

Photo Expo

'Birds of our Estuary'

MtPleasant Community Centre – 3 McCormacks Bay Road

Free entry - ample parking – café on site

Friday, 23 October: Noon till 7pm

Saturday, 24 October: 9am till 7pm

Sunday, 25 October: 9am till 4pm



- View amazing bird photos captured by local photographers
- Gold coin donation activities: Paint your own bird decoration or Godwit garden ornament or create canvass art.
- Colouring in competition. Prizes to be won!
- 'silent auction'
- Photos available to purchase



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Behaviour of Dogs and their Owners at McCormacks Bay Reserve

Five third year Geography students at the University of Canterbury have written an engaging and very helpful report for our community to find out how effective the City Council's dog by-laws are at protecting birdlife around the estuary from disturbance by dogs, especially at nesting times.

Spaces such as McCormacks Bay Reserve are shared and treasured by the local community, so the students—Laura Hutchinson, Rose Bayldon, Imogen Eglesfield, Ashley Dai and Aimee McQuillan—Reese—aimed to find a balance in their recommendations between recreation and ecological values.

Locals won't be surprised to learn that the students noticed "multiple signs around the estuary that made little to no sense." They have produced a set of very useful suggestions eg to stop dogs running into the estuary intertidal zones, including:

- ◇ Natural barriers in the form of shrubbery and saltmarsh ribbonwood etc
- ◇ Clear signage which includes information on the dog by-laws, our native birds and their roosting islands
- ◇ Seasonal signs that would help people become more familiar with different birds, for example when they moult and are nesting
- ◇ Information packets for dog owners should be supplied at the time they register their dogs with the Christchurch City Council

Redcliffs Convenience Store

From milk to vegetables, fruit, and flowers, the local dairy—Redcliffs Convenience Store—provides for your local needs.

The dairy is famous for its icecreams. Vinod and his family have served the Redcliffs community for 20 years.

85 Main Rd Redcliffs, phone 03 3843366

Sumner Silver Band

Are you interested in brass band music? Would you like to try an instrument? Come along to Redcliffs Bowling Club, James St, Thursday nights at 7 pm to listen to—and maybe play with—the Sumner Silver Band. Contact: Peter Croft ph 03 3849534

As dog owners themselves, the students think it would be best to start by educating the public on why the rules—ie dog by-laws—exist in the first place. They thought that education should precede enforcement.

Apparently some dog walkers said: "Who is going to catch me?" which gives us an idea of the lack of enforcement of the dog by-laws at the moment.

If you happen to be one of the many locals who regularly walk their dog beside the estuary, you may have met these students while they were doing the research for their university course.

Did you know there is a special area set aside for dogs to run and play at Barnett Park?

And do you know about the new dog park at Bexley? Apparently this provides special places for small dogs, separate from large dogs.

Events in Redcliffs/Moncks Bay

For a list of local events see the Residents Association website www.redcliffs.org.nz and our Facebook page (see link below).

Let us know if you want to advertise an event.

Please shop local to support our village.

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Facebook page: www.facebook.com/RedcliffsResidentsAssociation (Darren Fidler)

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