



Moanariri Bull Creek Newsletter

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What a wonderful start to the summer holidays with 2 very stunning beach days. It's wonderful to see so many people enjoying the beach. The committee had a meeting this morning.

Notes from the meeting:

1. Roping off an area by the marquee to keep an area free of campers, for families to sit for **sports day**.
The races will be run parallel with Flax Avenue this year, due to the ruts in the green.
2. Thank you to the many helpers who erected **The Marquee** on Boxing Day. The Marquee project has been a great team effort in collecting and making parts- thank you to John, Gordy, Chris and Billy for making this work. It will be a wonderful asset for the Cribowners Assn.
3. The Dept of Conservation have recently advised us they will be withdrawing their involvement with the **Bull Creek track** due to financial reasons. Unfortunately there was a lot of damage done to the structures once again this year, due to severe flooding.
We are in the process of working through a new agreement outlining responsibilities for the track and its structures, and also for the conservation and care of the Native Bush.
There will be working bees on the track over the next week. All help will be appreciated.
4. A request to all drivers- please slow down, there are many small children around, and all drivers need to ensure we are travelling less than 15kph
5. Thank you to Chris for making a new donation box and pole.
6. All dogs **MUST** be on leads
7. Ken and Dianne have requested that **NO** vehicles are parked on the farm access roads.
8. Coral has 2015 Bull Creek calendars for sale.
9. Justin Currie has been investigating purchasing a new run of Bull Creek glassware.
10. This area is in a total fire ban. Gas BBQ's are allowed.





27 Dec Sun	Low Tide	Committee Meeting 10.30am	
28 Dec Mon	12.25pm	Sports Day 1pm BBQ 6pm Talent Quest 7pm	Ann, Wanda, Verna, Brett, Chris, Billy
29 Dec Tues	1.15pm	Fishing Competition judging 4. pm 1. Offshore 2. onshore FAMILY CRICKET 6pm on Green	Jamie Devlin Frank Gorinski
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2 Jan Sat	4pm	12.30pm beach cricket, Home brew 4pm ENTRIES: 1.30-2PM Prize giving colouring in 2pm	John Taal Ken & Dianne
3 Jan Sun	4.40pm	10am working bee	



Bull Creek Sports Day results 28 Dec 2016

8-9 girls	1 st Alia Auld	2 nd Mikayla Leckie	
8-9 boys	1 st Sam Gamble		
6-7 girls	1 st Libby Campbell	2 nd Lucy Anderson	3 rd Ella Campbell
6-7 boys	1 st Aidan Ealson	2 nd Skye Hood	
4-5 girls	1 st Kate Campbell	2 nd Alice Ransby	3 rd Isla McGregor
4-5 boys	1 st Max Devlin	1 st Tristan Leckie	3 rd Cohen Anderson
3 and under	1 st Leah Campbell	2 nd Jackson McNabb	3 rd = Cooper McNabb Sylvia Brook
10-11 girls	1 st Rosabell Fleury-Auld		
10-11 boys	1 st Liam Ross	2 nd Brayden Campbell	3 rd Lochlan Still
12-13 girls	1 st Lily Gamble	2 nd Mackenzie Baines	3 rd Emily Ealson
12-13 boys	1 st Maxwell Fleury-Auld	2 nd Blake Pegram	
14 -15 girls	1 st Mia Gamble		
Womens open	1 st Cheryl Campbell	2 nd Anne Bilton	
Mens open	1 st Sam McDonald	2 nd Brett Gamble	3 rd Ken Campbell

Sack Race

11-15	1 st Blake Pegram	2 nd Lily Gamble	3 rd Mia Gamble
8-10	1 st Lochlan Still	2 nd Brayden Campbell	3 rd Sam Gamble
Under 8	1 st Libby Campbell	2 nd Skye Hood	3 rd Ella Campbell
Open women	1 st Cheryl Campbell	2 nd Charlotte Hood	3 rd Anne Bilton
Open Mens	1 st Sam MacDonald	2 nd Nick Auld	3 rd Stu Harwood

3 legged race

11-15	1 st Lily & Mia Gamble	2 nd Alia Auld & Maxwell Fleury Auld	3 rd Rosabell Fleury-Auld, Emily Ealson
8-10	1 st Brayden Campbell & Clay Leckie	2 nd Lachlan MacDonald Lochlan Still	3 rd Lily & Sam Gamble
Under 8	Skye Hood & Libby Campbell	2 nd Ella & Bree Campbell	3 rd Lucy & Cohen Anderson
open	1 st Cher & Char Campbell	2 nd DJ Champion & Stu Harwood	3 rd Marianna & Matthew Brook

Wheelbarrow race

11-15	1 st Lily & Mia Gamble	2 nd Lachlan MacDonald Lochlan Still	3 rd Emily & Caitlin Ealson
8-10	1 st Mia Gamble & Sam Gamble	2 nd Rosabell Fleury-Auld Alia Auld	3 rd Brayden Campbell Clay Leckie
Under 8	1 st Libby & Skye Campbell	2 nd Aidan Ealson & Lucy Anderson	3 rd Cohen Anderson & Tristan Leckie
open	1 st Maxwell Fleury Auld & Nick Auld	2 nd Anne Bilton Blake Pegram	3 rd Sam McDonald Gareth Maybee

Water Balloon toss

family	1 st Gamble Family Mia & Brett	2 nd Ken & Brayden Campbell	3 rd Matt Brook & Nick Auld
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Gumboot toss

Mens open 15+	1 st Brian McNabb	2 nd Grant Campbell	3 rd Mike Anderson
Women open 15+	1 st Kara Murdoch	2 nd Amanda McGregor	3 rd Cheryl Campbell
5-10	1 st Clay Leckie	2 nd Sam Gamble	3 rd Brayden Campbell
10-15	1 st Blake Peagram	2 nd Maxwell Auld	3 rd Caitlin Ealson

Cross Country

Under 10	1 st Sam Gamble	2 nd Alia Auld	3 rd Aidan Ealson
11-15	1 st Maxwell Fleury-Auld	2 nd MacKenzie Baines	3 rd Brayden Campbell
Open men	1 st Sam MacDonald	2 nd Brett Gamble	3 rd Blake Peagram
Open women	1 st Cheryl Campbell	2 nd Charlotte Hood	3 rd Fiona Auld

stilts

11-15	1 st Mia Gamble	2 nd Lily Gamble	3 rd MacKenzie Baines
7-10	1 st Sam Gamble	2 nd Brayden Campbell	3 rd Aidan Ealson
open	1 st Charlotte Hood	2 nd Marianna Brook	3 rd Cheryl Campbell





Sports Day

We had an excellent sports day, with a great variety of events for all ages. Well done to everyone who participated and

Working bee on the track.

If the weather is not suitable for fishing there will be a working bee on the track on Wednesday. This will start 9.30am at the Marquee. Please bring Bucket, shovel for gathering rocks and gravel. It would be great if members from all cribs could help out at one of the track working bees over the next few days.

Cruise ships going past Bull Creek

30 Dec 15	Golden Princess	Arrival	C/T	07:00
30 Dec 15	Golden Princess	Departure	C/T	17:00
2 Jan 16	Voyager of the Seas	Arrival	Beach	08:00
2 Jan 16	Voyager of the Seas	Departure	Beach	18:00
3 Jan 16	Silver Discoverer	Arrival	X/Y sheds	07:00
4 Jan 16	Coral Discoverer	Arrival	T/U sheds	08:00
4 Jan 16	Coral Discoverer	Departure	T/U sheds	17:00
4 Jan 16	Silver Discoverer	Departure	X/Y sheds	17:00
7 Jan 16	Sea Princess	Arrival	C/T	07:00
7 Jan 16	Dawn Princess	Arrival	Beach	07:30

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Let's Go
Fishin'





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Results of Bull Creek's got talent

- Rosabell & Alia - best lip sync and moves
- Emily Ealson - Best guitarist
- Kate & Ella Campbell- Best Junior duo
- Tristan, Lucy and Cohen- Best Waiata and actions
- Kohan Lines- Best Joker
- Max Devlin -best alphabet song
- Anna Taal - best teenage singer
- Gamble family- best family group
- Alan Murdoch- Best National Anthem
- Skye Hood - Best break dancer
- Brian, Robin and Billy- Best Humble Trio





Thank you to the helpers who cooked the BBQ after sports Day. It was great to have the marquee for everyone to picnic in.



Fishing Competition

Unfortunately the weather and sea didn't allow for suitable conditions for rock and offshore fishing, but children had fun and collected some interesting specimens!

Thank you to Jamie, Frank and Erin for judging.

Blake Peagram	12yrs	sea slug	12g
Max Fleury-Auld		Cushion star	29g
		Cats eye	66g
		Sea slug	238g
Rosabell Fleury-Auld Alia Auld	11yr	cats eye	61g
	8yr	cushion star crab	
Jett, Mauge, Max 4, 7, 4 years		Lobster	31g
Wanda & Chris Maybee		Starfish	29g
		Cats Eye	25g
Lily Tewhata 22 months		Hornsfish	83g
		Wrasse	132g
		Cats eye cockabully	7gm
Ernie Entyre 4 months		mussell	119mm
			84g
Dave Clark		Banded wrasse	516g
Emily Ealson 12yrs		Crab, cats eyes	
Aidan Ealson 7yrs		crab	
Caitlin Ealson 15yr		starfish	
Clay & Mikayla Leckie 10yrs & 8yrs		Wrasse	527g
		Paua	579g
Lucy & Cohen Anderson		Wrasse	467g
		Mussel	130g
Tristan Leckie 4yrs		Paua	683g
		Wrasse	320g
		Ostrich foot	47g
		Chiton	64g
		Sea slug	286g
Star fish	698g		
Kaysee Weatherston		starfish	589g
Gareth Maybee		wrass	484g
Ross Family		Star fish, mussels	150g
Alice, Isla, Kate		Snail, mussel, starfish catseye	94g, 342g



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Happy New Year 2016!

It was quite a change for many cribowners to have a New Years Eve without bonfires. But we still managed to have two fireworks displays, one for children and later a midnight one.

Many people enjoyed the opportunity to gather at the Marquee-thank you to John, Chris and Gordy for organising the lighting, music and tables.

NZ Sea Lions

We are fortunate to have sea lions visiting our coast line. Read the info below to improve your knowledge of Seals and sea lions and your ability to identify them.

Sea lion or fur seal?

Fur seals, which are in the same family as sea lions, are more common in New Zealand. Can you tell which is which?



A fur seal (left) and sea lion (right).

- Hanging out on a sandy beach? It's a sea lion. (Seals prefer rocky shores.)
- Small with a pointy nose? It's a fur seal. (Sea lions are bigger with rounder noses.)
- Unafraid of people? Probably a sea lion. (Seals are scared and usually move away.)
- Mane of hair around the neck and chest? Sea lion!

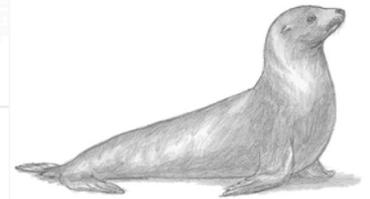
Before humans came to New Zealand, sea lions lived around the whole coast. But Māori and Europeans hunted them – for meat, oil, and skins – until only a few colonies remained in the south.

Laws were brought in to protect them, but sea lions are still in terrible trouble. During the past 15 years, sea lion pup survival has declined by 50%.

Where do they live?

Most sea lions feed and breed in the sub-Antarctic. About 80% breed on the Auckland Islands, and almost all the rest on Campbell Island.

New sea lion colonies have started to establish around the Otago coast. So far, they're small in number, but sea lions born there seem to be heavier and healthier, and begin breeding earlier in life than those around the Auckland Islands.



Triple threat

A big threat to sea lions is getting tangled in fishing trawl nets round the sub-Antarctic islands.

More females are probably killed than males, because they swim far out to the sea to find food for themselves and their pups. When a mother dies, her pup on shore starves, too.

Sea lions also face other threats: sharks eat them, and a mysterious bacterial disease can kill their pups. Scientists are trying to discover more about this.

Go Mum!

Dunedin is home to a statue of a sea lion that the locals called 'Mum'. In 1993, Mum swam 650 kilometres from the Auckland Islands to Dunedin, where she had the first pup born on the mainland in over 150 years. Mum went on to have 11 more pups there, starting a new colony. Most new sea lions born on the Otago peninsula are related to her.

If you see a sea lion...

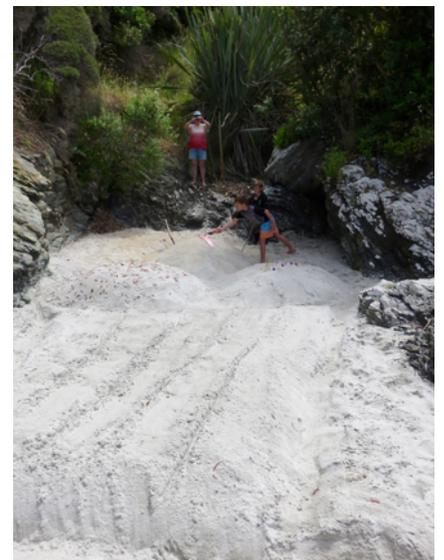
- Stay at least 20 metres away from active sea lions, and 10 metres away if they're sleeping.
- Don't make loud noises.
- Don't feed them. It's an offence.
- Back away slowly, rather than running away.
- Don't make eye contact.
- Keep dogs on a lead.
- If you're in a vehicle, stay at least 50 metres away.

Don't approach sea lions, even if you think they need help. Instead, let the Department of Conservation know if they look hurt, or if someone is being inappropriate. Call 0800 DOC HOT (0800 362 468).



Pg 3 **Results of the Sand Castle competition**

Kate Ransby 2 years	1st	Best 2 year old design	sunflower
Tristan Leckie 4 years	1st	Best fort and real castle	
Ernie McEntyre 14 weeks	1st	Best sand sculpture under 1	Boy in sand
Isla McGregor 4 years	1st	Best 3 yr old sand castle	
Cohen Anderson 4 years	1st	Best Dragon scene	
Jade & Lily Tewhata	1st	Best 1 year old snowman	
Alia & Rosabelle 9-11	1st	Best storm event	
Maxwell Auld 12 years	1st	Best use of natural resources	Lounge
Clay Leckie 10 years	1st	Best Animal Sand sculpture	
Emily & Aidan 7-12	1st	Most creative children's sculpture	Shark Attack
Phil McGregor	1st	Best Vehicle Sculpture	Caravan
Emily Ealson 12	1st	Best snowman 10-12 yrs	
Craig Ealson	1st	Best use of seaweed	Cruisin'
Mikayla Leckie 8yrs	1st	Best xmas scene	Christmas Tree & presents
Lucy Anderson 6yrs	1st	Best sea creature	Sea Horse
Alice McGregor 4 years	1st	Best Animal sculpture	Candy the sea horse
Kim & Lachie MacDonald	1st	Largest sand sculpture and most active	
Bull Creek Work Gang	1st	Erection of the Monariri Canal	
Brett, Sarah, Mia, Lily and Sam	1st	Overall Best Sand Sculpture	Bull Ring



Timetable

2 Jan Sat	Low tide 4pm	12.30pm beach cricket, Grays Beach Home brew 4pm ENTRIES: 1.30-2PM Prize giving colouring in 2pm (Cribowners garage)	John Taal Ken & Dianne Ann & Tania
3 Jan Sun		10am working bee	

Working bees

The track committee have been thrilled with the support for the working bees over the last few days.

What spectacular progress has been made. So many helpers have meant that the track has been able to be re-routed. This has meant we will have four less bridges. Some of these bridges have been washed out 3 times over the past few years.

Our Bull Creek bush is a very significant bush remnant with spectacular southern rata. Since it was fenced off in the mid 1990's the bush and the bird life have thrived. We are very fortunate to have such a beautiful area and a well formed track that gives access for all of us to enjoy our natural resouces. We look forward to the track being completed in 2016 and being back open to the public.

Thank you very much to Robin, Chris, Ally, Billy and the many other helpers who have worked on the upgrade. Keep up the support!



Summer drives - Bull Creek

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Spectacular surf, rock pools for the kids to explore, a sandy beach to paddle in, picnic spots and a peaceful valley walk through a forest of southern rata can all be found within an easy hour's drive of Dunedin at Bull Creek.

"Private Property: You are welcome if you treat this area with respect," reads the sign as you arrive at this spot, which is one of Coastal Otago's best-kept secrets.

That sign embodies the spirit of Bull Creek, where the families that own the locality's 20-odd holiday homes have worked together to provide amenities that all can enjoy. These include public toilets, changing rooms for those keen to spend time on the beach, and a charming bush walk. The local community has also engaged in pest control and a significant replanting of native plants, especially rata.

Access to the beach and bush is gained by driving along a gravel track past the cribs, which are for the most part traditional Kiwi holiday homes, as opposed to the sprawling mansions that dominate so much of our hinterland. From the community domain, a trail to your left leads to the bush, and another on the right heads for the beach.

The beach offers crashing surf on one side, a more gentle beach on the other, and rocky outcrops between. Swimming here requires considerable respect for the conditions, but exploring the rock pools and paddling are easy options. Watch out for seals though.

At low tide it is also possible to cross the mouth of Bull Creek and explore further along the coast, or to walk up the long, sandy and picturesque inlet to join the start of the bush track. The hour-long bush walk crosses several footbridges as it winds into the Bull Creek Scenic Reserve.

Bull Creek, incidentally, is said to take its name from one or more bulls that frequented the area in the early days of European settlement.

Evidence of earlier Maori presence was discovered at nearby Watsons Beach several years ago. So where, exactly, is this spot, and how do you get there?

Bull Creek is about 40km south of Dunedin (as the crow flies), and about 15km due east from Milton.



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Scavenger Hunt

Thank you to Trudy for organising this children's event.

- 1st : Mikayla, Lucy, Tristan & Cohen
- 2nd Alice, Kate, Isla
- 3rd Maxwell, Alia, Rosabell

Gnome finders

- 1st Caitlin, Jamie, Emily, Aiden

Individual

- 1st Clay Leckie



Results of Colouring In Competition

Under 3	Age 3-5	6 years	7 years
1 st Sylvia Brook 2 nd kate Ransby 3 rd Lily TeWhata	1 st Alice Ransby 2 nd Cohen An	1 st Leah Philip 2 nd Lucy Anderson 3 rd Skye Hood	1 st Ella Campbell 2 nd Aidan Ealson
8 years	Over 8	Adults	
1 st Alia Auld	1 st Lily Gamble 2 nd Maxwell Fleury Auld 3 rd Mikayla Leckie	1 st Jillian Clarke 2 nd Amy Phillip 3 rd Caitlin Ealson	



Bull Creek Facebook page

There are now 601 members of our facebook page!

<https://www.facebook.com/Bull-Creek-Moanariri-NZ-125619820808679/>

Home brew Jan 2016. Hosted by Ken and Dianne

31 entries in Cocktails & whatever

12 entries in beer & spirits

Lager	1 st Robin Gamble 2 nd Ali Campbell	
Shield	Robin Gamble	
Draught Beer	1 st Robin Gamble 2 nd David Clark	
Fruit Beer	1 st Robin Gamble	
Hop Beer	1 st Brett Leckie	
Stout	1 st Graeme Hanson	
Cider	1 st Graeme Hanson 2 nd Ken Wright 3 rd Graeme Hanson	
Liquor	1 st Dianne Lane-Wright	Sambucca
spirits	1 st Ken Wright 2 nd Ken Wright 3 rd Ken Wright	Irish Whiskey Gin Bourbon
cocktails	1 st Dianne & Stan Crawford 2 nd Alan Philip	Bull Creek Sling
wine	1 st Arran Mason 1 st Sue Nelson 2 nd Roughan Family 3 rd Coral Butler	Xmas Mulled Wine Elder Flower Black Currant Elder Flower
Port	1 st John Butler	Tawny Port
Brandy	1 st John Butler	Cherry Brandy
Whatever Cream	1 st Wright/Ealson (23) 2 nd Natasha & Wanda (5) 3 rd Stephanie Larsen (4)	Creamed Wrights Mothers Brew Coconut kick start
Punch	1 st Roughan Family (14) 2 nd Wrights (7) 3 rd Roughan Family (4)	Midday Punch Fred Punch Summer Day
Whatever fruit	1 st Tammy Butler (33) 2 nd Tammy Butler (34) 3 rd Roughan Family (19)	Banana Dream Minty Passion Kaka Creek
Whatever clear	1 st Craig Ealson (24) 2 nd Joy Murdoch (26) 3 rd Coral Butler (31)	Craigs Brew Gorgeous Grandeur Blue Bayou
Highest number of voters – whatever clear round = 31 votes 2 nd highest in the cider round = 29		



Native plants growing in Bull Creek's regenerating forest.

Makomako – wineberry



Makomako, or wineberry (*Aristotelia serrata*), a fast-growing tree, thrives in moist fertile sites. It is especially common in forest clearings and at the edges of regenerating forest. It has thin, heart-shaped leaves, light green on the upper surface and often reddish underneath. In cold districts it is semi-deciduous, losing most of its leaves by the end of winter. Although the juicy fruit is edible, the seed within the berry is bitter and should be discarded.

The fruit of the makomako were eaten raw by the Maori, and made into a jam by the later European settlers. They also used the fruit to make wine (as the European name suggests). Makomako also had quite a few medicinal qualities and was used by the Maori for burns, boils, sore eyes and rheumatic pains.

The early settlers burned the wood to get charcoal to make gunpowder.

Did you know ... ?

Makomako is a good tree to plant to provide food and protection for many of New Zealand's native creatures. Both the tui and silvereye enjoy the fruit from the Makomako, and the kereru or wood pigeon eat both the fruit and the leaves. In the North Island, the holes commonly seen in the trunk of Makomako are likely to be larval tunnels of the large puriri moth.



Carpodetus serratus, also known as **putaputawētā** or **marbleleaf** is an endemic evergreen tree of New Zealand. It is found in broadleaf forest in both the North and South Island's of New Zealand.

It is a small tree growing to 10 metres tall, with a 20 – 30 cm trunk with rough grey bark.^[1] *C. serratus* produces clusters of small (5–6 mm) white flowers during spring.^[2] In autumn the tree provides black fruit.

The Māori name putaputawētā refers to the fact weta often make the tree their home.^[3]



What does it look like? Karamu is a shrub which grows to around five metres in height, with pale brown bark and sharp-pointed leathery leaves. The green flowers grow in dense heads and by autumn they turn into many small orange-coloured bitter fruit that attract birds. Karamu does not produce fruit until about three years after planting.

Where does it grow? Karamu can be found as far north as Cape Reinga and as far south as North Otago or even Foveaux Strait, growing anywhere from sea level up to 1,200 metres. Often found where soil is poor or swampy or where conditions are windy or cold, it is a tough plant that will grow in difficult conditions. It tolerates full sun and shade equally well and is common in lowland and mountain forest. Karamu is wind hardy and frost tolerant when mature.

Seed Collection and propagation After flowering in spring the berry like fruits develop first green and then to an orange colour. Each fruit is about 5-9mm long. Plants are quite simple to raise from seed if the seed is removed from the berry and soaked for 24 hours before sowing. There are two seeds per berry.

Used to ... Maori made yellow dyes from a range of coprosma species, while

children ate the fruit in spite of their rather bitter taste. Maori tohunga used branchlets of karamu in many religious and healing rites, including for ceremonies to lift the tapu from mother and child at childbirth and to ensure the success of the crop of kumara at planting time.

Did you know ... Karamu have both male and female plants which must grow near each other in order to produce berries and seeds. Worldwide there are over 90 species of Coprosma, of which 45 are found in New Zealand. Coprosma is in the Rubiaceae family which includes the beautiful gardenias and species that provide coffee and quinine, an anti-malarial substance.

2015/2016 summer holidays and memories from the past

It has been a great week of fine weather. Cribowners have been loving the summer sun. Unfortunately even with the beautiful weather the boaties were not able to get out at all until Jan 2nd due to the large waves. They were all very happy last night to have had a days fishing!



Riddleys farm house along past The Flats. 2008



Working bee, Shelley Beach 2010



March 2008



March 2008



May 2013



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Wanted

for breaking and entering,
theft of nectarines, cherries, apricots,
oranges chocolates and bread.

Reported in many dwellings
Phone Lachief Up



The Terror of Bull Creek, aka "Fred"

Taieri Beach 1880's

