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Maintenance Contract Opportunity

The DDDA have developed the Duntroon Wetland over the last 10 years on land adjacent to Duntroon.

It includes extensive plantings, gravel tracks as part of the A20 cycle trail and grass walking tracks around the outside of the spring areas.



Recently the DDDA received funding from Environment Canterbury to enable it to hire a contractor to perform mowing and weed-eating duties and other general maintenance tasks within the wetland area. These tasks have previously been carried out by volunteers.

If you feel that this would be role that you could be interested in, please contact committee member Geoff Keeling in the first instance. Ph 0274-979626

From experience the DDDA would expect this role to average up to 3 hours per week. This would involve mowing of grass tracks on a weekly basis during peak growth, fortnightly over summer and autumn with monthly over the colder months. Weed eating would be consistently required through the growing months at a couple of hours per week.

You would need to be reasonably fit, have a can-do attitude and a home handyman type understanding of lawn mowers and weed eaters.

The DDDA has a mower and weed-eater with the relevant safety equipment to enable the tasks to be undertaken. Fuel, Oil and weed eater string will be provided.

The DDDA and Duntroon has a pool of passionate volunteers who pitch in to help keep the village and its various amenities clean and tidy for the many visitors to enjoy. This role will complement the time and effort that these volunteers will continue to provide.

Korean Visitors.

On Friday Jan 19th we had a visit from 24 Korean visitors. They were keen to visit our Waitaki Whitestone Geopark particularly the Pillow Lava at Cape Wanbrow, the Waitaki braided river, Vanished World and Elephant Rocks. Apparently there are 5 Geoparks in Korea. This is indicative of the interest the Geopark could generate as time goes by.



The Duntroon Hotel is looking for an enthusiastic duty-manager for 2 days a week.

Please get in touch:

Duntroon hotel

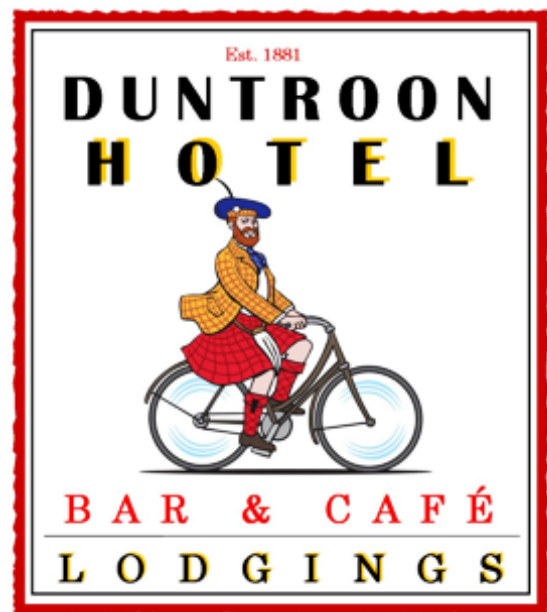
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When traveling through Duntroon next time, consider a visit to the beautiful Saint Martin's Church.

But be warned, the place has been overtaken by mice! I called in the other day and was horrified to see so many of the blighters. Bold as brass they were too. Not one of them scurried away when I entered, they just sat there.

When I got closer, I realized why. These were super mice. They even wore capes. They are afraid of nothing.

It was mind boggling to learn that this infestation was created by none other than Alison Simpson. The same Alison Simpson who received a Waitaki Citizens Award last year for her sterling service to our community. Yè Gods, what had come over the woman



It transpires that Martie Mouse and his companions, are part of the Church Mice Trails initiative organized by the Anglican Diocese of Dunedin. The idea is that people will discover the mice when they visit the small country churches in Otago. By visiting the churches visitors can collect three full sets from the Lakes, from Central, and from "Alps and Ocean" Churches. Each mouse comes with a bookmark

that tells the background of the Church's namesake.

Alison, at eighty-six years of age and still volunteering at the Vanished World Centre, has so far created sixty Martie Mice, that's one hell of a contribution.

At Saint Martin's there were two "guest" mice from Queenstown complete with skis!

Check out the Church Mice Trails Facebook page at <http://shorturl.at/imvBC>

Vanished World Centre

No mice to be seen at the Vanished World Centre, but plenty of excellent merchandise. For those children that are looking for something to do before the school holidays end there is the Dig Room where they can excavate their own fossils, or a caregiver can buy a fossil kit to take away. Maybe a puzzle would keep the young ones occupied? You would be surprised at the selection and quality of what is available. Check it out sometime.

Duntroon Domain and Camping Ground

Meanwhile, the Duntroon Domain and Camping ground has been very busy over the Christmas and New Year period. Most weeks are seeing on average of over 100 'bed nights' per week.

The campers are very appreciative of the facilities at the Domain and the availability of good food at the Flying Pig Cafe and the Duntroon Hotel. It is good for the town to have these businesses operating.

One recent week had over 70% of campers being from overseas countries. The usual suspects of Australia and the US but also many European countries – Germany, France, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland as well as England and the wider UK.

February and March are traditionally the busiest months with a lot of travellers moving about. February will also welcome back the Friday afternoon cricket with the local school children and families adding to the atmosphere. Many campers find this sort of activity wonderful to be part of.

Many thanks to Steve for keeping the facilities so clean and tidy, all this adds to the positive experience and continues to help grow our popularity.

DDDA Monthly Meetings:

Next meeting 7 pm on 14th February at Vanished World Centre.

HELP REQUIRED!

Working Bee at the Duntroon Hall.

Sat 2nd & Sun 3rd February

Late last Year the hall committee received Meridian Funding to paint the back room, replace the old curtains, as well as purchase some office equipment and a heater. We are having a working bee on the weekend of 2/3rd Feb to start the paint prep and **need some community support**. Any past present or future hall users are called upon to please support this project and help out.

The space is going to be available as a shared office/meeting space available for hire. It is also maintenance work that needs to be done to keep the hall viable for future use.

If you are able to help or have any questions please call

Jan Keeling 0274979006 or Nicola Neal 0274726876

Champagne Breakfast.

Fundraiser for Ovarian Cancer.

The Tokarahi Rural Women's Group are holding
a Champagne Breakfast at the Tokarahi Golf Club
On the 21st of February 2024. This is to raise funds for
The Cure Our Ovarian Cancer Organisation.

Elle Leudemann has very kindly agreed to come and be the guest speaker
for this event.

Time, and cost p.p. To be advised nearer to the date.

Any further queries, please ph Liz Hutton on 0273081101.

Please keep this date in mind, and come along to support this
Fundraiser for this horrid disease that too many women are struck
with.

Kind Regards, Liz Hutton,
President for Tokarahi Rural Women's Group.