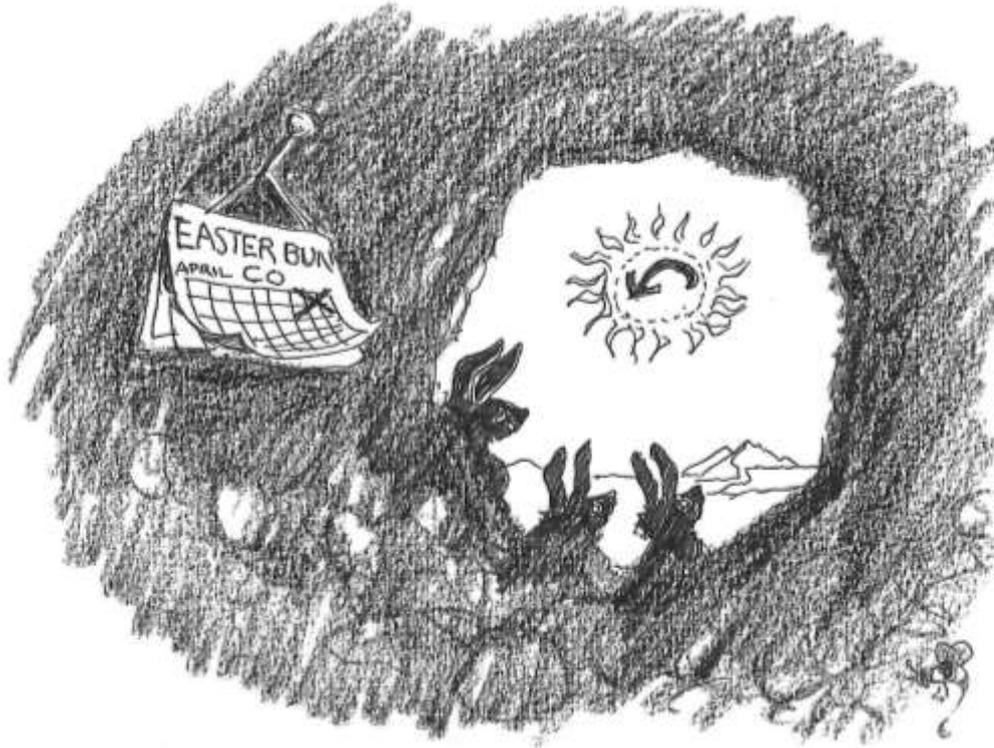




The DUNTROON DIGGER

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Editor: Mike Gray



The Duntroon Digger is facing change!

Mike would love to hand over the editorial role to someone new, who can breathe a bit of 'fresh air' into this monthly publication.

Interested ? Contact Mike on 434 2565 or ddda@xtra.co.nz

The other issue that needs addressing, is the publishing cost.

As we all get used to the electronic age, it would be so much cheaper to simply email out each edition. It would also be in colour!

Many readers already receive the email version.
If you would like to receive the "Duntroon Digger" by email,
simply send an email to

ddda@xtra.co.nz with **DIGGER** in the subject line.



Easter Hours at Duntroon Hotel

Good Friday: **Closed all day**

Easter Saturday: Open

Easter Sunday: Open - alcohol sales with food only

Easter Monday: Open

Normal Open Hours: 10 am till late.

Report on Wetlands Working Bee on April 6th.

There were five people on the day. Dan, Kat, Owen, John and Karan carried out plantings around the Information Shed near the Village Map and weeding and spraying in the wetland.

Editor's Note: These five people are all DDDA Committee members. They already do heaps of work on behalf of the community – it would be good to see other members of the community supporting them on the working bees. What do you think?

Next DDDA Committee Meeting

7:00 pm Thursday 11th, April at the Vanished World Centre.

Editor: Note the later time of **7pm**.

Next Duntroon Wetland Working Bee

at 10am Saturday 6th April 2019.

Please bring along a hammer to knock in some tall pegs for plants, gloves and grubbers.

Report on the WDC District Plan Review a few locals turned up to the Duntroon Hall and gave their input last week.

Blacksmith Report from Judy Waterston:

What a fantastic year so far. Each weekend has seen an amazing amount of forging going on, lots of laughter, ideas and skills passed on. We have had some good sales, often sold items that are still hot from the forge. Poker's are still top selling items and fun to make and all shapes and sizes, but have also sold a wide variety of other items, so thanks to all the hard work that goes into them.

Dave Hamer has done four **Advanced Courses** this season and Steve has benefited from Dave's amazing skill making tongs, tools, forge welding and then decorative leaf work and hooks. Stewart joined in in last week's course and was good to see him about the forge again. Dave can possibly do one more course in May so will keep you posted when.

We have run six **Introduction Courses** for ten people so far. Harry has been fantastic helping out for each training course as his skill far surpasses mine, especially as I am still having back problems and have not forged much this year. Steve has also been helping out and between the two of them have made the courses interesting with them both sharing their considerable knowledge.

Enquiries about courses should be addressed to Judy: judithwaterston@gmail.com



Nicol's Blacksmith Shop, DUNTROON

Working Blacksmith 10 a m – 3 pm each
Saturday and Sunday

Next Tool Sharpening Day is

Sunday April 14th :

Bring knives + gardening tools. More
details: www.blacksmith.net.nz

Can you help ?

Wanted in Kurow/Duntroon area

A cottage or shearers quarters,
anything considered in or around this area,
or alternatively , small storage area/shed for
tools, welder, bicycle etc

Phone or text John 027 2649193

Vanished World Report

Last month Vanished World conducted two Workshop Days for their Volunteers. Both days went well with a majority of volunteers attending. It was not only an opportunity for a good chat, but also a chance to discuss issues that occur from time to time. e.g. The apparent weird behaviour of the cash register. Time was spent looking at how different people introduced visitors to the "Vanished World Story".

There was some good discussion about how to explain the process of 'fossilisation'. Here is an article that hopefully will be of interest to our readers:

Dead and Then Fossilized

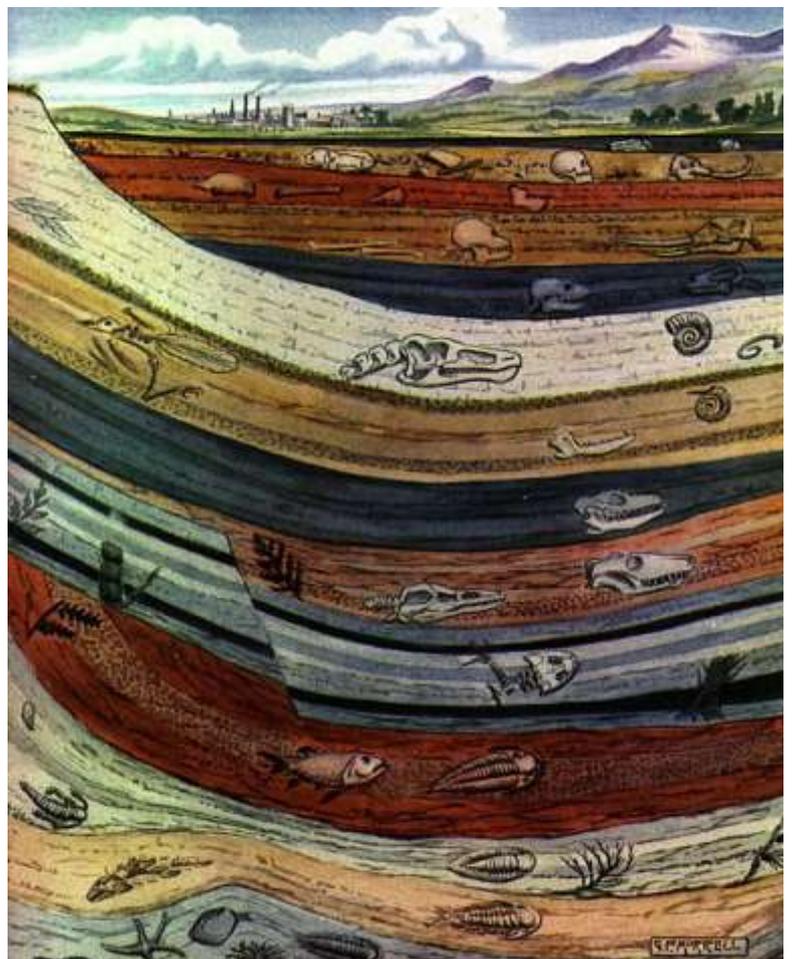
Fossilisation is the process by which a plant or animal becomes a fossil. This process is extremely rare and only a small fraction of the plants and animals that have lived in the past 600 million years are preserved as fossils. This may be surprising, considering the millions of fossils that have been collected over the years, and the many billions still in the rocks. Those plants and animals that do become fossils generally undergo, with some exceptions, several key steps.

Fossilization occurs after an organism dies and only affects hard body parts, such as bones and shells.

First, the soft tissue that exists during life **decays** leaving behind only the "hard parts" (bone, shell, teeth).

Second, hard parts may be transported and broken. This causes the fossilized remains to be incomplete representations of the living animal. (It is much more common to find a fragment of shell or bone than it is to find a complete skeleton.)

Third and most important, hard tissues become **buried and altered**. In most cases this involves destroying the original material from which the hard parts were made as minerals are slowly dissolved and replaced by new ones.



Reference: http://geology.isu.edu/Alamo/fossils/process_fossilization.php