chathams coast with the ship standing well off stood him well.

For a time he went fishing with hand-held cotton line from his small boat at Kaingaroa, where there was both a factory and two freezer vessels that took the day's catch and packed it into wooden boxes to be frozen hard for export to Australia. His best day's effort was with a mate. The pair landed to the freezer at Kaingaroa the results of a good day – two tonnes of blue cod headed and gutted. Their payment of two pence a pound was the equivalent of between four and five cents a kilogram.

He gave a dedicated service of some 60 years as the island's undertaker, following the role his mother Te Huia Mae and uncle Pero Dix had played. He recalled his earliest calling to that work. When he was in his teens his mother had said to him: "Do not go to the cooking fire. You have a different work to do for the people."

With his handcrafts and carpentry skills, George was best known for his restorations of wooden items. Typical of his versatility was the recovery and restoration of a piano that had fallen off the boat into the sea at Pitt Island. His response to an urgent telephone call was to pack up his tools, buy half a dozen cans of an aerosol rust preventative from the local hardware shop and hitch a ride across to Pitt on the next available fishing boat. The piano had been rescued from the sea and was being hosed out with liberal amounts of fresh water. On his arrival, he stripped it down and sprayed the strings and metal frame before dismantling the woodwork and drying it carefully. After several days' effort the piano was re-assembled. There was only one problem. A number of the hammers had lost their felt facings. Always the improviser, George commandeered a couple of women's felt hats and cut them up to prove ideal replacements.

A storyteller par excellence, his accounts of Chatham island history and events entertained many visitors to the Chathams over the years.

George had a keen sense of mischief. He was one of a group that entertained the Duke of Edinburgh with a bottle of whisky behind a locked door during the Royal visit to the islands in the 1950s. The Duke enjoyed the frustration of his excluded officials who kept knocking on the door. He showed a keen interest in the activities of the islanders, and while the bottle emptied he asked one islander: "What do you do for a living?" The answer was: "Nothing." The Duke then asked a second man: "Now, what do you do?" "I help him", was the response.

## 45 years of civil defence emergency management service recognised

During Hon. Minister Peeni Henare's visit to the Chatham Islands, the Minister presented Owen Pickles CEO of the Chatham Islands Council, with a certificate of Long Service. Owen has 45 years involvement in civil defence emergency management dating back to 1974. During this time Owen has been involved in significant emergency events including 1978 Matura and 1984 Invercargill flooding, 2015 Cyclone Pam, and numerous events including rural fire, and tsunami.

Owen has been a Recovery Manager, Alternate Controller and Chair of the Chief Executive Group. Owen is a strong supporter of emergency management on the Chatham Islands and understands the uniqueness and isolation and the challenges that come with it. Through his dedication and ongoing commitment, Owen has helped make this community safer and more prepared.

The Council/CDEM Group, CEG and emergency management staff congratulate Owen for the long service and support both he and wife Lynette have given to emergency management over the years.



Owen Pickles





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# Council Update

*A sustainable future for our people and our islands*



## Conserve Water

With summer fast approaching it is timely that we start conserving water. During summer, extra usage puts pressure on our water supply. Ways you can conserve water:

- Please don't wash your cars and boats.
- Please do not use tap water for washing cray pots.
- Please don't refill your swimming pool.
- Please ensure all taps are turned off thoroughly to avoid any dripping.
- Please limit watering lawns and gardens.
- Please put a plug in the sink when washing your dishes and vegetables.
- Please run your washing machine and dishwasher when it is fully loaded.
- Please turn off the tap when brushing your teeth or shaving.
- All commercial users are requested to minimise usage.



## CI Investment Strategy

The Chatham Islands Investment Strategy was launched on 19 November 2019. A presentation was given by the Mayor, Chair of Chatham Islands Enterprise Trust, Chair of Ngati Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust and a Department of Internal Affairs representative. Members of the public who attended the launch were invited to ask questions of the panel. The key messages were that the Strategy is a collaboration between the four key Island entities Ngati Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust, Hokotehi Moriori Trust, Chatham Islands Council, and Chatham Islands Enterprise Trust. It provides clarity and a strategic approach to understand future investment and economic opportunities for the Island, and is a living document that will evolve over time as the Islands priorities and needs change.

## Chatham Islands Road Safety Awareness

### Dust!



### Yay its Summer!

With summer comes less rain which can cause havoc with visibility due to excessive dust coming off the roads.

The dust and the possibility of wandering stock could cause a serious accident.

Please be mindful of these hazards over the summer period.

A reminder that the Chatham Islands speed bylaw states the open road speed limit for the Chatham Islands is 80kms.

Tourists are advised to drive at a speed of between 60km and 80kms.

If you are having whanau or visitors coming to the Chatham Island for Christmas please remind them of these hazards.

*Stay safe, Make safe choices*

*Safer journeys for all*

### Stock!



## Childrens car seats

Chatham Island Council Road Safety and NZTA have donated 4 childrens car seats in a range of sizes from birth to school age to the Chatham Islands hospital.

If you have visitors, guest or whanau coming in to the Island who are needing car seats these are available for short loans.

Car seats are also available at Ha o Te Ora.

Call the Chatham Islands Hospital (03) 3050053 for availability or email – [theresa.harris@cbdhdh.co.nz](mailto:theresa.harris@cbdhdh.co.nz)

*Wise Weka says 'Keep our children safe'.  
Buckle them in - Make it click.*



*'Maybe you are searching among the branches,  
for what only appears in the roots'.*

*- Rumi*

**Parting thought**

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# Weka with Wings

Kia ora kotou extended whanau and a big merry xmas from the Netherlands.

This year has flown by faster than a buttered bullet and I'm already plotting my next xmas back home. I'm also very proud to announce that I've got another kid cooking in the oven and Nadja and myself are absolutely over the moon. Life begins again!

Winter is coming up these ways and it's made me think of watching all those xmas movies when I was a kid, this was always a little bit of a confusing time considering they were always blabbing on about having a white xmas and everyone would be wearing silly jerseys and playing in the snow whilst I was out in the sunshine wheel standing my new bike, camping at the lake and chewing on an over cooked mutton chop and slurping up sandy cockles but fast forward 30 years and I'm about to have one of these white xmas's after all.

The Dutch celebrate xmas like majority of the western world but they also have their

own version which is called Sintaklass. It just so happens to be on my dear mother Sues birthday the 5th of December so there's no chance of me forgetting this festival celebration. Sintaklass is based on Saint Nicholas much like our Santa except he arrives by boat from Spain then proceeds to journey across the country on a big white horse. He is dressed in a red robe and bishops hat with a cross, holds a big golden staff clutching a big red book with the naughty list and is accompanied by a team of helpers called Zwarte Piets (black petes).

These black petes are dressed in 16 century noble attire and their faces are painted as black as a struck match. Their lips are painted bright red, hair is black and curly and they have gold earrings in each ear. And as you have probably guessed it, they look racist as hell. They originally were slaves but now they say they got dirty from the chimneys, seems legit!

Every year the black pete character causes

people to riot, protest, fight and argue on TV shows. To an outsider this character comes across as very archaic and not very politically correct but naturally the kids love the festival and majority of the country don't think it's racist. I say it's unintentional racism but I get amongst it nonetheless. This topic runs deep on too many levels to discuss but it makes for very colourful dinner conversations with my inlaws. Typically the blacks Petes are a little bit naughty and are always doing stuff they aren't supposed to which is not the best look but all in all it's a strange and fun celebration that's steeped in tradition and I feel like im apart of history. Well enjoy your summer holidays and I hope you get sunburnt whilst I'm playing in the snow and if you can't be good then be good at it.

Merry Xmas and a Happy Black Petes to everyone.

Robbie

## Mental Health Matters: The Black Dog Part 5 *by Paul Reet*

*This is the final article on the Black Dog of Depression series. Managing depression final tips.*

SELF-CALMING for a while...

Depression is an aroused state of mind. Whatever you can do to lower your stress levels can be an effective way to manage your emotional response.

Notice tightness and tension in your body and concentrate on your muscle groups and tense each one in turn and slowly let go or just notice the tension and move on to another part of your body.

Visualisation/Guided Imagery: Imagine you are in your favourite place and go on an imaginary journey. Alternatively you can look at a picture/ photograph of a relaxing scene and imagine you are there.

Do things which help you feel relaxed and this might include:

- Listen to some music you find relaxing.
- Have a good soak in a bath.
- Wrap yourself in a warm blanket and surround yourself with cushions.
- Read a favourite book or poetry
- Watch a favourite film and/or comedy on TV.
- Doing somethings creative: Some find gardening, exercise and doing things repetitively can be calming.
- Walk on the beach and notice things around you, sit awhile, notice what you see hear, smell and feel

FOCUS AWAY FROM YOURSELF

People with depression can often get caught up in thoughts and feelings just about themselves. You need to give yourself a fixed time to express your feelings, either to yourself, to others or on paper and then do something which takes you away from yourself such as helping other people, doing odd jobs and/or distraction activities.

REDISCOVER THINGS WHICH GIVE YOU PLEASURE

People who have become depressed may have stopped doing things

## Free health resources

*A wide range of health resources, such as stickers, pamphlets, posters etc. are available free of charge from Canterbury DHB's Community and Public Health team. You can order them on line at: [www.cph.co.nz/Resources/](http://www.cph.co.nz/Resources/)*

which they used to enjoy. Rediscovering the things you used to do will improve your mood and sense of purpose. Start with something small and achievable and build your confidence from there. Finding things which make you laugh to— as laughter is good medicine!

RECOVERING from depression

When you are having a better day and then you do not feel so good the next day notice what you are saying to yourself. Climbing out of a depressed state of mind takes some time and your mood can fluctuate as it does for all of us. Some of this is quite normal being a human being! So if your mood does change, be with how you feel, avoid saying things like, 'Oh here we go again, will I ever feel better.' Instead use words like, 'Oh well, I had a good day yesterday, I am bound to have my up and down days, now let's see what I can get done today.' Less pressure on yourself and being kind are keys to recovery.

MEDICATION

Anti-depressant medication is intended for short term use to relieve the symptoms of depression. There are a number of types of anti-depressants available and it is important that you find the one which suits you. There will be some side-effects with using anti-depressants. It has been recommended that using anti-depressants should be taken alongside the things you have read in this series and some kind of talking therapy. Talk with you GP about medication.

INTERNET HELP

[www.depression.org](http://www.depression.org) is a very helpful site, which takes you through some of the ideas we have covered in this series and helps you to focus on goals to manage your depression.

*If you have concerns for yourself or a loved one after reading this please seek help.*

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**Mother's Day Market**



**Family Magic Show**



**Under 5s Book Day**



**Dance Workshops with Teen's**



**Teddy Bear's Picnic**



**Hero's & Villain's Disco**



# A year with Chatham Community Focus Trust —

WOW what a year we have had with CCFT this year. As I sit here writing this, I am thinking to myself where has the year gone and why is it that each year is literally faster than the last. At CCFT we have achieved so much this year, January a sand castle competition like no other, February our annual Waitangi Day Picnic at Plum Tree, March we had our fantastic Festival and in April we had Easter activities for the under 5s and school age children. You may have already read about these in previous issues of the Chatham Islander. May brought another successful Mother's Day Market which was enjoyed by so many. It was great to see our regulars but also some new faces & returning faces. We have figured out that having just the 2 markets a year is perfect, it gives stall holders plenty of time to prepare for the next one and it keeps us the community interested and gives us the ability to support each market & stall holders to the fullest. June, July & August was really busy for me as my children were part of the Te One School Kapa Haka Group going to Invercargill to perform at Poly Fest. Although CCFT was not directly involved, they supported wholeheartedly, and I guess that brings me to all the things that happen behind the scenes here at CCFT. We are a community office and will help groups or individuals with anything we can including... emailing, advice, flyers, certificates, vouchers, printing and so much more, so if you're ever in need just ask us and if we can't help you we will be able to tell you who can.

July brought a rather interesting character to the Chathams Hypnotist Dave Upfold who not only performed a magic/illusion show for families, plus 2 night time hypnotist shows, he also provided therapy to individuals to give up smoking & get healthy, these were very popular. It was my first time being hypnotised and I must say I didn't think it was going to be like that. It is a really different feeling being aware of what was happening but having no control over it. It was interesting however that deep down you really can't do something you don't want to do so maybe I secretly love making sand castles and talking and understanding the alien language. It was an experience I will never forget that's for sure. September is NZ book month and so this year I organised a story time for the under 5s at the Te One School Library where all the children came dressed as their favourite book character and I purchased a BIG BOOK called the "wrong book" which I read to them. We donated the BIG BOOK to the library for everyone to enjoy. We were lucky to have some of the Te One School students come in and read to the children. After a shared kai we had a parade to show all the big kids their cool costumes. It was a really fun day and all the children got a new book to take home. October school holidays I brought back the amazing Christina Halliwell aka Teens again to share her gift of dance to our Island children. Although this time she wasn't here as long she was still able to teach the kids some awesome new dance moves and gave them some new found confidence. Dance makes anyone feel good and is a great way to keep fit and keep those endorphins flowing, which is why we are bringing Teens back in January 2020 to teach our kids and adults a special dance to perform at the 2020 Chatham Islands Festival. It is going to be amazing and so much fun. Teens will also be at the Festival in the Kidz Korner hanging out and dancing with the kids. So please register with me if your children or yourself want to be a part of this exciting adventure. It's November already which brings us to our Annual Disco. This year our theme was Hero's and Villain's and the costumes that were worn were absolutely amazing, it made picking best dressed seriously impossible and if I could, I would have given everyone a prize. Now the disco would never have been possible without the help and support from so many people which I will name soon. As always, we have our annual disco at the Den and this year while booking; Phillipa asked if maybe we could leave the decorations up so the NKMR could have an adult's disco. I was sold and that's how the adults' hero's and villain's night came about. Upon entry each child was greeted at the door with a goodie bag, chips and a bottle of water. They then got to take in the amazing decorations while munching on some yummy food prepared by the lovely Andy from The Den Kitchen. It was so great to

see so many kids up and dancing. We had games and of course everyone's favourite limbo. Lots of prizes were given out and all the children had a great time. Like I said above there are many to thank. To our sponsors; Port Nicholson Fisheries, Chatham Islands Council, Dough 'N' Go, Air Chathams, Moana NZ & Hotel Chathams thank you so much for your very kind and generous donations. To everyone that helped out either setting up, cleaning up or chasing kids thank you so much for your support. To Michelle & Chris Mankelow thank you so so much for your support, effort & passion you have put into Bluelight during your time with Chatham Islands Police. I am really going to miss you both and Larissa when your time here on our Island is up, I truly appreciate everything you have done for us all. Next was our annual under 5s Teddy Bear's Picnic. This year we were lucky enough to have our picnic up at Henga Lodge. Wow what a fantastic place for a picnic, Bernadette and her staff were so accommodating even letting us borrow their giant teddy bears. One of these teddy bears was bigger than me and the kids absolutely loved it. New games this year including toss the bees into the honey pot, stick the heart on the bear and pass the bear. These games were enjoyed by all. As always, the best dressed teddy bear was such a hard task but I had to put on my big girl pants and pick them. The great thing with little kids is they just love a prize doesn't matter how big or small so lucky for their parents I had some whistles left over from some previous events and so anyone who didn't win a prize got a whistle and their mums just loved me for it, sorry not sorry. Big thank you to Henga Lodge for allowing 20 plus kids and their teddy's to take over the lodge for a couple of hours. On the 30th of November we have my final and favourite event for the year our annual Christmas Market. Santa will be there with little goodie bags for all the well-behaved children, there will be art, crafts, food, baking, plants and so much more on offer. So, get in early for all your Christmas treats and gifts. Fingers crossed for another stunning Chatham Island day to sit back and enjoy everything the market has to offer.

## Coming up next year: 2020

17th – 24th January: Dance workshops with Teens for the upcoming festival.

6th February: Waitangi Day Picnic at Plum Tree

7th March: Chatham Islands Festival – themed Roaring 20s

Keep an eye out in the CCFT weekly newsletter & calendar for all the fun coming up next year.

Finally, I would like to thank Therese, Ces, Alexandra, my CCFT Trustee's, Natasha Gregory-Hunt, Jilleen, Ross, Bella, Brayden, mum and dad, The Den NKMR, Kopinga Marae, Ngati Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust, Henga Lodge, Admiral Gardens, Black Robin Homestays, Waitangi Seafoods and all the mums & dads that supported me and my events throughout this year. I am one of the lucky ones that really enjoys my job but couldn't have done it without all your help. I am excited and can't wait to see what 2020 brings us and I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Sheree Gay

CCFT Event Coordinator



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# Henare visits Chathams



L-R: EM Assistant Raiha Kahukore, Minister Peeni Henare, Emergency Manager Rana Solomon, REMA Peter Cameron at Kopinga Marae

Hon. Peeni Henare, Minister of Civil Defence, Minister of Whānau Ora, Minister for Youth, Associate Minister of Health (Māori Health) and Associate Minister of Tourism, visited the Chatham Islands from 25 - 27 November. Although the visit was short the Minister managed to meet and greet many groups on the island. The Minister was accompanied by Elly Amiri, who works from his office and the

Regional Emergency Management Advisor from the Ministry of Civil Defence, Peter Cameron. As the Council has gone through an election and has new councillors at the table it was an opportunity to bring them up to speed with Civil Defence Emergency Management in an overview, operational aspects and their role and responsibilities in a presentation.

Both the Minister and Peter discussed with the council/CDEM what the transition from Ministry of Civil Defence Emergency Management (MCDEM) to the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) will look like and the opportunities for CDEM Groups. The council also discussed the importance of future plans for a combined emergency management facility that could house Civil Defence, fire, maritime and St John. The Minister also had a quick visit to Kopinga which operates during emergencies as a Civil Defence Centre (Welfare Centre).



**PLEASE HELP STOP PESTS FROM ARRIVING IN YOUR CHATHAMS BOUND GOODS**  
**MOST FREIGHT IS OK BUT SOME ITEMS ARE SUCH A HIGH RISK THAT THEY ARE LIKELY TO BE TURNED AWAY DUE TO PEST CONTAMINATION**

Please don't import:

- Bulk soil or items with untreated soil (bagged potting mix is ok)
- Aggregate from an unapproved quarry (ideally use Fulton Hogan, Timaru)
- Plants that could become a serious weed eg: ornamental broom

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# Pitt Island Newsletter

Greetings and kia ora koutou katoa and Christmas blessings to all. Well folk we are only a month away from the end of 2019. To begin my last article for the year I would like to remember and think about all those who have had a year from hell. Thoughts and aroha and prayers for all those who have lost a loved one whether it was an unexpected accident, an illness or just a worn out body from work and age. Sadly people are dying always and everywhere and the Chatham Islands aren't immune to life's losses. For those who are facing scary health issues or in recovery, no matter where you look the journey of life is scattered with lumps and bumps for most folk somewhere along the road. Of course there is mental illness which is also a daunting prospect for many and so far it hasn't hit me as far as I know, but folk my family may think otherwise, but no one's saying anything out loud. Just remember to look out for those who might be having a really difficult time and bring them into the fold like a shepherd gathering in the sheep.

It's a great time of year to bring peace and goodwill to everyone even those (usually in families) you haven't spoken/contacted for a long time. The longer you leave unfinished/undone past differences the more bitter/sour they become and that is not healthy to anyone. So mend your broken relationships and you'll feel a whole lot better, I say this from experience folk.

We have a number of young folk on Pitt presently some with young children and some might perhaps have children. Welcome to you all and enjoy where you are. On the other hand there are a couple of older folk who are currently in the holding paddock marking time until the final call up, hopefully not too soon folk. Life is full of comings and goings – beginnings and endings no matter who you are, how wealthy or poor you are, death is out there for all and sadly some far too early and it is never going to change so enjoy who you are, and where you are, life is a oncer.

Before going any further I need to apologise for not writing about anything very exciting in

fact my article has been described as boring and I probably can't deny that comment. My life to me however is pretty good and I really don't have much to complain about, although a good rain would be very beneficial. I feel very blessed in fact and have the basic necessities of life and more, with wide open spaces, few people, lots of family, more than I need to eat, a solid house, a comfortable bed and a flatmate (son Bernard). One thing I could do with is a house keeper as have gone from being very clean and tidy to not being very clean or tidy. The first 40 plus years of my married life revolved daily of cleaning, cooking, washing and mending for the family and one husband. Now with no husband (he is with God) most of the family off doing their life stuff, believe me Bernard is not going to notice my housekeeping failure and I still feed him and do his washing, mow lawns, get the wood sometimes and generally keep moving. I have a small busy daughter on the main island who might come visiting and do the big 'clean thing'! I'm surprised myself at how cruisy I've got in my house duties, but where it once would have worried me it now doesn't bother me so much at 77.

Our tailing is all done now and that is a pleasant out of doors job with the main picker upper being Bernard and the rest of us doing what is required. Some various sized lambs from large to a few teeny weeny ones. It pays to be a girl in this tailing operation, less bits less pain probably, but it is a necessary job despite all the animal rights bullsh you hear. The big push now is hoping we will all stop killing and eating meat. Can you imagine the people you know friends, rellies etc going meat free, the ones I know and live around sure aren't going to stop eating meat. Yes perhaps we do eat too much but a complete meatless diet, I don't think folk. Anything in moderation is fine isn't it, a nice variety.

How are you finding the hot weather, some days it is downright uncomfortable heat and the ground is getting rock hard. The veggie garden is struggling even with watering daily the daytime sun is baking the earth. The

neighbours superman Martie and Tarsh are over helping a friend on Chathams presently so Bernard and I are keeping an eye on the chooks and that nasty cocky rooster, two dogs and a very drying veggie patch. Quite a few folk are going off island over Christmas good luck to them and I hope they enjoy their time away. By the way folk the baby plane is back on track I've heard so good luck to all those flyers. Whaea Wendy and JB are away soon for a month or so and will enjoy catching up with family and friends. The school is currently getting a whole new power system installed panels, generator etc. Wow there's been some dollars spent on power there over the years. We have had Megan (Lanauze/King) helping/teaching at the school over recent times and is fortunate in having husband Glen a fisherman to drop her off and pick her up when required.

I recently had a lovely phone call chat with Doctors Anna and John Holmes who were on Chathams with current Doctor Martin London. It brought back many happy memories from their time down here in the late 1960's/70's when the Sisters were also resident at the hospital. John birthed Martie and had to come and get me by helicopter (Graeme Stewart Co) to go back to land in the hospital paddock. Martie decided to come out feet first and I think possibly earlier than expected. Out of all my children and I had a few Martie was the only one to come our feet first, how like him to be different. There were a great couple (John and Anna) and they now reside in Dunedin, nice memories. You meet lots of people on this life journey and some you remember with much pleasure and some you don't recall.

Thanks folk for the positives and negatives, have a great festive season with your friends and whanau. Thank you Rosemary for your typing up! Take care and keep safe folk and count your blessings and Jesus Christ gave us the Christmas celebration. Much joy and shalom to you,

*Dianne*

The magic of Christmas never ends and its greatest of gifts is family and friends.

## Chatham Islands Conservation Board



At the recent Conservation Board meeting on 13 November 2019 at the Te One DOC office, some of the following topics were discussed.

- "Beautify our Community Project". This Project is focusing on the township of Owenga and aims to engage the community to beautify this township through planting, removal of rubbish and other items on the roadside. This project is supported by local council.
- "The Annual Conservation Award". The

Board will soon be seeking nominations. This award recognises voluntary efforts of individuals or groups who demonstrate commitment to conservation on the Chatham Islands. So please have a think about possible nominees and keep an eye out for further details.

The next Board meeting will be held on Pitt Island on the 28th January 2020. Venue to be confirmed. Conservation board meetings are open to the public and include a public

forum in which conservation matters can be raised with the Board. Public attendance is greatly welcomed. For more information please contact Jilleen Chandler (Board Support Officer) on [jchandler@doc.govt.nz](mailto:jchandler@doc.govt.nz) or 3050 098. On behalf of the Board we would like to take this opportunity to farewell Dave Carlton (DOC Operations Manager) and his family as they leave us to return home to the sunny Hawkes Bay. We wish them all the very best in their future endeavours.



# Ha O Te Ora Wharekauri Trust News – *the Year that was 2019!*

We have had a busy year -From our Parenting workshops, a 2- day Wahakura Wananga, Daffodil day, Men’s health evening our blue bikers rally for prostate cancer and World suicide prevention day- Methamphetamine educational evening and Our Men’s Mental Health Evening- white Ribbon Day and our Annual Chatham Island Half Marathon.

Te Puawaitanga in partnership with Ha O Te Ora presented Parenting Workshops & Wahakura Wananga - all these sessions were well attended by mama and whanau and were hungry for information on child development- All present celebrated and re- establishing their connection to being a strong wahine with a tapu and mana of their own. Taua Daphne o’Connell spent several hours harvesting harakeke with local Wahine Debbie Goomes. The Wahine prepared the harakeke and wove the base of the wahakura on the first day. We were delighted to have all wahakura completed by 6pm and blessed by our on-island weaver Taua Kath Daymond.



**Daffodil Day**

**Daffodil Day and World suicide prevention day** were well supported – with cupcakes and paraphernalia for a donation and a Free sausage sizzle put on by Simone Croon was awesome.

**Our Men’s health evening** - Was held on the 7th September, we had 39 men attend the evening With guest speakers Huata Arahanga, Panna Ryan and our visiting doctor Mark Fry. The men liked the idea of coming together to Korero about their health and with the wonderful feedback received, so much so that we are holding another Men’s evening around mental health with guest speaker Tawera Nikau on the 22nd November as a part of Movember men’s mental health month.



**Men’s health evening**

**Our Blue bikers rally for Prostate Cancer** held on the 8th September was a wonderful day – We had 14 bikes turn out on the day, Dads, mums and the kids for our first Blue Bikers Rally along with a wonderful support team and our fill in police officer Kieran.

The full rally started at Norman Kirk and the half rally started at Ocean mail, were we had some morning tea and police officer Kieran, gave a short talk

to the children about road safety, rules of the road, before they headed off, with police escort to Kaingaroa School for a BBQ Lunch and prize giving. It was a great day had by all. All looking forward to next year’s event.

### **Methcon – Methamphetamine awareness and educational evening-**

This was a very well attended event, especially surrounding concerns of meth use in our island community- Dale who presented the evening was an ex drug squad detective and shared from his own experiences and from the ongoing problems this drug continues to have on whanau and community alike. It was very educational and well presented- It had the island talking that’s for sure. We plan on having Dale back next year to share his message with our tamariki.

### **Men’s Mental Health Evening** with Tawera Nikau

What an awesome evening. We had 48 Men attend to hear Tawera speak about his life and struggles and to challenge our men on attitude and listening to others. Tawera also took the opportunity to pay a visit to Te One School to talk with our tamariki. Which went down a treat. His message to

our tamariki was nothing is impossible, reach for the stars.

Tawera had an awesome time on the Island and was blown away on how friendly and generous our people here on the Island are and he is very keen to come back.



**Blue Bikers**

We would like to thank all our wonderful sponsors and supporters which without them we wouldn’t be able to run these awesome events. Special thank you to – Henga Lodge, Port Nic Fisheries, Hotel Chatham’s, Fulton & Hogan, Waitangi Store, Chatham Automotive & Marine, Canister Fishing, Durham Farms, Nancy K Fishing, Ngati Mutunga. Vicki and Ian-Kaingaroa School, Catherine Hannagan, our first aid officer for our bike rally and the 44 South Bike Club. Simone Croon for her wonderful support. And to everyone who has supported Ha O Te Ora over the past 12 months.



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## Hear from the Mayor

**Monique Croon**

December is here and it's always a shock to think where the year has gone. The month in review was busy.

I attended Mayor's school in Wellington, and the networking and support generated by this forum was very useful.

I also attended the Biosecurity Awards in Auckland to support our two local biosecurity officers Kerri Moir and Robin Seymour who were selected as finalists.

The Chatham Islands Investment Strategy was launched in November. The Strategy is a high level living document that can be adjusted as actions are achieved, and the Islands priorities change. The Strategy is a collaboration between Hokotehi Moriori Trust, Ngati Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust, Chatham Islands Enterprise Trust and Chatham Islands Council, and facilitated by Department of Internal Affairs. It is future focused and a road map of what we need to do to achieve our vision.

Minister Peeni Henare (Minister of Civil Defence) came to the Island recently and met with Council and our Emergency Management team. He was easy to talk to and described our challenges as opportunities and met with many while he was here. The Minister also has roles in Maori Development and Whanau Ora and opened the Transitional Houses in Waitangi. The homes will provide a small relief for the housing shortage we face on the Island.

I also attended the Chatham Island Housing Partnership Trust AGM. The Trust proposes to build five houses at Sandstone. These homes are intended for first home buyers and the Trust will support potential home buyers by facilitating a course on home ownership and financial management, shared equity option and provide support when seeking loan finance. I wish to acknowledge the Partnership for what it has achieved and what it proposes going forward.

On a positive final note for the year, it is fantastic to see the access way by the Haul Out area clear of boats and trailers. A reminder the access way is public and must be kept clear at all times for all users and in case of emergency. I encourage Fisherman to work together to ensure there is room for boats under repair to use the area.

Have a safe and happy Christmas, enjoy your festive season with family and friends and look after each other, especially people who may be going through a difficult or sad time.

## *the Year that was 2019!*

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**Men's Mental Health Evening with Tawera Nikau. Tawera trying some of our local Crayfish – Big Thank you to Henga Lodge.**



### **FIRE AND EMERGENCY IS SEEKING LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN YOUR AREA**

*Help us make your community more resilient in an emergency.*

Want to contribute to a stronger, safer Aotearoa?

Here's an opportunity to ensure your community's interests are reflected in our local and national planning. You'll also be supporting your community to be more connected and resilient in an emergency.

Fire and Emergency New Zealand is establishing Local Advisory Committees (LACs) across the country to help us understand each community's current and future needs. This will help us better support you to reduce risk, prepare for and respond to emergencies, and recover quickly when they happen.

LACs will help shape our support for your community, by providing a strong local perspective on what matters. As part of a LAC, you'd be representing your community's understanding of local risks and issues. Feedback collected from your networks would inform the collective advice of the LAC, which would then be considered in Fire and Emergency's local and national planning.

#### **We are seeking LAC members who:**

- want to use their knowledge and experience to make their community safer and more resilient.
- are well-connected and willing to engage with a range of networks and communities of interest to gather a wider perspective (not just represent a specific group).
- have a good understanding of local risks and issues.

#### ***Sound like you (or someone you know)?***

Nominations are now open. Find out more and download a nomination form at [www.fireandemergency.nz/LACs](http://www.fireandemergency.nz/LACs)

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE 5PM 31 JANUARY 2020**

**[WWW.FIREANDEMERGENCY.NZ](http://WWW.FIREANDEMERGENCY.NZ)**

## Public Notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Chatham Islands Enterprise Trust Group

To be held at

**7:00pm Thursday 12th December 2019 at**

**The Den, NKMR, Chatham Islands**

**(Light Supper provided)**

The Annual General Meeting of the Enterprise Trust Group provides an opportunity for Trustees, Directors, and Management to formally report on the operations of the Trust and its trading companies for the year ended 30 June 2019. This will include a presentation by the Chairman and Company Directors.

The AGM also provides an opportunity for the Chatham Islands Community to ask questions about the previous years operations and financial results, to provide feedback and make suggestions, and enquire as to what is planned for the next financial year.

The Enterprise Trust Group will publish its 2019 Annual Report, and will be advertised when available for members of the public to collect hard copies or can be sent electronically.

*Noel Brown*

Chief Executive Officer

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## Manaaki Whanau O Wharekauri Trust

Formerly known as the Marquee or Morgue Committee, the Manaaki Whanau O Wharekauri Trust was formed in September 2019 with the key objective to be Chatham Islands focussed and to provide exceptional and caring support to whanau and volunteers when a bereavement happens.

The journey to establish the Trust began in 2014 when the late Edward Fraser and others called a community hui to consider the best way to provide an Island service into the future. Options were looked at and the decision was made to form a trust that was committed to continue to deliver cost effective services to Chatham Islanders that accommodates community practices and protocols, and ensures appropriate recovery of upfront costs and fair and reasonable compensation for the work our volunteers provide. The vision of Manaaki Whanau O Wharekauri Trust is to:

- Support whanau through bereavement.
- Provide care to the Tupapaku/ Deceased.
- Provide a safe and professional service to the community.

The purpose of the Trust is to support the community by:

- Providing a clean, safe and culturally appropriate funeral service for the community.
- Providing care to the tupapaku/deceased.
- Providing mental and physical support and manaakitanga to whanau and the community through times of bereavement.
- Educating and assisting whanau and the community in order to provide clean, safe and culturally appropriate funeral services.
- Providing opportunities to educate kaimahi and volunteers about caring for the tupapaku/ deceased; and
- Educating kaimahi and volunteers about providing mental and physical support and manaakitanga to whanau and the community.

The Trust has worked through the various costs and decided a fee of \$2,300.00 per tangihanga is appropriate. This fee covers the actual costs of a casket, casket and burial materials, freight, maintenance of the deceased and incidental expenses. A separate fee of \$250.00 has also been set for use of the marquee over the tangihana period. Please note also that the cost of a plot in a public urupā is additional. The Trust will support whanau who decide to use other services.

The Trust wishes to acknowledge the mahi done by past and present committee members and volunteers who have supported many whanau over time and will continue to do so. The Trust also acknowledges the Chatham Islands Council who provide administrative and accounting support, and donates the cost to publish service sheets. All financial information and invoicing is discussed and decided by the Trust. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Trust secretary at the Council.



### Schedule

<b>Mon, Wed and Fri</b>	<b>Chathams</b>	<b>Wellington</b>	<b>Chathams</b>
	dep 10.15	arr 11.45 dep 13.00	arr 15.45
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Chathams</b>	<b>Christchurch</b>	<b>Chathams</b>
	dep 10.00	arr 11.45 dep 13.00	arr 16.00
<b>Thurs &amp; Sat</b>	<b>Chathams</b>	<b>Auckland</b>	<b>Chathams</b>
	dep 09.30	arr 11.30 dep 14.00	arr 17.15

(check-in closes 45 minutes prior to departure)