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## **Migration Stories**

*Ōamaru has been shaped and transformed by the many migrants who brought their skills and culture to the region. The earliest inhabitants came from Polynesia, followed by early settlers from Europe, and later by people from all over the world.*

*In this booklet, you can explore the range of events in the Ōamaru Victorian Heritage Celebrations that offer insights into how we all came here in search of a better life. Uncover how migration has impacted the identity of Ōamaru and contributed to the shaping of our unique town.*

## **Come one, come all!**

With this year's theme of migration stories, there are so many opportunities to recognise the multiple migrations from countries across the oceans. And it is my pleasure to once again welcome you to come and take part in our annual Ōamaru Victorian Heritage Celebrations (OVHC)!

It is a time of celebration and fun, with a hat tip to history, so please enjoy yourself for the duration of the festival, and take part in many of the events that are on. From tea parties to parades, from dinners to dances, and from penny farthing races to stage productions at the Opera House, there is something for everyone!

I look forward to seeing you there.

Warm regards

**Gary Kircher**  
Mayor for Waitaki

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Support, assistance and funding from Waitaki District Council and our other sponsors - whose logos can be seen throughout this booklet - ensures that we showcase the best of the Waitaki District's Victorian buildings and heritage and share these stories with visitors and locals alike.

The OVHC committee is enormously grateful for this - thank you!

## The Victorian Wardrobe

Step out in style and add to the atmosphere by dressing in Victorian costume. Clothing and accessories are available for every member of the family from The Victorian Wardrobe.

Situated at 4B Harbour St in Ōamaru, their location will be open as follows:

- For fittings and bookings: From 1 Oct - Sundays (10am-2pm) and Thursdays (10am-4pm)
- Also open daily from 13-19 Nov (10am-4pm).
- For costume returns: Monday 20 Nov (10am-4pm).

### Facebook:

The Victorian Wardrobe

### Wardrobe Mistress:

Dawn Sutherland 027 426 7930



## Bookings and Tickets

Details about entry fees, bookings, and ticket purchases for events can be found in this booklet and on our website ([vhc.co.nz](http://vhc.co.nz)). Be sure to refer to the specific event listing to get precise booking information, as it does vary.

OVHC would like to extend special thanks to Rose's General Store for helping various groups and organisations with ticketing for their events. Rose's General Store is located at 5 Tyne St.





## **A Weekend full of Dances**

Enjoy an unforgettable weekend of dancing inspired by the Victorian era. Dress the part and relive the elegance and merriment of yesteryears at one of our period dances. The dances range from refined ballroom-style to lively shindigs, spontaneous dance performances on the street, and even folk music accompanied by fiddle dancing reminiscent of steerage class.

Live music will serenade you as you lose yourself in the charm of a bygone era. And if you're looking to refine your dance moves, be sure to explore our dance workshops designed to help you learn the classic steps.

### **Explore these exciting dance events as part of the Celebrations:**

#### **Romantic Interludes**

Fri 17 Nov, 5pm-6.30pm - around Harbour St

#### **le bal des émigrés practice**

Fri 17 Nov, 9.30am-11am - Scottish Hall

#### **le bal des émigrés**

Fri 17 Nov, 8pm-late, Scottish Hall

#### **Dockside Dance**

Sat 18 Nov, 8pm-late - Loan & Merc

#### **Lower-Decks Dance Workshop**

Sat 18 Nov, 10.30am-11:45am - Masonic Hall

#### **Lower-Decks Dance**

Sun 19 Nov, 5pm-7pm - Loan & Merc

For details on these period-dance events, including how to book and purchase tickets, **go to the List of Events, beginning on page 28.**

## **Window Display Competition**

The Ōamaru Victorian Heritage Celebrations aim to bring a Victorian flavour to retail businesses throughout Ōamaru, and we have invited all local retailers to dress their windows in theme and show off their talents. Take a walk around Ōamaru and admire these displays - and meet our warm and friendly local business owners!

## **Scone Challenge**

Who can resist a delicious scone? We're running the People's Choice Scone Competition again, so you can vote for your favourite. Keep an eye out for posters at participating cafes. You get a vote each time you buy a café's Competition Scone, so vote early, and vote often.

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# Discover the origins of farming in Otago



## Totara Estate

**Thursday to Monday** | 10am to 4pm

Tour this Victorian farm, meet our heritage sheep breeds, and learn about the bold experiment that resulted in one of Aotearoa New Zealand's largest industries.



## Clarks Mill

**Thursday 16 November** | Open from 10am – 1pm

*Machinery operating from 11:30am*

**Saturday 18 November**

Open after the parade, approximately 2pm-4pm

*Machinery operating from 2:30pm*

**Sunday 19 November** | Open from 1pm – 3:30pm

*Machinery operating from 2pm*

Explore Aotearoa New Zealand's only surviving original water-powered mill & discover the history of the Scottish families who ran it.

## Whakapā mai | Contact

Book by ringing 03 433 1269 or  
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## DAILY REPEAT EVENTS

Mon 13 to Sat 18 November 10am-4pm

### **Where We Came From**

Whether you're a recent migrant to Waitaki or can trace your ancestry back generations, you're invited to visit the library and place a pin on our world map to showcase your heritage.

*Ōamaru Public Library, 62 Thames St*

**FREE**

Mon 13 to Sat 18 November 10am-4.30pm

### **Chinese Settlement in Waitaki**

Find out more about the Chinese migration and settlement in Waitaki. View the display, be amazed by the fabulous lion, and browse the selection of books.

*Ōamaru Public Library, 62 Thames St*

**FREE**

Tue 14 to Sun 19 November 2pm-4pm

### **The Janet Frame House**

Visit Janet Frame's childhood home to experience the home where the acclaimed New Zealand writer grew to love the written word.

*Janet Frame House, 56 Eden St*

**Entry \$5.00**

Tue 14 to Sun 19 November 10am-4pm

### **Visit the Forrester Gallery**

Visit the Forrester Gallery to experience an iconic heritage building, originally constructed in 1884 for the Bank of New South Wales. Explore our neo-classical building, enjoy our exciting exhibition offerings, and celebrate migration stories with an insight into local tartan weavers, Sue and Rod McLean's 'Ōamaru tartan'.

*Forrester Gallery, 9 Thames St*

**FREE**

Tue 14 to Sun 19 November 10am-4pm

### **Ōamaru Auto Collection**

Explore a fascinating assortment of motorsport vehicles, classic cars, vintage automobiles, and memorabilia.

*Ōamaru Auto Collection. 1 Tyne St  
(in The Woolstore Complex)*

**\$10 per person, \$25 per family**

**Children under 10 are free**

Tues 14 to Sun 19 November 10am-1pm

### **Filipino Culture and Migration Display**

Enjoy an exhibition of Filipino art and cultural display, chat with local Filipinos who have made Waitaki their home, and sample delicious and free Filipino snacks.

*The Customs Gallery, 29 Tyne Street, Oamaru*

**FREE**

Wed 15 to Fri 17 November 1pm-4pm

### **Find your Family's Migration Story**

Visit the Waitaki Archive during Heritage Week if you have questions about your family's migration to Waitaki.

*Waitaki Museum & Archive, 60 Thames St*

**Free for first 15 minutes, with self-service access to reference materials. Research fees apply after 15 minutes**

Wed 15 to Sat 18 November

Check the MTO website for show times

### **That Bloody Woman!**

A punk rock concert-style musical presented by Musical Theatre Ōamaru, based on the life of women's rights advocate Kate Sheppard, depicting the suffragist struggle in New Zealand.

*Ōamaru Opera House, 94 Thames St.*

**From \$35 (+ booking fees) To book and for more information, visit: [mto.org.nz](http://mto.org.nz)**

Thu 16 to Sun 19 November 9am-5pm

### **Paint a Victorian Masterpiece Competition**

Enjoy one of the best loved pastimes of the Victorian era while competing for fantastic prizes! Artists of all ages are invited to create their own masterpiece. Paint on-site at Teschemakers Resort during heritage week.

**The competition has two categories:**

Adults (16 years and above) and children (ages 4 to 15)

*Teschemakers Resort, 296 Teschemakers Road (12 minutes South of Ōamaru Central)*

**Registration: \$10 per adult, \$5 per child (proceeds support chapel donation)**

**For registration and more info, visit: [teschemakers.com](http://teschemakers.com)**

Thu 16 to Sun 19 November 11am-4pm

### **Daily Guided Tours at Teschemakers Resort**

Rich in history, Teschemakers Resort is set on 70 acres in beautiful North Otago. Originally purchased in 1860 by William Teschemaker (Dutch for table-maker), an English gentleman of Dutch descent. In 1862 the homestead was built of Ōamaru stone with expansive lawns and lush plantations of English trees. Since then, Teschemakers has served as a Catholic boarding school for girls and a conference and retreat centre for healing, prayer, contemplation, study and reflection.

**Free daily tours from: 11am-12pm, 1pm-2pm, and 3pm-4pm.**

***Teschemakers Resort, 296 Teschemakers Road  
(12 minutes south of Ōamaru)***

**FREE**

Thu 16 to Sat 18 November 1pm-4.30pm

### **Weaving our Waitaki Tartan**

The Waitaki tartan tells the story of the land, the river, and the people who have migrated here. Visit our weaving shed to see the Waitaki tartan being traditionally woven by Rod McLean on our c1895 cast iron Hattersley loom - no electricity, only person power!

**Visit: [mcleanandco.nz](http://mcleanandco.nz) for details on our work.**

***McLean & Co Weaving Shed, 37 Greta St***

**Koha towards telling the Waitaki Tartan story**

Thu 16 to Sun 19 November

Morning Tea 10am-11.30am

Afternoon Tea 2pm-3.30pm

### **Totara Estate Guided Tour, Morning & Afternoon Tea**

Join us for a tour and tea at the birthplace of the New Zealand meat industry. Listen to the tales of the Scotsmen who migrated to Ōamaru and spearheaded an idea that would change our world forever. Enjoy a hot beverage and our award-winning scones!

***Totara Estate, 565 Alma-Maheno Road  
(8km south of Ōamaru)***

**\$28 Adult, \$23 Students & Gold Card,  
\$18 Heritage NZ Members, \$12 Children (under 18)**

**Bookings recommended - ph 03 4331269  
or email: [totaraestate@heritage.org.nz](mailto:totaraestate@heritage.org.nz)**



Thu 16 to Sat 18 November

Thu: 2pm & 3.30pm  
Fri: 4.30pm-5.30pm  
Sat: 5pm-6pm

**The Junction Hotel another year on**

There's more paint on the walls, more lights are on and more of Ian's treasures are on display throughout the nearly 150 year old Junction Hotel. Come and see for yourself.

*Corner of Wansbeck and Towey Streets*

**Tickets \$25 (includes refreshments) with proceeds going towards ongoing restoration. Tickets at Rose's General Store, 5 Tyne St or email: [shop@rosesoamaru.co.nz](mailto:shop@rosesoamaru.co.nz) or ph 03 434 0403**

Thu 16 to Sun 19 November

10am-4pm

**Customs House Gallery**

Enjoy local and quirky art set in the beautiful Victorian Heritage 1880's Customs House Building.

Visit our Art Cafe on Sunday and explore the art exhibition theme "Migration Stories", and browse our shop and gallery.

*29 Tyne St, by the Tyne/Wansbeck roundabout*

**FREE**

Thu 16 to Sat 18 November

Daily from 5pm

**The Queen & Cobbler**

Indulge in the quintessentially British dessert of Queen of Puddings and enjoy a traditional Whisky Cobbler cocktail.

**Available daily from 5pm**

*Criterion Hotel, 3 Tyne St*

**\$30 (Combined price for dessert & cocktail)**

Fri 17 to Sun 19 November

10am-4.30pm

**Mistress Arnold's Pictorial Emporium**

Visit the studio and have a photo of yourself in our reproduction Victorian photo studio, complete with cameras, props, and photographers. We also feature a gallery displaying numerous photos taken daily by young people who roam the streets with their cameras, capturing people adorned in Victorian attire. You can have any of these photos printed instantly through the Emporium on-site.

*Hynds Warehouse, 25 Tyne St (Look for signage)*

**Gold coin donation to support local youth initiatives**

Fri 17 to Sun 19 November

10am-4.30pm

### **Maneland Photography Gallery**

Come along and view a photo exhibition showcasing 100% Waitaki photography.

*Maneland Photography, corner of Itchen and Wharfe Streets*

**Koha appreciated for Save the Children**

Fri 17 to Sun 19 November

9am-5pm

### **High Tea @ The Brydone**

Indulge in a hot or cold beverage of your choice (excluding alcohol), accompanied by an array of Victorian-themed bite-sized delicacies.

*Brydone Hotel, 115 Thames St*

**\$28pp (paid in advance). Minimum 2 pax booking**

Fri 17 to Sun 19 November

### **North Otago Floral Arts Display**

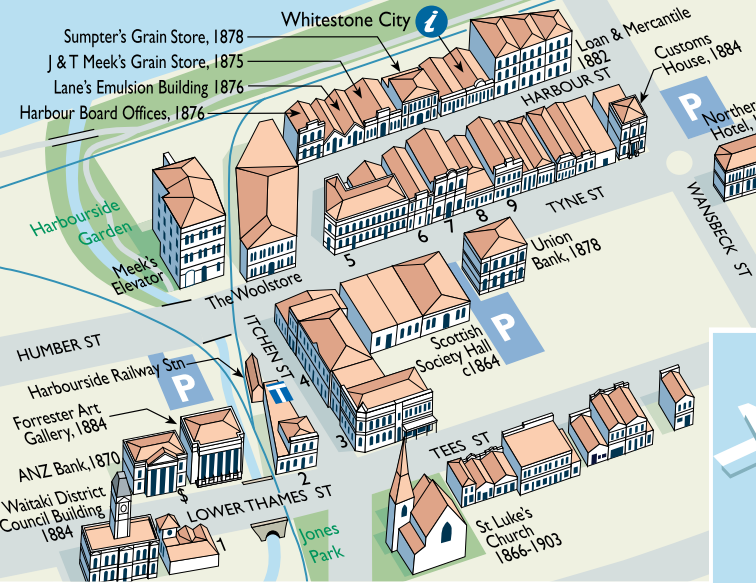
Come and see St Luke's Church (est.1865) which towers over Lower Thames St, filled with wonderful floral art displays that set off the majesty of this historic building and the beauty of the stained glass windows.

**Open Fri 17 Nov & Sat 18 Nov, 10.30am-3.30pm, and Sun 19 Nov, 11.45am-3.30pm**

*St Luke's Church, corner of Tees St & Itchen St*

**Gold coin**





### SYMBOL KEY

- State Highway One
- Visitor Information
- Public Toilets
- Off Street Parking
- Service Station
- Post Shop
- Supermarket
- ATM Machines
- Walking Track

### KEY TO NUMBERED BUILDINGS ON INSET MAP ABOVE

1. First Post Office, c1864
2. Former Colonial Bank, c1878
3. AMP Building, 1874
4. Star & Garter
5. Criterion Hotel, 1877
6. Union Office, c1878
7. Smith's Grain Store, 1882
8. National Mortgage & Agency c1875
9. Exchange Chambers, 1889

### KEY TO NUMBERED BUILDINGS ON MAP BELOW

10. Museum, 1882
11. Former Courthouse, 1883
12. Oamaru Opera House, 1907
13. Community House
14. Kingsgate Hotel, 1880s
15. Early Settlers Hall







Yellow Eyed Penguin (Hoiho)

Bushy Beach Yellow Eyed Penguin Colony

Oamaru Blue Penguin Colony

Blue Penguin (Korara)

Blue Penguin Viewing Stand  
Blue Penguin Visitor Centre

Red Sheds

Cape Wanbrow Plantation Reserve

South Hill Walk

Lookout Point

To Bushy Beach Yellow Eyed Penguin Colony

King George Park

Vintage Steam Railway (Runs From Visitor Centre to Red Sheds Sundays and Public Holidays)

Playground

MARINE PARADE

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TYWED ST

Former Columba Presbyterian Church

Former Meek's Flour Mill

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GRETA ST

TILL ST

LUNE ST

Chestnut Lawn

Oamaru Public Gardens

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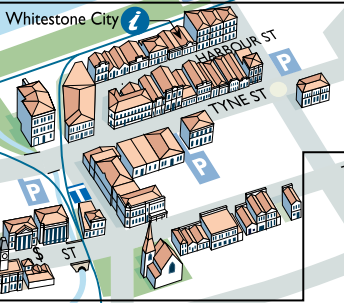
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CAN YOU SOLVE THIS COMEDIC  
**MURDER MYSTERY**  
SET IN LATE-VICTORIAN OAMARU?

The  
Troubling Wake  
of  
**Theodore  
Knock**

**BRYDONE HOTEL BAR**  
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# VICTORIAN FETE

**SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER**

**10:00AM - 4:00PM**

**VICTORIAN PRECINCT**

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OF PROUDLY RESTORING  
& DEVELOPING  
THE VICTORIAN PRECINCT**



# LIST OF EVENTS

## Tuesday 7 November

3pm-4.30pm

### Hats Workshop

We all wear hats! Whether you are putting on a cap, your sun hat, a scout's hat, or a beanie, people wear different hats all around the world. Berets from France, Mexican sombreros, or chupallas from Chile – there's a wide variety. For this year's Heritage Celebrations, we challenge you to wear or make a hat that represents your identity. We will provide glue and some materials. Bring your imagination and a hat!

*Waitaki Museum & Archive, 60 Thames St*

**FREE**

## Saturday 11 November

10am-12pm

**Hats Workshop** Please refer to the above details.

2pm-4pm

### Banks & Businesses Providing Finance & Services for Migrants

Noel Crawford, the author of "Antipodean Empire," tells the story of the initial development of the South Island's East Coast. The New Zealand and Australian Land Company (NZALC) undertook this development, with funding from Scottish banks. Afterwards, Historian Helen Stead explores Ōamaru's rapid growth between 1858 and 1878, which transformed it into New Zealand's 9th largest town. Learn about the wealthy migrants who acquired land. Plus, hear about the excitement of May 1896 when 8000 names were drawn in ballots for 68 land lots from the Ardgowan Estate.

*Ardgowan School, Ardgowan Road, Ōamaru North*  
**\$20pp** Light refreshments available. To make a booking, you can visit [vhc.co.nz](http://vhc.co.nz), text 027 434 1173, email [helenstead18@gmail.com](mailto:helenstead18@gmail.com), or visit Rose's General Store at 5 Tyne St

## Tuesday 14 November

11am-12pm

### Migration Stories: Exhibition Floor Talk

Join Curator Henry Buckenham for an informative tour of the Museum's temporary exhibition focused on migrants to Waitaki from the 19th century.

*Waitaki Museum & Archive, 60 Thames St,*

**FREE** - To book, email [museum@waitaki.govt.nz](mailto:museum@waitaki.govt.nz)

## Wednesday 15 November

10am-4pm

### **Ōamaru Steam and Rail Workshop Open Day**

Explore the inner workings of the Ōamaru Steam and Rail Workshop. See how things are made and maintained to keep these historic engines running around the harbour. The workshop will run all day so just drop in.

*Steam and Rail Workshop 1 Harbour St Ōamaru  
(behind Steampunk HQ)*

**Paper note donation**

10am-11.45am

### **Ships, Sheep & Grain Drive/Walk Tour**

Join local historian Helen Stead as you journey to Ōamaru Lookout Point, offering a sweeping view of the harbour. In the 1840s, this harbour served as an open roadstead for ships, migrants, livestock, and building materials. Explore the history of the breakwaters and wharves which facilitated the export of grain and frozen meat to the world. Proudly etched into the Ōamaru stone walls, these buildings were once the central hub for merchants, bankers, and millers, and they continue to tell stories of both the past and the present.

*Wear St Coach Stop, opposite side of the door to  
Brydone Hotel*

**\$30 - To make a booking, you can visit [vhc.co.nz](http://vhc.co.nz), text 027 434 1173, email [helenstead18@gmail.com](mailto:helenstead18@gmail.com), or visit Rose's General Store at 5 Tyne St**

12.15pm-1pm

### **Lunchtime Concert - Women's Club Choir & Friends**

Take a break and enjoy a 45-minute concert at St Paul's Presbyterian Church.

*St Pauls Church, 5 Coquet St*

**Gold coin**

6pm-7.30pm

### **The Suffragettes' Soirée**

Share a toast to Kate Sheppard and celebrate the 130 years since she got women the vote! Create a festive atmosphere to mark the premiere of *That Bloody Woman*, the punk-rock concert style musical about her life, presented by Musical Theatre Ōamaru. Suffragettes and their supporters are encouraged. Suffragette flags, sashes and white camellias will feature!

*Ōamaru Opera House Foyer, 94 Thames St.*

**FREE entry to the Celebrations, Cash bar available.**

**To book for the show, visit: [mto.org.nz](http://mto.org.nz) for details**



## Wednesday 15 November

6pm-8pm

### **The Troubling Wake of Theodore Knock**

A comedic murder mystery for you to solve! Or not. Come raise a glass to the late Theodore Knock, traveling pedlar and lovable rogue. When foul play is suspected, mourners are charged with solving the case!

Investigate the late Victorian world of moonshine, women's suffrage, temperance and gold to determine whodunnit. With professional actors, ridiculous props and an outrageous plot, Trickster promises a baffling investigation full of gallows-humour, terrible accents and off-the-cuff banter!

Ticket includes arrival drink and nibbles courtesy of the Brydone Hotel. Dress code: **as black as the darkest night**  
Check: [trickster.co.nz/knock](http://trickster.co.nz/knock) for updates and more details.

***Brydone Hotel, 115 Thames St***

**\$69 - To book, go to: [vhc.co.nz](http://vhc.co.nz)**

## Thursday 16 November

10am-11.45am

### **Ōamaru's Classical Architecture Drive/Walk Tour**

Join us on a captivating journey with conservation historian Helen Stead as she leads you through Ōamaru's streetscapes, taking you past its magnificent historic buildings.

***Wear St Coach Stop, opposite side door to The Brydone Hotel***

**\$30 - To make a booking, you can visit [vhc.co.nz](http://vhc.co.nz), text 027 434 1173, email [helenstead18@gmail.com](mailto:helenstead18@gmail.com), or visit Rose's General Store at 5 Tyne St**

10am-1pm

### **Clarks Flour Mill Guided Tour**

Follow the history of the Scottish settlers who migrated to North Otago. Watch four storey's worth of rare vintage milling machinery come to life at the 19th century Clarks Flour Mill. Operating at 11:30am, come an hour before operating for a guided tour.

***Clarks Mill, 1017 Alma-Maheno Highway, 12km south of Ōamaru***

**\$15 Adults, \$10 Students & Gold Card, FREE for Children (under 18), Free for Heritage NZ Members**

10am-4pm

### **Explore the Geopark – Inland Tour**

See event details on Page 29



11am-12.30pm

**The Junction Hotel is taken over by Pteridomania**

Make your own family heirlooms using ferns to decorate albums, cards, bookmarks and ephemera for journals.

Everything supplied for the class along with a Devonshire tea.

*Cnr of Wansbeck and Towey Sts*

**\$25. Book at Rose's General Store, 5 Tyne St**

**or email: [shop@rosesoamaru.co.nz](mailto:shop@rosesoamaru.co.nz), or call 03 434 0403.**

12pm-12.45pm

**Promenade the Precinct**

You're invited to partake in a charming saunter through the Victorian precinct escorted by Lady Rose. Delight in the stories of the many historic buildings, as well as the tales of individuals closely connected to the locale.

*Rendezvous at 1 Itchen St.*

**\$10 cash on the day. To book, phone 021 945 738**

**or email: [joanne@vhc.co.nz](mailto:joanne@vhc.co.nz)**

12.15-1pm

**The Waitaki Valley Singers**

Join us for a wonderful lunchtime concert at St Paul's Presbyterian Church.

*St Pauls Church, 5 Coquet St*

**Gold coin**

3pm-4pm

**Waitaki Community Gardens Visit**

Did you know that Central Ōamaru has a community-run vegetable garden and food forest? Learn about traditional and natural gardening techniques of Victorian-era gardening. Uncover fascinating secrets: from no-dig, no-spray gardens with companion planting to passive water capture and gardening based on the moon phase. Come join us on this green and historical journey!

*Waitaki Community Gardens, Chelmer St, opposite the Resource Recovery Park.*

**FREE (A koha to support the maintenance of the gardens is greatly appreciated)**

6pm-7.15pm

**The Journey to New Edinburgh**

Seán Brosnahan is a curator at Toitū Otago Settlers Museum in Dunedin. Seán's latest documentary series traces the footsteps of Otago's early European pioneers, from Scotland through to the challenging realities the settlers faced when they arrived. Join Seán at a special screening of episodes from 'The Journey to New Edinburgh'. A question-and-answer session with Seán will follow the screening.

*The Ink Box, Ōamaru Opera House, 94 Thames St*

**FREE**

## Thursday 16 November

6pm-7pm

### **Familiar Faces**

Kathleen Stringer tells stories of struggle, survival, success, hardship, love and loss, all from the portraits of 19th century settlers in the region. Stay for refreshments served after the talk.

*Early Settlers Hall, 1 Severn St*

**FREE**

## Friday 17 November

9am-3pm

### **Haggis Hunt**

Put on some tartan and help keep the ballooning numbers of haggis under control in North Otago.

Experience the thrill of trying authentic 17th to 19th-century era Black Powder Flintlock weapons.

Lunch provided. Numbers are limited. Restricted to individuals aged 18 and above.

**\$40 For further inquiries, booking, and location information, phone 027 293 1059**

9.30am-11am

### **le bal des émigrés practice**

Come along and learn or practice the dances for Le Bal. The dance list may be found on Wild Haggis Protection Society Facebook page.

*Scottish Hall, 10 Tyne St*

**Gold coin donation**

10am-12pm

### **Genealogy Workshop**

Find out about researching your family history at a drop-in session with members of the Ōamaru Branch, New Zealand Society of Genealogists (NZSG).

*Ōamaru Public Library, 62 Thames St*

**FREE**

10am-12pm

### **Global Morning Tea at Ōamaru Opera House**

Experience some of the delicious treats introduced by migrants into Aotearoa.

*Opera House Café & Bar, 90 Thames St*

**Refreshments are priced as per the menu**



10am-1pm

### **Morning Tea with Mrs B**

Call into the Early Settlers Hall for delicious treats from Mrs Beeton's kitchen with tea or coffee and a glass of Maderia. Try your hand at Victorian parlour games or simply relax while taking a look at the heritage portraits and Filipino migrant's cultural display, or enjoy a friendly chat with others.

***Early Settlers Hall, 1 Severn St***  
**\$10**

10am-12pm

### **Cafe Promenade**

Take a leisurely walkabout along the Cafe Promenade, where you can elegantly flaunt your Victorian attire. Delight in the splendid window displays, savour the delectable scones from competing establishments, or indulge in a delightful morning tea at one of Ōamaru's finest cafes, all while basking in the nostalgia and ambiance of Cafe Promenade.

***Thames St***

10am-4pm

### **Explore the Geopark – Inland Tour**

Join us for a coach tour with guided commentary. Visit several geological and cultural sites between Ōamaru and Duntroon, including Anatini Fossil Site, Elephant Rocks, Vanished World Centre, Nicol's Blacksmith and Takiroa Rock Art Site. (All attraction fees are included - Lunch is extra).

***Meet at Lower Wansbeck Carpark***  
**\$90 - To book, phone 021 159 7904**  
**or email: tokarahi@xtra.co.nz**





## Friday 17 November

11am-11.45am and 1pm-1.45pm

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*Rendezvous at 1 Itchen St.*

**\$10 cash on the day. To book, phone 021 945 738 or email: joanne@vhc.co.nz**

12:05-12:55pm

### **Try Tai Chi**

Discover the mind and body benefits of the ancient Chinese martial art of Tai Chi. A short introductory opportunity, perfectly slotted into your lunchtime.

Time slots: **12.05pm-12.25pm and 12.35pm-12.55pm.**

*Takaro Park, Severn St (weather dependent)*

**FREE**

12.15-1pm

### **Variety Concert**

Join us for a lunchtime concert at St Paul's Presbyterian Church.

*St Pauls Church, 5 Coquet St*

**Gold coin**

1pm-4pm

### **Steel Bicycle Ride**

Join us for a historic ride around Ōamaru, continuing on to Enfield Tavern for refreshments, before returning to Ōamaru.

*Meet outside the Squash Club, 14 Tyne St - anyone is welcome to join in.*

**FREE**

1.30pm-3.30pm

### **Croquet in the Gardens**

Have a go at the popular Victorian pastime of croquet, with assistance from Awamoia Gardens Croquet Club members.

*Ōamaru Public Gardens, Chelmer St*

**FREE**



1.30pm-2pm

### **On the Origins of Exercise**

Exercise for the sole purpose of improving the physical body was a concept that originated in the Victorian era. Learn all about the people, the discoveries, and the equipment that started the “movement” in this fun and interactive lecture.

***Movement Hub, 7 Harbour St***

**Gold coin**

2pm-4pm

### **Genealogy Workshop**

See Page 28 for details.

***Ōamaru Public Library, 62 Thames St***

**FREE**

2.30pm-4pm

### **Victorian Garden Party**

Enjoy the delightful elegance of the ever-popular Victorian Garden Party at the Ōamaru Public Gardens. Partake of light refreshments and entertainment while admiring the costumes.

***Ōamaru Public Gardens, 17 Chelmer St***

**\$5 for refreshments**

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4.30pm-5.30pm

### **Pennyfarthing Lessons**

Bring your child along to try riding a pennyfarthing! Sophia da Red offers small bikes, helmets, and extensive experience in teaching kids how to ride them.

***Lower Wansbeck St, behind the Loan & Merc building.***

**Koha for the Cycle Club appreciated**

5pm-6.30pm

### **Romantic Interludes**

Romantic Interludes always take us by surprise. Be prepared to be swept away by ‘pop-up’ dance and music events invoking the elegance and charm of the Romantic age. At various locations in the Heritage Precinct, Kate Grace and Michael Parmenter from Balfolk Aotearoa/NZ invite you to witness and join in spontaneous choreo-musical invocations of times and places that we left behind on our journeys to here and now. [www.balfolk.co.nz](http://www.balfolk.co.nz).

***Various locations around Harbour St, Ōamaru***

**FREE**

## Friday 17 November

5pm-7pm

### **Settlers' Stories from the Edwin Fox**

The Edwin Fox settler ship, based in Picton, is the last surviving wooden ship that brought immigrants to New Zealand. It transported settlers destined for the Otago provinces.

Museum Manager Kelvin McLeod will present Settlers' Stories and share some of the ship's other adventures in the far south. Keep an eye out for the pop-up display about Ship Medicine, which showcases how various ailments in the 1800s were dealt with on board ships.

*Whitestone City, 12 Harbour St*

**FREE**

8pm-late

### **le bal des émigrés**

Let us celebrate, through dance, dining and drink, some of the cultures who now call New Zealand home. Tonica will provide music and a diverse range of traditional dishes from around the world will be served through the evening. A variety of liquid refreshments may be purchased. Dress code: Formal national dress of your ancestors or formal Victorian ball attire or dress uniform. Limited places, booking essential. No door sales. Ballroom opens at 7.30pm. Grand March commences at 8pm.

*Scottish Hall, 10 Tyne St*

**\$85**

**To book, email: [heritagedanceoamaru@gmail.com](mailto:heritagedanceoamaru@gmail.com) or text 027 424 2664**

## Saturday 18 November

8am-1pm

### **North Otago Vintage Car Club Swap Meet**

Join us for an exciting time at the car, bike, and mechanical-parts bazaar! Dust off those old vehicle parts – you never know who might be searching for them. We're also open to other odds and ends, as well as second-hand treasures.

*A & P Showgrounds, 2 Ettrick St*

**Visitors: \$5 per adult/Children under 15 Free**

**Site holders: \$15 - arrive by 7.30am**

**To book: 021 390 518**



8.30am-3pm

### **Highland Dancing Competitions**

Watch or take part in the local highland dancing competitions.

*St Paul's Church Hall, Wear St*

**FREE**

9am-5pm

### **LEGO® Play at Ōamaru Railway Station**

Come create and build with a huge pile of LEGO® bricks in the newly-restored Oamaru Railway Station! Admire the Victorian-themed display models built from LEGO® bricks, by LEGO Masters® NZ team Rachel & Jason. Get inspired and build your own creation from LEGO® bricks. Suitable for kids up to 100 years old. Build, make, create - PLAY!

*Oamaru Railway Station, 43A Humber St*

**FREE**

10am-2.30pm

### **Grandma's Treasures Sale**

A range of Grandma's treasures have been dusted off for sale - come and see what delightful piece of china or art you might like to purchase! Home-made preserves and baking are also for sale, and a Victorian morning tea is available while you contemplate your purchases. **Morning tea \$5**

*St Luke's Hall (behind St Luke's Church), corner of Tees St & Itchen St*

**FREE**

10am-8.30pm

### **Steel Bicycle Heritage Celebration Display**

Experience an impressive vintage bicycle display and enjoy a variety of other bicycle-related activities in the streets during the afternoon. Witness a remarkable collection of antique bicycles spanning the years from 1910 to 1990. Among these are numerous racing bikes that were once ridden by some of our most accomplished cyclists. There will also be a presentation in the evening at a local restaurant - check the website for details: [vhc.co.nz](http://vhc.co.nz).

#### **Activities:**

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| <b>1am:</b>        | Bicycles on display   |
| <b>12pm:</b>       | Grand Parade, featuring heritage bicycles   |
| <b>1pm-3.30pm:</b> | Heritage Bicycle Championships, showcasing participants from the Ōamaru Ordinary Cycle Club and Steel Bicycle Group |
| <b>6pm-8.30pm:</b> | Evening presentations at a local restaurant   |

*Ōamaru Badminton Hall, 14 Tyne St*

**FREE**

## Saturday 18 November

10am-11am

### **To Foreign Lands: An Eclectic Musical Journey of a Migrant**

The organ at Waitaki Boys' is an original 1932 Lawton & Osborne creation. It stands as an exceptionally rare example that has remained in its original condition.

Indonesian born, Helen Lukman-Fox will put the organ through its paces while taking you on a personal music journey spanning diverse genres and cultures. From Bach's intricate German compositions to Vierne's dreamy French melodies, Field's Irish nocturne, Brubeck's toe-tapping American jazz, and even Chinese lullabies and Indonesian songs.

*Waitaki Boys High School, 10 Waitaki Avenue, Ōamaru North*

**Gold coin donation towards the organ maintenance fund and for the organist**

10.30am-11.30am

### **Pennyfarthing Lessons**

Bring your child along to try riding a pennyfarthing! Sophia da Red offers small bikes, helmets, and extensive experience in teaching kids how to ride them.

*Lower Wansbeck St, behind the Loan & Merc building. Koha for the Cycle Club appreciated*

10.30am-11:45am

### **Lower-Decks Dance Workshop**

Any trip to the past requires a time machine. Bring your dancing shoes to the Masonic Lodge on Saturday morning and let Michael Parmenter and Kate Grace from Balfolk Aotearoa/NZ take your feet back to the rhythms and rendez-vous of a Lower Decks dance. Get ready for our Sunday evening event, or if you can't make that, spend a foot-stomping hour of rags and reels, polkas and waltzes designed to cast the spell of the lower decks rolling on a dancing sea. [www.balfolk.co.nz](http://www.balfolk.co.nz)

*Masonic Hall, Wansbeck St*

**Gold coin donation**



11am-1.45pm

### **Ōamaru Steam and Rail Trip**

Welcome aboard the vintage train that will take you on a return trip from the Harbourside Station to the Quarry Siding in the harbour area. Train leaves at 11.00am, 11.45am, 1.00pm and 1.45pm. Weather dependent Tickets can be purchased at Harbourside Station. Pedestrian access via Itchen St.

**Adults: \$12, Children under 16: \$5 Children under 5: FREE, Family (2 adults + 2 children): \$28 EFTPOS available**

11am-2pm

### **Western House (Kurow) Tour**

Western House was established in 1861 by Christian Hille and his wife as an accommodation and a stopping place for travellers. It has been used as a pub and as the local post office, and holds an important place in the Waitaki Valley. Complete with a heritage orchard and large water wheel, it remains beautifully maintained and is now a B&B.

Join us for a short talk about the history of the property, including the original family's beginning of a punt service across the Waitaki and the workings of the farm. View the archival photos, admire the views, feed the chicks and ducklings, and take photos. The ground floor of the house is wheelchair accessible. This activity is family friendly.

*Western House, 5469 Kurow-Dunroon Road, Otekaieke (The property is located between the River-T Winery on the right as you approach Kurow)*

**FREE**

12pm-1pm

### **Grand Street Parade & Photo Opportunity**

Everyone is invited to join (if in costume), or to watch, the Grand Street Parade as it travels through the Victorian Precinct and lower Thames St. Expect to see Victorian costumes, machinery, fun and frivolity. Want to take part in the Parade? Contact us at: [parade@vhc.co.nz](mailto:parade@vhc.co.nz)

*Wansbeck & Harbour St*

**FREE**



## Saturday 18 November

1pm-3.30pm

### **Heritage Bicycle Championship**

Come and enjoy New Zealand's foremost heritage cycling event for Penny farthings and traditional Steel Bikes, attracting riders from all around the globe. There will be high drama as riders participate in sprints, slaloms, relays, slow races, and the ghastly Tyne St Grunter.

Riders can register through the club email provided below or in person before 1pm on the day at Tyne St.

Participants are encouraged to match their attire to the period of their mount with emphasis on participation and enjoyment. The venue for the prize-giving ceremony will be announced on the day.

*Tyne St.*

**FREE - For inquiries and registration, email: [oamaruordinary@gmail.com](mailto:oamaruordinary@gmail.com) or phone 027 293 1059**

1pm-4pm

### **Masonic Lodge Open to Visit**

When the English and Scots arrived in Ōamaru, they brought their Freemasonry traditions with them. From their English beginnings in 1864 and the Scottish 1872, to the building of this architectural delight in 1876, Ōamaru Lodge Kilwinning still functions today. Come and experience it for yourself, and enjoy some tea and biscuits, including both English and Scottish favourites.

*Masonic Lodge, Wansbeck St*

**Gold coin donation**

1.30pm-3pm

### **The Junction Hotel is taken over by Pteridomania**

See details on Page 27

2pm-3.30pm

### **The Great Victorian Afternoon Tea**

Indulge your culinary senses at the historic Criterion Hotel for a fabulous afternoon tea of fresh house made scones with jam and Chantilly cream, finger sandwiches & savoury delights. Enjoy Harney & Sonstea, making exceptional tea an everyday luxury.

*Criterion Hotel, 3 Tyne St*

**\$45 per person, bookings essential. Phone 03 434 0401 or email [info@criterionoamaru.co.nz](mailto:info@criterionoamaru.co.nz)**

2pm-3pm

### **Ōamaru Challenge Cup Rowing Race**

A long standing tradition, the race for the Ōamaru Challenge Cup is a popular fixture of the Victorian Heritage Celebrations. Traditionally, local rowers race the NZ Navy in Scott's own Sea Scout's cutters around the inner harbour; each crewed by six rowers and a coxswain.

This year will bring yet another surprise, as the race embraces the 'migration' theme - acknowledging the diverse cultures and vessels that have journeyed across the sea. Join us in supporting the participants and enjoying Ōamaru's picturesque Harbour with your whānau.

**Ōamaru Harbour**

**FREE**

2pm-4pm

### **Breaking up the Big Estates Bus Tour**

Leaving from the Brydone Hotel, this two-hour tour passes by banks, wool & grain stores, up to Cape Warbrow, looking down over the Harbour & Sumpters Wharf, which was specially built for the frozen meat industry. The tour then continues out to Weston, to Parkside Quarry, and then back through Ardgowan to Ōamaru on Buckley's Hill.

Noel Crawford, the author of "An Antipodean Empire," will speak about the changes in land use tied within the South Canterbury Region, sharing his own family experiences of farming land in South Canterbury.

Conservation Historian Helen Stead's own family story covers Devil's Bridge land, formally owned by her family, and where she lived as a child. She also attended Ardgowan School, which is 120 years old this year.

**Meet at Lower Itchen St**

**\$30 - To make a booking, you can visit [vhc.co.nz](http://vhc.co.nz), text 027 434 1173, email [helenstead18@gmail.com](mailto:helenstead18@gmail.com), or visit Rose's General Store at 5 Tyne St**

**POSTPONED**





## Saturday 18 November

2pm-3pm

### **Janet Frame's Writing in Light of Migration Themes**

Hear Ralph Sherwood read excerpts from Janet Frame's writing. Janet Frame migrated many times, moving around New Zealand and also spending time in England, Europe and the United States. Come along and hear Janet's words in the house she grew up in.

*Janet Frame House, 56 Eden St*

**\$10.00 Pay at the door**

2.30pm-4.30pm

### **Settlers Afternoon Tea**

Waitaki Multicultural welcomes Recent Settlers as well as all descendants of Early Settlers. Join us for afternoon tea from around the world and share stories, food, and national clothing with us - 'wearing and sharing'.

*Early Settlers Hall, 1 Severn St*

**FREE**

3.30pm-4.30pm

### **Victorian Fashion Show**

From working-class to high-society fashions, crinolines to bustles, and coats to suits, this journey through the Victorian era is not to be missed. Join us at the Scottish Hall and embark on a voyage through the evolution of Victorian fashion as it evolves before your eyes. Don't miss the boat!

*Scottish Hall, 10 Tyne St*

**\$5 To watch the show, book your tickets online at [vhc.co.nz](http://vhc.co.nz)**

Want to take part in the fashion show? Miss Temby invites you to take to the catwalk and share your outfits with an admiring audience.

**To sign up, email [misstemby@gmail.com](mailto:misstemby@gmail.com) before 10 Nov.**

3.30pm-5pm

### **Mothers Ruin High Tea**

Ōamaru was famous for its prohibition, so come join us for a high tea, prohibition style! Featuring a long table, attendees can enjoy a shared high tea spread, accompanied by two "not prohibited" gin drinks.

*Victoria Lounge & Eatery, 7 Thames St*

**\$50pp - To book, visit: [vhc.co.nz](http://vhc.co.nz) or phone 03 434 1418**



4.30pm-5pm

**Spirit Song!**

A short concert commemorating the 140th anniversary of the Salvation Army's work in Ōamaru. Performed by The Salvation Army National Choir.

*Harbour Street near the Grainstore*

**FREE**

5pm-7pm

**CRAFTED: Waitaki Artisan Gallery**

Our 18 members have migrated to the Waitaki district from near and far. We invite you to come and meet us in our gallery, see what we create, and have a chat about our journeys, both creative and geographical.

*Waitaki Artisan Gallery, 3 Harbour St, Historic Precinct, Ōamaru*

**FREE**

5pm-6pm

**Voices from the Fox**

Listen to stories about the characters associated with the Edwin Fox settler ship, which is the last surviving wooden ship that brought immigrants to New Zealand. Speaker Nigel Costley, author of 'Teak and Tide,' will discuss the history of this old ship. Built in India in 1853 under the auspices of the East India Company, the Fox had an astonishingly varied career. It carried troops to the Crimean War, transported convicts to Western Australia, and brought immigrants to New Zealand. The saga of how it was rescued from near ruin in Shakespeare Bay and now proudly resides in Picton Harbour will also be discussed.

*Whitstone City, 12 Harbour St*

**FREE**

7pm-9pm

**Spirit Song!**

Enjoy a full concert commemorating the 140th anniversary of the Salvation Army's work in Ōamaru. Spirit Song has performed concerts throughout the country and in numerous countries overseas. The repertoire is as diverse as the choir itself, ranging from beautiful choral works to lively Gospel choir songs. Join us for an uplifting and entertaining concert performed by The Salvation Army National Choir.

*Salvation Army, 255 Thames St*

**FREE**

## Saturday 18 November

8pm-late

### Dockside Dance

Join us for a night of fun and old-fashioned dancing. Let your hair down and have a knees-up until the midnight hour. Dunedin's Scottish Fiddle Orchestra will provide the music and call the dances to help you romp through the evening. A light supper will be served and liquid refreshments can be purchased (cash bar). Victorian dress encouraged, but not required.

*Loan & Merc, 14 Harbour St*

**To purchase tickets, go to [vhc.co.nz](http://vhc.co.nz)**

## Sunday 19 November

9.30am-10.30am

### Mass at St Patrick's Basilica

Join us for mass at St Patrick's Basilica followed by morning tea. Victorian dress optional. All welcome.

*68 Reed St*

**FREE**

9.45-10.25am

### Organ Recital

Enjoy the magnificent sound of the organ at the historic St Luke's Anglican Church, as Dr Ron Newton plays a selection of music that would have been popular in the Victorian era. You are welcome to stay for the heritage service that follows at 10.30am.

*St Luke's Anglican Church, corner of Tees St & Itchen St*

**FREE**

10am-11.30am

### Worship Celebration Service with Spirit Song

Join us for Sunday Service with guest choir Spirit Song. Enjoy a shared lunch after the service.

*Salvation Army, 255 Thames St*

**FREE**

**CANCELLED**



## Sunday 19 November

10am-4pm

### Network Waitaki Victorian Fete

The Network Waitaki Victorian Fete is a day jam-packed with fun for the whole family. You will be thrilled with the incredible Victorian costumes, street performers, magicians and stilt walkers around every corner, ensuring the day is one to remember. Come along and join in all the fun of the fair!

Dress up in your Victorian best and support the great work that the Ōamaru Whitestone Civic Trust does, preserving New Zealand's best collection of Victorian heritage buildings here in Ōamaru.

This year's Fete will be different than any other year, as Ōamaru Whitestone Civic Trust celebrates 35 years of proudly restoring and developing The Victorian Precinct

*Harbour St, Victorian Precinct, Ōamaru*

**FREE**

10am-3.15pm

### Ōamaru Steam and Rail Trip

Welcome aboard the vintage train that will take you on a return trip from the Harbourside Station to the Quarry Siding in the harbour area. Train leaves at **10.15am, 11.00am, 11.45am, 12.15pm, 1.00pm and 1.45pm**. Weather dependent.

*Tickets can be purchased at Harbourside Station, pedestrian access via Itchen St.*

**Adults: \$12, Children under 16: \$5 Children under 5: FREE, Family (2 adults + 2 children): \$28 EFTPOS available**





## Sunday 19 November

10am-4pm

### **Whitestone Model Railway**

Enjoy a captivating model display featuring several motorised trains gliding along tracks of different gauges. The display also showcases a fascinating arrangement of miniature replica-buildings and businesses in Oamaru.

*13 Tyne Street (upstairs)*

**\$2 per person / \$5 per family**

10am-3pm

### **Western House (Kurow) Tour**

Western House was established in 1861 by Christian Hille and his wife as an accommodation and a stopping place for travellers. It has been used as a pub and as the local post office, and holds an important place in the Waitaki Valley. Complete with an old orchard and large water wheel, it remains beautifully maintained and is now a B&B.

Join us for a short talk about the history of the property, including the original family's beginning of a punt service across the Waitaki and the workings of the farm. View the archival photos, admire the views, feed the chicks and ducklings, and take photos. The ground floor of the house is wheelchair accessible. This activity is family friendly.

*Western House, 5469 Kurow-Duntroon Road, Otekaieke. (The property is located between the River-T Winery on the right as you approach Kurow.)*

**FREE**

10am-2pm

### **Steel Bicycle Heritage Celebration Display & Swap Meet**

Vintage bicycle display (open to the public) and swap meet. For visitors this is a great chance to see a collection of stunning old bicycles from about 1910 to 1990. These include a number of racing bikes once raced by some of our top cyclists.

*Ōamaru Badminton Hall, 14 Tyne St*

**FREE**

10.30am-11.30am

### **St Luke's Anglican Church Heritage Service**

Dress up in your finery and enjoy a church service that moves from Victorian liturgy to modern times, followed by a Victorian morning tea, with singing from St Paul's Catholic Choir and the Tongan Siasi Mouifoou ia Kalaisi Choir. Preacher: Very Rev Dr Tony Curtis, Dean of St Paul's Cathedral Dunedin.

*St Luke's Anglican Church, corner of Tees St & Itchen St*

**FREE**

12pm-2pm

### **Cream Tea**

Enjoy a traditional Cream Tea experience, featuring freshly baked scones accompanied by the finest selections of tea and coffee.

*Victoria Lounge & Eatery, 7 Thames St*

**\$27 pp - Purchase tickets at the venue**

1pm-3pm

### **Clarks Flour Mill Guided Tour**

Follow the history of the Scottish settlers who migrated to North Otago. Watch four storey's worth of rare vintage milling machinery come to life at the 19th century Clarks Flour Mill. Operating at 2pm, come an hour before operating for a guided tour.

*Clarks Mill, 1017 Alma-Maheno Highway, 12km south of Ōamaru*

**Entry \$15 Adults, \$10 Students & Gold Card, FREE for Children (under 18), FREE for Heritage NZ Members**

2pm-4pm

### **Headstones and Stories Walking Tour**

Conservation historian Helen Stead's final event on the Celebrations' calendar is a walk through the old cemetery. Laid out in denominational blocks and sections, stories of individuals, family and district endeavour, live on through carved names and dates inscribed in stone.

*Opposite 63 Greta St*

**\$30pp - To make a booking, you can visit [vhc.co.nz](http://vhc.co.nz), text 027 434 1173, email [helenstead18@gmail.com](mailto:helenstead18@gmail.com), or visit Rose's General Store**

2.30pm-3.30pm

### **Filipino Migration Tales with Inday Bungard**

Discover the fascinating journey of Filipino migration to Waitaki. Local JP and Filipino descendant, Inday Bungard, will talk about the history and her personal experience of migration to the region. Plus, you can sample delicious and free Filipino snacks and enjoy an exhibition of Filipino art and cultural display.

*The Customs Gallery, 29 Tyne Street, Oamaru*

**FREE**





Sunday 19 November

2.45pm-3.30pm

### Victorian Hymn Singing at St Luke's Church

Come along and join us as we sing a range of hymns from Victorian times - Ancient and Modern, Wesleyan, and Revival - while Dr Ron Newton plays the organ. Special Guests: The Choir of St Paul's Cathedral Dunedin

*St Luke's Anglican Church, corner Tees St & Itchen St*  
**FREE**

5pm-7pm

### Lower-Decks Dance

Join the exuberance of an impromptu dance gathering on the lower decks of an immigrant ship or a crowded portside tavern. Michael Parmenter and Kate Grace from Balfolk Aotearoa/NZ invite you to participate in social dances and other entertainments from the melting pot of the common folk of immigrant nations. Come ready to sashay and swing, duck and dive or bring an instrument and join in with the live musicians. Enter the new land dancing. Light refreshments and cash bar. [www.balfolk.co.nz](http://www.balfolk.co.nz)

*Loan & Mercantile building, 14 Harbour St*

**\$25 - Purchase tickets online at [vhc.co.nz](http://vhc.co.nz) or at Roses General Store, 5 Tyne St**



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please visit [www.teschemakers.com/paint](http://www.teschemakers.com/paint)

**Registration fees:** \$10 per adult, \$5 per child  
(Proceeds go towards chapel donation).

**Each entry will receive a free Lucky Dip draw.**

**Contest Dates/Time:** 16-19 Nov 2023, 9am-5pm daily

**Final day for submission:** 5pm, 19 Nov 2023

**Venue:** Teschemakers Resort, Oamaru



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Our special thanks to the committee members for their time and effort in helping to organise this iconic event, allowing us all to come together and celebrate the wonderful heritage of Ōamaru.

The Committee members are: Ruth MacEachern (Chair), Carolyn Lewis (Treasurer), Everall Deans (Coordinator), Brian Harrison, Graeme Simpson, Wendy Jones, Joanne Rose, and Fanua Pereira.

Special thanks to Lea Campbell, Elizabeth Prentice, Melanie Camion, Culture Wataki, and all of the Associates, Volunteers and other Supporters too numerous to mention.

### Feedback

If you have any feedback or would like to share your ideas for future Celebrations, send us an email at [ovhcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:ovhcommittee@gmail.com)

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