



The DUNTROON DIGGER

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I met Mel Schauer at Duntroon last Monday at 10.30 am to show her around, and she loved the whole place.

So now that I have your attention, I'll introduce Mel to you. She is the Community Engagement Manager for the Meridian Power Up Community Fund. She has just taken up that position and thought she would like to see what the Fund has done for our Duntroon community over the years.

We explored Vanished World and had a cup of tea with Alison, who was on duty. She saw the Rock Room that had considerable Meridian funding. She loved the VW Centre and wants to bring her children back to explore.

We passed by the newly acquired Chemist Shop, and she could see the potential there. She loved the Moa and is keen to see the Haast's Eagle when it lands on a pole nearby! She felt the heat from the gas forge, supplied by Meridian and wants to come back and reshape a piece of metal or two.

She visited the gaol and met the Pioneer Couple on the way down to the Wetland, and loved the carved entrance to the wetland.

Mel was duly impressed with the work that our community has done over the years and is looking forward to an application or two for funding. Here are the details:

[Meridian Waitaki Power Up Fund May 2018](#)



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Submissions are now open.

Submissions close midnight 26 April 2018 (NZST).

A Day in the Hills on the A2O

We have bought some e-bikes and wanted to ride some of the A2O while we have a break in cyclists coming to stay. We decided to ride the Twizel to Omarama section, about 80 km all told. We left Twizel about 9am. after arranging to meet Cycle Journeys bus in Omarama at 4pm.

The ride out of Twizel and along the canals is a good warm-up for the hills to come. The salmon were being fed as we rode by, and we were amazed at all the sub-division out that way.

The wind picked up as we approaches Lake Ohau which was rough with waves breaking round the shore which we followed all the way to Ohau Lodge where we started the climb round Sheldon Downs. The scenery is great and we had a view of Mt. Cook and Sefton up the lake. The e-bike were a great help into the wind and on the hills, and having not done enough practice, a great benefit.

From the high point we can see nearly to Tekapo right round to the hills around Omarama and the Lindis Pass area with the Quail Burn in the foreground.

We visited the historic Quail Burn woolshed which you can drive in to. Interesting to see the local timbers used in its construction and to read some of the early history of the massive Benmore Run that it was part of.



We arrived in Omarama about 3.50 with time to get a coffee before the bus came to pick us up. I had about 5km. left on my battery and Margaret about 30km. I couldn't have done the 83km. without it and will do more practice before our next trip.

John Hore.

Cheese Roll fundraiser

The Oamaru Swim Club is again running their cheese roll fund raiser. Money raised goes to help pay for the coaching – which is delivering outstanding results at regional and national levels. Stock up the freezer for those frosty mornings coming up, or for lambing / calving.

Orders MUST be in by THURSDAY 19th APRIL. \$6 per dozen. White or Brown bread available.

Being made Friday 27th and will coordinate delivery / collection ASAP over that weekend
To order please contact Jan Keeling, 027 4979006 or jan@keelingdairies.co.nz

Next DDDA committee meeting:

6 pm Thursday, 12th April
2018 at Vanished World
Centre,
followed by a Wetland
meeting 7.00 pm.



Wetland working -bees :

- Saturday 7th April.
- Saturday 5th May.

Both working-bees will be commencing at 10.00 am, with more planting release work, cutting back tall grasses, broom and blackberry spot spraying.

Owen King.

Last Market of the Summer.

Despite an early downpour which nearly put some of us off taking our wares to the Duntroon market, it was a successful and fun day out. And despite the Ed Sheeran concerts there were many cars passing by and many of them stopped to browse, chat and buy.

The best moment of the morning occurred when a friendly waggy young golden retriever on a lead dug through the free box of soft toys and walked off proudly with her choice, a long leggy doll, growling quietly in her throat with pleasure.

The produce stall was groaning with all sorts of beautiful fresh veg from Colin and Pat's garden, many happy punters went off with tomatoes and cucumber, potatoes and chutneys. One couple of Asian girls buying for their tea added one of my quinces until I made sure they knew you couldn't eat them raw and it was hastily returned, amidst laughter. Maureen's burghers were very popular and my honey went flying into bags as usual. Helen sold bits from her range of stuff and chatted and educated all morning on the pros and cons of medical cannabis. The coffee cart across the road was fully busy all morning and people tried the stocks, visited the forge, even a horse and gig was seen trotting through the main street. Great atmosphere in the town and the future is looking good.

There were only four stalls and we lined up along the street rather than the usual circle on the lawn and this seemed to be more visible and successful and I, for one, am looking forward to the next market which won't be until spring.

Jo Todd

Wanted Desperately

Two old plough mold boards

They are needed as part of a giant Haast's Eagle sculpture, being made by Matt King, sculptor. This sculpture will be located at the rear of the Brewery Hole, along with the Moa.

Free to all nutters!

Walnuts are falling at Anatini Farm. Come and pick them up for free. Ring John or Margaret 4312508.

An abridged WDC Notice:

Let's talk rubbish

We all create it.

We all care about it.

Now it's time to talk about it.

We want your feedback on our Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018-24

We review our Waste Management and Minimisation Plan every six years.

The plan describes how we will ensure there are convenient and cost-effective waste management services and facilities provided throughout the district. It includes our vision, goals and objectives for waste management, our intended role, and specific proposals and actions for the coming six years.

How does this affect Kurow, Otematata and Omarama?

The biggest issue we've addressed in the plan for these areas is:

Operating costs for the rural recovery parks (transfer stations) in Kurow, Otematata and Omarama

Where to find more information

To view the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan, and a summary of the plan, go to our website: www.waitaki.govt.nz You can make your submission on the website.

Copies of the plan and summary are also available to view at public libraries (copies the of summary can be taken away). If you would like a copy posted to you, **email service@waitaki.govt.nz or call 03 433 0300.**

Submissions to the plan close **5pm, Monday 30 April**