

BULL CREEK MOANARIRI NEWSLETTER



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CRUISE SHIP CALENDAR



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Wishing everyone happy holidays at Bull Creek for 2025/26. There are lots of cribs full and it's been lovely to see families out enjoying beach/sport activities when the weather has been fine.

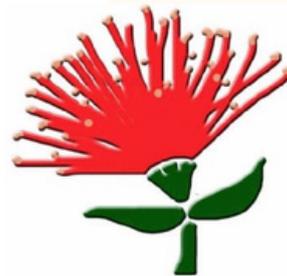
Thank you to the large number of helpers to erect the Marquee this morning.

At the meeting this morning we discussed the changeable nature of the weather and decided to change sports Day to the day with the most promising weather -which is Monday.

20 S	Viking Venus	F
21 S		
22 M	Silver Moon Viking Orion	L L
23 T		
24 W	Anthem of the Seas	L
25 T	Christmas Day	
26 F	Boxing Day	
27 S		
28 S	Norwegian Spirit	F
29 M	Le Soleal	CW
30 T	Discovery Princess Seabourn Quest	L F
31 W	New Years Eve	

ACTIVITIES

Bull Creek programme 2025/2026 (changes made)			
	Low Tide		organiser
26 Dec Fri	2.30pm	Campbells v Gambles Golf 1pm	Ali / Brett
27 Dec Sat	3.50pm	Erecting Marquee 10am Committee Meeting 12.30pm	All available
28 Dec Sun	4.15pm	Sandcastle Competition judging 2.45 pm Prize giving. 6.30pm marquee 6.30pm Cricket on the green. -cricket/softball?	Coral/ Joy Andrew
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CHRISTMAS SONG PICTURE GAME

Guess the popular Christmas songs from the image hints below.

01 CHRISTMAS	02 	03
04 	05 ABCDE FGHIJK MNOPQRS TUVWXYZ	06
07 	08 	09 CHRISTMAS
10 CHRISTMAS EVE 24	11 	12 Christmas ~ List ~

Assistance with holiday events

Donation Collections	Via Lynne at Sports Day	Creating certificates/ colouring-in	Coral.
Firewood for Bull Creek burner	Chris	Printing " " "	Dayle, Ann R
Bringing the burner	Chris	Mowing green/ cricket pitch	Andrew S. John B etc
Buying sweets /prizes/	Lynne	Delivering newsletters	Francesco, Shearers
Bagging up sweets	Lynne	Judges talent quest	Jane. Korey. ?
Overall prizes	Lynne	Recording/certificates-sports day	Coral, Lynne & Lin, Verna +1
Cash for sports day	Lynne	Collecting Marquee/furniture	Chris, Dave. Ali
Port a loo at marquee	Chris/ John	Fireworks : purchase/ display	Matt
Music for Marquee	Justin Mc	Small BBQ & marshmallows NY eve	
Ice blocks for sports day	Jane Mc	Ordering & collecting meat for bbq	Allan P
Pest control	Justin, Stephanie, Claire, Jane	Creating newsletters	Coral
Organising power/ speakers for the marquee	John	Checking AED defib	Lynne P



We have a skip for small household rubbish. This is for all cribowners to use. Please dont add large items. There is also a bottle bin.



Dogs must be kept on leads.



Recently the Mason family donated a Rata Tree and this has been planted across the bay in the area we have been replanting. The Mason family lived up near the Phillip farm.

Take care on the beach. Sea Lions are busy frequenting along our coast line. They like to be nosey. Keep your space.

Please encourage visitors to either take rubbish home with them or dispose of into a rubbish skip. This pile of rubbish was collected off the side of the road not far from BullCreek



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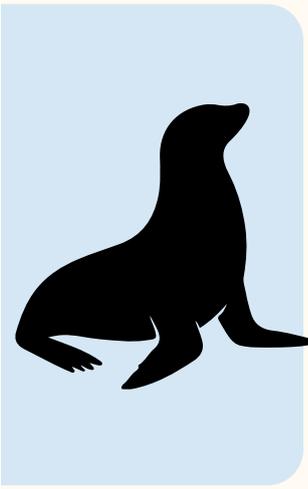


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Please pick up after your dog



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If you see pakake

Always stay 20 metres away (60 feet).
This is the minimum distance to view any pinniped from. Leaving ample room between yourself and a pinniped ensures your safety and reduces the chance you will disturb them. It is against the law to disturb or harass any pinniped.

Where to be aware

If it becomes active

Slowly back further away.
This will help avoid catching their interest. Pakake are very social animals and can be very active on land. It is important to maintain your distance if pakake are active so that they do not approach you. Moving slowly also helps to reduce interest from pakake.

If you are approached

If you have a dog

Keep it 20 metres away from pakake and on lead.
We recommend keeping any dog on a lead within 100 metres of wildlife, to ensure it is not tempted to approach it. When walking dogs in areas where pakake might be present it is important to remain alert.



Rebus puzzles

Can you guess the words and expressions?

MIY LIMFIE	Get it Get it Get it Get it	Try $\frac{\text{stand}}{2}$
$\frac{\text{TRAVEL}}{\text{cccccc}}$	FAST	T O W N
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Christmas song picture game answers:

- White Christmas
- We three Kings
- Santa Baby
- Away in a manger
- Noel
- Silver Bells
- Little Drummer Boy
- The 12 days of Christmas
- Blue Christmas
- The night before Christmas.
- Jingle Bell Rock





Sand Castle Competition 28 Dec 2025

Name	Category	
Maeve Allison	1 st under 5	cow
Leo Butler	1 st 5 years. Best Scene	Jungle land
Thea Ingram	Best sand creation 5 years	castle
Maggie McEntyre	1 st unassisted 6 yr old	Orca
Briar Allison	1 st assisted 6 yr old	Perendale sheep
Ben McGregor	1 st transport scene	Train tunnel & tracks
Amalia Lova	1 st Pasifika theme	Lucy the Samoan Turtle
Ruby Butler	Best sculpture 7 years	Frost the sandman
Freddie & Marlow	Best copycat scene	Bull Creek tree
Taisali Lova	1 st Daisy Flower 12 years	Daisy
Kate Ransby	Best holiday scene	Camping by the sea
Rachael Lova	1 st decorated flower 13 years	flower
Alice Ransby	Best Kitchen scene	Electric range & pancakes
Kate Campbell & Huxley Flanders	1 st decorated spitting volcano	Volcano
Yates crew	1 st decorated turtle	Turtle
Ernie McEntyre	Best musical theme sculpture (10)	Electric guitar
Lova Family	Merit for Mystery princess Castle	Princess sand castle
Ann Roughan	Best wine maze with creative cutting	Wine Maze
Chloe, Lily, Elsie,	1 st Conservation Theme	Volcano & turtles
Charlie Harper & family	Best sculptured sea mammal	Wally the Whale
Jane & Alastair	Best sculpture of a dangerous sea creature	Barracuda
Leah, Ellie, Freya, Lennie	Best group sculpture under 15	Harry the Hammerhead shark
Campbell Clan	1 st Clutha River diversion	Clutha River
Taal Family	Most artistic	Jandal feet
Freeman Family	Most detailed fantasy theme	Sea Dragon
Shearers	Outstanding interpretation of a Bull Creek scene	Bull Creek tree
Isla & Phil McGregor	Most outstanding sculptured sea creature	Octopus



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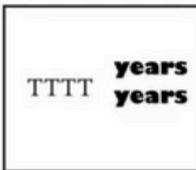
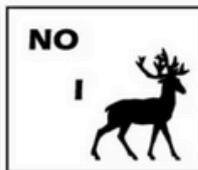
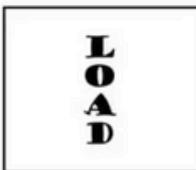
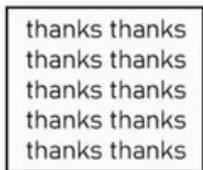
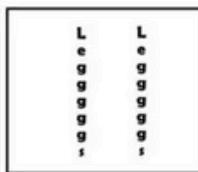
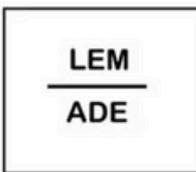
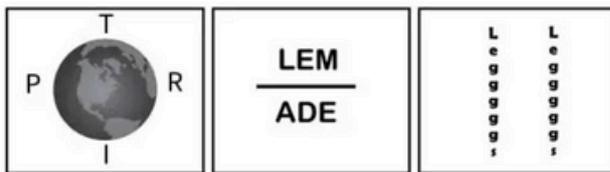
The answers for rebus sheet 1 above are as follows –

- 1 – For once in my life (four ones in my life)
- 2 – Forget it
- 3 – Try to understand
- 4 – Travel overseas or overseas travel
- 5 – Breakfast
- 6 – Downtown
- 7 – Eyeshadow
- 8 – Stepfather
- 9 – Once upon a time
- 10 – Potatoes (pot 8 O's)
- 11 – 3D movie
- 12 – Top secret



Rebus puzzles 2

Can you guess the words and expressions?





Sports Day results 29/12/2025

Sprints	1 st	2 nd	3rd
3 yr	Maeve Allison		
4-5 boys	Leo Butler		
6-7 girls	Ruby Butler	Amalia Lova	Elsie Te Whata
8-9 girls	Harper Simms		
8-9 boys	Stan Dick	Charlie Simms	
10-11 girls	Lily Te Whata	Chloe Jeffery	
12-13 girls	Taisali Lova	Rachael Lova	Shiofra Lee-Butler
12 -13 boys	Freddy Dick	Marlow Shearer	Ally Holland
14-15 years	Francesca Freeman	Olivia Dick	Tayla Burt
Men	Matt Freeman	Ali Campbell	Andrew Simms
Women	Emma Butler	Tammy McEntyre	Megan Jeffrey

Gumboot Throw

men	Jake Lova	Ross Shearer	
Ladies	Megan Jeffrey		

Wheelbarrow

10 -12	Lily Te Whata Chloe Jeffrey	Taisali Lova Rachael Lova	Marlow Shearer Freddy Dick
9-10	Stan Dick Freddie Dick	Ruby Butler Amalia Lova	Leo Butler Ernie McEntyre
13-15	Francesca Freeman Tayla Burt	Olivia Dick Shiofra Lee-Butler	
Under 6	Maeve Allison Briar Allison		
adults	Jake Butler Mark Butler	Marlow Shearer Ross Shearer	Justin McEntyre Kyle Clapperton Matt Freeman = Tayla Burt =

Bull Creek grunt/ Cross Country

men	Matt Freeman	Jake Butler	
11-13	Rachael Lova	Oisin Lee Butler	
11 girls	Freddie Dick	Taisali Lova	Marlow Shearer
8-10 boys	Stan Dick	Charlie Simms	Harper Simms
5-7	Ruby Butler	Amalia Lova	Maggie McEntyre= Briar Allison=

Sack Race

Open men	Jake Butler	Matt freeman	Justin McEntyre
Open women	Tayla Burt	Francesca Freeman	Freya Jeffrey
Under 6	Leo Butler	Maeve Butler	
6-7 boys	Ruby Butler	Briar Allison	Amalia Lova
10-11 boys & girls	Lily Te Whata	Chloe Jeffrey	Ernie McEntyre
12/13	Marlow Shearer	Taiali Lova	Rachael Lova
Open boys	Charlie Simms	Stan Dick	

Stilts

8-9 boys	Stan Dick= Charlie Simms=		
6-8	Ruby Butler	Amalia Lova	Briar Allison
men	Freddy Dick	Marlow	Taisali Lova
womens	Olivia Dick	Emily Dick	Tayla Burt
open	Ali Campbell	Emma Butler	Megan Jeffrey





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The Gamble/Campbell golf was played on 26th Dec. The teams were equal at the end of two rounds so after a sudden death play off the winning team was Campbells. The target was a popular place to be!!
(thank you Leanna for the photos)

Talent Quest/ BBQ



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Happy Birthday Virginia

Rebus puzzles 3 Can you guess the words and expressions?

50th



HEAD HEAD HEAD HEAD	G O O D	water
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HORSE	aged <u>aged</u> aged	HEART
Atlantic Pacific Arctic	SAW	abcde fghijklm nopqrstvwxyz
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Rebus puzzle sheet 2 solutions

- 1 - Trip around the world or around the world trip
- 2 - Lemonade
- 3 - Long legs
- 4 - advice
- 5 - Spaceman
- 6 - Big bad wolf
- 7 - Many thanks or thanks a lot
- 8 - Download
- 9 - No idea
- 10 - Comfortable
- 11 - Forty years
- 12 - Excuse me



The Roughan family will be celebrating 50 years at Bull Creek in January 2026



Norma and Bryan Roughan. One of the first things to be put up was the flagpole and they've been collecting flags (and hats and buoys) ever since.

Bull Lodge

In March 2025, the crib known as Bull Lodge was demolished to make way for a new crib being built by Ian and Lynley Breeze. *an extract from the Bull Creek book:*

The crib was built for Mrs Leslie who owned the big old farm house Mrs Lane sen. lived in.

Mrs Leslie had the crib built so she could walk over and look at the sea and surrounding activities when she pleased. It is most likely to be the oldest crib, built approx. 1895.



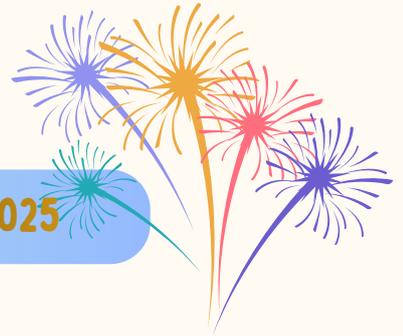
Bull Creek's got talent

Charlie Simms	Magic card game	Most bamboozling Magic
Shearers	Helicopter pilot	Highest levitation at Bull Creek
Anna Taal	Butterfly fly away	Best Vocals
Francesca & Kirsty Freeman	All I want for Christmas-dance	Best repeat Mariah performance
Alastair Galbraith	Electric violin	Best musician moonlighting as a novice
Ross Shearer & Ray	Blues Brothers	Best Blues Brothers
Maeve Allison	Let it go	Best Rolly Polly
Maggie McEntyre & Amalia Lova	Twinkle Twinkle	Best quarter size violin
Briar Allison	Cartwheel	Cutest cartwheel
Leo Butler	drumming	Best drummer boy
Rachael and Taisali Lova	Siva Samoa	Best dancing
Ernie McEntyre	Electric & acoustic guitar	Best Guitarist
Ruby Butler	Galaxy- tumbling	Best Aerobatics and 1 st Overall





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Rebus puzzle sheet 3 solutions

- 1 – Forehead
- 2 – Good looking
- 3 – Waterfall
- 4 – Wake up
- 5 – Tuna fish
- 6 – Foreign language
- 7 – Seahorse
- 8 – Middle-aged
- 9 – Broken heart
- 10 – Seesaw
- 11 – Miss you or missing you
- 12 – Teabag

Rebus puzzles 4

Can you guess the words and expressions?

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DITLOIDS – EASY

1	3= BM	
2	3= S to H	
3	6=W of H the E	
4	6= Z in a M	
5	10= Y in a D	
6	12 = S of the Z	
7	12 = I in a F	
8	12 = D of C	
9	12= D in a G	
10	12 = K of the RT	
11	13 = BD	
12	13 = C in a S	
13	16 = O in a P	
14	24 = H in a D	
15	26 = L in the A	
16	26 = M in a M	
17	36 = I in a Y	
18	50= S in the USA	
19	60 = M in an H	
20	80 = DA the W	
21	101=D	
22	147= MB in S	
23	366 = D in a LY	
24	1760 = Y in a M	
25	20000=LU the S	



Remembering

Mata Roughan

passed away in March 2025.
Mata was a frequent visitor to Bull Creek, along with husband Jack. She especially loved entering the golf competition.



IDEAS FOR SHELL DECORATIONS



1912

LATE ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR SALE or TO LET, Mrs Leslie's Well-known Seaside Resort Private BOARDING-HOUSE and FARM at Bull's Creek, Akatore Beach; established over 20 years. The Property consists of 57 acres freehold and 160 acres leasehold, with 16-roomed Dwelling-house and 7-roomed Cottage. Crowded out, as usual for the season Telephone communication. Horses, cows, plant, and furniture at valuation. Easy terms arranged. This is the most profitable seaside resort in Otago, but owing to advancing years the Proprietress has decided to place the whole Property in the market for private sale. Early application necessary.

Particulars and terms can be obtained from THE PERPETUAL TRUSTEES, ESTATE & AGENCY COMPANY, or Mrs LESLIE, on the Premises. 13n

1928

A party of three Milton residents who visited Bull Creek, Akatore district, last week (says our correspondent) reports that crayfish and mullet were unusually plentiful. Within two hours over 400 crayfish were caught in the pools, and tiring of this pastime the members of the party netted 40 dozen mullet within a short time.

1899

MILTON.

December 11.—With the approach of the holiday season visitors are already beginning to find their way to the seacoast. Bull Creek (the plebeian name of which is altogether out of keeping with its beauties) has of late years become quite a favourite holiday resort, not only with local residents, but also with those from a distance, and there is every indication that it will this year be as popular as ever.

1928

looking fine now. To-day is very rough; it has been raining all day without stopping, and the wind is very strong. We went for a drive to Bull Creek yesterday, and had a very pleasant time. When we were going there we saw a traction engine taking a load of chaff to Milton, and when we were coming back we gave a lift to a man who had been catching sheep and shearing them on the road.—With love to all D.L.F. and yourself,—Yours truly, FISHER GIRL.

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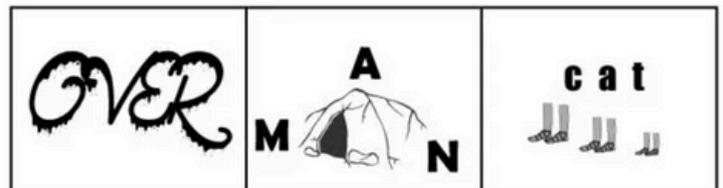
Rebus puzzle sheet 4 solutions

- 1 – Four-wheel drive
- 2 – Apple pie
- 3 – Up to you
- 4 – Robin Hood
- 5 – Design
- 6 – Engineer
- 7 – Vegetables
- 8 – Afternoon tea
- 9 – Camping overnight
- 10 – Time to go
- 11 – Long time no see
- 12 – Polite

DITLOIDS – EASY

1	3= BM	Three Blind Mice
2	3= S to H	Three Steps to Heaven
3	6=W of H the E	Six Wives of Henry the Eighth
4	6= Z in a M	Six Zeros in a Million
5	10= Y in a D	Ten Years in a Decade
6	12 = S of the Z	Twelve Signs of the Zodiac
7	12 = I in a F	Twelve inches in a foot
8	12 = D of C	Twelve Days of Christmas
9	12= D in a G	Twelve Dozen in a Gross
10	12 = K of the RT	Twelve Knights of the Round Table
11	13 = BD	Thirteen - Bakers Dozen
12	13 = C in a S	Thirteen Cards in a Suit
13	16 = O in a P	Sixteen Ounces in a Pound
14	24 = H in a D	Twenty-Four Hours in a Day
15	26 = L in the A	26 Letters in the Alphabet
16	26 = M in a M	26 Miles in a Marathon
17	36 = I in a Y	36 Inches in a Yard
18	50= S in the USA	50 States in the USA
19	60 = M in an H	60 Minutes in an Hour
20	80 = DA the W	80 Days around the world
21	101=D	101 Dalmatians
22	147= MB in S	147 Maximum Break in Snooker
23	366 = D in a LY	366 Days in a Leap Year
24	1760 = Y in a M	1760 Yards in a Mile
25	20000=LU the S	20000 Leagues Under the Sea

REBUS PUZZLES 5



Thank you to the large team of workers who repaired the track around the bay. It is back to 'pram' standard. It looks amazing.



DITLOID PUZZLES

Example: 366 DIALY - 366 days in a leap year

1. 366 DIALY
2. 7BF7B
3. 101D
4. 3BM
5. T39S
6. 6WOHTE
7. ABAT40T
8. T7WOTW
9. 50WTLYL
10. N10DS
11. 12SOTZ
12. 16OIAP
13. T3WM
14. 13IABD
15. 26LITA
16. 10GBHOTW
17. 4LOAH
18. ATWI80D
19. 2WOAB
20. 52CIAD
21. 2PIAQ
22. 20,000LUTS
23. 12IIAF
24. 147ITMBIS
25. 24HAD
26. 64SOACB
27. HBS16
28. 50SITUSA
29. TNHA1000E
30. SWAT7D
31. 3TAL
32. 4A20BBIAP
33. T10C

Things at the Beach Anagrams

Can you rearrange these words to make 20 things found at the beach?

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1 - a belch lab | 11 - frost point |
| 2 - die frugal | 12 - lug ales |
| 3 - did for wot | 13 - rum label |
| 4 - flutes itch | 14 - raft hiss |
| 5 - beef sir | 15 - a dark bowl |
| 6 - dance salts | 16 - a red chick |
| 7 - charm bite | 17 - fraud bros |
| 8 - lasses guns | 18 - crab lanes |
| 9 - hostile hug | 19 - insight tuba |
| 10 - pet realm | 20 - ruin aches |



covers next. I was at a friend's place at Glenledi a few weeks ago. They have a most beautiful garden. I like a garden of someone else's making, but dislike gardening myself very much. After dinner, the day we were at Glenledi, five of us went in a car to **Bull Creek**. Jean and I took off our shoes and stockings to paddle, but there was too big a crowd, so we put them on again soon. It is lovely over there as long as it is dry. The week after we were there many cars had to be pulled and towed out as it is a steep road of clay up from the beach, and a heavy thunder shower came on. I am glad I was not there that day. My brother received 14 prizes at shows for onions this year.

1931 OTAGO EXPANSION LEAGUE

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of the Otago Expansion League met on Tuesday evening. Those present were: Mr G. J. Errington (presiding), H. M'Dowell Smith, J. Inglis Wright, J. Beattie, G. W. C. Macdonald, E. Tamblyn, R. Harridge, F. Reid, and Ivo Carr.

The secretary of the **Bull Creek** Amenities Society wrote describing the voluntary labour being put upon the road connecting that seaside resort with the county highways, and bespoke the interest of the league, especially from a financial point of view.—The executive expressed its pleasure at the self-reliance of the settlers and summer residents in thus boldly tackling a difficult task, but regretted that the present state of its financial barometer precluded it from granting material assistance.

1931

Glenledi Riding.—The settlers turned out during the month and did several chains of free metalling near the flaxmill at **Bull Creek**. Surfacework has been done on Grange Hill.

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SEASIDE RESORT.—Most of our tradesmen here have sojourned to the sea coast for a few days during this salubrious weather. I also noticed a few large picnic parties of the farming community down at that beautiful spot, **Bull creek**. Ugly as the name is, the place is very pretty, being surrounded by hills covered with rata, at present in full bloom. The sea washing up between the high banks of the **creek** makes an excellent bathing place, and as there is any quantity of fishing and shooting the locality is well patronised at present.

GLENLEDI.

May 9—It is very dull here just now. Folks have even given up conversing about the weather; they merely refer to it in terms of emphatic denunciation, and subside into gloomy silence. And, indeed, it is disheartening, to say the least. We have had a dreadful amount of rain from the north-east and south-west mostly, and the mud is appalling. Everything seems in a bad way, and the outlook is very depressing. There is still crop to cut, and the gale of 10 days ago left some of it hardly worth reaping. When it will all be harvested is a matter of grave uncertainty. The turnip crops hereabouts are miserably poor, and everything seems to point to a hard time coming for the "backbone of the country"—the farmers. When I said everything seemed in a bad way I should have excepted clover, for it is growing luxuriantly, seeming fairly to revel in the bad weather. Since I wrote the above the rain has again commenced, and from the appearance of the evening sky may keep on, as usual, all night.

Dipping.—The dipping is, of course, over now, any weather too bad for harvesting being good enough for giving the sheep their annual bath.

Flaxmill.—It is rumoured that the local flaxmill may close down shortly for the winter, as the men are unable to make sufficient wages in the present submerged condition of things. If it is true, it will at least have one good effect: that of sparing the roads a little.

Rara Avis.—The Easter holidays were marked by the advent of the first motor car that has ventured into this region. It mounted the Irishman's Neck first, and then returned, and, passing through Glenledi Flat, climbed the Grange Hill. It appeared to have no difficulty in mounting the steep grades. The occupants, I believe, hailed from Dunedin, and were on a flying visit to some friends who were holiday-making at **Bull Creek**.

A camp for officers and n.c.o.'s of the cadets of secondary schools will be held at **Burnham** from January 21 to January 23. On January 30 officers and n.c.o.'s of the cadets of non-secondary schools will go into camp, remaining there until February 6.

Visitors to **Bull Creek** during the holiday season were greatly interested in the antics of a seal which came ashore (reports the **Bruce Herald**). Efforts to approach the denizen of the deep met with hostile reception, the seal barking and snapping its jaws savagely. After a period ashore it scrambled back to deep water. The seal was afterwards noticed ashore at **Chrystal's Beach**. A penguin was captured at **Bull Creek** and proved an interesting object for the visitors.



LETTERS FROM LITTLE FOLKS.

DEAR DOT,—I live in the Glenledi district, though this part is usually known as Bull Creek. The name certainly is not very pretty, but the way in which it got it was this. Years ago there was a very large wild bull which used to roam about the place and terrify the people. At last it was shot beside a creek, which ever after was known as Bull Creek. The head of the bull adorns our dining-room door, and every Christmas Eve we deck it with rata, clematis, and other bush flowers. Then we write the word "Welcome" in bidabids on a piece of calico and tack it above the bull's head. The creek beside which the bull was shot is an inlet of the Pacific Ocean running inland to join the Glenledi Stream. One pretty little spot through which Bull Creek runs is called "Fairy Glen," and well it deserves the name, for it is the prettiest little place I know of. The occasional darting of the trout through the clear water and the sweet songs of the birds as they fly from tree to tree greatly add to Fairy Glen's charms. At low tide the silvery white sand is uncovered seawards to the extent of about a-quarter of a mile slanting off, and bathers can get from 1ft to 8ft or 10ft depth of water with perfect safety. On fine days when the tide is low we go cray-fishing. We catch the crayfish with a net fastened with flax to a pole, leaving it in the water for about five minutes. Oh! what fun it is when we draw it up, but sometimes the net breaks and all the fish tumble back into the water. At high tide we put a large net across from one side of Bull Creek to another, and in this way we sometimes catch as many as 30 dozen mullet. We generally put the net out at night and set the alarm to awaken us about three hours later to draw it in. The mullet gleam like little shields in the moonlight, and mullet catching proves to be more interesting than crayfishing. It is so pleasant to go for a walk in the evening. The bleating of the lambs and the distant boom of the ocean sound out very distinctly on the silent evening air. I am afraid I have made my description rather long, and so I will close.—Yours truly,

CLARICE A. (aged 12 years).

Glenledi, December 4.

[Thank you, Clarice, for your interesting description of Bull Creek. The account of how this pretty spot came to have such an ugly name makes one almost—but only almost, not quite—reconciled to it. Fairy Glen, however, makes amends for the lack of euphony in Bull Creek, and I suppose we must rest satisfied. You have a good time with the mullet. Are there no trout in the stream? If so, I suppose you let them away when the net is hauled in.—DOT.]

JANUARY 1st.—The beauties of Akatore still continue to attract visitors from far and near. And is there any wonder?—for there is no place handier to the coast where one can enjoy so many rare sights, experience so many delights, and be so comfortably accommodated as at Bull Creek. Here there is enough to satisfy all sorts and conditions of tastes. We have Bull Creek, with its tangled mazes of green of all shades and fern-clad rocks and moss-covered trees and stones; the rippling brook meandering through the pebbles, and overhead the dense foliage of trees and ferns affording cooling shade in the heat of the day. For those who do not care for such things there are the rich clover fields, in which one can lie and read, romp and play, or take a quiet time for meditation at eventide. Then for newly-wedded couples or for ardent lovers there are the lovely walks through the native bush, the quiet nooks among the rocks where the sea comes bubbling up close to the feet; and for those who like a splash in the brine, there is no better or safer bathing place in the colony than at the mouth of Bull Creek. It is not a matter of surprise, therefore, that those who have once tasted of the pleasures of Akatore find their way back again—away from the "crowd's ignoble strife"—as the season comes round. This season is no exception to former seasons, and quite a crowd of pleasure-seekers are now located at Mrs Leslie's establishment.

MILTON.

JANUARY 23, 1894.—Since New Year the weather has been for the greater part of the time extremely hot. After a week of blazing sunshine rain fell slightly for a couple of days and cooled the atmosphere to a normal heat, but since then the weather has been very hot again.

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BINDER AGENTS.—The canvassers for the

Mr Hogg's flaxmill at Glenledi, near Milton.
Otago Witness 1903



Thank you to the very willing helpers who have given up time during this holiday period, to help amke our community events successful and so enjoyable.



- Erecting the marquee
- Cooking the BBQ
- Ordering / sorting prizes
- Ordering meat/ iceblocks/ fireworks
- Lawn mowing community areas
- helping at the working bees.
- providing firewood
- Bringing the Bull Creek burner here.
- Bringing the port-a loo
- Organising generator/ music/ lighting/ heating for the marquee.
- Delivering newsletters daily.
- Judges for the events
- Preparing for and helping during sports day.

January 2026		
1	<i>New Year's Day</i>	
T	Celebrity Edge	L
2	<i>Day after New Year's Day</i>	
F		
3	Douglas Mawson	CW
S		
4	Silver Nova	F
S	Viking Venus	F ON
5	Viking Venus	F
M		
6	Seven Seas Explorer	F
T		

KEY:
 F First Port ON Overnight
 L Last Port CW City Wharf
 Weekend or Public Holiday



A wallet was lost on Tuesday by the swing near the skips.) Please let one of the cribowners know if you find it.



Scavenger Hunt & Arts display/ competition

Overall Winners - Equal Overall Winners with Highest Points

Reuben and Henry Ingram

Team Name: The Puppies

Bonus points were given for the crab shell and harakeke spear

Marlo Shearer, Freddie & Olivia Dick

Team Name: Finding Nemo

The fastest fleet on foot

Bonus points were given for fastest team





BULL CREEK MOANARIRI NEWSLETTER

EVENTS OF 2025

On 23/10/2025 severe winds caused unprecedented damage throughout South Otago.. Trees were pulled out by the roots or split in half by the severe winds. At Bull Creek the damage was minimal considering what happened near here. A large macrocarpa on the steep bank near the mouth, was bowled over, and some damage occurred to the swing tree.

On the road to Bull Creek through the forest, there were 13 trees down on the road. The road was closed for 2 days. As often happens with severe winds, Bull Creek lost power. Within a couple of days we heard that it would be possibly a week until power was restored. So there was much scampering to Dunedin to buy generators. So many things we take for granted when we have power. Many cribowners were pleased to be able to purchase generators to save fridge/freezer contents, heating water, keep in contact with others, operate toilets, have showers etc. The power was off for **11 days**.

We were all very grateful to Unifone for their dedication to keeping the unifone service going at Bull Creek. It was a great feeling to be able to keep in contact. Powernet were eventually able to restore our power service on 2nd Nov. How pleased were we!!! Next time we will all be better prepared.

BULL CREEK WAS IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR 2 WEEKS.

24 October 2025 at 3:06:11PM
90,237 of 91,562



CRIB

State of Emergency delared for Clutha

Just now

A State of Emergency has been declared for the Clutha District.

The declaration is due to the extensive damage that has been caused by the red alert winds yesterday and ongoing power outages in our communities. This has caused an overwhelming of our services in the Clutha District.

We are aware that there are several communities that are isolated, due to power outages and no communications. If you have no cell or internet signal, please listen to the radio.

[Click here to read the full media release, and read the latest updates on our website.](#)



NEWSLETTER 7 2 JANUARY 2026 FINAL



BACK ROAD MILTON. THE HUGE BLUEGUMS YANKED OUT BY THE ROOTS.

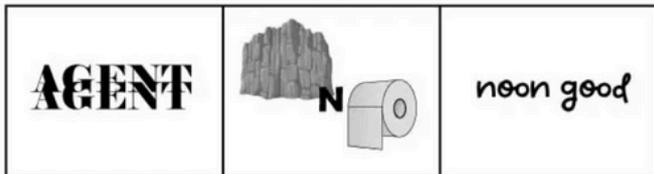


Milton Online Garage Sale & Noticeboard 23/10/2025
Luvlondon Clairey · 1h · 🌐

Shout out to the amazing team at Roxburgh Contracting. Earlier this afternoon we, and several cars etc were stranded on the Bull Creek / Taieri Mouth back road, we couldn't go forwards or backwards as there were several trees down. The Lads, and a Lass, were heading back to Milton, they got their chainsaws out and cleared the blocked road in at least 4 places. I know we'd have still been stranded there if they'd not come along when they did. We're now safe and sound back home in Dunedin. Many thanks 🙌🥰❤️



REBUS PUZZLES 6



Spring 2025, we saw amazing flowering of the Bull Creek Cabbage trees and also the flax. Last summer was an extra special flowering of Rata. This summer it seems there will be a small flowering of Southern Rata. The Tui's have loved this.



ANSWERS

- 366 days in a leap year
- Seven Brides for Seven Brothers
- 101 Dalmations
- 3 Blind Mice
- The 39 Steps
- 6 wives of Henry the Eighth
- Ali Baba And The 40 Thieves
- The 7 Wonders Of The World
- 50 Ways To Leave Your Lover
- Number 10 Downing Street
- 12 signs of the zodiac
- 16 ounces in a pound
- the 3 wise men
- 13 in a baker's dozen
- 26 letters in the alphabet
- 10 green bottles hanging on the wall
- 4 legs on a horse
- Around The World In 80 Days
- 2 wheels on a bike
- 52 cards in a deck
- 2 pints in a quart
- 20,000 Leagues Under The Sea
- 12 inches in a foot
- 147 is the maximum break in snooker
- 24 hours a day
- 64 squares on a chess board
- Happy Birthday Sweet 16
- 50 states in the USA
- the night has a thousand eyes
- Snow White and the 7 Dwarfs
- 3 Times A Lady
- 4 and 20 blackbirds baked in a pie
- The 10 Commandments

Things at the beach anagrams

- Beach ball
- Lifeguard
- Driftwood
- Cuttlefish
- Frisbee
- Sandcastle
- Hermit crab
- Sunglasses
- Lighthouse
- Palm tree
- Footprints
- Seagull
- Umbrella
- Starfish
- Boardwalk
- Deck chair
- Surfboard
- Barnacles
- Bathing suit
- Sea urchin

Rebus puzzle worksheet 5 solutions

- Fishing hook
- Farm animal/Animal farm
- Touchdown
- Honeybee
- Cornerstone
- Love at first sight
- Freeze over
- Caveman/Mancave
- Catwalk
- Hiking in the woods (High king)
- Sandbox
- Lovebirds



Home Brew Results: 2 Jan 2026



Draught Beer	1 st Ally Campbell 2 nd John Taal 3 rd Shearer's	SHIELD
Lager	1 st Allan Philip 2 nd Billy Dickson 3 rd Roughan's 3= Shearer's	SHIELD
Dark beer	1 st Nigel 1 st John Taal 2 nd Shearer's 3 rd John Taal	New SHIELD
Craft Beer	1 st Roughan's 2 nd Shearer;s	New SHIELD
Stout	1 st Allan Murdoch	
Spirits dark	1 st Lenny Holland 2 nd John Taal 3 rd Robbie Philip	Spiced rum whisky Capt Poldark Gold Rum
Spirits -white	1 st = Lenny Holland 1 st = Robbie Phillip	Double distilled Gin Capt Poldark peach vodka
Wine	1 st Alan Philip	Honeymoon
Punch	1 st Joy Murdoch 2 nd Coral Butler	Parrot Punch Sangria
Martini	1 st Joy Murdoch 2 nd John Butler	Smithies Magic Martini Blood Dry Martini
Liqueurs	1 st Verna Dickson	Paw paw Liquer
Clear cocktails	1 st John Butler 2 nd Roughan's 3 rd Roughan's	Mojito Clear Summer Day Tropical Cheer
Fruity cocktails	1 st Roughan's 2 nd Verna Dickson 3 rd Roughan's	Red, Red, Ready Crystal Lagoon Two faced
Cocktails creamy	1 st Sue Nelson 2 nd Lin Campbell 3 rd = Roughan's 3 rd = John Butler	Moanariri Colada Sperm Whale Juice Cherry on top Carribbean Crush
Creamy cocktails with a twist	1 st Roughan's 2 nd Tammy McEntyre 3 rd Coral Butler	The Mud Monster Berry Colada Micreme



CRUISE SHIPS

9 F	Norwegian Spirit	L
10 S		
11 S	Seabourn Quest	L
12 M	Azamara Pursuit Le Soleal	F CW
13 T		
14 W	Silver Moon	
15 T	Silver Nova	L
16 F	Douglas Mawson	CW ON
17 S	Viking Venus Douglas Mawson	F CW
18 S	Brighton Gala Day Seven Seas Explorer	L
19		

TWO SHIELDS ADDED TO THE BEER BREWING COMPETITION- THANK YOU ROSS.



