



The DUNTROON DIGGER

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Greetings to all our Duntroon Digger readers.

As I pen these words, a euphemism for typing on a computer, I am enjoying yet another day in my home town of Adelaide. This will be my last edition before handing over to our new volunteer editor, Lynda Scott Araya from Western House. She will be the fourth editor of the Digger. You may recall that it began with Roger Weston – he and Betty ran the Flying Pig Café and Roger was on the DDDA. They still receive monthly copies of the Digger. I took over the job when Roger said farewell. Then Jo Todd took over for a number of years, and reluctantly handed the role back to me in more recent times.

I asked Lynda to introduce herself to you all, and here is her response:

I am excited to be the new editor of the Duntroon Digger so let me introduce myself.

My husband, John Robinson, and I are the new owners of Western House in Kurow and are continuing to run it as a B&B. We are just slowing down now after a hectic time becoming familiar with running the business and everything that that entails. We are very much enjoying our new lifestyle and we have found the people of the area to be extremely friendly, welcoming and helpful.

I am currently taking leave from my roles as Head of the English Department and Literacy Coordinator at Waitaki Boy's High School. John continues to work there as the Director of Information Technology.

In the Winter months, I plan on becoming more involved in the community (this being one of my first steps) and doing some writing. I would also like to become involved in some high school tutoring as well as education consultancy work. Both John and I are also very busy with sorting out the property - landscaping and gardening as well as preserving the quinces and apples.

I am looking forward to working on the Duntroon Digger and welcome any contributions.

Lynda Scott Araya.

Lynda's email for all Duntroon Digger matters is: lyncostello2017@gmail.com

Can you help ?

Sophie Briggs is working with the local children in the "School of Rocks" programme.

She would appreciate assistance from interested folks. The upcoming dates are: June 7th and 21st and July 5th. Usually these sessions are held at Vanished World Centre.

If interested, contact Sophie

for more information: sophie.briggs@otago.ac.nz



Next DDDA Committee Meeting: 7:00 pm Thursday 13th June at Vanished World Centre.

Next Duntroon Wetland Working Bee at 10am Saturday 8th June 2019.

Please bring along grubbers and gloves. There is some more plantings to go in down from the Gaol/southern Entrance Way.

The Duntroon Community



to stand for the
Ahuriri Community Board

**Nominations are open
from July 19th to August 16th
for the following positions:**

- **1 Councillor for the Ahuriri Ward and**
- **5 positions on the Ahuriri Community Board**

Report on the Wetland working -bee on 4th ,May.

Geoff turned up with a large trailer of mulch and it was all used up from Rodney's bridge to Kowhai corner and the head spring .

Terrific bunch of workers present: Geoff, Joseph and Carl Alegado, Jan, Gill, Owen, John, Daniel and Brian. A big **THANK YOU**.



Interpretation Panels

Owen, John, Daniel and Brian installed 11 Interpretation Panels in and around the wetland tracks. These depict Fauna and Flora that is abundant through the Duntroon Wetland.

The Panels are strategically placed e.g. The Brown Trout is located at Rodney's Bridge and Pukeko near to the Raupo at the main entrance.

All of this was possible with **funding from WDC Community Fund**.

Owen King.



Long fin eel (tuna kuwharuwharu) (Anguilla dieffenbachii)

Longfin eels are long-lived, migrating to the Pacific Ocean near Tonga to breed at the end of their lives. They are good climbers as juvenile and so are found in streams and lakes a long way inland. An important traditional food source for Maori, longfin eels are threatened and declining

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**The annual Community Pot Luck Tea
28th June from 6 pm at Tokarahi Hall.**

Please bring all your family along for a great night of meeting new arrivals to the district and catching up with everyone.

There are plates & cutlery at the Hall & bring along a dish to share. Information from Evelyn 4312789 or Carol 4312563

'Save the date' - 12th July

Tokarahi Rural Women are hosting a

Quiz Night

at the Tokarahi Hall.

It is to raise money for a medical bus for rural communities. Please come & support this great cause. Teams of 4 or 5, prizes, and supper.

Another set of interpretation panels have been designed and an example is below:

Pioneer Couple



The two statues are a tribute to the hardy men and woman who settled this district in the 1800's.

Some of these people were drawn to the valley in search of gold, some came to work on the farms and others came to establish businesses to service the needs of both.

Times were tough and the men and women worked hard to establish the infrastructure that we enjoy today.

In spite of floods and fire, drought and economic depression, the people struggled on and we are the beneficiaries of their struggle today.